

Mayfield Saturdays vs Watford Town CC



20th August

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Well it's been a long hot summer 'not!'

The weather report for the day was rain from midday, however tossing the coin at 1.45 the weather was fine and it looked like we would get a full game in – whilst getting padded up it started to rain a little and as we were due to take the field it decided to rain a bit more so the start was delayed, and delayed some more.

Many cigarettes were smoked, many amateur weather forecasters were providing their opinion on the remainder of the day, many toilet seats were licked by Phil and Mandy (ask them?). After standing around bored for an hour and bit we decided that with only very light rain still falling we would attempt to start the game, with 30 overs a side being the format.



"Don't worry everyone, the weather will be fine all afternoon!"

Myself and PB walked out to bat (I won the toss, I think that's two on the spin and I must mention it wasn't raining when I elected to bat), the wicket was very damp and the outfield extremely wet. This made scoring difficult with the ball stopping a couple of feet short from shots which would normally be 4. I was the first to go after half an hour to a good caught and bowled which included a bit of self preservation on the bowlers part. PB fell after 40 mins for a very solid 4. (your average is moving in the right direction now Pete!)

Some 12 overs had passed and our total was around 30, scoring was still proving difficult, Lazza was hitting some powerful drives whilst Starcky was being much more watchful. GB eventually was out for a decent 25 considering the conditions, Charlie promoted to 5 this week entered the fray and was soon on his way back to the hut out LBW for a golden. This brought Chicken Nugget to the crease with instructions from me that a test match innings was not what was required at this stage of the innings, give it some slap!

Starcky and Chicken played sensibly initially and were gradually accumulating their runs nicely. Starcky was now beginning to expand and play some very nice shots and soon brought up his 50 which must be said held our innings together. Chicken was also now playing some nice shots, of particular note must be his 3 sixes on the trot, the first being a thick edge over 3rd man but the next two being absolute belting pull shots over midwicket.

Chat and Dave were scoring at around 8 an over and from initially looking like posting 120 were soon passing the 150 mark.

Chicken brought up his maiden 50 for the club and we rejoiced in the fact we would at least have two jugs back at the club later in the evening.

We eventually finished on 177 for 4, with Dave 64no and Chicken 56no.

I'm sure you'll agree that most weeks you would be satisfied with that score at Hazelwood, and in those conditions it was probably worth 220. That said the sun had been out for a while now and batting was only going to get easier.

A fine tea was provided by Mr and Mrs Cullen, the pizza was very nice.

Whilst also at tea the oppo asked if they could roll the pitch (something I've never been asked in all my years as captain) during the break due to the marks left by the ball and studs in the damp conditions? What could I say, no??? So off the oppo went to roll the pitch whilst we stuffed our faces.

The Saturdays took the field in lovely warm sunshine, pleasant to field in but at the same time disappointing that the oppo would have a much easier time of it with the bat and that is reflected by the bowling figures below....

Starck 0-28 off 3

Chaz 0-21 off 6

Chattu 0-13 off 2

Mandy 0-21 off 2

Sunny 0-23 off 2
Phil 0-23 off 2
Glenn 0-25 off 6
Karl 2-17 off 6



You want to do what!? Really?

These probably don't do us justice as if my memory serves me correctly the oppo only won the game in the last over and therefore we could probably take a moral victory as we had to bat in awful conditions and yet we still posted a competitive total and almost defended it.

Sorry for the short report on the bowling & fielding part of this report but I am writing it some 2/3 weeks after the game and lets be frank, who really cares about bowlers, anyone can turn their arm over at Hazelwood and pick up 3-25, KY has made a career out of it!!

Only joking!!