

Dunstable Cricket Club vs The Butterflies

21st September 2014

Well here we are again, Matthew joins me in the centre still smarting from his defeat on presidents day, this time with his beloved butterflies in tow, and wins the toss. He would like a bat this time and he promises not to lose his souvenir penny, This Time!

Ross is rearing to go. Peter on the other hand doesn't fancy it so FINE! I have a go spraying the first one wide. Ross is on target while I struggle for rhythm. Ross's second over pays dividends with a ball that wasn't fit for cow corners boundary finding its way instead to Will at square leg via a top edge.

The next partnership settles down to work and a couple of boundaries off my 5th means it's time for a change. Lucas comes in to change the pace. He does well against settled batsmen. His dad comes on at the other end as Ross finishes his economical spell.

Clearly our boys have been going old school when it comes to maintaining their cricket bats. Please wipe your hands before taking the field of play, after oiling your bats! Let's just say their remaining opener "Cat" has been using a few of his lives.

Conrad's 4th is where we drag ourselves back into the match when first ball gets Matthew well caught by Lucas in the covers, a firmly hit shot. Second ball he traps Matthews brother LBW and a hatrick is on the cards, but no. 3-125 off 22. They have finally figured out Lucas and start to inflict some damage so I bring on Peter. No you don't get to choose ends when you shun the new ball!

Peter starts well but their cat is banking on their wickets in hand and ups the run rate as he is seeing it like a football. He uses up more lives and still the runs flow. Conrad finishes so Sudhi has a share of the punishment before I resume. And punish us they have, when Lucas takes another catch to give Peter his first wicket, they have reached 4-200 off 31. Peter takes some more stick before the cat runs out of lives when I catch him trying to stick another into the bush, we did drop him 4 times on his way to 155.

A late flurry and they finish their 35 overs having amassed 238.



Matthew has been using his iPad for scoring so we have the gruesome detail of how it unfolded

BUTTERFLIES innings										
BUTTERFLIES (35.0 overs)										
BATSMAN	STATUS	RUNS	BALLS	4s	6s	S/R				
Xander Maxwell	c Will Wigmore b Ross Manton	7	11	1		63.64				
Tom Maxwell	c Paul Peterson b Peter Coveney	155	121	22	3	128.10				
Matthew Richardsdon	c Lucas Watkins b Conrad Watkins	34	45	4		75.56				
Adrian Richardson	lbw b Conrad Watkins	0	1			0.00				
Dominic Howell	c Lucas Watkins b Peter Coveney	14	17		1	82.35				
Duncan Allen	not out	20	14	1	2	142.86				
Patrick Cobb	not out	1	3			33.33				
Charles Mayes										
Freddie Chalk										
Charlie Scrase Dickins (wk)										
George Wakely										
TOTAL	EXTRAS: 7 (3wd 2nb 1lb 1b 0p)	238								
Fall Of Wicket										
WICKET	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SCORE	16	123	123	200	221					
OUT	Xander Maxwell	Matthew Richardsdon	Adrian Richardson	Dominic Howell	Tom Maxwell					
OVER	3.4	21.1	21.2	30.5	32.6					
NOT OUT	Tom Maxwell	Tom Maxwell	Tom Maxwell	Tom Maxwell	Duncan Allen					
PARTNERSHIP	16	107	0	77	21					
DUNSFOLD										
BOWLER	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	ECON	EXTRAS				
Paul Peterson (RM)	7	0	37	0	5.29	3wd				
Ross Manton (RM)	7	0	28	1	4.00	1nb				
Lucas Watkins (SLA)	7	0	58	0	8.29					
Conrad Watkins (RM)	7	0	41	2	5.86					
Peter Coveney (RM)	6	0	61	2	10.17	1nb				
Sidhu vitallem	1	0	11	0	11.00					

Hang on have they stuck their multi purple flag up our flagpole, who said they could do that!

Whats a few hundred runs between friends. We power up on a fine selection of sandwiches and cake. Mike and Steve get going, well to the middle anyway. They are tied down early on and the Ipad is great for watching the run rate tick up every time we enter a dot ball. 7.11....7.23 hmmm

Don't worry guys the scorecard doesn't show how long it took you to get off the mark, oh hang on it does ☺

BATSMAN	RUNS
1 Mike Berry	4
2 Steve McCullen	1

But at Dunsfold we know it's all about the wickets in hand and the boys do well to hang on. Extras on the other hand has reached double figures by the fifth over so the total is ticking along.



When Steve and then Rob fall in the 7th and 8th over we still need more than 200. Mike departs and Whitney goes cheap and a full blown collapse is underway. Peter holds out but when he goes in the

14th followed by Sudhakar in the 15th 1-30 has turned into 6-55.



Never mind only a bit north of 9 an over required for 20 overs, that'll deserve a beer when I'm done. Wiggy has been holding out during the crisis and we start to rebuild but the fast full straight bowling yields little. When we finally get going at a decent rate of 15 overs it's still not meeting the required run rate. I get bowled and Will gets caught by Matthew leaving the Watkins to hold out till the bitter end denying them 10 wickets. Lucas the only one of us managing a strike rate above 100 with a stonking 4 towards the nets.



So Matthew has bragging rights and we can only contemplate what might have been if we had taken our chances and got his ringer earlier on.



And as we all know catches win Matches

Cheers,

Paul