

# Dunsfold Cricket Club vs Cranleigh

24<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Cranleigh at the end of May sees the first leg of a two fixture season against CCC. We are playing for what Rob Denton, neighbour, drinking buddy, concrete labourer, piano removalist and Cranleigh skipper extraordinaire has titled "The Bashes Cup"

Rob wins the toss dutifully watched over by an impartial observer.



"Mr Denton I've never seen a coin with two heads, where did you get it?". Nice one Jack "Snack".

Openers?? Mike, bingo! Steve, is Steve here yet? Ah good. Where do you want to bat Rob? 4. Peter, think of a number between 2 and 4. "Four". No BETWEEN 2 and 4. 😊

Peter approaches Rob for a side conversation, "you don't fancy batting number three do you?"  
"Don't worry Peter well both be out there quick enough as if we were opening anyway!!" 😊



Mike helps make that statement a reality by depositing the first full toss he gets into the hands of mid-on, out for 4 runs. Steve on the other hand has different ideas and frustrated the opening attack spanking them to the boundary at one point. Peter sets about a watchful start picking the bad ball well. I'm umpiring so when I'm not impartially adjudicating proceedings as umpire I'm advising Steve. "Just hang around to see off the opening bowlers, see Peters boundary to square leg and over covers were only a couple of yards over the fielder, it could have been very different. The outfield is fast just keep it on the ground", Steve follows the first instruction hence the bowling gets changed at the ten over mark, however... Steve caught in the covers, 8 runs.

Later than expected Rob joins Peter, 2-41. More watchful than normal Rob is double figures before he gets his first boundary. Meanwhile Peter seems to slow up with the slower bowling and Rob ups the scoring rate. Both look solid on a good batting track. Mike rolls his eyes.

Dento tries his options with bowler 5 and 6 and eventually purchases Peters wicket who having reached his fifty looks to up the scoring rate. A hundred run partnership for the third wicket! Well done Rob and Peter caught on 62 taking the score from 2-41 to 3-141.



Hey JR, Rob is on 49...Doh! And there he stays, also caught. Maybe he just couldn't face batting without Peter. With

seven overs to go the rest of us look to hurry it up and pay with our wickets. Whitney 7, Alan Richards 2, myself 6 and Max Richards unlucky to be caught just inside the mid-on rope for 1. Chris Marriott has more success 8 not out ably assisted by Adam 1 not out.

167 is the total as a passing shower chases the crowd into the clubhouse for tea. "The rains not going to save you Rob". Having seen a hundred run partnership I know it's all about the wickets, scoring just under 5 an over on this ground is perfectly feasible.

Cranleigh face Adam and then Max Richards pushing up the slope. Adams second over and he traps their opener LBW. Their number three looks a bit shaky and it takes Adam just two balls to send him packing, 2-6.

Max blows hot and cold conceding either a couple of runs or double figures, is he losing the mind games being exchanged between himself and Chad Marais who has defected to Cranleigh. Those South African types will play for anyone!!





Adam wins the battle for Max by bowling Chad. The left handed opener has been settling in. Max tries an innovative way of removing him, full toss over his head is swatted to me. We let him get halfway to the boundary before recalling him for the no-ball.

Max needs some help, I adjust the field, "Chris, five yards this way and back five". Next ball gets cut straight down Chris' throat! Sweet!

Adam and Max hold two overs each in reserve. Ross and I take over. Rob Denton joins us in the middle with his Cranleigh Cranes 4-46 after ten overs. It's all about the wickets. And wickets is what I can't get, Rob gets a life tickling it behind. There other "Wheeler" has two lives in the covers. Ross meanwhile has dried the runs up from his end but can't get any luck either. Hard to get an LBW decision from the opposition when it could turn the match.

Adam tries to wreck his knee on the boundary rope. Its big fat and white, don't try running on it! And that's just his swollen knee. We get to drinks at twenty overs with it evenly poised at 4-84, so they have exactly half the runs but only fifteen overs to get the rest.



Peter and Chris take over looking for a way through. Peters first ball is smashed at me in the covers but starts to dip, I chuck the paws forward at it and save it from the grass, just! As I get up I know what the batsman is thinking as he stands and stares in the middle of the pitch. No doubt he is doubting, a quick fist pump from me: "C'Mon!" Just to make sure he's not doubting I'm not doubting!

It's not the danger man Rob Denton who has settled in to pulling everything to leg side. A brace of them from Chris's second over and the loss of a wicket shows no sign of slowing them. Eight overs to go and they are 5-113 that's still under seven an over.

Denton knows he must get the majority and blocks Chris towards our Rob at mid-on and sets of for a quick single.



Rob picks it up in a flash, eyes the "two" stumps he has to aim at and turns the game with a direct hit!

Keep running to the clubhouse Dento!

He waits for the review but he knows the result



He's spitting bullets as he goes to smash up the changing room! 😊



The tail is left exposed by their skipper, their incoming "Cronk" knows what to do and he swings hard, swoosh. Again swoosh, swoosh swoosh and a few more. Just because you know what needs to be done, doesn't mean you can do it! Then he finally starts connecting, bang four and again bang. We are back to Max and Adam to close it out after Ross bowled Dento's partner.



Adam gets to bowl the last, they need 18 from it. Let's not risk anything and the boundaries are covered. Adam bowls their #8 first ball and only concedes one single for a 17 run victory!!



Adam took 4, Max Peter and Ross got one a piece.

49 runs in a century partnership and the game changing run-out, that will be £3 please Rob.

A hard earned curry always tastes better with a side of victory





Never mind Rob there is always the football, how did Liverpool get on?

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A graphic on a green background showing the result of a football match. At the top, it says 'STOKE CITY - LIVERPOOL' in white. Below that, the words 'summary', 'recap', and 'photos' are written in a light green font. In the center, the score '6 - 1' is displayed in large white numbers. To the left of the score is the Stoke City logo, which features a shield with three vertical stripes and the text 'STOKE CITY' and '1863 THE POTTERS'. To the right is the Liverpool logo, which features a shield with a red bird and the text 'LIVERPOOL' and 'EST 1892'. Below the score, the letters 'FT' are written in green.

Oh!

Well at least Rob won the toss!!