

Dunsfold Cricket Club vs Downside Wanderers

21st August 2016

Young gun Greg Bell has been very nervous about the weather, hoping the match will be cancelled. He feigns confidence but I can see how nervous he really is. For starters he's worn the wrong trousers, they are supposed to be RED not BLUE!

The preparations have been meticulous. Lovely new cherries flown in.



We have qualified umpires...
"I'm qualified to tell you I'm not changing out of my shorts!"



We have scorers... "Do you have your clipboard?"



"Nope"
"Do you have your 10 different coloured pens?"
"Nope"
"Do you have your table tennis bat for signalling?"
"Nope"
"Do you have your walkie talkie?"
"Nope"

"What do you have!?"

"I've got my pencil... oh and some NUTS!"



The ground has been prepared to the highest standard. (yes! that white line is supposed to point at middle stump, it's all the rage these days!)





The Downside Wanderers are forced to field when Greg loses the toss after I won't be party to his corrupt city ways where he tries to fix the result! After all the way Dunsfold have been batting lately he's in for a rude shock! You're not mistaken, that is one Alex Bell (aka Mr Grumpy aka Bunny) on the field for the Wanderers!!

I'm liking these scorers and their detail...

TOSS WON BY DUNSFOLD CC
GAME STARTED 14:36

Although that should read 14:15 Dunsfold time... but the old boy, he's new.

WEATHER SUNNY

Well for England this qualifies as sunny! So I find some openers...

BATSMEN		TIM
		IN
1	MIKE BERRY	14 36
2	PETER COVENEY	14 36

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And before long Mike is but then he's

CT	ALEX BELL	BEN BARKER	10
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when Alex Bell makes a triumphant return to cricket, juggling the catch like a clown but taking first blood against Dunsfold.

So young Max Richards steps into the fray in the third over but alas gets a screamer first up, virtually a Yorker!

3	MAX RICHARDS	14 43	14 46	3	1	W	BOWLED	MARK BUDD	0
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Those 3 minutes and that one ball makes him feel a bit...



Rob joins Peter but gets one that stays low, he didn't even feel it hit his pad, there was little doubt...

4	ROB WATKINS	14 47	14 52	5	8	:D:W //	LBW	BEN PARKER	0
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3'4'4

Oh dear!!! So Paul Whitney helps put a stop to the rot with a bit of . Alex even helps out by not juggling it and looking like a different sort of clown, dropping Whitney at point. But before you know it...he too is...

5	PAUL WHITNEY †	14 53	15 04	11	10	:3'4'4W //	CT WILL ORR	MARK BUDD	11
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...by the quick opener with the faintest of tickles to the keeper, he walks.

So I join Peter at 4-26 and there hasn't even been half an hour of cricket. Peter has been holding out

1'1'12'1'

nically with a bit of this

And I'm hearing plenty of chuntering in a bad Australian accent "What's wrong Cobber?" "Strueth mate you should have stayed in the dunny" "Stone the crows how are you going to win it from here?" ... Yes how indeed! Well...not by gifting it to the opposing skipper at first slip for starters!

6	PAUL PETERSEN *	15 05	15 18	13	10	:4'W //	CT GREG BELL	ROB YEELAS	5
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"See ya later cobber!" How indeed are we going to win it from here. Seb get on the phone and get your Dad down here, tell him we're not playing for sheep stations... it's more important than that! Ollie Bell's late note is revoked as the Dunsfold collapse worsens.

Step forth the game changer from last week Matthew Forrester to get us back on track, but then Peter dabs one down to gully..."Yes"...

7	MATT FORRESTER	15 19	15 22	3	3	:R //	PATRICK ALEXANDER RUN OUT		0
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Oh hang on that doesn't look right, on balance the Dunsfold team agree on a different verdict, try this one...

7	MATT FORRESTER	15 19	15 22	3	3	:R //	RUN OUT	PETER COVENEY	0
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6-39 the game isn't an hour old yet it feels like its slipping away, and I had looked forward to sledging Greg all day long. Seb Bell has other ideas namely this sort of thing...

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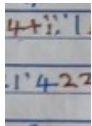
which looks a bit Greek I know but its good stuff

Just when we thought things were settling down Peter skies one, three fielders converge, two of them see the big lad is going for it and they put on their brakes...

2	PETER COVENEY	14 36	15 30	54	32	:1'1'2'1'1'1'2'1' //	CT CHRIS FELD	ANTHONY BANTREX	11
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Alas Peter finally succumbs to the 54 minute car crash that is the Dunsfold innings. 7-47

Ross is not one to lie down without a fight so before you know it both Seb and Ross are doing a bit of this...



...they add nearly 40 runs before Ross too is put on the scrapheap...

9	ROSS MANTON	15 31	15 51	20	15	32 1'42 21'31 4W	CT	MARK BUDD	ANTHONY BONTIFEX	23
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It doesn't quite double our score but its pretty close. 8-99. They take drinks, Greg says he will wait for Brother Ollie to arrive, I'm sure he will want to savour his brother coming in to bat last with the game half lost! So Adam your job is to bat as long as you can so that Ollie can arrive and we can bat on for a little longer...

10	ADAM YOUNG	15 57	15 58	1	1	W	BOWLED	ANTHONY BONTIFEX	0
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...1 minute 1 ball...OK. So then we wait... and wait...and discuss how long the official rules of cricket dictate it should be before a batsman is timed out...and then we wait... and discuss a bit more...and then Ollie turns up within the regulation 14 minutes allowed for a brotherly grudge match...

TIME	
IN	OUT
15	58
16	12

So Ollie does a bit of this...



While Seb does a bit of this...



But then Ollie does this...

11	OLLIE BELL	16 12	16 29	17	12	11'12 W	BOWLED	PATRICK ALEXANDER	2
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And feels like this...



But because Seb had done this

8	SEB BELL	15 22	16 29	57	45	14+1 14+1 12+4 24 11+8 14+1	3	M B	M B	NOT OUT	22
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He feels like this



Not to mention he helped us scrape together 103 runs! Was that my imagination or did he mutter “If only the lower order wouldn’t leave me stranded not out! I need to bat up the order”

A lovely tea from Julie takes the bitter taste out of our mouths. The juniors gather around to hear the sage like wisdom of their skippers tactics, “So what’s the plan skip?”.... “Bowl them out, then go to the pub!” Don’t want to over complicate things now do we!

Ollie comes steaming in like he's bowling against his brothers team. The slips cordon is packed, we take a step back. One gets turned around the corner to square leg. Mike tries a one handed catch off Ollie at square leg. What's your other hand doing Mike? Never mind instead Ollie bowls the opener when a bouncer doesn't bounce and takes out the right handers leg stump while he busy defending his head.

Turns out the left handed number three plays for a first team somewhere and it shows. The offside fielders retreat... But we can't go behind the fence... Except to retrieve the ball. Peter and I agree on the objective, get amongst the middle order. We just disagree on the tactics. Have a rest Ollie, get stuck in Ross. Is that the sort of detailed tactics the juniors were after?

Adam quite likes bowling to lefties especially when the ball is taking some swing. A big moment when he gets number three trapped LBW!

BOWLERS		1	2	3	4	5	6
1	OLLIE BELL	14 1 0-5	11 4 0-9	21 2 0-14	W 2 1-22	6 2 1-29	0
2	ADAM YOUNG	1 0-1	1 0-10	4 0-6	1 0-6	1 1-6	1 1-7

Ross gets them thinking that they can have a go but the other opener only succeeds in holing out to .Seb Bell at mid on . Hey look at that we’ve gone from being spanked out of the park 1-38 to having them 3-39. I guess we can at least embarrass a few of them before they beat us. Of course I’m talking it up “let’s get amongst them”

I try to get amongst them but this week is more buffet than demon death bowler. I give Max Richards a go, less runs but no W's

4	PAUL PETERSEN	42
		0-6	0-10	4		
5	MAX RICHARDS	4	M			
		1	0-5	0-5		

Ross gets another when max catches him. Same over Ross bowls another. Get in!! There is no optimism needed. "let's get amongst them, we can win this!" 5-52 half the runs half the wickets, but it's the top order wickets! Then Ross next over clips the pad, Whitney groans as he tries to stop it. I'm looking at the ball then looking at the appeal. Dave briefly raises the finger, the batsman hasn't seen it, confusion reigns but the batsman eventually gets the message. Lbw

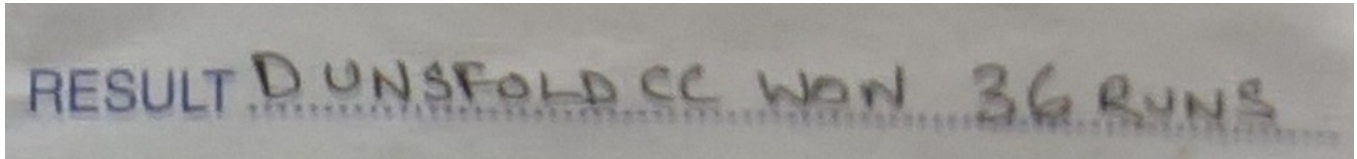
We not only have the pleasure of having them 6-52, we have Greg stood waiting for another teammate to join him. "bit lonely Cobber, where's your mate gone?!". His new partner is none other than Alex Bell. "i think you forgot something mate, I'll give you a clue because you appear not to have one. It's made of willow... Yes go get your bat" two bells with bats calls for one with a ball. Have a bowl Seb. The thought of getting out to your nephew petrified the brothers bell and the dots flow. Alex finally tries his hand and his nightmare turns to reality holing out to Matt Forster off Sebs bowling for a duck. "Strueth mate, where's your brother going!??!"

6	SEB BELL	W	M	4	1	1
		0	1	0	1	6
		1	7			

Ross makes it worse for them trapping another LBW. Is that for real, at one point Ross had five wickets for one run off seven overs!

3	ROSS MANTON	W	M	W	M	M	W	4	4
		1	1	1	3	1	4	7	4
		1	4	1	4	1	5	1	5
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But Ross has run out of overs so he can't get them all out. Matt Forrester takes over. Greg has gathered 30 runs along the way and looks like a match winner. First over Mathew cartwheels Greg's off stump! Another big moment, I'm still trying to decide whether Adam taking the #3 LBW or Gregs wicket were bigger moments, either way that's two weeks on the trot that Matthew has jumped into



We all know how much Julie likes getting her photo in the match report. BFFs, that's the birthday girl helping her into the shot. Either that or Julie has just been mugged for her Zucchini cake recipe!??



TOSS WON BY... **Downside C.C.**
 GAME STARTED... **14:30**
 WEATHER... **SUNNY**
 DATE FINISHED... **13.08.14**

RESULT... **Downside C.C. by 33 Runs**

CRICKET CLUB V Downside Wanderers
 DOWNSIDE C.C. PLAYED AT Downside Wanderers

ON 21 AUGUST 2014

BATSMEN	TIME	WICKETS	SCORING	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1. Mike Barry	44	10	100	Run Out	Bob Bell	10
2. Eric Cosgrove	44	10	56	Run Out	Mark Barry	10
3. Mark Robinson	45	10	31	Run Out	Mark Barry	0
4. Bob Whittington	45	10	3	Run Out	Bob Bell	0
5. Paul Whittington	45	10	10	Run Out	Mark Barry	0
6. Bob Anderson	45	10	16	Run Out	Mark Barry	0
7. Mark Whittington	45	10	3	Run Out	Mark Barry	0
8. Bob Bell	45	10	5	Run Out	Mark Barry	0
9. Bob Anderson	45	10	15	Run Out	Mark Barry	0
10. Paul Whittington	45	10	1	Run Out	Mark Barry	0
11. Bob Bell	45	10	13	Run Out	Mark Barry	0

BOWLERS	OVERS	MAINS	MAINS	MAINS	MAINS
1. Mark Barry	14	14	1	7	2
2. Bob Whittington	15	14	1	18	2
3. Bob Anderson	34	5	29	1	27
4. Mark Whittington	24	6	22	3	17
5. Bob Bell	19	3	9	—	—
6. Mark Barry	16	2	11	—	—
7. Bob Anderson	1	0	1	—	—

Downside 15.58 - 16.12 (14 mins)

TOSS WON BY... **Downside C.C.**
 GAME STARTED... **14:30**
 WEATHER... **CLAY**
 DATE FINISHED... **13.08.14**

RESULT... **Downside C.C. by 36 Runs**

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 DOWNSIDE C.C. PLAYED AT Downside Wanderers

ON 21 AUGUST 2014

BATSMEN	TIME	WICKETS	SCORING	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1. Will Dale	44	10	30	Run Out	Paul Bell	18
2. Clarendon Burt	44	10	37	Run Out	Paul Bell	2
3. Andrew Brett	44	10	11	Run Out	Paul Bell	15
4. Paul Robinson	44	10	18	Run Out	Paul Bell	0
5. Bob Bell	44	10	56	Run Out	Paul Bell	30
6. Mark Barry	44	10	1	Run Out	Paul Bell	0
7. Bob Anderson	44	10	5	Run Out	Paul Bell	0
8. Paul Whittington	44	10	14	Run Out	Paul Bell	0
9. Bob Bell	44	10	3	Run Out	Paul Bell	0
10. Paul Whittington	44	10	14	Run Out	Paul Bell	2
11. Andrew Burt	44	10	6	Run Out	Paul Bell	0

BOWLERS	OVERS	MAINS	MAINS	MAINS	MAINS
1. Bob Bell	30	5	29	1	29
2. Paul Whittington	34	6	3	7	1
3. Bob Anderson	47	8	6	9	5
4. Paul Whittington	12	2	—	10	—
5. Mark Barry	12	2	—	5	—
6. Bob Bell	24	4	2	7	1
7. Mark Whittington	10	1	4	—	—