

Dunstable Cricket Club vs Presidents XI

6th September 2015

President's day is here and so are a few strangely familiar faces.



A former skipper who has gone on to perform great service to cricket over the years, oh and next to DCC president John Redman is former England captain and renowned off spinner John Embury. Enjoy president's day!



OMG LOL WTPA? GLHF PAW!



A traitor in our midst



No paparazzi please were eating!



"I couldn't eat another bite, but I'm going to make the Aussie eat humble pie"



"...but seriously, is Yorkshire really part of England?"

The pitch has been inspected and it has enough moisture to make me suspicious, only problem is Matthew wins the toss and wants a bowl. Much trading of players has been done as I have an excessive squad so I've reluctantly given away Alex Andrews and JR pleased as punch has announced to me that Ross has defected to his side. There is another that needs to cross the line but I can't think who it is because he's not here yet!

Mike needs an opening partner hmmm we normally have another guy who doesn't mind being beaten up by the openers, who is that guy, oh well Max Richards volunteers.

Lots of dots from their opener who is joined by Ross who also knows about does. Max has his bails clipped in the third over, quack!



Oh it's Steve, that's who I was trying to think of! Good of you to join us, you can play for the president so get you whites on and get out there and do some fielding



Wiggy joins Mike and they ease themselves into the innings, yawn! To be fair the moisture in the pitch is giving them some grief and the bowlers are doing the rest.

Let's fast forward to over 12 where we have amassed 17 runs! Three maidens on the trot for Ross is followed by...a double wicket maiden! Ross bowls Mike for...2! Then Ross doubles up having Rob Watkins caught for a duck. 3-17.

Rob is back in the dressing room and his nephew toddles in to find him.

Are you back already Rob?

Yes!

Is your turn over?

YES!

That wasn't long was it?

NO it wasn't!

Ahhh kids!

We are done with the other opener but Ross isn't done yet, he has Will caught to finish with three wickets for five runs! Thanks Ross I hope you enjoyed that. 4-26 off 14 overs and the presidents men are rampant while we are wondering how we are going to get a total to defend.

Whitney and Coveney set about doing just that, the sumo gets a workout 4,6,4 while Coveney works the singles before chipping in with his own boundaries. Seven overs later and they have trebled the score when Matthew Renmant bowls Whitney for a lusty 32. Ollie joins Peter and the runs continue to flow.

Then in the 24th over Ollie goes back to a straight one and is struck low on the pads plumb lbw, other accounts to what happened may exist but Peter puts his finger towards the bright blue sky and Ollie is on his way. Next ball and Conrad too is on his way, bowled so I join Peter who first ball of the next over smashes a drive that Rob Denton casually extends his right hand where the ball sticks like he had a baseball glove on.

Seb and I set about stabilising things, we were 5-83 so at 8-87 we target a ton and make hay of Denton's loopers. Seb is seeing it really well so I push for singles. We get a ton on the board with six overs to go so add some weight to the accelerator. They bring back their opener who has a few overs left and this hampers us. His straightness finally wins over my attempted slogs, bowled for 21. Our partnership of 46 gives us something to defend only topped by the Coveney Whitney effort off 49. See Adam everyone gets a bat at Dunsfold.. Oh and that's not punctuation back there that was Adams innings, Adam scored two dots, not out 0, Seb with a great effort off 23 runs not out.

Dunsfold 9-132 off 35 overs.



Cake! CAKE!

A solid start is just what we need as Adam and Peter combine to restrict Alan Richards and his youthful counterpart, Matthews's nephew Will Richardson

Alan is nearly out to a top edge dropping close to Adam at fine leg. A few near misses keeps our interested but we have to wait till the sixth over when Peter finds another top edge to claim Alan caught and bowled

Adam is unlucky not to have the other opener and has a lofted drive grassed. Peter must have taken Adams luck, Seb takes a good catch to get the opener soon after at mid-on, did you see Sebbies good technique there...Dad!

President's men are 2-16 off 8 overs

Well that has bought two of our nemises to the crease. One is Ollie Cross the Cranleigh "ringer" who nearly single handedly won the Cranleigh match against us scoring half their runs. He is joined by Matthew who has a ton under his belt this season not to mention the countless Dunsfold collapses he's halted when batting for the correct side. These are the two to get!

Adam warms Matthew up with a few loose deliveries which concede more runs than Adam has in his previous four overs. Next delivery is nearly a yorker, Matt squeezes down on it but the ball bobbles through him, clink go the bails, you beauty, got him!!

3-21 after 9, we are in this.

The tight line continues from Peter and Adam but the edges don't come so we have to be content with dots. They bowl through their allotment and after 14 overs they are 33.

Seb has a go but unfortunately the ringer devastates the loose length with some punishing boundaries that put them back in the driving seat. Sorry Seb take a blow.

Our Ollie has a go having been held back from the opening slot, back to dots. I have a go and gets some dots too (pewh!)

Now he's sized us up, Ollie and I come in for some punishment. Nine off Ollie's next over then nine off mine, mind the brambles boys!

3-79 off 19 leaves us 53 runs to play with 16 overs to go that's only a touch over three an over so the fielders are scattered to soak up the boundaries of Mr Cross.

It works, Ollie lbws Patrick who hasn't been impressed with Ollie's bovine impressions. I trap Matthew Renmant next over, also lbw. Ollie bowls another two in his next two overs and at 7-92 with 9 overs to go it's a bit more encouraging. My next over and I'm punished with a handsome heave to cow corner, hang on he's not quite got hold of it and with all the fielders pinned to the boundary yes Seb is getting under it and takes a good catch only to look down and realise his momentum has taken him onto the rope, not out!! Six runs!!!

For good measure another is sent back over my head into the trees. 48 balls, 26 needed 3 wickets in hand. I dry up the runs and Ollie continues with the dots so when we are done its 30 balls 16 runs needed. Seb comes back on. Alex Andrew has been holding Ollie and I at bay but it takes a suicide single from Ollie Cross to send Alex back to the pavilion as I lob the ball back to Seb to take the bails off, run out for 1. Enter turn coat Steve who is more than happy batting for the other side and he's at his nurdling best keeping Seb and Conrad at bay till the ringer blasts Conrad out of the park to bring up his hundred and win the match.

So JR is like a pig in mud as it's been a while between drinks for a president's victory. Ollie Cross getting plenty of thanks scoring 103 out of a total of 133. Somebody called "byes" second top scored with 7. Sorry Whitney, just saying.

JR wins the day, Dunsfold defeated by two wickets. He hands out the beer. Round bottomed beer, what will you poms think of next?

