

# Dunstable Cricket Club vs Uplands

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Mike haven't we started yet, oh! Mike playing a nothing ball, caught

Steve's been out of the game a while takes his time to get going but manages to keep the ball down, well for about nine runs.

Matt with his late cuts and drives, Rob with his spans, fifty a piece, a ton partnership and on and on, one fifty partnership, and on and on. They give a few chances but they aren't taken. Finally after a partnership of 197, yes you read that right 197. Rob top edges and the keeper takes it. Rob caught for 87, that unlucky Aussie cricketing number.

Ed's turned up late but put on his pads, I even bowl him a few practise balls but I'm wise to his antics. Your number five Denton so when Ed walks out there you just keep walking too! Sure enough Ed tries it on "oh are your number five?!? Oh sorry"

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Denton seizes his opportunity with both hands and plays on first ball golden duck! NOW you get to walk out there Ed. Matt has someone else to spray it around with and Ed does like to give it some wellie, the "ball finding brigade" is working overtime fetching Ed 6s.

Ed gets bowled going hard at it, so Ollie joins Matt and the fun finally comes to an end for Matthew, he came to the crease at 1-5 and left at 6-280, Max Richards and Ollie have some fun and we finish on 6-290.

290, the likes of which I've not seen beside Dunstable on the scorecard, ever!

Matthew Richardson 132.

More than eight an over needed from the start, plenty of slips on hand, fines will need to be paid for any dropped catches.



Adam starts us and I open from the other end. Adams second over he finds the edge and Ed takes a great catch at third slip yes third slip. I try the long hop which induces the slog in Max Richards direction he does well to take a good catch. All my good deliveries the left handed skipper can't touch, typical!

2-9 after 6 overs, we would be unlucky for them to score over nine an over from here so it's about getting them out so we need to get them playing. Ollie tries some spin, hmmm ok we don't need to give them a sniff of the run rate, where's Seb when you need him!? Denton gets his grenades ready to take over from Adam. He entices their skip to have some fun and he launches him towards the pavilion, Ed is after it like a jack rabbit from mid-on, it hangs in the air but there are a lot of yards... He takes a great low down catch!!

Ollie tries my trick but negates the bounce, rank full toss, well caught again by Max Richards. We have a young lass join us "batsperson in". Ollie yorks her two balls later. Well that explains why Felicity finds cricket boring!

Ed attempts another impossible catch off Denton this time running flat out trying to take it the other direction, alas this one doesn't stick.



Their number three is playing the holding role it takes a while but Denton provokes the false stroke and again it's Max Richards with yet another catch this time at point. Well after all those catches perhaps he deserves a bowl. He can't stay out of the action first up it's a caught and bowled, forth catch of the match. He holds his line well after getting a couple of wides out of his system. Three

maidens on the trot as the rabbits stare into the headlights. Matthew drops a sitter at point to prevent us to going to the pub early



Ed has a go but can't find a way though the old guard, don't run on the pitch son!

Steve McCullen has a bowl, yeah I know! Warms up with his first over then a wicket maiden! One of the rabbit's sizes up Steve's pace and he backs away, lifts his bat with quaking hands and clatters the stumps. Dejected he puts the bat under his arm and walks off, then the ball goes past the stumps



"John look at that! Is that Steve McCullen bowling?"

"Surely not must be a trick of the light"





I've seen enough so I have another go and trap the ferret second ball (I'm not being rude, that's what you call the batsman who "goes in after the rabbits"). Dave agrees its beer o'clock!

Dunsfold win by 182 runs! Ouch.

