



## Dunsfold Cricket Club vs Chiddingfold 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022

After another 2 week break DCC were hosting Chiddingfold at Dunsfold and after some glorious summer weather everyone was looking forward to a great game of cricket.

As a bonus, Dave was back from his holiday and I had managed not to break any of his mowers or rollers so the scene was set.

During the week leading up to the match we had restarted our mid-week nets sessions so hopes were high of a good batting performance.

Once again the team looked good on paper and once again included the pairing of Richardson and St-Aubyn, both of whom were at the top of their game (see the previous match report) and we welcomed Sam Thomas back from university.

DCC were first to bat and the skipper started his usual early match chant "Has anyone seen Ed ? "

Sam and Dwight Cupit opened the batting and made a good start getting to 38 before Dwight was out caught. Sam had warned that he was rusty having played very little cricket at University but was soon back in the swing of things and made 25 runs before being bowled.

With the score on 52 for 3 and still with no sign of Ed; skipper Michael and Paul Petersen found themselves in the middle.

Both had obviously been watching and learning from England's new look test side as they both set about attacking the Chiddingfold bowling with Michael in particular seeming only to be interested in scoring boundaries.

With the scoreboard rattling along both Michael and Paul passed 50 runs and as the partnership reached 133 runs Paul was finally out Caught and Bowled on 58.

Matthew had decided that since the skipper was already on 72 runs he didn't think he could quite catch him up with only 4 overs left in the innings and in order to maintain the record of top-scoring in every match he's batted in he generously let Ed go next (Ed having arrived not too long ago).

DCC ended the innings on a respectable 204 with Michael reaching 74 before being caught.

Tea was a joint effort, Sandwiches by Justin and Cakes by Julie (sounds like an advert for a fancy café) which were enjoyed by all in the sunshine before DCC took to the field.

Adam and Simon opened the bowling and were able to keep the score down before Simon struck in the 9<sup>th</sup> over and removed one of the openers.

Adam took a wicket in the next over and then both were replaced by Paul and Sam.

Sam in particular was bowling quickly and took advantage of a lively pitch and had the ball zipping past the batsman's noses on a few occasions before finishing with 2 wickets.

Paul at the other end was getting the ball to move around and was unlucky to only take 1 wicket.

Justin and Michael replaced Sam and Paul.

Michael took 2 wickets including the Chiddingfold number 6 batsman who was looking particularly handy and had scored 40 quick runs before smashing a ball at Sam who took a great catch to remove him.

Justin took 1 wicket before Ed came on and bowled out the Chiddingfold tail end to leave the visitors all out on 123.

A great day's cricket was rounded off by a bottle of beer from Firebird brewery before we all retired to the Sun Inn to enjoy the jugs of beer tradition dictates anyone scoring 50 or 100 has to buy – cheers Michael and Paul.

We have another 2 week gap and the next scheduled match will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July when we host Matthew Richardson's side "The Butterflies".

Hopefully the report for that match won't talk about Matthew maintaining his record of top-scoring.

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