

## Match Report

### JTCC v. The Victory

Coincidence is sometimes a good thing and occasionally a good omen especially for the superstitious. The last time we beat The Victory was Trafalgar Day marking Nelson's victory over the French & Spanish. This time the nation's celebrations were because London's Olympic bid had been successful against those of the French (Paris) and Spanish (Madrid). Unlike our Olympic bid your cricketers were never deemed to be second but they always fancied their chances and pulled off yet another emphatic win.

The game began with Ron delegating to all and sundry without imbuing the authority that went with his appointments e.g. Andrew's was a **puppet** (Muppet) captaincy. Mark Waghorn quickly adopted his **Ant or Dec** presence behind the stumps as The Victory had elected to bat first. This seemed a bold and brave decision when you remember that we had them 16 for 6 off 10 overs (see previous report). However Grant explained that he didn't have a full team yet as Pete 'The Log' was missing.

As ever our bowling opened with Nigel '**Name & Nature**' Payne who though he gave a good account was out bowled by our Colts James and Ben as well as **Geoff** who uprooted himself from leg gully to take 2 wickets for 16 runs.

Our fielding is now almost unrecognisable from that of the opening games. Only very difficult catches were missed by Brian and Andrew, although the rest of the team would have you believe they were easy. **Dropped** catches get more attention than most mistakes on the cricket pitch, bar one. Read on.

Having restricted them to 92 our innings began with **Will** (34 retired), in his dreams, and **Ben** (16), who's only 14, who managed to survive and thrive against some accurately mean bowling. The first 5 overs only yielded 8 runs. They then scored 15 off the next to ease our concerns (we panic easily). When Will retired 'Name & Nature' stepped up to the crease and was soon joined by Mark '**25 never out**' Waghorn. Unfortunately 'Name & Nature' inspired a 'Yes! No! Beam me up Scotty' run out that rendered last week's a risible wisp of a memory. Mark ventured back to the pavilion like a man bearing a grudge with no statute of limitations.

Having witnessed the team collapse about them Ron and Andrew assured a victory against The Victory with some mature batting against a rabid attack who failed to notice just how bad the light had become because it was too dark.

Following the victory '**The Double**' we retired to The Victory where few **true** Tanners have ever stepped or stayed too long. The **celebrations** were enlivened by Name & Nature's 16 year old daughter bewildering her senior piers with her knowledge of S&M.....a Payne by any other name....

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**Match Stats**

**JTCC beat The Victory.....AGAIN!**

**Champagne Moments**

Colt Ben's Man of the Match Performance – 4 wickets, 2 catches, 16 runs.

Andrew's Benny Hill chase of dropped catch.

Ron's Vichy captaincy.

Those who thought S&M was something from M&S.

**Beer Moment**

Pleased to report there are none. Although Mark's revenge may feature here soon.

A version of this may appear in Common Interests.

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