

Match Report

JTCC v. The Sloop

On this occasion the weather was as kind to this fixture as had been cruel to the previous one. For those with short memories the initial match had to be called off due to heavy rain which promptly lifted during the game's programmed time to bath the ground in glorious sunshine.

Any way that was then, this is now. As usual we batted first but with **Pat** in top form and **Mark** intent on making amends our confidence wasn't too rickety. **Andrew's** recent amnesia meant he received the traditional bump up the order and opened the batting with **Gnome**.

Gnome had more strokes of luck in his, short, innings than many batsmen get in a season. At one point the ball hit the stumps but did not dislodge the bails thus saving him the walk of shame back to the pavilion. He was out next ball. Andrew's amnesia has been replaced by schizophrenia where by he thinks he's Boycott. The rest of the team were/are hoping that the other personalities are Botham and Flintoff. In fact his scoring was so slow that one of the fielders fainted from sheer boredom.

His eventual dismissal brought Mark to the crease and a nervous hush descended on the home team in the pavilion. The good news is he survived the first delivery. The bad news is that the time it has taken you to read this paragraph is marginally longer than the rest of his innings lasted.

Of particular note during our innings was the action of one of their bowlers. His run up, for his right arm arounds, started behind the backing up batsman. Then, trotting perpendicular to the wicket he spun his body through 90 degrees to deliver dabbly-dobblers all over the place. The fact that Phil was on many occasions the backing up batsman only added to the moment.

Pat batted heroically. Putting in yet another match winning performance for a losing side but on this occasion was more than ably assisted by **Nigel** who connected with the ball like never before this season and scored 42 (taking his total this year to 57) before being cruelly run out trying to continue the accelerated run rate.

With a total of 140 posted, and following a huge tea, the Sloop's innings began and guess what? They brought cricketers. So guess what? They scored chanceless runs. Well almost chanceless for Andrew called back a batsman incorrectly given out lbw. At which point 10 people and an umpire started talking to their shoes and behind there hands (some managed both). He then endeared himself further to the opposition by dropping a catch the like of which **Fraser** had previously held. Perhaps the vision of Fraser's resultant separated nail distracted him.

They scored the runs without too much difficulty but the two wickets to fall did so to **Phil's** bowling.

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Match Stats

JTCC lost to the Sloop

Champagne Moments

Another 50 for Pat

Fraser's catch.

The team for not beating up Andrew.

Gary's first game for us.

Beer Moment

Losing. It's becoming habit forming.

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