

Match Report

The Witch v. JTCC

This was a game your reporter had eagerly awaited. What better opportunity to present a report as a skit of a Harry Potter novel? The dark forces of The Witch (a pub in Lindfield) battling our own innocent heroes. Your team members cast in the roles of Harry Potter's finest with HP played by Mark Waghorn; Ron as Hagrid; Stu as Ron Weasley and either Sue or Pat as Hermione. Believe me, I could go on but leave you to fill the gaps.

Anyway on with the game. There wasn't one. The Witch cried off at the last minute because a house had fallen on her sister. So yet again we played with ourselves because Ron managed to encourage 22 players to turn out and 20 of them to play.

There is little to report. The two teams were captained by the brothers Waghorn and shall be referred to as 'The Wonderers' and the 'The Wingers' for **Dave** and **Mark** respectively. Dave turned out to be a particularly astute captain. When in the field he appointed Andrew as vice captain to organise the bowling and fielding; when batting he placed him self last in the order and in the bar reminded all of their mistakes. What a *team* member.

Both the Wonderers and Wingers contained a couple of **Colts** who as ever gave a good, almost too good, account of themselves and stifled the run rates by occupying the crease with out scoring runs. Not necessarily a bad ploy in a five day game but disastrous in the 20:20 version. It must be noted that **Matt** owes his batting technique to Ron's tuition.

The Wanderers team batted first and despite the fielding benevolence of the Wingers' vice captain, **Pat** was allowed to bat with only 2 fielders on the leg side, could not amass a challenging total.

The Wingers played well against some intimidating bowling from **Nigel** Payne and **Paul** Hunter. Young George should be proud of his dismissal as Nigel obviously thought he was bowling at **George's** father who could not have played the delivery any better. **Joss** proved to be a threateningly accurate bowler in the game as he was in practice but failed to take a wicket.

The one senior to shine was **Rob** Greenfield whom henceforth we shall term 'The Cat'. His Collingwood like catch will linger long in the memory and may even be reprised at our dinner in 2006.

Given the current obsession with weight should the irony that our most accomplished fielders are Phil and Rob go unnoticed? What does that say of the rest of the team?

And **Guy** deserves a mention for his enthusiasm and for supplying some new kit but not actually wearing some himself.

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Statistics

The Wonderers beat the Wingers but they don't know how.

Champagne Moment

The catch by Rob 'The Cat'

That, after such a late withdrawal, a game was played.

Beer Moment

Those who winged.

The outfield.

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