

Match Report

JTCC v. GPO

Part II

Two games for the price of one. You JTCC players have never had it so good.

The basic premise for this game was that the order was reversed. For the uninitiated this means that those who batted and bowled last now got the opportunity to do so first. We even got that rarest of opportunities, to bowl first.

Perhaps as a direct result of the inverted conditions the first few overs were exciting. With their weaker batsmen in there were catches, near catches, near misses and run outs. It was all too good to be true and as we all know if a thing is too good to be true it generally is. For out came their second ringer who having retired on 25 returned to score 47 not out from only 20 scoring shots. Without risk. Their final total was a far too imposing 153 and to be honest there was not much that could be done about it; there were no dropped catches just some very good hitting.

Unfortunately our batting performance did not change and our collapse was probably the most spectacular yet. If we took up base jumping with out parachutes there would be less casualties. In our defence some of the dismissals were down to very good catches by their stumpy and the ringer from the first game.

Defeat was always out there for us as the required scoring rate was nearly 8 an over. The closest we got was 5 but somewhat disastrously that was wickets not runs.

It is not often we mention to the opposition in detail but they had one player who deserves his own mention in despatches. We will call him the '**Compost Kid**' because he spent 80% of his time at the crease 'gardening'. In fact he probably spent more time prodding the wicket than some of our players spent at the wicket batting

Also of note, for the first and probably only, time we had a **third umpire** courtesy of a passing balloon. On hearing an appeal by the bowler a passenger in the balloon declared 'Not out'. It is good to note that this new technology was faultless and the batsman did not have to walk.

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Match Stats

JTCC lost to the GPO. Twice in one day.

Champagne Moments

Those first few overs.

Beer Moment

The player who decided not to bat because the cause was lost and the bar was open. Now imagine if Kasprowicz had adopted that attitude.

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