

Match Report: Jolly Tanners Cricket Club v. The Sloop Sunday 12th August 2007.

Sunday has arrived and it's a beautiful day, this means we can play cricket!! Our opponents today were from The Sloop. They arrived in good form....on time that is!

As I wasn't playing today due to life threatening knackeredness after playing in the Cuckfield 6's tournament on Friday, Mark Waghorn was volunteered to be Captain as this was more than likely to be his last game for us before he gets spliced. To which we all wish him well. We actually won the toss and decided to bat. In went Ron and Robbie to open in a 35 over game. Yes boy's a 35 over game. Obviously this hadn't been made clear to our heroes as the pace was going as fast a slug crosses the road! After a while the pace got to Robbie and was run out for season best 19. Dave, yes THE Dave from the JT's, came in and threatened to bring the game to light when he was clean bowled with his middle wicket uprooted for 16. In went our hero, Ian 'Son of Doug' Cowell of the season to definitely bring the score to a respectable level when disaster struck, The Sloop's bowler's took an instant dislike to him and promptly bowled a no-ball which hit him square on the head! Fortunately after emergency 'on-pitch' surgery he was able to take a break until tea to soldier on, what a man! Hell of a lot of blood on the pitch tho', I really don't know what the groundsman will say! Anyway, in went our groom to be. You would have thought he was batting for England (he should have been!), as he soon bumped up the score by a swift 35*. This was soon followed by our traditional collapse...but don't you worry fellers, England does it too, so we are in good company! We scored a credible 150-6, not bad considering the start.

After a lovely tea, made by Sue, top tea maker and top scorer, The Sloop went into bat. After only four balls Nigel got his first of two wickets, getting their opener for a duck, what a start. Our superhero of the day Ian came on to bowl and got No.2 out for twenty six followed by a mini collapse on The Sloop's part. Some stubborn resistance followed. Frazer, was up to the challenge though and promptly got two wickets. Robbie came on to bowl and immediately put the fear of whom-ever into their batsman as he ended up with career best figures of 3.0.7.2, fantastic. During this time the fielding on the part of the JT's was getting better as the day went by. Doug 'father of Ian' Cowell, who is just over twenty one, made a terrific dive to stop a certain boundary, which help Robbie's figures along the way. Kevin, Stuart and Ron all held catches. This was getting close with The Sloop needing twenty seven off the last three overs. Disaster then struck with a run out and Robbie finished off the tail. A great game with a good atmosphere....and yes folks, WE WON!!!!!! That makes a total of three wins this season, fantastic.

Champagne Moment: Doug's sublime dive to save a certain boundary; it was a privilege to watch.

The next game is against The Rose and Crown, Monday 20th August at Cuckfield C.C. 18.00 start.

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