

Gifts Galore as Downe coming crashing down!

On a glorious summers day this weeks opposition was in the form of Crusaders sporting old colleagues from Centymca days past.

It was also the birthday of our MVP (most vulnerable player) Spindles who despite almost reaching his 50th year has still not displayed a single grey hair on his immaculate barnet.

Sadly the toss was lost and Downe were in the field, on a beauty of a pitch and lightening quick outfield, which is not a position the team enjoys. This week the years were literally rolled back as Sweet was partnered by none other than Denzil. Sweet struck immediately with a snorter taking an edge first ball and with in 8 overs further followed from Denzil and Sweet again. At 30 odd for three things were looking good. It was at this point that the games crucial moment occurred when Spindles spilled an absolute goobler in the gully with the batsmen yet to score (before eventually going for 123) This set about a period of swinging bats with the ball flying to all parts but sadly not to the fielders.

All the bowlers were getting some stick, as the runs piled on. The Bear heroically got through his spell and even took over the gloves to allow Trub to bowl. Clearly suffering from a bout of 'illness' Bear provided some amusing moments including jumping out of the way of the ball as 'I forgot I had pads on' and a period when he kept facing the wrong way!

George produced the most interesting over since the infamous Wickham Park match. It is not quite clear how many balls were bowled in the over but estimates ranged between 13 and 15 and at one point there were doubts as to whether it would ever end.

With the score now rattling wickets did eventually fall, though not before Spindles spilled another in front of the crowded pavilion. Whatever he put on his present list clearly a new pair of hands needs to be considered. Trub picked up a brace and Doughnut three whilst Parf managed a run out from gully, after the opposition tried to run a third (yes really!!). The innings eventually ended with Skipper copping a fine for the slow over rate as tea was taken at half five!

Well tea was an excellent affair from Trub and the team settled in for an afternoon of leisure as the fearsome Downe top order set about the paltry target of 275.

The brothers grim opened up again and a period of immaculate cricket followed before George departed. Spindles not satisfied with the presents handed out earlier gave another to Spud as a gentle full toss was hit to mid on. Trub soon smacked his first two balls to the boundary before a drive to mid off was first parried then taken at the second chance. Doughnut looked good before getting a grubber and Sweet played on immediately. Bear was summonsed from his sleep on the outfield and managed a few lusty blows as did Parf who managed the only six for the team. Further wickets fell with no real significant contributions and the game well lost.

With things not going to plan on the pitch there were also issues on the sidelines. Danielle brought shame to the Hollands name when she was seen running around in circles trying to fill a bag with air on which she hoped to sit. Eventually she was put out of her misery when Kim twirled it around in expert fashion. The next problem was sitting on it as she kept rolling off to much amusement!