

Following last weeks 20-20 excitement this week brought a novel concept of 30-30 after the two captains reviewed the forecasts and assessed the conditions.

Sadly our biffer specialist was unavailable as he was having a nap prior to some red meat intake in the evening, whilst the 'brothers grim' were awol. This meant an unusual looking top order with Sweet at 2 and Bear, roused from his slumber at 4.

Well conditions were stacked up in the bowlers favour, green wicket, variable bounce and cloud cover. Spindles then Sweet went Lbw each looking at the umpires with bewilderment.

The score was progressing serenely with singles and the odd four, before Doughnut and the Bear each departed caught, the Bear expertly by the oppo Wizard on the run. The brothers grim were now together at the wicket, having arrived late, and soon the comedy dismissals began.

Dangerous presented with a tasty long hop somehow managed to deflect onto his stumps when a six seemed to have been easier.

George and kipper hands Liam then put together the innings best partnership before Liam was out twice in two balls.

The first was Lbw, given by Spindles, despite a big deflection off the bat. The oppo kindly reprieved Liam who then danced down the wicket next ball to be stumped.

With some gentle slow bowling from both ends now was the time and clearly Parf was the man. Presented with a slow looping ball, covered in sprinkles, cream and chocolate he couldn't believe his luck. As the team debated where the ball would end up the last place was the base of the stumps, as somehow he bottomed edged onto his wicket. Dinky briefly threatened before being caught then Brady walked around another cake to be bowled. George had progress to his 50 but was now down to his last man, but what a man Skipper. Another cake presented, wide of the crease, where would this be dispatched, surely not a bottom edge to the keeper. Oh dear. Well the team didn't even make the 30, with a 149 all out.

Tea as always was superb, especially the finest cakes ever seen which unbelievably we made by Sweet to the surprise of all.

The second innings could not have started better as first ball was pushed out to cover where Dangerous pulled off a blinding one handed catch the ball inches from the turf. Four overs later and another top catch by Brady who was throwing himself around like a teenager in the field. The match was now on a knife edge with the oppos key batsmen in. Dinky and Sweet had been replaced by Doughnut and Parf, with the oppo captain dominating the run scoring and reaching 50 with the score on 58. Clearly his wicket was key so all were delighted when the ball was hit straight to a fielder on the mid wicket boundary. Delight turned to horror when it was seen that Spindles was the man on which we depended. Well technically it was not a drop as he never even got his hands on it and it hit him in the chest. Well things were not going well as the score soon reached 110, before Parf opened up an end and followed with another two balls later. Spindles was for some strange reason given the chance with ball. Such is the luck as he was brought back just as things were being reigned in and he burgled a couple of wickets as the oppo skipper was starved of the strike. Dinky then Sweet came back with the later finally taking the prized wicket, the batsmen two short of a ton.

An excellent match sneaked by 8 runs.

This week also saw some of the team sporting the team's new kit which looked impressive on all. Each displayed their club numbers and initials embroidered on caps. For some reason Spindles was sporting MVP which has led to much thought as to what this could stand for and a club poll is clearly required.

Some suggestions

Most Vain Player

Most Vulnerable Player

Most Vacuous Player

Most Vapid Player

Surely he can't mean Most valuable player !!