

This week's opponents were "Not The MCC" which as it turns out were an appropriate opposition considering the events at Lords.

So far the season has consisted of half a game, memorable for little except for some brutal



hitting by Gazza and rapid 50 from Spindles, though the jug never materialised

Week two a changed side with a new top 4 managed a paltry 105 which was summed up by 'ex skipper' spending far longer walking to the crease than he did at it.

Fortunately the opposition were happy to get to the pub and wasted little time in the run chase. To highlight that wisdom does not always come with years, Brady having turned up for tea soon found himself fielding and having worn one in the chest then received a gashed hand.

At 78 you'd have thought he'd have learnt to leave his kit at home.

This week the team was much changed again leading to a robust opening pair of Dave Lineker senior and Parf.

One observation was that Marcus was deploying the 'heavy roller' to deaden the surface, which had been a little spicy so far, but the attacking intent was there.

First ball and almost a wicket as an edge to gulley from Parf was put down.

The score soon ticked along nicely, though its fair to say that this had little to do with running.

Both openers were to be caught with Chris soon joined by Gazza as Marcus pushed himself down the order. Gazza as always immediately started in 5th gear and soon caught Chris up despite a head start of 30 runs. Pick of the shots was a huge 6 over mid on into the long grass of the neighbouring field. Sadly poised on 49 he came out of the crease to be swiftly stumped.

Chris and Lambo progressed with the only chance being a 'disputed' stumping of Chris turned down by 'ex Skipper'.

Chris did Eventually fall in the 70s with young Dan given the last couple of overs.

As is customary there was the obligatory change of personnel after tea with Nev being the one to drop out.

This meant that the Bousfield family were able to join the long list of 'father and sons' to take the field for Downe.

This week's opening bowlers saw Will and Marcus step forward.

Will produced a match winning spell of 7 overs 2-5, with two swinging yorkers disturbing the woodwork. This included the dangerous opposition skipper for 0, showing at least one member of The Lambourne dynasty knew where the stumps were.

Marcus was slightly more of a mixed bag with some tight overs separated with some tap taking 0-50.

Both bowled out to be replaced by Chris and Lambo. Each picked up a wicket and went for a similar number of runs which to be honest seemed surprising. Both wickets fell to good

catches. Lambo a decent high one on the run, and Sweet a one handed blinder, plucking it from sky.

After both bowled out Marcus was left with the tricky decision of where to turn. Reluctantly Lineker senior and Bear stepped up.

Dave was surprisingly good with his little floaters, which tempted two batsmen to smash the ball down Marcus's throat. Bear gave it plenty of air and teased one batsmen from the crease with Sweet smashing all three stumps for a stumping.

The fielding was most 'un Downe like' with great stops in the field and a fabulous 'run out that never was' with Chris scoring a direct hit. The batsmen was half way to the pavilion before realising the umpire had not offered an opinion. Fortunately for him our former skipper had not really been watching!!

Victory in the end was fairly convincing in what was an enjoyable afternoon.

Unlike at Lords both teams were more than happy to share a beer after the game.