

CWK scrape draw in Watergate Controversy!

Following last weeks epic, the team bus was put through an MOT, and the wheels replaced. Skipper was back, Josh sent back to Thailand, and a truly frightening batting line up was assembled. Apparently the oppo skipper was aware of previous results and clearly didn't fancy two and a half hours of chasing the ball so elected to bat. Skip was almost embarrassed to give the signal to his unbelieving team.

This however presented the bowlers with an opportunity to reacquaint themselves with a new ball. Sweet opened up with Luke Pullen and it wasn't long before wickets tumbled. First up was Sweet who had somehow moved from the 'medium' bracket to 'lightening quick' as one whipped through smashing the bail in two. Luke was soon in the act and the two of them now traded wickets with the oppo soon 6 down with barely 10 overs bowled and the game already in the bag.

Not only were the bowlers on fire but the fielding was almost exemplary unless the ball went though the slip and gully region where the Chelsea contingent of Skip and Spindles could be heard chuntering about the FA cup. In fact everywhere you looked there were people running around, sliding for the ball, stopping the ball and unleashing fizzing throws. Even Trub was getting a run out having had the gloves taken away from him.

Skip now began to shuffle his pack with Harry and Parf given first opportunity, and Parf soon came up trumps with another catch to the teams new keeper. The game then entered an interesting phase as the number 9 went swinging at everything. To say he should have been out 9 times is not an exaggeration. One particular occasion saw one skied. Harry and Parf both converged, before Parf let out a loud call claiming it. Harry therefore stopped and strangely so did Parf and the ball hit the turf.

Skip again rotated with Bill and Dave getting the honour. Bill somehow managed to squeeze over two overs into one, as Kim watched intently even putting down her knitting to watch her man. Dave sensed some hovering was in order and quickly took a brace before wrapping the innings up in his next over.

A lovely tea followed and the team eagerly took to their chairs beers in hand frankly not expecting to have to do much as Trub, with an average of 355, was in at 5 chasing 135.

Spindles was opening up with Sam, another of the Pullen triumvirate who was given warnings about Spindles propensity to run out his partners. As it was Spindles as always hogged the strike, in fact all the strike, though to be fair there were only two balls before the heavens opened. Clearly all the talk of barbecues had tempted fate. The oppo clearly wanted to go and Skip clearly wanted to stay, and despite a brief stay the game was called off. Later the sun came out and the ground dried and overs could probably have been squeezed in.

There were some notable points during the game however.

Tom Hobbs. Well what a find he proved to be behind the stumps as he literally caught everything, even when the batsmen hit the ball. Clearly some work needed on the stumping front, standing near the stumps would help, but what a find. Apparently this was not some tactical genius from Skip but based more on Tom not fancying running around in the hot sun.

The Pullen Brothers. How is it that we have been having Ben guesting all these years when Luke and Sam were lurking in the background. Clearly the teams spotters need to be replaced.

The Longest Over in Downe History. Well you can't keep a good man out of the limelight.

Following last weeks six Bill was to set more records with ball in hand. Apparently the umpire was being harsh, but there were at least 9 extras, as the over stretched to around 15 balls. The exact number may never be known as everyone lost count, and I wouldn't trust the score book, as apparently there were only 5 in the innings ! Bill however came back well with an impeccable second over.

Ball Hogg. Never before has one man had the audacity to take the whole teams strike for an innings. Yes that man Spindles, no surprises there.

Never Trust a Yorkshireman when Money is at stake. The early departure meant an enjoyable evening barbecue though so close to tea not everyone was hungry. As part of the entertainment Bob produced a 'golf game' with the team playing as couples for a small fee with winner takes all. The early pace setters were non golfers Sweet and Debs that is until Bob and Jan took their turn. Clearly Bob had been practicing for the last month in the garden as he scored a maximum to clean up!