

Kelawar v Scotch College, WA

Played at KTJ, 14 December 2008

Early on Saturday morning a Kelawar IX arrived at KTJ to find the Scotch College first XI in the second period of their pre-match routine. An impressive display of fielding and net practice, orchestrated by a character with the athletic poise of David Boon, was sure to rub off on the Kelawar side.

After some delaying tactics, in the hope of taking the field with a full side, skip Benjamin ('run-machine') Webb offered first use of the very green, almost plastic looking, wicket to Scotch College. Anu and Chris Speed opened up and made life very uncomfortable for the openers, Anu generating good pace and some variable bounce, Chris finding movement in the air. Both men did their job, picking up a wicket apiece in the early overs, and with the substitute fielders removed and the full Kelawar side in place, [Webb's-Wonders*](#) were looking fresh, crisp and well-oiled with a Balsamic hint of piquant vim. Sadly, these would prove to be our Salad Days.

After a few overs of consolidation, some rather direct 'encouragement' from Boonie scared the Scotch college middle order in to playing their shots. By working the ball around and running like 17yr olds ([against a field that came increasingly to resemble an outing from the nearby Semenyih No.1 Golden-days Retirement Home, or, alternatively, the leftovers from a slow day at the wet market](#)), they pushed the scoring rate along nicely. Dil took over from Speed minor, getting decent turn away from the bat and bringing one memorable ball back far enough to beat batsman, stumps, keeper, fine leg and the ever present roaming photographer.

Scotch were now building a decent total and had lost only one more wicket as Kelawar brought on the second line of attack: Witty first-off ([on the basis that the flight & guile that has twice undone our Club Captain this year might induce a false shot and break the partnership of less experienced batsmen. Unfortunately, the youngsters managed to avoid ducking under any straight full-tosses and could not be induced to loose their leg stump trying to hit long-hops over the wicketkeeper's head](#)), newcomer Jason Lee and, finally & reluctantly, the skipper himself. All four created problems, both for the batsmen and also for the captain in trying to place a suitable field. The scoring rate steadily increased and Scotch passed 150 smoothly, punishing anything short and escaping a couple of close LBW shouts.

The heat was starting to take it's toll on the fielding side as a chance of a stumping, a run out and a catch at mid-on all went begging and the Scotch no. 4 passed his 100 mark. His partner passed 50 before Morgan induced a false stroke and Webby and Witty held hands under a high ball to decide that Witty should take the catch.

Matt picked up a couple of good catches as Speed, Anu and Dil returned to close out the innings. With wickets in hand Scotch were able to maintain their pace and close on 239-5 off their 40 overs. Dil the pick of the Kelawar bowlers, rewarded with 2 wickets.

Kelawar's reply started briskly but wickets came regularly as Matt, Andy and Ben all departed in single figures. Dil was well caught at point for 22 and as Tim went for 12 a very tired looking Kelawar side were at risk of being rolled for less than 100.

Padma worked the Scotch leggies around well and struck a solid six, making 22 to bring some respectability to the score. Jason Lee smashed a great six before being juggled and caught at mid-on, Morgan was well and truly cleaned up by a leggie and Witty also barely troubled the scorers. Anu provided the late entertainment with some clean hitting to make 22. Chris Speed providing good support and denying the Scotch leggie a 5-for.

Kelawar all out, about 100 short. Not our finest performance or a great start to the new season, but a whole hearted effort and a game played in excellent spirit. Chris Speed and Dil's all round efforts and Scotch College's Ben for a solid ton, were rewarded with t-shirts, caps etc. Thanks to GDZ & Webby for organizing and Speed senior for umpiring.

What might appear, at first sight, to be a complete drubbing, may be considered a narrow loss and exciting finish to our first game of the season under the Kelawar-Lewis™ adjustment for youth versus experience:

$$(((\sqrt{(\text{Kelawar Avg. Age} / \text{Scotch College Avg. Age}))} \times \text{Kelawar Score}) - \text{Scotch College Score}) = -14$$

- * **Webb's-Wonder is a type of lettuce. See below for an excerpt from an illuminating article entitled 'The History of Lettuce':**

Lettuce has been grown for more than 2500 years. It has been grown mostly in the northern hemisphere. Grown wild over and prized for its large edible leaves which are very refreshing in salads popular with the Greeks and romans for the milky juices they exude when cut. Cultivated lettuce originated around Asia minor, Iran and Turkistan. Lettuce is an annual crop belongs to the family Compositae or sunflower family and genus Lactuca and species Satuva .

There are four types of lettuce. They are Head type variety Capitata; Leaf or cutting type variety Crispas; Cos or Romaine type variety Longifolia; Asparagus type variety asperogins. Lettuce has been cultivated the world over now for centuries. Today only a few varieties find their way to the market, but many more varietal seeds are sold for garden. The most common is Head lettuce, of which there are two types Crisphead and Butterhead, also called Iceberg and **Webb's- Wonder**, is common in United States and becoming well known in Europe. Lettuce was introduced in France in middle ages some think by Rabelais who is said to have brought back seeds from Italy. Although some believe that the Popes in exile in Avignon were. Until the time lettuce was eaten as a hot dish. Raw lettuce with vinaigrette proved a great success in London where it was introduced by Chevalier D'Albignac a noble man who migrated to England. He made his fortune by visiting various private hotels and fashionable restaurants to dress the salads. Brillat-Savarin described him as a fashionable salad maker going from one dining room to another complete with his mahogany tools and his ingredients, which included flavoured oils, cavair, soya sauce, anchovies, truffles, meatjuices flavoured vinegars, etc.

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