

Kelawar Morning Team Outshines Afternoon Team by a Lumen

Kelawar CC v Kent Street Senior High School, Perth, Australia

28th June 2008

2 x 20over matches.

Played at UKM, Bangi.

The Specialist cricket school from Australia was on tour again, and we were asked for 2 x 20over matches to ensure all members of their large touring party played a game.

For Kelawar of course, two discrete team means calling upon 50% of the club, and our teams were of equal strength. As some expected, on the day that was to be John Cranwell's final match for the club, the competition was always going to be between the two Kelawar teams....

The Morning Game

Kent St won the toss and elected to bat. Not a lot to write about in the bowling department, with the exception of Unky Mike Sharrad, who claimed 2 for 13 in his allotted 4 overs. Even less to write about in the fielding department. While the Kelawar skipper was trying to explain the difference between the on and off side to his fielders, the Kent St boys realized they could take a run (or two) on everyone's throw, except perhaps, Unky Mike – who surprised them with a direct hit runout from the cover boundary. Their coach/umpire commented they should know better than to take on an opening bowlers arm... 20 overs completed. Kent Street 5 for 169. (Sharrad 2/13; GdeZ 2/17)

Needing a quick start, Kelawar opened their reply with Andy Murray-Watson to anchor and Jawad Khalid to hit like he did in the final over vs the Indoorians. The Kent Street opening bowler was on the sharp side – Jawad's edge of the fifth ball could have been 6runs had it not been intercepted at the third man boundary. Andy was joined by Stuart Watts, and that is when things get a little confusing as far as interpreting the scorebook goes. Andy was the second wicket, however the scorebook lists Stu as the second wicket for 15 runs, and at the time of this supposed dismissal, Andy was apparently not out on zero (despite several witnesses to some fine boundary hitting). According to the scorebook, Andy then went on to share in partnerships with Dil and GdeZ to amass 30 runs from 27 balls. So it's hard to say exactly who scored what, as it looks like Andy and Stu were confused by the scoring staff (looks like Cranwell's writing actually). Dil played very well and probably scored the 39 from 27balls that the book credits him – the fast bowling and true synthetic bounce of UKM was right in the slot for young Dilawar to plunder. Dil was caught in the deep with a catch that the author of this report suspects spent some time on the ground as the fielder rolled around on the ground fumbling at the ball. With Dil dismissed, the run rate slowed. 20 overs completed. Kelawar 6 for 136 (Dilawar Abbass 39; Stu Watts listed as 15, but probably about 25; Andy Murray-Watson listed as 30, but probably about 20).

The end result was a loss to the youngsters by 32 runs.

The Afternoon Game

After a buffet lunch, this author went home to collect his young son and return to the field. So it is difficult to write about the match except from what is presented in the cold facts of the scorebook.

Kent Street batted first, and the scoring was dominated by their opener, who scored 88. The other scores were not very high (teens), so I can assume the opener dominated most of the strike. The only thing I know for certain, is that Chris Speed bowled a ball that was hit straight back at such force that he declined the opportunity to take the catch (that should be a fine young man), and promptly moved out of the way only for the visitors coach/umpire, Corey, to save 4 runs by bunting the full force of the ball away with his groin. Corey left the field, and was driven to GlenEagles Hospital by this author, who had returned to the ground for about 3 balls. Anyway, Kent Street finished 20 overs and amassed 2 runs more than their school mates from the morning match for the same number of wickets. 5 for 171. (Chris Speed 2-29).

The Kelawar reply lasted only 11 overs before rain intervened. Henry Tattersfield was not out on 34, and John Cranwell not out (yet again) on 8. There may have been more scorebook errors – but as I was not there, we'll never know. Kelawar were somewhat behind the required run rate with a score of 3 for 69 from 11 overs.

Another loss to the schoolboys by 50runs on the DuckworthLewis method.

So ended the day that saw John R Cranwell say goodbye to Kelawar...well actually it ended a lot later in the evening at Out of Africa after a few beers and bad language. Thanks for your efforts Cranners – the match reports and banter on the field will be missed.

Post script:

While Corey doesn't have kids, and probably never will after that blow - his jatz crackers are fine – apparently.