

## **Anu I had something better to do today** **(A day in the life of a Kelawar pace bowler)**

Got out of bed early, mentally prepared for a big day's cricket by eating 4 Roti and 2 tosais. Early morning Oprah on tele – she's lost some weight, knocked one out to relieve the tension!

Rocked up feeling good and ready for action, bowled at Neil in the nets, who was wearing spikes so couldn't move his feet – won toss batting, Neil went out to bat, seemed he carried his net form into the match, bowled playing wrong line with no foot movement.

I felt good in the nets bowled a good pace with swing, lucky the skipper was there as well, saw him take notes after I bowled a couple of beauties.

Watching Winny bat – God, he's good!! He's batting well, but facing a lot of wides. Neil out, Rohit in, ooh he's middled that one, why's he rubbing his shoulder? Caught behind first ball! No worries, Darwin and Winny will consolidate, oops Winny's run out – looks like he's running through mud in wellyboots. Come on, Dil, you can do it, mind you so could I, what number am I batting skip, oh 10, thanks skip, at least I'll bowl.

Score 50 for 2 off 10, score 75 for 4 off 20, Winny run out but he wasn't, Rohit caught behind, or was he?, Dil lbw but I'm sure he hit it, Darwin batting well for 26, oh no, he's lobbed a catch back to the bowler, Geoff and Webby to the rescue, batting well and making sure we're using all the overs – run rate's slow but it's alright Sachin Tendulkar's smashing the Kiwi attack, oh dear Tim Southee 10 overs for 105, how embarrassing, at least I'll bowl better than that. Mike Sharrad kept busy taking drinks onto the pitch and changing helmets for caps, he's a good lad but I hope I bowl better than him today.

Webby gone for 14, Druvi gone for 0, in comes Graham Wilson, feeling unwell and eyes hardly open, quick hands and lightening bat speed – Can Geoff and Graham take us to a good score, I'm in next – feel like I might hit a quick 20 or 30. Graham and Geoff start opening up, Graham hitting it well, 2 sixes in his quick fire 35, top score as well, bugger he's just been caught to a one-handed diving catch – brilliant.

I'm in, deep breathe make sure you support Geoff – come on you can do it. Excellent, first ball survived, and Geoff on strike – he'll play at least 5 balls before taking the single – oh, he's running the single. I'm on strike, stay around you can do it – quicker ball turns a mile - gone – I'm out damn it! Up to Mike to stay there, quicker ball, turns a mile - gone, first ball. At least we'll make up for it with our bowling. 147 all out from 42, Geoff stranded on 14 not out (I think!) at least we've set them a half decent target.

Lunch not bad; think I'll have thirds on the stodgy heavy rice, plenty of chicken..... Feeling ready to bowl.

Take to the field, pitch looks a bit quicker, good for our pace attack. Graham and Sharrad to open, first over from Graham – 2 fours from 2 half trackers, come on, boys, get me on. Mike up next, first ball smashed through the covers, Geoff gets a hand to it for a chance but it rockets through him and to the boundary, another four, ooh the next one's a good shot, 6 over mid off, it's gone miles, I think they're in a hurry!! Graham continues, but Mike's off after just one over, I can't have as bad a day as him today. Score is 22 off 2. Maybe it's me to bowl next, why isn't he asking me to warm up – Damn it, he's gone with Druvi. Score 36 from 4, they're going for it.

Graham still feeling unwell, bowls 4 overs, Druvi wishing he's feeling unwell bowls 3 overs, must be my turn, OK skip's gone for spin, not a bad option, come on Dil, goodbye Dil... smashed!! Now it must be my turn. Nope, Winny on to replace Graham, he'll be smashed, although he is a very very good player, I think

he's played first class cricket and a few games for Somerset 2nds. I'm sure you can find him on [http://cricketarchive.com/cgi-bin/player\\_oracle\\_reveals\\_results1.cgi](http://cricketarchive.com/cgi-bin/player_oracle_reveals_results1.cgi)

Bowls a tight first over, blimey, all in shock. Must be my turn, nope Rohit, not a bad over, score is racing along, 100 off 10(ish) come on, skip, I'm ready, I'll tighten up one end and Winny's bowling well so we can make a match of it, Rohit's off, come on skip just give me the nod, Winny two wickets in an over, did Dil catch that? I'm on, come on, come on come on, nope, Geoff!

Mental note to self, things I could be doing instead of playing cricket

- 1/ Watching Oprah
- 2/ Shopping with missus
- 3/ Sleeping
- 4/ Watching paint dry
- 5/ Doing nails
- 6/ DIY
- 7/ Washing car
- 8/ Cleaning flat
- 9/ Putting up the pictures I've been delaying for months
- 10/ Playing hide and seek with nephew
- 11/ Any other suggestions??????

Wonder if there's a sale on in Jusco? What shall I eat tonight, might watch the re-run of Oprah! Hey ho maybe I'll be given one over, come on Skip.

Score slowing but still they're going for it, they only need 10 to win! Come on, Geoff, bowl a tight one then I might get an over, 6, 6. Game over, could have gone to a nice waterfall today or maybe I could have watched the missus try on clothes in Mid Valley. At least I didn't have to fetch all the sixes, thanks Mike!

Time for a drink! Look in score book to compare what I would have bowled compared to those who did bowl, feel a bit queasy at the sight of it, only Winny with 2 for 16 off 6 respectable, everyone else should be upset, especially seeing as I didn't bowl!

Get home, pop down the local Nasi Kandar, might get a DVD, sweet they've got the Oprah boxset!!