

MIXING IT UP WITH THE BOYS

Kelawar Cricket Club vs MCC juniors, Saturday 9th May, 2009

After watching the earlier Kelawar side stroke their way to victory in a high scoring morning match, we were expecting a similarly competitive afternoon bash. Captain Tim soon came back with the news, however, that MCC had no more senior players available, so we'll have to 'mix it up with the boys'!

A shuffle around of players saw an 11 member Kelawar side boasting 5 seniors in Tim, Andy, Drummond, Gupinder and Ian, and 6 juniors, including 2 guest juniors in Harris and Kieran. We were to face the might of the 13 (don't ask me why!) member MCC side that now included George (fresh back from the farm in NZ), Sam and Yohan and most of their original juniors.

'Right' said Skip, 'let's knock it about a bit and bowl tight and we should win this easily'. Drummond duly obliged these instructions by being cleaned bowled for a golden duck by Sam first ball! In strode the 'young, sprightly' Gupinder, and he and Andy sent out the boat against the fast, accurate bowling of Sam, George and Daniel. Andy put on an excellent 30 not out, including 5 fours, and retired giving Skipper Vallis a knock. But a change of bowling by the opposition saw wickets suddenly tumbling as MCC's James bowled Gupinder for 17 (one four), Harris for a duck and Tim for 7 (one four) for figures of 3 wickets in 4 balls either side of an over from John. Our knocking it about was suddenly being knocked over by one of the boys!

Ian and Arvin steadied the ship with some good running, however, and saw off James only to face the returning pace of Sam and 'killer' George. Bowling fast, George suddenly unleashed a deadly beamer 'scything' at Ian's head! But by dint of luck and quick reactions, Ian fended off with his glove and thankfully only suffered bruised fingers. George adjusted to bowling spin and actually managed to 'turn' it quite a lot on the 'dry earth'. Meanwhile after clipping a four off his toes from a fine inswinger from Sam, Ian tried to open up to John's bowling only for George to step in again and impossibly catch the 'escaping chicken' right out of the blue!

Arvin continued Kelawar's good work from then on with a superb six and a four of John and Yohan respectively to finish on 19 not out, with Kieran valiantly 0 not out.

Drummond		b. Sam	0
Andy		not out (retired)	30
Gupinder		b. James	17
Tim		b. James	7
Harris		b. James	0
Ian	c. George	b. John	7
Arvin		not out	19
Kieran		not out	0
Trishan		did not bat	
Rhys		did not bat	
Douglas		did not bat	
Extras			39
TOTAL			119 for 5

Bowling (MCC)	
Sam	4-12-1
George	4-12-0
Daniel	3-13-0
John	4-23-1
James	3-26-3
Yohan	2-16-0

Kelawar had amassed a respectable 119 and took the field with 10 men and boys as Harris retired with a headache. Arvin and Trishan opened our bowling and Arvin soon had James bowled for 2. ‘Killer’ George then came in for MCC and soon began ‘milking’ the bowling, ‘farming’ anything wide, ‘planting’ anything short over the boundary and generally ‘mucking’ it about! Meanwhile, the agile Gupinder accounted for Koji, caught and bowled for 11, and Daniel (stumped Tim) who hit 3 fours on his way to 14.

George hung up his ‘wellies’ after making ‘hay’ for an impressive 32 not out, including 1 six and five fours (all ‘porkers’ you could say) and Sam joined the steady John. Sam hit another 6 as this pair saw MCC stroke serenely to victory. Despite good bowling (see figures below) our youngsters were mercilessly ‘harvested’ by ‘killer’ George, Daniel and Sam. Trishan, Rhys and Kieran bowled valiantly, whilst Douglas’ 3 balls at the very end went for 2 and 1 with an easy dropped catch in between that would have given him his first senior Kelawar wicket!

A humbling loss for the Kelawar ‘mix’ maybe, but a marvellous day of learning and an enjoyable experience for the boys, mixing it with the seniors.

Koji		c. & b. Gupinder	11
James		b. Arvin	2
George		not out (hung up wellies)	32
John		not out	11
Daniel	st. Tim	b. Gupinder	14
Sam		not out	17
Extras			33
TOTAL			120 for 3

Bowling (KELAWAR)	
Arvin	3-10-1
Trishan	3-34-0
Drummond	3-13-0
Gupinder	3-19-2
Rhys	2-27-0
Kieran	2-25-0
Douglas	0.3-3-0