

EXERCISE 8: Navaratnam Shield 2008 Semi Final

AIM:

The purpose of this examination was to dissect Kelab PJ in an attempt to qualify Kelawar Cricket Club for a second consecutive Navaratnam Shield Final.

MATERIALS:

- 1 x STC flat wicket
- 1 x STC sandy outfield
- 1 x Agong, riding horses to keep the gates closed
- 3 x Kelawar juniors, keen as mustard, warming up pre-match.
- 8 x Kelawar seniors, fresh from a good night of sleep following a quiz night
- 1 x Banged up Mercedes Benz, following a drive home from a quiz night
- 1 x Prez, toothless
- 1 x Visiting Whitey, legless (not quite, but he must have been at the quiz night given he slept in Webby's bed)
- 1 x Opposition team – Kelab PJ (extremely keen, with all members partaking in vigorous warm-up session)
- 1 x Vivien
- 1 x Scorebook
- 1 x Kitbag
- 4 x eskies, with ice
- Water
- Isotonic drinks
- 8 x Cases of beer (Heineken & Tiger)

METHODOLOGY:

1. Webby won the toss and elected to field.
2. Kelvin opened the bowling from the Singapore end, Willow from the Twin Towers end.
3. Chris Speed bowled first change from the Singapore end, GdeZ from the Twin Towers.
4. GdeZ removed from attack after 2 overs to allow Tattersfield to enter as 5th bowler.
5. GdeZ changed to Singapore end after Chris Speed completed his spell of 4 overs
6. 15 minute change of innings
7. Webby and Tim open batting, followed by Flo, Sam Bottom, GdeZ, Cranners, and Travis Herdon.
8. Handshakes all round
9. Photo in front of scoreboard
10. Beers opened.

RESULTS

Table 1 – Kelawar Bowling

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Wides	No Balls	Runs	Wickets
Kelvin Mahal	4	0	8	0	20	4
Graham Wilson	4	1	2	0	15	1
Chris Speed	4	0	2	2	31	3
Geoff de Zylva	2.5	0	1	0	3	1
Henry Tattersfield	2	0	1	0	14	0

One catch each to Vallis {2nd slip}, de Zylva {bat-pad}, and Nightingale {mid-on}

One run out

Table 2 – Kelab PJ Fall of Wicket

Wkt	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Score	15	27	27	29	29	38	42	72	84	84
Over	2.1	4.2	4.3	5.2	6.2	8.4	10.4	15	16.2	16.5

Kelab PJ All out for 84runs in 16.5 overs.

Table 3 – Kelawar Batting

Batsman	How Out	Runs	4s	6s	Balls	Mins
1. Benjamin Webb	Bowled	2			2	1
2. Tim Vallis	Bowled	5	1		5	9
3. Sam Bottom	Bowled	1			8	10
4. Dave Nightingale	Bowled	5	1		12	14
5. Geoff de Zylva	Not Out	20	2		28	41
6. John Cranwell	LBW	30	6		28	23
7. Travis Herdon	Not Out	4	1		7	6

DNB - Kelvin Mahal, Henry Tattersfield, Graham Wilson, Chris Speed

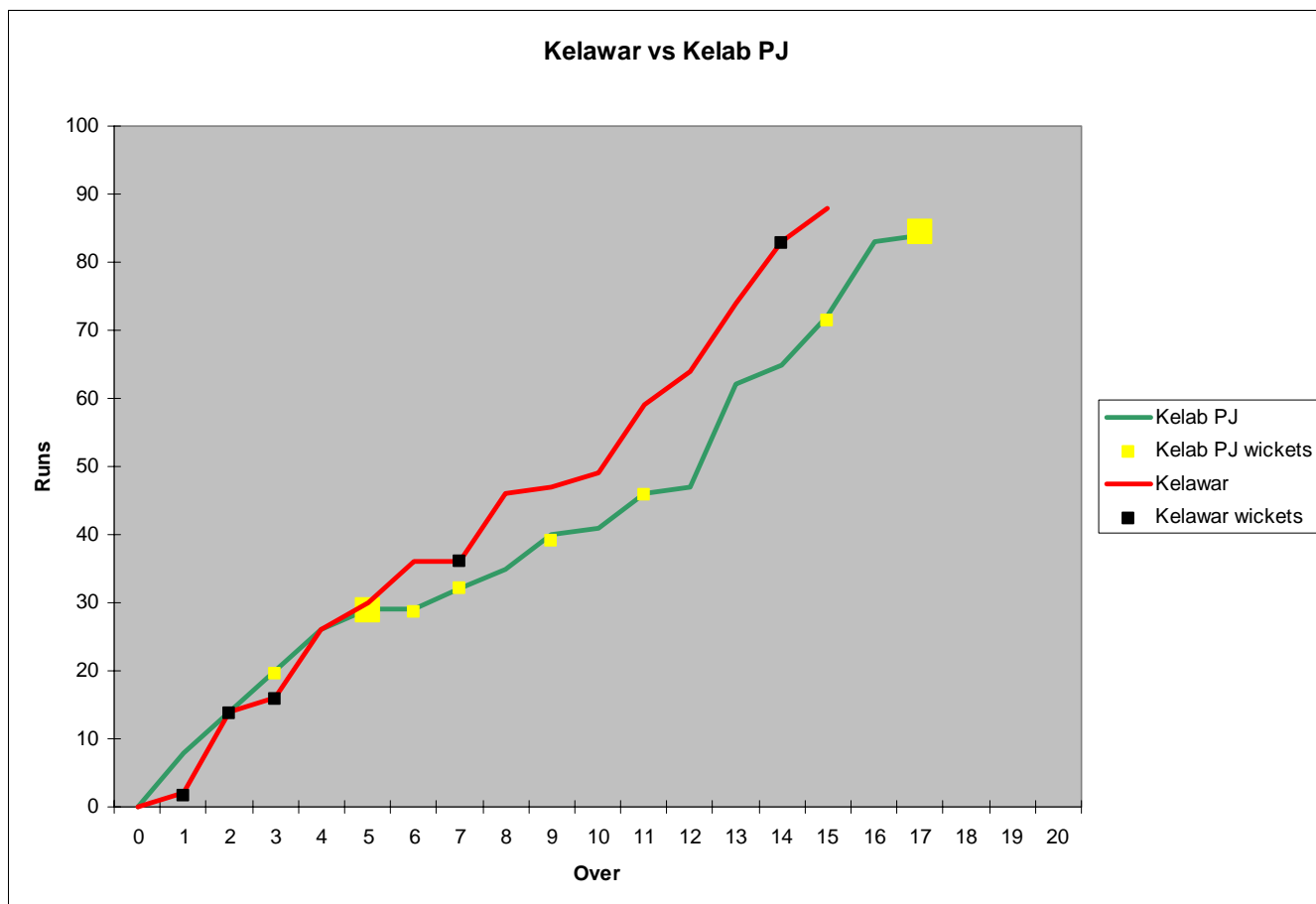
Table 4 – Kelawar Fall of Wicket

Wkt	1	2	3	4	5
Score	2	14	16	36	82
Over	0.2	2	2.3	6.1	13.3

Kelawar finished their innings with a score of 5-88 in 15 overs.

Therefore, Kelawar won by 5 wickets, with 5 overs remaining.

Figure 1 – “The Score Worms”



DISCUSSION:

1st Innings

Kelvin and Graham effectively dissected the upper body of Kelab PJ. Kelvin’s use of the scalpel was a little wayward at times, however, the pair of them were able to remove the heart of the opposition without too much collateral damage on the operating table.

A point of interest in this exercise occurred in the 6th over when Graham’s LBW decision was disputed by the batsman, who stood his ground despite the umpire raising the finger. The situation became volatile when Cranners added a little too much serotonin into the cauldron while discussing fecundity with the batsman. Thankfully, the laboratory was not evacuated as Sam Bottom recalled some lessons from the health and safety briefing; he isolated the reagents and cleared the remains away to the fume hood.

Following the departure of Kelvin and Graham from the operating table, Chris Speed was left to dissect the lower bowel of the Kelab PJ batting. It was a messy procedure. As Flo passed the scalpel to Chris during his first over, something went wrong and Chris tried to stop the falling equipment with his knee. Perhaps it pierced the ulnar nerve – we were

about to donate his body to science to find out, when he hobbled to his feet and resumed the operation. The walk back to his run-up mark (somewhere near Bangi), was long enough to loosen the knee for Chris to complete his practical.

Another interesting thing occurred in what became the final over of the innings, as GdeZ returned to the table to stitch up the remains for safe disposal. A quick single was attempted, and as the ball landed in Cranwell's gloves above the bails, the batsman dug his bat into the ground so hard that it became stuck in its own divet (outside the crease); the bat was dropped as the bails were removed. One can hypothesize that the umpire was in the lab and accidentally ingested some lysergic acid diethylamide – it's the only possible reason why he gave a decision of not out. The next ball was another run out opportunity, this time at the bowler's end. The ball was fielded by Webby, whose underarm return took a parabolic trajectory to somewhere high above GdeZ's head. GdeZ collected the ball, slammed it on to the bails, swore at Webby for the poor throw from 3 feet away, and stormed off to his mark. GdeZ turned to see the batsman standing in disbelief, and Webby smiley sheepishly, approaching GdeZ with an apology. One hypothesizes that this umpire found the other umpire in the fetal position before the match, and decided to try the same concoction. It's the only explanation for two very poor decisions. Webby would have been justified in calling back the batsman, though he did not based on the fact that we should have had a wicket on the previous ball.

2nd Innings

Kelawar managed to turn the second innings from what should have been a quick run up to the Campus Club for \$5 jugs, into a tricky self examination in the sexual health clinic.

A steady flow of wickets resulted in some uncomfortable shuffling in seats (and batting order). GdeZ provided support as Cranwell responded to repeated queries from the young interns about his fitness and eyesight with some blistering stroke play.

Self examination complete – it was on to the Campus Club.

CONCLUSION:

A superb early bowling effort enabled this victory by limiting the target to 85. The Kelawar batting, however, will need to improve on this performance if we are to make it 2-in-a-row in the Navaratnam Shield.

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