

SILLY POINT!.....Reports on...

Elkanah vs MCC - Under 13s

12 March 2011

We eventually found the cricket ground we were due to play on. Once the pitch report was done, both batsmen and bowlers were keen to bat and bowl on this “real” pitch. A late start will reduce the overs to 30 per innings, and no, The Duckworth and Lewis system will not come into play.

It was also nice to see Ryan make an appearance after being AWOL for two weeks. Thanks for the coffee Ryan, but it will take more than that to bribe me to keep your name out of Silly Point.

Mark, winning the toss, had no hesitation to send Elkanah in to bat as he spotted some moist and thought that the sun will dry the pitch by the time MCC had to bat. The decision will be vindicated in Dylan White's second over as he clean bowls their opening bowler. Great ball Dylan, but please ask your mom if she saw that wicket! It should have been 2 wickets down if Jono had held onto a sitter off Khanya's bowling in his second over. Don't forget the Coke for Khanya on Wednesday, Jono!

The second wicket will fall in the 6th over by way of a brilliant one handed catch by wicket keeper Jared, off Dylan's bowling. (Perhaps Dylan's Mom saw this one?) Khanya will continue to apply pressure from the other end resulting in the batsmen taking a run to Jono at square leg, who accurately whips the ball into Jared's gloves, clipping the bails off. Jono now feeling better, after his earlier mishap.

10 for 3 after 7 over and MCC are in the driving seat. The eleventh over will see another good catch behind by Jared off Khanya's bowling, but not before a dropped catch by Grant, and another Coke for Khanya, Grant!!

Kyle will claim a wicket in his first over, thanks to a great over head catch by Chaz. 23 for 5 in the 13th over, will become 25 for 6 in the 14th, after a perfectly lofted ball by Jono will entice the batsman, only to be stumped by our ever impressing wicket keeper, Jared.

The next 7 overs will produce no wickets, but only 10 runs, during which Elkanah will show us how not to run between wickets. Grant, clearly getting bored at first slip, was walking up to the facing batsmen between balls, and showing them how to dispatch a full toss, just to get some action.

This prompted Mark to bring on “Mr. No Average Jason” to have a go at breaking this “huge” partnership. Jason immediately responded to the call and with his second ball claimed a wicket, caught Mark. His fifth ball claimed another wicket, caught Mark. Jason then decides to bowl a no-ball, only to stretch his over as long as he can. Jason 7th ball of the over will produce another wicket, caught Mark. Jason’s 1st over will read something like this.... One over, 3 wickets, 3 extras, no runs off the bat, all caught by Mark! Well done Jason and Mark, still don’t know how you got that right?? We all thought we were watching re-plays!

35 for 9 after 20, and now MCC have to go for the kill and finish off the tail. But....., the tail will wag for another 6 overs, until Dylan was brought back into the attack and wrapped it up by claiming his 3rd wicket, caught behind by Jared. 69 all out and it was time for early lunch.

Khanya, 6 overs, 2 maidens, 1 for 8

Dylan, 4.3 overs, 0 maidens, 3 for 11

Jono, 6 overs, 1 maiden, 1 for 8

Kyle, 5 overs, 2 maidens, 1 for 12

Jason, 2 overs, 0 maidens, 3 for 12

During the break Mark wasted no time and padded up immediately eager, excuse the pun, to score some runs upfront, something that has been lacking this season so far. Grant and Kyle had already changed to spikes by the time all of us were treated to tea, biscuits and hot dogs by our hosts.

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Mark & Chaz, ready to start the run chase of what seems to be a mediocre target of 70 runs, but stranger things have happened. Mark will get off the mark on his second ball and give Chaz the strike on the third ball. Mark, clearly looking much more comfortable at the wicket, as signs of his confidence is returning.

Chaz on the other hand, not looking comfortable, and gets a second chance in the second over after being dropped. Chaz, battling to find his rhythm, will be caught for 2 runs in the 5th over with 13 runs on the board. Grant will join Mark, now on 8 runs. Mark and Grant will bat gallantly on before Mark will once again be caught LBW, this time no controversy. Mark will proceed to the dug-out, out for 17 runs including two 4s, of which one was the shot of the day to deep fine leg. Did not know you had that shot in your armoury Mark? Nevertheless a fine partners of 43 runs for the 2nd wicket.

Kyle will enter the frame in the 13th over, and together with Grant they will bat at 5 runs to the over to reach the target in the 17th over.

Well done MCC, one more battle is won, on more battle to go for this term before the war won. Good Luck and play well against Cravenby on the "A" field on Saturday. (Thanks Coach Craig). But before that there is a small matter of the Knock-Out game against Langa this Friday, also on the "A" field. Use the tips and fielding/running methods that Coach Craig drilled into you at practice on Wednesday, and half the battle would be won.

Congratulations to MCC Invitational, who beat Goodwood(all out 62runs) by 5 wickets, and making the headlines again is Daniel, top scoring with 16 runs. Well done Daniel!

Some notable notables.....

Jared, 5 dismissals-----3 catches, 1 stumping and 1 run out

Mark, 3 catches in one over

Batsman of the Day: Grant

Bowler of the Day: Jason

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A reminder once again that Ryan will be doing all the braai-ing on Saturday, so please bring lotsa meat, rolls and a salad, and I believe the bar will be open for those who enjoy lemonade or two. And if your initials are BG, then it could be three four five six seven eight.....!



Fiver for Chaz



Fiver for Kanya



**Kit handover by Mark to
Life President, Tony Akerman**



Kyle, answering the call of nature

Congratulations to Kyle and Chaz for advancing to the next round of the Western Province District Trials.

For what is left of it, have a good week, and remember,....I'm watching you!

"Collectively and individually fielding is largely a matter of thoughts and discipline".

I. A. R. Peebles

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