

Saturday 7th of March the Noa played Southbrook in very extreme conditions, high temperatures and very strong winds. Losing the toss (Zinny) we were put into bat. Then a major change before we started, the captaincy was handed over to Hayden Ryan.

Opening the batting were Sincock and Hamilton, and that was very short lived. Sincock 1 and Hamilton 9 (but a very good 9). In rocks Mr Olsen and what an outstanding display of batting with 84, poetry in motion and well supported by the man who keeps wickets Derek Scott with a frustrating 38.

Then the man who is reaching his peak in life, (with his own personal trainer) Mr Andy Pope only 9 this week but showing intense speed between the wickets. Eddie Tirikatene in at 6 and that's what he returned 6 obviously waiting for a big effort in the field.

Nathan Lang at 7 showed how to run between wickets and stay to finish the innings with a fine 16 not out. Jock McDonald ONCE AGAIN out doing brother-in-law Zinny with a fast 5 but a beautifully executed boundary in that fine knock. Then we had the captain who sent the ball all over the park, tremendous effort of 23 not out, this pushed the run rate well up to finish with 217 for 7.

Into the field we went, and the game was won by share brilliance from the bowling attack. Every fielder challenging themselves to field better than ever before. Bad luck to Zinny as he must have been carrying some kind of injury as he was struggling to pick up the ball on the boundary and missed a sitter of a catch. With the winds and temperatures peaking in the last over, two catches were put down but this can be accepted due to the conditions, bad luck Jock.

The bowler's figures were outstanding as said.

G Olsen 8 overs, 1m, 1 for 27

M Hamilton 6 overs, 0 for 22

P Heffernan 6 overs, 0 for 20

R Cherry 8 overs, 2 for 32

N Lang 3 overs, 1 for 27

M Sincock 3 overs, 0 for 20

H Ryan 6 overs, 1m, 2 for 20

Southbrook 178 for 7 off the 40

Bring on the finals and all the best next week.

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