

Match report 08 February 2009 Swannanoa v Ohoka at Mandeville.

I think the only appropriate phrase is Sunday Bloody Sunday (U2)

We were greeted with another warmer than average summers afternoon which tested a couple of members who had enjoyed the refreshments the night before. Derek was made captain for the day before having the opportunity to even get out of his car. The opposition slowly arrived and it became evident very quickly there were more than a couple of ring ins, from the second grade side .The coin was provided by Popey for the toss and for the second time in 24 hours it let his side down.

So into the field we went, with a side comprising of 10 bowlers so you would think that with those sort of resources we would do OK, and early on we did a wicket in the second over and a further 2 falling cheaply, then enter the first ring in, who it turns out was a batsmen he clearly enjoyed the slower tempo of the 3rd grade bowlers and proceeded to dispatch all bowler most notably Hill and Cherry to all parts of Mandeville sports ground, it was even said at one point that the next time the bowl was hit a packed lunch would be required to be taken on the next trip to retrieve it, as it was hit so far. Now all of this could have been avoided had a catch been taken behind the wicket when he was on forty odd (enough said). The young ring in was finally dismissed by a sharp catch at mid wicket by Popey of the bowling of Cherry for 87..Wickets continued to fall at regular intervals with them being shared amongst the bowlers, finally finishing off the innings for 187..

Enter ring in number 2 Nigel Cherry who can bend the ball both ways in the air, so against him batting was always going to be a challenge, having said that a solid opening stand of 18 was made before Hill was caught in the gully, a second wicket fell to bowling of Cherry, Enter Popey exit Popey, yes it was that fast... today is Tuesday and he still hasn't seen the delivery, I was told he took his bat out with him, he just forgot to use it. This bought Zinny to the crease to see off the hatrick ball which he did safely. Cherry finished hi spell with the figures of 3-12, this bought to the bowling crease some guys who it would be fair to say were not regular bowlers however the only one to cash in was Zinny who top scored, with most of the rest of us self destructing and eventually were bowled out 50 runs short of the total required. So we registered the first loss of the season, I guess we are only human after all.

I have 2 further observations left to make from Sunday, once again our very own supporters club(the 3 wise men) turn up again just before beer o'clock, and finally the after match speech made by Popey as Derek had gone, he made a comment about the pitch condition and how poor it was, I just wonder for someone who got a GOLDEN DUCK how he had time to make this assessment.

And so to notable contributions

Bowling:

Olson- 3/6 off 4 overs

Sincock-1/24 off 3 overs (ouch)

Heffernan-1/10 off 4 overs

Cherry 4/43 off 8 overs

Batting:

Scott-23

Sincock-27 (top score)

Murdoch- 16 not out