

## NOVEMBER 1 MATCH REPORT - Mark Woods

After losing the toss Swannanoa entered their home field against a youthful & energetic Fernside Ashgrove squad and with the threat of rain hovering in the south. An aggressive approach from the batsmen saw them 17 runs up after 3 overs before Dugdale stemmed the flow with his first wicket in the 4th over. Olsen chipped in during the 5th to see F-A 2-19. Dugdale feasted on the F-A batsmen in his next 3 overs, collecting a wicket in each to see the opposition reeling after 10 overs at 5-28. The batting side needed some consolidation which they achieved through their 6 & 7 batsmen who scored 33no and 30 (top scores) respectively and the next wicket didn't fall until the 25th over (6-66). However the F-A batsmen never waived from their aggressive approach and were finally all out after 35 overs for 114 with all wickets being caught in the field. The Swannanoa fielding effort was impressive and was in some part inspired by the athleticism of the fill-in wicket keeper.

Swannanoa had a slow but thoughtful approach to the run chase with Fulton blocking the first 6 balls but looking altogether quite comfortable with the task at hand. His fellow opening batsman L Ryan rained on that parade and claimed yet another victim in his long career of suicidal run-outs in the second over (1-0). This brought Dugdale to the crease and probably with his ears still ringing from the advice from the shed not to trust Ryans running judgements he proceeded to try and pummel the ball to no great effect early in his innings. By the 4th over (2-5) Ryan was gone caught and the run chase was not looking quite so comfortable. Hamilton came into bat and he and Dugdale proceeded to steady the innings with the latter beginning to strike the ball nicely. The pair took Swannanoa through to 45-3 before Hamilton was run out by some sharp F-A fielding. Murdoch came to the crease and went (enough said) before the junior Ryan came to bat. Dugdale (64) was caught after taking a swipe at a juicy delivery and Hill and Ryan guided the home side to victory.