

MATCH REPORT

Swannanoa vs Woodend at SCG

13th March 2010

Saturday turned out to be great day for cricket. Grounds Keeper Willy (Tim Osbourne) was at the ground early to doctor the pitch... with an industrial leaf blower no less, ridding the hallowed (astro) turf of straw (from the fair the week before) and rabbit shit (from rabbits). After successfully accomplishing this feat, Captain Tim 'Fast' Fulton promptly lost the toss and we were into the field against Woodend.

The Skip decided to open up the bowling attack with Olsen, the team discussed this and decided against it (ah democracy at work), deciding pace against the 11 yr old opener might not be a good option (where is Send the Hammer Down Hamilton when you need him) and went with Whispering Death Woods from the uphill end and Duggie from downhill. After bowling 2 overs for 2 runs Duggie was promptly yanked out of the attack (too expensive) and 'Fast' Fulton took control of the ball. Wickets started to tumble with a catch being taken behind the stumps by Derek of Fast to kick things off. In an astute move Whispering Death was substituted with 'Lightening' Lance Ryan to accompany 'Fast' Fulton in a two pronged speed attack. One over at one end saw Fast end it with two wickets in his last two balls thus on a hat-trick. Lightening Lance not to be out done proceeded to take two wickets with two balls in his subsequent over and also be on a hat-trick. Needless to say, neither bowler could deliver the goods, but they did break the batting sides' spirit.

Woodend were reeling at 5 for 30 odd.

Geoff and Luke were the next to take up the bowling duties. Geoff was typically tight with line and length, snaring a nice c & b. Luke bowled with deceptive pace for such a languid trot in and managed to clean up the tail with a caught couple of bowleds and then had Derek take a ripper of a catch diving to his right to finish the Woodend innings off.

Woodend all out for 90

Woods 5-0-16-0

Duggie 2-0-2-0

Fulton 6-0-23-3

L Ryan 4-0-14-2

G Olsen 5-0-11-1

Luke 5.2-0-13-3

Time for Tea and Cakes

Opening the batting M Sincock and T Osbourne strode forward. Tim smashes a few well timed boundaries and then strode back again. Out to a one-handed catch to an 11yr old for 13. This brought T Parrot to the crease who proceeded to build a partnership with Sincock worth 70 odd runs. With Swannanoa needing just 3 runs to win Sincock went and got caught for 37 off the bowling of the previously mentioned 11 yr old. This should have brought D Scott to the crease but he had de-padded thinking his day was done (surely that's a fine, Sheriff?) So Duggie came in to craft a fine 6 runs of two balls. Job done!

T Osbourne 13
M Sincock 37
T Parrott 20no
H Dugdale 6 no

FOOTNOTE

Last week's reporter failed to give recognition to a fine achievement in the match against Oxford. Rusty Drakes ton was the first scored for Swannanoa in at least 8 years. Well done Rusty, top effort, and we assure you that the reporter has been sentenced to death by bowling squad.
