

MATCH REPORT

The Noa vs. Woodend Bulldogs

Sat 07.11.09

It turned out to be a scorcher, and I am not just talking about the weather...

The Bulldogs, a mish-mash of League Hardheads who enjoy a beer, and no doubt embarrassing a few 'traditional' cricket teams turned up and what followed (in the immortal words of Sean Fitzpatrick (and many AB captains before him) was a 'game of two halves. I'll explain...

With the lethal opening bowling pair in Geoff and Mike, and able support after them from Zinny and Hamish, Swannanoa seemed to be cruising to another walkover having the 'End at 65 for 7 and 20 overs not yet reached. But no-one told the young gun in the Sydney Swans singlet (and chubbies to boot) who proceeded to teach the older and wiser few a thing or two about offensive defence. Spectators, cars, and the school across the road came under fire from classy and agricultural shots alike, and when the dust had settled, no-one had been spared and the Dogs restored some respectability with a total of 178 all out.

After a well needed breather and black tea (who is on milk duty, oh the ignominy - and it is well worth to note that quiche, despite previous threats, was presented again) The Noa strode out to bat with a real total to chase down. Opening were the Tim Twins (Oz and Fulton) who proceeded to chip away at the score at an even clip (and there were some real clips) to set an opening partnership of 140ish before Oz, no doubt craving his beer and smoke, skied one to be out for a classy 77 that included no fewer than four chances.

Super-sub Luke joined Tim Senior in the middle and ran the fielders (and Tim) like a drill-sergeant with shots all over the park. Tim, showing flashes of brilliance and class brought the team home with 81 not out, and sloped off the field like a cat left in the rain.

So a good win albeit showing some lacklustre 'kill factor' with the tail, a good crisp brew over snipes and cheers was enjoyed by all...

FINES;

- Popey - \$4.00 for two dropped catches (second costing about 60 runs)
- Mike - \$2.00 for dropped catch
- Oz - \$2.00 for dropped catch (off own bowling) and an additional \$5.00 for providing quiche