

MATCH REPORT

10th October 2009

Swannanoa V's Ohoka.

With an array of talent to choose from, bolstered from their promising pre-season net sessions and a 12th man in Woodsie we could not possibly lose to a car full of young folks!

Unfortunately the build-up did not match our expectations. Hayden lost the toss and Ohoka's skipper wisely elected to bat. Even so, with only six batsmen to start with, Swannanoa felt they would be asking Woodsie to get the kettle on early. And with a bright bowling partnership between Geoff and Phil, Ohoka were left struggling after the first 10 over's scoring just 26 runs and losing 3 wickets. But as the cars kept rolling into the paddock spitting new players out for Ohoka and Swannanoa dropping several catches the game started to become a little frustrating for the home side.

J. (senior cricketer and Mandeville Gestapo) Hamilton (29) and J. Williams (35) kept Ohoka in the match and they seemed to be heading for a score that would be more than achievable for a seasoned Noa line-up! The pick of the home sides bowling attack came from Russell Drake, who bowled what many have said was the longest spell of spin bowling the Noa have ever seen. With a wide range of variation, guile, flair and wickets Rusty was rolling back the years; who said pre-season training doesn't work?

The wickets continued to fall at a steady rate and with Mike bowling with what seemed some extra found pace the Noa were looking to skittle the opposition out for a low hundred score. Mike had clearly been reviewing the 1932-33 bodyline tapes as he sent down a shocking beamer towards Ohoka's pre-pubescent batsman's head. Thankfully the young man was able to avoid the delivery, which brought boos from his own side. Saying this Mike's tactics worked and had the little blighter trapped LBW moments later.

As the final car rolled in, Swannanoa must have been wondering who would get out, well, the occupants decided to throw the bat around. Tracker 6 not out and Bert scoring 19, 16 of which came off 3 balls (Sorry Mike, Woodsie made me). Ohoka pushed their final tally to 154 all out after 38.3 over's.

Bowling Figures

G Olsen 5.3-0-15-2

P Heffernan 7-0-20-2

R Drake 8-2-23-3

N Lang 8-0-44-0

M Hamilton 6-0-32-3

Tea was had, an experimental batting line-up announced and the Noa set about their target. And what a fine start; Terry despatching the very first ball to the boundary and the Noa tail was wagging in anticipation. However the ecstasy was very short lived with Terry being caught the very next ball. That second ball of the innings set the tempo for the batting side and wickets fell quickly.

Good bowling from Kane and J McMillan had the home side on the rack with Kane finishing with excellent figures of 8-3-16-4. As the constant droning chirp from the young pretenders grew louder the elder statesmen of Swannanoa continued to lose wickets. Batting at 5 Rusty made a gritty stand first with Olsen and then H Ryan to finish on a man of the match score of 46. Rusty was un-characteristically (?) run out by H Ryan and at this stage the game was slipping away from Swannanoa. Only Nathan troubled the scorer further down the order finishing on 20 not out.

Swannanoa went on to lose the opening game of the season to Ohoka by 36 runs.

As 'D:Rream' wisely said in the early 90's "Things can only get better".

Better luck next week.