

Round 9 - 11th December - Swannanoa 3RD 11 vs Kaiapoi, Swannanoa

The home side won the toss. Having been advised by M. Woods that this Kaiapoi team was even weaker than the one we had walloped earlier in the competition, the decision was made to bat first in order to prolong the match beyond 3pm.

Perhaps unwilling to deal with the clamour of batsmen eager to get out and notch up a ton, captain Pope decided to draw the batting order out of a hat (literally).

However, a few overs into the innings of selected openers Derek Scott and Andy Pope, it became clear that the earlier complacency was unwarranted, as Harry sent down several accurate overs (eventually ending with 14-0 from his 8 overs on the trot). Tight bowling from both ends meant that even though the first wicket did not fall until the 10th over, the score was only 29/1 at the time, and there was some trepidation in the clubhouse with Matt McNabb down at #3.

Scott looked to be holding the ship together until being trapped leg before by Arps for 28. That brought the familiar partnership of Russell Drake and Nathan Lang to the crease, but they were unable to score freely against more tight bowling and with Lang falling for 10, the score was at 74/4 after 22 overs.

With Geoff Olsen coming out to bat and the Kaiapoi 12th man coming in to bowl, we were able to break the shackles somewhat, and despite Drake smacking the ball straight to a fielder, Olsen and Mike Martin put on a quick 40.

The game swung again after Olsen's departure in the 32nd over, with Martin being "Ryan'd" and Tim Green barely troubling the scorers, leaving the total at 151/8 in the 35th over.

Unfortunately for Kaiapoi, this brought Mark Sincock to the crease who was able to score freely, including several pulls through midwicket. With Lance Ryan also firing at the other end, 40 runs came in just 4 overs. Sincock had the castle rattled in the penultimate over, but Eddie Tirikatene was able to come out and nudge the ball around to bring the total past the 200 mark in the last over.

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After a dismal afternoon tea fare, Swannanoa took to the field, with Olsen and Drake opening up. The bowling was right on target, with Olsen's first two overs producing 4 runs for 3 wickets, and Drake sending down two maidens.

The Kaiapoi partnership of Harry and Glasson hunkered down and although they kept their wickets intact, also did not score many runs, and Drake eventually broke through in the 12th over, leaving the total at 33/4.

Lang and McNabb were brought on to bowl next, however neither was able to take a wicket and Kaiapoi's #5 Gray kept the scoreboard ticking over.

The next bowling partnership of Sincock and Tirikatene was much more effective , with Sincock taking 2 for 11 in his first six overs, and Tirikatene also taking two wickets even though he went for a few.

The game seemed in the bag with Kaiapoi reduced to 133/8 after 32 overs. They produced a small rearguard action with Gunn and Arps carting Eddie and Martin around. Olsen was brought back on in the 37th over and picked up the last two wickets for a well-deserved five-for, with Kaiapoi falling 35 runs short in the 39th over.

SWANNANOA INNINGS 203/9 (40.0 ov)

D Scott 28 l.b.w Arps
A Pope 9 b. Cowper
M McNabb 4 c./ Cowper
R. Drake 17 c./ Gray
N. Lang 10 c./ Cowper
G. Olsen 39 c./ Reid
M. Martin 18 run out (Ryan)
L. Ryan 23 not out
T. Green 1 c./ Arps
M. Sincock 22 b. Arps
E Tirikatene 6 not out

Extras 25 (18 w, 6 lb, 1 b)

FoW 1/29 (Pope, 10th ov), 2/48 (McNabb, 14th ov), 3/53 (Scott, 17th ov), 4/64 (Lang, 20th ov), 5/97 (Drake, 26th ov),
6/137 (Olsen, 32nd ov), 7/149 (Martin, 34th ov), 8/151 (Green, 35th ov), 9/191 (Sincock, 39th ov)

KAIAPOI BOWLING (O-M-R-W)

N Harry 8-3-14-0
N Gunn 4-0-16-0
S Cowper 8-0-42-3
D Arps 8-1-40-3
N Gray 4-0-17-1
S Cross 3-0-24-0
R Reeves 5-0-43-1

KAIAPOI INNINGS 168 all out (38.2 ov)

S Cross 1 b. Olsen
A Turner 0 b. Olsen
N Harry 23 c./ Drake
G Coddie 0 b. Olsen
N Gray 31 lbw. Sincock
S Cowper 12 c. McNabb b. Tirikatene
C Hancock 0 b. Sincock
N Gunn 37 c. Tirikatene b. Olsen
D Arps 16 not out
R Reeves 1 b. Olsen

Extras 20 (12 w, 2 nb, 4 lb, 2 b)

SWANNANOA BOWLING

G Olsen 8-0-27-5
R Drake 6-1-15-1
N Lang 4-0-18-0
M McNabb 4-0-24-0
M Sincock 8-0-22-2
E Tirikatene 6-0-36-2
M Martin 3-0-15-0