

Match Report 13/02/2010
Swannanoa V Southbrook Red

After having opened a big can of whip ass on the stronger Southbrook team the week before, spirits were high that the same would be done this week. Captain Olsen made the toss (not sure if he won it or not) but we were batting anyway. Scott and Lang opened the batting slowly but securely. After 8 over's we were 30 without loss. Lang looked solid at one end, and they were starting to build a partnership until Scott was caught for 11. Findlay came in, letting the first ball go outside off. In the next over Findlay preceded to hit 3 fours in a row (he doesn't like running!) Both Lang and Findlay were playing some fine shots all over the ground, and the score moved onto 92, before Findlay missed one, and was clean bowled for 29 (Muppet!!). Gardner playing his first game this season played some typical Gardner shots on his way to 22. Lang brought up his fifty, and we were looking good. With Lang continuing to hit the ball well, the score at 167 for 4 and plenty of over's left; the scene was set to mount a big total. What the *&^%\$, the wheels starting to fall off, as Lang was out (or not, bump ball) for a well batted 71, wickets fell in quick succession, Olsen 7, Hamilton,6, Heffernan 1, Robertson golden, Kinder4, and Parrott 2, leaving H Ryan not out on 10. We went from a strong position, to losing our last 6 wickets for 31 runs, and not batting our over's out (37.3 overs).

Setting 199 runs for them to win, we needed to get a few early wickets to put them on the back foot, first ball 4. Sean, their opener was hitting everything to the leg side, and was lucky on a number of occasions, with the ball finding the gap. Parrot picked up a wicket in his first over, and finished with figures of 4-0-15-1. Heffernan finally bowled Sean for 22, after he played another leg side shot. Their 3rd wicket partnership was looking good, until a great catch by H Ryan ended that. Will their number three batter was looking comfortable, but with more wickets falling around him, Southbrook began to look a bit shaky at 89 for 5. Sadly, they started to turn the innings around, and were finding singles and the boundary more and more as the game went on.

The ball seemed to be landing just short a lot, but we did not help the score with some not so great fielding at times. The game was in the balance, and with Will still there it was going to be a close finish. Olsen picked up a wicket, and then Ryan got the big wicket of Will for 88. Olsen picked up another wicket and with 2 over's to go the needed 15 runs with 2 wickets left. H Ryan bowled the second to last over, conceding 8. Olsen got a wicket with the first ball in the last over, but with a four hit, and then a couple of singles taken, the field came in for the last ball, they hit over the top and the game was lost.

Bowling Figures

Olsen 8-1-41-3

Heffernan 8-0-36-3

Findlay 8-0-36-1

Hamilton 5-0-20-0

Parrott 4-0-15-1

H Ryan 7-0-41-1

Hard to take losing a close game, but with the goal of finishing in the top two still on, we have to make sure we learn from this one.