

## Round 2 - 16th October - Swannanoa 3RD 11 vs Ohoka, Mandeville

Turning up at Mandeville, we wondered whether there would be a game at all as the overhead conditions we were not favourable at all. Having said that the ground seemed dry and hard enough, a toss was had which Captain Geoff won and Ohoka were put into bat. Right from the outset the Swannanoa boys were right on target with Geoff bowling a maiden and Mike H nipping out Davey and Brown in his first over. Unfortunately from here Ohoka were able to build quite a reasonable start and got to the mid 70's before Lance and Tim P were able to pull it back and bowl the two free flowing batters. From here Swannanoa were able to restrict the run scoring a bit with debutant Matt McNab and Lance bowling well on the slow pitch and restricting as well as taking valuable wickets. Eddie T came on for one over and finished things off. Ohoka all out for 148. Not a bad total after an awful start, and certainly enough to make the Noa team sweat a little.

Bowling

O M W R

Olsen 4 1 0 17

Hamilton 6 1 2 30

Lang 3 0 0 23

Parrot T 4 0 1 16

Ryan L 8 1 3 28

McNab 7 0 2 29

Tirakatene 1 0 2 2

The Noa 3rd's started out with their standard opening partnership of Drake and Lang carrying on from last years final. Both looked very good early and the Noa made their way through to 73 before Nathan was bowled for an elegant 22. Martin was the next to step out on to the crease and offered several chances in the first couple of overs before starting to feel a little bit more at home (and keeping Rusty on strike). Eventually Ohoka realised that all they had to do was bowl a full line and they'd have him, out for 22. Rusty kept on compiling runs and made a very nice 66 as well as offering the Ohoka boys some much deserved fielding practice. From here we only required 23 and made quite hard work of it. Dave Parrot ran himself out for 2, Matt McNab got an unfortunate duck and Scotty was out caught. However, despite our mini collapse, we now only required 4 to win with Eddie and Mike H seeing us home in the 37th over. For Ohoka, Coffey had the excellent figures of 7 overs, 3 maidens, 1 for 11. All at the age of 15. Was great to see such enthusiasm in the field and Ohoka must be one of the best fielding teams in the 3rd grade. Anyhow, a wins a win and the 3rd grade have started as we finished last season, victorious. Next week is Rangiora at The Noa. Bring it on.

## Batting

Drake 66

Lang 22

Martin 22

Scott 14

Parrot D 2

McNab 0

Hamilton 2

Tirikatene 4

DNB : Olsen, Ryan, Parrot T