Round 6 - 20th November - Swannanoa 3RD 11 vs Kaiapoi B, Oxford

MATCH REPORT 3RD GRADE
Swannanoa - Kaiapoi at Swannanoa, 20 Nov 2010

Despite light rain in both Kaiapoi and Rangiora, the 'Noa ground was dry, albeit dark and gloomy, and the game proceeded despite the efforts of McNabb's wife who had taken the car out assuming that the game would be cancelled.

Swannanoa made first use of the wicket, with the 10 men of Kaiapoi taking the field. The first four overs featured Nate taking 21 runs off Cowboy, including four glorious boundaries, while Scotty was unable to take any runs off Sam at the other end. At 0-22 after 4 overs (there was a wide), the mood in the clubhouse was optimistic of a large total looming despite Kaiapoi being able to rustle up an 11th fielder from somewhere.

However, perhaps more by chance than design, Cowboy was replaced by Daisy, and with Steve taking over from Sam the runs dried up from both ends. The wicket appeared to be offering extra bounce in the cold conditions and the bowlers, although not bowling particularly fast, were getting considerable movement through the air.

During this period, Scotty unfortunately prodded one in the air soon after getting off the mark, and Mike Hamilton was adjudged LBW by Pope. This LBW was the subject of spirited post-match debate between the two.

Despite this setback, Tim Parrott was able to settle in with Nate and see off those bowlers, going on to score more freely from Midget and Jason.
Nate brought up a fine half-century just before a 10-minute drinks break which was called by Kaiapoi after the 24th over (apparently, one of their players had to go).

Shortly after the break Nate was caught for 57 off Kaiapoi's 8th bowler, Wayne. The score was 103/3 in the 25th over, but period followed in which Wayne also collected Reece for 1 and cleaned out Tim for a well-made 35. When Pope fell to Steve soon after, the score was 133/7 after about 31 overs, and mood in the dressing room was much more sombre.

Thankfully, Aussie came to the wicket and carted the Kaiapoi attack all around the park while Gordon held up the other end with a number of solid strokes. Midget and Jason both went for 17-run overs. Unfortunately, Gordon had to retire hurt with a calf strain shortly before the end, but Geoff was able to resume where he left off, and a sparkling cameo of 4 runs from the last ball of the innings from Mike Martin brought the total to 209.

After a hearty lunch, Kaiapoi strode out to bat. They perhaps wished they had not when Geoff rattled the stumps of Daisy with the first ball of the innings. A superb spell from Mike Hamilton at the other end left Kaiapoi reeling at 18/5 after six overs, Hamilton with the figures of 4/4.

However, the pair of Jabba and Lighty settled into a partnership, putting on more than 50 runs for the sixth wicket. Despite bowling fairly tightly, Aussie was unlucky as a number of balls hit in the air were fractionally out of the reach of fielders, including one fairly simple catch being dropped.

Fortunately a sharp piece of fielding and some indecisive running saw Jabba run out for 32 as he set off for a second run and was sent back, but could not regain his ground before Scotty collected the throw and whipped the bails off.

With Trev falling during Nate's sharp spell and Aussie finally collecting Lighty in his sixth over, the end seemed imminent with the ten-man Kaiapoi at about 90/8. after 21 overs.

But what followed was a spirited rearguard action from the two juniors Taine and Mason (one of whom had played a junior game the same morning). Mike Martin was hit down the ground in his first over and despite an athletic effort from Andy Pope, the batsmen were able to run five. With McNabb offering up several leg stump full tosses and Pope being no more effective, the youngers put on about 30 runs in 5 overs.

Finally McNabb's strategy of hoping that the leg stump full tosses would be hit to a fielder paid off, with Reece's safe hands collecting the final wicket. Nobody was sure of the score since Kaiapoi had no scoreboard, but it was later found to be 134/9.

SCORECARD

Swannanoa: 209/7 (40 overs)

Scott 1 c. Steve
Lang 57 c. Wayne
Hamilton 1 lbw Daisy
Parrot 35 b. Wayne
Kinder 1 c. Wayne
Fulton 25 retired hurt
Pope 6 b. Steve
Eleftheriou 40 c. Tane
Olsen 10 not out
Martin 4 not out

Extras 29 (4 b, 3 lb, 20 w, 2 nb)

Kaiapoi bowling (O-M-R-W):

Sam 5-1-21-1
Cowboy 4-0-33-0
Daisy 6-1-8-1
Steve 6-0-22-2
Midget 5-0-43-0
Jason 5-0-36-0
Steve G 2-0-12-0
Wayne 6-0-21-3
Taine 1-0-11-1

I had a little trouble deciphering the Kaiapoi scorers' book, as there were some interesting notational conventions, and the batsmen did not appear to be listed in the same order they actually batted in.

However the total of batsmen and total of bowlers added up right so I suppose the following totals are accurate.

Kaiapoi: 134/9 (27.3 ov)

Daisy 0 b. Olsen
Dwayne 2 c. Hamilton
Festy 6 c. Hamilton
Wee Man 0 b. Hamilton
Jabba 32 run out
Cowboy 0 b. Hamilton
Lighty 46 c. Eleftheriou
Trev 4 c. Lang
Taine 18 c. McNabb
Mason 20 not out

Extras 6 (4 w, 2 nb)

Swannanoa bowling (O-M-R-W):

Olsen 4-0-19-1
Hamilton 4-0-10-4
Eleftheriou 4-1-23-1
Kinder 4-0-34-0
Lang 3-0-10-1
McNabb 3.3-0-17-1
Martin 2-0-14-0
Pope 1-0- 7-0