MATCH REPORT

After a less than salubrious start to the 20/20 competition the week previous, Swannanoa were hoping for bigger and better things on the 23rd Jan at Mandeville. Alas one thing we realized rather quickly was that you cannot count on the weather as the day was miserable, and with that came a lack of players when the coin toss was taken. After a quick toss it was decided that with only 7 players and the fact that Scargill won and wanted to bowl, Swannanoa were to bat. Geoff was made honorary captain and made the interesting decision of sending Woodsie and Jason into bat. Unfortunately for Mr Woods it was not his day, and he was adjudged caught after giving the Scargill gully some catching practice. Fortunately for Mr Woods he was in fine company as with the fall of Jock, Tim Parrot, Scotty, Geoff and Popey, we found ourselves in the unusual position of 45 for 6. If it hadn't been for Jason's 20 and Geoff's 12 we'd have been right up crap creek.

Mike Martin was soon to follow but fortunately Phil Heffernan (18) was able to hold up an end as others fell around him. Aussie the 3 balled Greek came in as a replacement batter and used a runner (thanks Scargill) but found the extra ballast a problem and fell cheaply as well. Swannanoa all out for 73. Not a massive score, but on a very green wicket it gave us something to bowl at. However, it was not to be our day again. Scargill only required 3 batters and 11 overs to overhaul our target. Another loss for Swannanoa in the 20/20 tournament. Maybe we'd have more luck against Kaiapoi, For the record.

Woods 0 Caught
Findlay 20 Caught
McDonald 4 Caught
Parrot 5 Caught
Lang 1 Not Out
Scott 0 LBW
Olsen 12 Bowled
Martin 6 Bowled
Pope 0 Bowled
Aussie 1 Caught
Heffernan 18 LBW

Bowler Overs Rate

Olsen 4 0-20
Heffernan 4 1-22
Parrot 2 0-9
Lang 1 0-15

For the second game of the day, Swannanoa were up against Kaiapoi, a team we had beaten convincingly in the 40 over one dayers. Tim Parrot was pulled from the squad and the 3 balled Greek considered himself unfit to play and became chief cook and bottle washer, as well as umpire. Tim Fulton and Lance Ryan filled the vacant positions. Woodsie was meant to be at a stag do, but after checking for permission (thanks Gendie), made himself available. He must have known something, Kaiapoi are a good natured bunch, who like a tipple, so it was set for a good fun matchup with neither team having anything to lose. Jason was made captain and threw caution to the wind and decided that we'd have a bowl instead of our standard bat as had been the norm throughout the competition.

Phil opened from one end with Geoff from the other. There appeared to be some rivalry between their umpire and the opening batter Brent. Phil pitched one up and although the batter got a good stride in, offered no shot and 'padded off'. The subsequent appeal was fairly convincing, and the batter was adjudged out. Some dissent was shown towards the umpire, but Brent finally walked.

Kaiapoi 0/1. Daisey then came in and after showing some early promise was dismissed for 9 along with Steve L, and Kirky. Phil and Geoff both bowled well (2 wickets a piece) and some excellent catch's were taken by Nathan and Jason. Popey then came to roll the arm over and was shown quite a heavy amount of disrespect for an over he had bowled in a previous game. No one knows exactly how many balls he bowled, but it was a lot. However, on his second ball he picked up the wicket of Nachos. By then we were into their tail and between Woodsie and Popey the tail was quickly cleaned up. Woodsie must come in for some special mention by taking 3 wickets in his final over. So, Kaiapoi all out for 49.

Our turn to bat, and with Scotty and Nathan striding out to the crease, we all felt comfortable drinking the 3 balled Greeks beer, and put our pads away. Some decent progress was made with regular 4's being scored until a very unique thing in cricket happened. We started to play out for a draw. As this is most unusual in 20/20 cricket, the sidelined players supported our fellow comrades in the only way we knew how We started a slow clap. This provoked outrage amongst the openers who tried even harder to play for a draw. Finally some commonsense was seen, and Nathan (18) was given out LBW to a ball the was going down leg by 2 feet. Lance strode to the crease, and found himself facing a bowler he hadn't expected. Ever the competitive one, the 3 balled Greek was given a bowl and promptly had Lance back in the pavilion for 3. However, normality returned when Tim Fulton smashed a four to the boundary and the game was over. Swannanoa a convincing win in 9 overs. A quick beer was consumed by most in the clubrooms with everyone agreeing that they were glad to see the back of the 20/20 comp and looking forward to the next round of the one dayers.

For the record:
Bowler Overs Rate

Olsen 4 2-12
Heffernan 4 2-15
Pope 3 3-10
Woods 2 3-6

Nathan 18 LBW
Scotty 16 Not Out
Lance 3 LBW
Tim F 4 Not Out