

Round 3 - 23rd October - Swannanoa 3RD 11 vs Rangiora, Swannanoa

After a first up win against Ohoka, the Noa 3rd's were looking forward to a crack at last years beaten finalists, Rangiora. Unfortunately the day didn't start too well with Rusty having to pull out. However his replacement Steve was known as a decent cricketer so all was not lost. Captain Olsen lost the toss but got what he wanted anyway with The Noa in the field. Hamilton and Olsen started in decent nick with Rangiora none for 11 off four overs. Mike then picked up one of the openers for 3, and we attempted to apply pressure from there. Unfortunately the Rangiora team seemed to find a couple of extra players (we're not saying from where) and we proceeded to get knocked round the park a bit. Clumsy hands didn't help with 3 catch's going down. Rangiora moved through to 106 for 4 and kept going for the big hits, some coming off, some falling just out of range. Good spells from Eddie and Tim P and an excellent spell from Nathan put some dents in their armour, but after 40 overs Rangiora had managed to put up a respectable 167. Certainly something to chase but not insurmountable.

O M R W

Hamilton 8 1 32 1

Olsen 8 1 45 1

Tirikatene 8 1 38 1

Parrot T 4 0 9 0

Martin 5 1 27 1

Lang 7 1 12 3

Into batting and Nathan and Steve opened up. Both looked solid before Steve was bowled for 6. In strode "The Chippy" Derek Scott and things moved well through to Nathan falling with the score at 46. In strode Captain Olsen and things moved well until an unfortunate runout with Mike H (12) falling to the same problem. Mike M went out to have a crack and needed a runner after sustaining an injury in the first innings. However, his inability to understand the laws of cricket allowed him to be runout as well for 6. Jock was next up and with another runout things were starting to look very shaky. Dave Parrott was bowled for 0 and this really just left Tim Parrot and the ever present Scotty to attempt going for the win. At this point we required 7-8 per over so it was time to go for broke. However Tim fell while having a push outside off and Matt was bowled for 0 leaving Scotty stranded on 65. The Noa all out for 143, 24 short of victory.

So there we have it, we put up a brave fight and there really wasn't too much in it. (Just 2 Rangiora first graders... Did I just type that?) All agreed a great game that was played in great spirit, as is always the case with Rangiora. A Bye for us next week, a chance to freshen up before Oxford.

Lang 18
Cousins 6
Scott 65 Not Out
Olsen 9
Hamilton 12
Martin 6
McDonald 0
Tirikatene 0
Parrot D 0
Parrot T 3
McNabb 0