

Round 7 - 27th November - Swannanoa 3RD 11 vs Southbrook , Southbrook

For a change the weather was hot and clear. The track looked liked it had been mown out of the rough of a golf course or the backyard. The Noa team turned up two short, with no gear or ball. Eddie eventually arrived late, and Steve Cousins was dug out of the garden by Derek. Russell kindly donated a ball to be used.

Geoff went out to toss and Southbrook ended up batting. Mike and Geoff opened up, with Geoff doing the opening damage by taking 3 wickets. Russell's donated ball ended up in the boundary creek and disappearing. Aussie charged in with his shoes on, and ended up playing the rest of the game in bare feet. Southbrook donated a ball which ended up bouncing even less than the original ball.

At this point Matt and Russell were introduced, with Matt extracting considerable turn. His first very short ball ended up being hit straight to Nathan in the covers. His first full toss ended up in Rhys hands at backward square leg. Then for the second week in a row a Noa bowler ended up on a hat trick, with Matt taking two in two balls, but just missing the stumps with the hat trick ball. Russell chimed in with 2 wickets, leaving Nathan to take the last wicket. Southbrook all out for 38.

After a quick tea break, Eddie and Rhys opened up. Rhys missed the first swing at the ball, and the second one which ended up hitting the stumps - Noa 1 for 1. Enter Steve who proceeded to hit straight, but leave Eddie struggling for oxygen running between the wickets. A direct hit had Eddie short of his ground on another single. Noa 2 for 13. Enter Derek to partner Steve, but shortly after Steve was caught. Noa 3 for 16. Aussie was moved up the order to join Derek, and proceed to play extremely cautiously, while Derek scored the runs. Aussie was given out LBW to a bowler bowling around the wicket. Noa 4 for 24. Mike came in to join Derek. Derek took 14 of the next over and the scores were tied. The Southbrook captain threw the ball to Prowler (Ian to his friends), who then marked out his run, and then ran into bowl while Mike was looking round the field. He went back to his mark and bowled a wide down the legside - not called by the umpire. Next ball was wide outside the off - not called by the umpire. Next ball bounced twice before being defended by Mike - not called by the umpire. Prowler then disappear towards South Belt Rd, Mike asked where he was going to the close in fielders, who then rolled around with laughter. He came steaming in and was dispatched through the covers for a boundary - game over.

Bowling :

Mike 5 - 1 - 18 - 0

Geoff 5 - 1 - 3 - 5

Russell 5 - 2 - 2 - 3

Matt 6 - 2 - 4 - 7

Nathan 2 - 2 - 1 - 0

Batting :

Tirakatene Run Out 3

Kinder Bowled 0

Cousins Caught 8

Scott Not Out 18

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Hamilton Not Out 4