

Round 11 - 29th January - Swannanoa 3RD 11 vs Ohoka, Swannanoa

The day dawned fine enough but with rain about it wasn't certain whether we'd get a start on time. However, with the rain hitting Ohoka village but not making it to Swannanoa the game started on time. Ohoka were to bat first with Geoff and Mike H opening up the bowling. Geoff managed to snare one of their openers early for 2, but from there the Ohoka boys managed to score quite well without actually ever dominating. Rusty Drake came up to bowl and while providing chances, no one from The Noa was able to hold onto a catch. Ohoka moved along nicely with Hiatt and Sidey scoring freely and not looking to give away their wickets until Mike M was able to bowl Sidey for 40. From there a procession of wickets fell with 2 superb stumpings from Scotty (One given, one not). Once the run makers were removed we were able to pick up regular wickets with Rusty picking up 3 and a fine run out saw the end of Enersen. A rear guard action was used by Ohoka with Needham (The Ginger Ninja) knocking a quick fire 28 before Tim F was able to buy the final wicket with some lolly's pitching half way down the track. A superb boundary catch from Nathan saw the end of the ginger ninja and Ohoka were all out for 199. A good score that we would have to work hard at to come away with a win.

The standard opening partnership of Lang and Drake were sent out and both openers did their job well with a 96 run opening stand. They kept pace with the required run rate all the way through only falling slightly behind when the ginger ninja had the ball and was sending down the odd thunderbolt. After they both fell within 4 runs of each other, Lance Ryan then stepped up to the plate and along with Derek Scott pushed things through to 162 for 3 when Scotty fell to a dubious caught behind for 22. Lance carried on with Tim Fulton to get within 16 runs of victory before Lance fell for a very well compiled 46 (7 x 4's). Mike M came and went cheaply before Geoff Olsen strode to the crease and wasn't about to muck around hitting the nine runs required with 4 overs to spare. All in all a well constructed run chase. Bring on the school boys next week.

Scorecard

Olsen 5 0 1 24
Hamilton 8 2 2 28
Ryan 4 0 0 22
Lang 4 0 0 16
Drake 8 1 3 28
Martin 7 1 1 42
Adonis 2 0 1 20
Fulton .4 0 1 14

Drake 47
Lang 37
Ryan 46
Scott 22
Fulton 12 NO
Martin 2
Olsen 9 NO
DNB Adonis, Hamilton, Eletheriou, Southern.