MATCH REPORT

29/11/09

The Noa V Oxford

Despite the inclement weather the call was made by Fulton T that the game was on, only for him to pull out some minutes later, something about boiling water and towels. And so we arrived at 1pm to drizzle and cold, stood around for half an hour and indeed decided we would play.... Tim Os won the toss and elected to bat, sending the previously unbeaten Oxford boys into the wet and cold. After a cautious start Lang trying to lift the tempo but only succeeded in lifting the ball to midwicket where a comfortable catch was taken 1-7. This bought the skipper to the crease and he along with Derek set about upsetting the Oxford attack, this seemed to be working as there was a little sledging going on (Scotty later asked who their dickhead was), however just as things looked good Derek was judged LBW (for what I understand to be the third time this year), 2-27.

In came young Dugdale and due to the wet conditions and a very tight ring field it was evident that going over the top would be the only option to up the scoring rate, Os and Dugdale both did this with great effect scoring freely and both reached 50 within minutes of each other Os finally being dismissed for a very well complied 60.
At this time the decision had been made to bring in The Noa's own pinch hitter (now known as one innings Woods) unlike the previous week this did not pay off, the most entertaining part of the day came at the expense of Woodsie however and his ability to run/slide/ crawl between the wickets, in what I can only assume was the top half of his body looking for a third run but failing to tell his legs to run that fast. Woodsie blew a sand shoe and tripped and fell in spectacular fashion (to his credit he made his ground only to be out 2 balls later. This bought Jock to the wicket for the final few overs and he assisted Dugdale in getting us through to 192 for 4,Dougdale finishing 79 n/o.

D Scott 4
Lang 6
Dugdale 79
Osborne 60
McDonald 10
Woods 7
Olsen DNB
Eleftheriou DNB
Parrott DNB
Heffernan DNB
Cherry DNB

After a cup of tea to warm up, it was our turn in the field, the bowling was tight from the outset and Oxford lost wickets at regular intervals, by the end of the innings I think they had 5 fit players and had used 4 runners due to batsmen breaking down Aussie bowled a very good spell in capturing 3-13 off 7 overs and was supported by Phil with 2-14 off 7 overs. Oxford all out for 74.

Olsen 5-2-9-1
Heffernan 7-1-14-2
Eleftheriou 7-2-13-3
Cherry 4-0-15-0
Parrott 4-0-10-1
Lang 3-0-10-2

Back in the winners' circle, looking forward to next week.