MATCH REPORT

Mighty Noa Strikes again

Swannanoa vs Southbrook(?)

Match report 31/10/2009

A glorious Country summers day greeted the Noa lads on arrival. A light easterly was blowing through the #1 pitch. An examination of the wicket was 1st on the agenda, with Rusty teaching the younger fellas about cricket pitches always sitting north to south.

All padded up and ready to go. Out comes the ever-improving Derek Scott and his protégé Nathan Lang. The captain's advice was to take your time and see 10 overs out. Lovely strokes were played and balls slapped around (I'm not talking about Woodsie having some quiet time on the sideline with himself). These two were off to a great start until Mr Scott was caught off an unassuming delivery for a nice 27 runs. Nathan showing great class in his shot selection bringing up his 50 with style and proving he has what it takes to be part of the opening batting pair for the Noa for years to come.
In comes Rusty with some fire in his eyes. He proceeds to slam the ball all over the park racing to an impressive 59 runs in a mere 37ish balls.
Jason had a good go of it bringing up 24 with some lovely tee shots and putts.
The score was ticked along nicely with some of the other lads having a knock.
I must stress the shock and excitement in the team watching Zinny running a 3 for the first time in his life… But wait….. He does it again, bewilderment among lads and the applause erupts.

The Noa boys set a great challenge of 209 runs… time for a cup of tea and some home baking.

Mr Hamilton asked the opening bowling pair, which ends, they'd like and so we went about our business with Phil opening from the pavilion end and Mike Martin from the other. A few overs bowled and Southbrook were making an o.k. start. Mike and Phil were 5 overs each into it with not a lot of action happening. The decision was made to bring on The Captain himself to lead by example with Mr Drake down the other end. The class of Mike H and the tactical prowess of Mr Drake brought the start of the downfall of the Brook boys.

The catches were a coming with some great athleticism. Sir Gordon Fulton taking a rip snorter catch from the slips of Mike Hamilton bowling, I'm not sure if Gordon actually knew that he'd caught it until we told him, it may of just got stuck up his sleeve.
The bowling duties were spread around the lads with some great results. Ozzy welcoming a brook boy who had never held a bat in his hand, with a 3 step run up and 1 ball later the poor boy was sent packing with the middle stump still shaking.
The final wicket was taken when the Southbrook version of Teletubby was caught by Mr Marathon himself Lance Ryan. This left Southbrook 89 runs all out and good night nurse. The Noa get another victim.
Well done lads.
Stats from yesterday for the report;

Russell Drake - 59
Nathan Lang - 53
Derek Scott - 27
Jason Findlay - 24
Mark Sincock - 15 no
Tim Osbourne - 11
Mike Martin - 0 no
dnb: Lance Ryan, Mike Hamilton, Gordon Fulton, Phil Heffernan

Phil Heffernan - 5 overs, 2 maidens, 0 wickets, 9 runs
Mike Martin - 6, 1, 0, 16
Mike Hamilton - 5, 1, 3, 9
Russell Drake - 6, 0, 2, 11
Mark Sincock - 3, 0, 1, 10
Jason Findlay - 3, 0, 2, 8
Tim Osborne - 1, 1, 1, 0
Gordon Fulton - 0.2, 0, 1, 0