

Round 5 - 6th November - Swannanoa 3RD 11 vs Oxford, Oxford

Just prior to play commencing, the Swannanoa Team stood for a minutes silence for Chris Marsh who died suddenly on Thursday aged 52. Whilst Marsh only played a few seasons for the club he was a former adversary of Swannanoa for many years and his swashbuckling, “go for broke” style saw many a Swannanoa attack peppered to the boundary. He will always be remembered as a good bloke and we all enjoyed his company on and off the field.

Swannanoa won an important toss and inserted Oxford in to bat on a damp pitch. Oxford, a team full of nicknames like Bowser, Crazy Hippo and Zip were soon in trouble and never really recovered from a slow start to battle their way to 99 for 8.

Tight bowling by the Swannanoa seamers did the trick. Mike Hamilton had the interesting figures of 0 -7 off eight overs (which included four overthrows!). Keith (Aussie) Eletheriou relished the demotion to third grade to take 3 for 15 off 7 overs.

The chase commenced with the usually reliable openers being separated after 3 balls when Nathan Lang was caught out for a duck and when Andy Pope followed with the score at 25, the Oxford boys stated to get a little excited.

Enter the “little old master”, Lance Ryan playing his 30th year for the club and a 58 run partnership with Derek Scott saw the team home for a comfortable win with 18 overs to spare.

Ryan finished on 45 N O and Scott 14 NO.

Game

Oxford 99 for 8 40 Overs

Bowling G Olsen 1-21 8 overs

M Hamilton 0-7 8 overs

L Ryan 2-11 ` 6 overs

G Tapin 0-24 6 overs

R Drake 2-13 5 overs

K Eletheriou 3-15 7 overs

Swannanoa 100 for 3 22 Overs

N Lang 0

R Drake 18

A Pope 9

L Ryan 45 NO

D Scott 14 NO