

Apologies for a slightly late report on this exciting local fixture but with the sun again shining things can slip your mind.

A late start following local traffic issues meant a shortened game of 35 overs per side and matter did not begin well as with a couple of overs gone the spice dads had been dispatched with the score board having barely moved. Zack had his batting head on and was playing with solidity in defence and some power in attack. Marcus as always went for the power play option and was soon smashing the ball to all parts.

Sadly he fell to soon departing on 70 with the team score on 88 with Zack now joined by Jonny. The two youngsters put on an excellent partnership of 90 each looking in good touch.

Zack scored his maiden fifty including one beautiful pick up for six over the leg side before eventually departing for the team's top score of 73.

Jonny received a succession of partners the most amusing being the Bear, whose focus looked slightly dubious. His first ball was expertly smashed for two following which he muttered something about Cider, four cans and that he was seeing three balls. Well whichever ball he was 'focusing on' he managed to hit it though unfortunately off the back of the bat to gully.

Parf and John White senior each picked up ducks before Nev settled the ship to help Jonny bring proceedings to a close at 191 – 7

As Downe took to the field the Bear had decided enough was enough and had subbed himself for Brady who became the club's oldest playing member at somewhere in the late 70's. Brady as always was an example to the younger players, which at his age is everyone, and was running around reliving his youth!

To give the opposition a sporting chance skipper opened up with Spindles to join Zack. Two Warne's in tandem what a contrast, speed and slow drifters, youth and old age, hair gel and hair dye.

Well both took a wicket, don't recall how. Zack probably a beauty, Spindles most likely the batsmen falling on his stumps in eagerness of smashing it out the park.

The opposition moved from 37-3 to 75-4 before another solid partnership made things interesting with Jonny taking a couple of nice wickets.

Skipper the unleashed 'secret weapon' Sweet whose 4 overs somehow only went for 12 and included 2 wickets. The second an Lbw came after a long appeal and the words 'come on you must be kidding' before the finger was finally raised.

Sadly the score wasn't quite enough as the opposition won with 8 balls to spare in what was an enjoyable game