

Downe wilt in the Heat !!

For the second week running the team arrived to find a pitch clearly containing runs galore. A hard deck and a lightening straw coloured outfield, who'd be a bowler.

The previous fixture appears to have been erased from the records, and quite right to, but to be honest no one really cared such was Harry mania. Who'd have thought you'd see the day when die hard Chelsea fans Skipper and Tom would be seen hugging each other whilst singing 'He's one of our own' !

That the team slumped in a game having spent the previous 3 hours drinking beer and eating burgers was hardly surprising, though the fact that we got anywhere near the 200 plus score (25 overs) was a miracle especially as Trub was out in the second over. Doughnut was the main reason displaying some much needed authority. With 6 needed off the last ball thoughts however again turned to missed opportunities.

This week saw Crusaders, who have enjoyed much success over the years. This week Tom took the captains armband presumably as some form of disciplinary measure against Trub.

In recent weeks the much feared Downe batting line up has somewhat crumbled, but at least Spindles was back. The birthday boy (yes he is 49 and still no grey hairs) was back though there was to be no birthday beers for the team. A first ball block was followed by a second ball spoon to mid off. Clearly a tiring innings called for one thing, a nice shower and rest in the shade !

Liam and Doughnut then produced a reasonable partnership, with Doughnut continuing last weeks good form until his partner ran him out. Trub free from the captaincy reins produced a typical hard hitting cameo brought short by skying one. Liam chased a wide and soon the team were 4 down for not enough. The theme of the innings had been set with brief cameos from The Bear, Sweet and Josh with all falling to attacking shots. The last rites were not long in coming with the oppo skipper Spud producing a spell of a wicket a ball which must be a club first !

Excellent teas merely delayed the inevitable as the team attempted to defend a paltry 150 that would clearly never be enough, and so it was. Runs flowed fairly easily as anything off line or length was dispatched. An early wicket did fall in fortuitous circumstances as a full toss was sent skywards with Tom taking a nice catch. A couple of other difficult chances came and went before Trub took an excellent catch off Denzil.

The rest of the innings was pretty unremarkable except for a superb cameo spell from Nev who was unlucky not to pick up a wicket !

With cricket finished football could again take priority !

As the heat wave continues I think we should all take time to remember those groups, especially the elderly, who are susceptible to the heat.

If you have any elderly relatives please remember the following

- plenty of fluids (not gin)
- stay in the shade
- not to be left in locked cars

Sunstroke is no laughing matter