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After last weeks win against second place botany bay this week's opponents just happened to be top of the table langleybury. The M25 playing its part the last remaining players arrived bang on 1pm with Norm finding out that we had been stuck in on a very green looking wicket but was even more surprised to see Liam walking out with Boris (good to see the vice taking responsibility) and what a good idea it was. Boris was the dominant force early on but Liam soon found his feet playing shots all around the wicket and an opening stand of 80 was the result but Boris played a poor shot (his words were stronger) and was out for 30 odd, Carl didn't last long and Mad was caught and bowled so enter the child prodigy the best player in the world when he was 15 (by all accounts, yes even better than sachin) Rich Fahey!!! Rich & Leroy were full of shots some of Rich's cover drives were sublime and looked in fine form but with his score on 30 Rich was stumped from a tidy bit of bowling. Liam was joined by big Al who tucked in to the bowling like it was one of his dinosaur chops, timing the ball beautifully but was again out in the 30's but Norm and Sahil both chipped in with useful contributions but it was Liam's 60 odd that was the key to this innings, patient, sensible batting at the top of the order not bad from someone who had retired just the week before!!! Compton 228-7 off 53 overs

In reply Carl and the big man opened up and Carl almost immediately was on the money and Al at the other end was doing his best to hospitalize Flopo with his unique brand of leg theory bowling!!! The home side's batsman looked to play shots from the off creating half chances off seemingly every ball and the breakthrough came in the 10<sup>th</sup> over when Carl had one of the openers caught behind and the second followed soon after in similar fashion. Wicket number 3 came via what is about as good a slip catch you will see when Boris plucked the ball out of nowhere to give Mad his first of his 2 wickets and looking in good form with the ball (why didn't he tell us he could bowl last season???). Not for the first time, Adam's introduction gave us a wicket almost straight away with another Boris slip catch, his next was in the next over via a catch behind and his very next over he found himself on a hat-trick courtesy of some very strange batting, cannot say I have seen too many batsmen stumped first ball but hey we will take them any way they come!!! Norm brought Carl back to finish off the tail and he did his job in double quick time having the last two batsman caught behind to wrap up a quality win Langleybury all out for 114 off 36.5 Carl 4-20, Adam 4-30, Mad 2-33

Again the fielding was impressive and that give's the bowlers a lot of confidence, there is no reason why we cannot finish in the top ten but that is up to us. If we play like we can it could be an interesting 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season but we must turn up every week no matter whom the opposition are or were they are in the league. Well done EVERYONE!!!!

I really pity everyone who was not present to see our beloved captain make a complete arse of himself in the field, first of all he misjudged the slop and found himself in the middle of a 30 yard comedy stumble (but somehow managed to stay on his feet). Two balls later a routine throw back to the bowler saw Norm throw the ball straight up and another comedy stumble down the hill ensued it really was about as funny thing as you will see...well apart from Sahill's throwing that it is!!!!

Just a word on the Saturday's oppo, whom showed outstanding sportsmanship in walking not once or twice but 4 times to edges behind when the umpire's were unsure of the edge you should take a lot of credit for this I know a lot of club's that wouldn't. Good luck for the rest of the season!!

## THE TALE OF THE BELOW AVERAGE CRICKETER

This is the tale of a below average whom 18 season's ago joined Compton on a bosman from Richmond cc, for the purposes of this and to hide his embarrassment we will call him Floopy!!! Floopy joined as a keeper whom couldn't really keep or that matter bat or bowl and struggled to get out of his below average status. But after one second team game in which he somehow scored a fifty he set himself a trilogy of cricketing tasks

1. Score a 100
2. Take 5 wickets in an innings
3. Take 5 dismissals

An epic assignment for someone sooo below average but set about it he did and amazingly in 2003 he scored 101\* in a league match against radlett (having just missed three figures in a friendly the previous season) no one is quiet sure how he managed this, but people did witness it I'm led to believe and score 101\* he did!!

The following season "Floopy" playing a rare Sunday fixture (and being captain) took 5 for 50 odd again no one is really quiet sure how someone so below average could do this (they were all caught by the way) but again he did, so 2 down one to go!!!

6 long hard years later on a cloudy day in Hertfordshire his quest was finally complete with a big thanks to Adam & Carl "floopy" took not 5 but 6 dismissals and he told me after that he was actually very emotional afterwards...some of the players whom have played with "Floopy" for a long time have known exactly what this means to him and would like to thank everyone that played Saturday. The morale of the story is that no matter how bad you think you are, the more you play the better you will get and if you want it enough IT WILL COME!! But saying that "Floopy" is still very much a below average cricketer, and always will be!!!!



Fabio Capello is carried away from the England squad after the latest team was announced.

An afternoon that threatened rain saw Southgate Compton win the toss and bat first, only for the clouds to blow away and the innings start in sunshine. That was not to last long, both literally and metaphorically, the clouds came back and Cameron failed for the first time in 3 weeks, in the third over. Ed joined KW and scored 16 before he went with the score on 38 after 12 overs. At half way 3 more wickets had fallen, with only Luke getting into double figures, and only 85 on the board, but KW still at the crease and determined to accumulate some batting points. 9 more overs saw us on 148 before KW top-edged, yet again, for 72 and 6 batting points in the bag. Earlier in the season this would have marked the beginning of the end, but there is a greater resilience in our batting now and the next 3 batsman, Rajeev, Ben and Alakh saw us through to maximum batting points, With Ben ending not out 20 and H not out 4, seeing us pass 200 again.

Remembering the strength of WX's batting from last year, 201 did not look a huge score and we realised that we still had an uphill struggle but with Rhodesy getting a wicket in the first over, we began to hope. Alas, the other opener stuck at it, even though we anticipated him getting out every ball, and the number three set about demolishing our attack. Early on he hit a thunderous drive to the right of KW at mid-off and in attempting to catch it he diverted the ball onto his head, having taken most of the pace out of it, but leaving him with a severely bruised hand and somewhat of a passenger in the field for the rest of the game.

The next wicket didn't fall until the 23rd over when Ben took a good catch behind for Dave's second wicket and the end of the opener, with the score on 116. The number 3 continued to bludgeon 4's and 6's, ably supported by the number 4, before he went on 141 in the 27th over, c & b by Dave, and then 2 more wickets fell in the 29th over, one dowed and the second caught by Cameron, to give Dave his first 5 wicket haul of the season. Although we managed to slow WX III's progress, the inevitable win came in the 36th over with their number completing his century.

Another good team effort by us and 15 points enabled us to lift ourselves to third from bottom.

### Ology Quiz - answers

- 1) Hydrology is the study of water?
- 2) The scientific study of animals is called zoology?
- 3) Odontologists study teeth?
- 4) Channel 4's long-running archaeological programme is Time Team?
- 5) Horology is the study of clocks and watches
- 6) Seismology is the study of earthquakes?
- 7) Exobiology is the study of life in outer space?
- 8) You would find a speleologist in a cave?
- 9) Eggs are studied in oology?
- 10) Palaentology is the study of fossils?

### Upcoming Colts Fixtures

The colts teams are coming to the end of their season. Please support these games.

22 June	U13	Tuesday	6pm	Mill Hill Village	Away
25 June	U15	Friday	6pm	Southgate Adelaide	Home
27 June	U11	Sunday	10am	Southgate Adelaide	Away
29 June	U15	Tuesday	6pm	London Maccabi Vale	Home
30 June	U13	Wednesday	6pm	Edmonton B	Home
4 July	U11	Sunday	10 am	Wilf Slack	Away
8 July	U13	Thursday	6 pm	Wilf Slack	Away

Teamsheet		Saturday 26 June	
Team	1st XI - Home	2nd XI - Away	
Opponents	Datchworth	Hertford IV	
Start Time	1.00pm	1.00pm	
Meet	12.00 noon	11.30 am	
Ground	Hadley Field	Mangrove Road, Hertford, Herts, SG13 8AJ	
Away Directions	From A10 take A414 to Hertford and turn left at sign to Balls Park. Along Mangrove Road take 3rd entrance on left. From A1, take A414 to Hertford, turn right to Balls Park off road to A10. <b>(PROBABLY ARTIFICIAL!!!)</b>		
	A Shah	Captain	K Walker
	L Frame	Rope off Wicket	R Patel
	A Frame	Outside Tables	D Rhodes
	R Fahey	Scorebox	G Pierson
	C Frame	Rope off Wicket	B Shearly
	A Heaney	Rope off Wicket	C Wallis
	A Grayson	Tea Tables	G Wallis
	S Shah	Outside Tables	L Kelly
	D Nicholls	Boundary	A Porges
	M Vulimiri	Screens	P Arif
	D Driffill	Screens	A Pandit
Umpire	Day	Any Volunteers	
Scorer	Lawless	Any Volunteers	
		Sunday 27 June	
Team	Sunday XI - Home - 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary		
Opponents	Inter-club match		
Start Time	2.00pm		
Meet	1.00pm		
Ground	Hadley Field		
Directions			
Players	L Frame	D Anderson	If England are playing on Sunday we'll do a twenty over match, either side of the England game - so will probably need to start about 1.00pm. If there is no England game we'll play a 40 over match starting at 2.00pm.  For those of you thinking these teams don't look very fair; these are just the players, teams will be decided in due course.
	S Shah	B Shearly	
	D Driffill	B Sayers	
	A Grayson	A Porges	
	C Frame	R Hancocks	
	A Heaney	Paul	
	M Vulimiri	L Kelly	
	A Shah	P Arif	
	D Rhodes	T Pierson?	
	R Fahey	T Lovell?	
	C Wallis	J Ahir?	
Umpire	Any Volunteers?		
Scorer	Any volunteers?		



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