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News

Newsletter back to normal this week (ie crap).

As we reach the last week of the World Cup, we can ask the question on everyone's lips.... "How do I get a Vuveleza out of my anal orifice?". Answer next week, AL.

1st XI

1st XI report by Tennessee Williams

It was sticky. Sticky and hot. Blisteringly hot. Stunningly hot. Up on the boardwalk the mad one-eyed bag woman, her jet black skin slick with sweat sang of love, life and jambalaya. Her voice was sweet, plummy as jam, but the words were a fragmented memory. The peace was suddenly broken as the men from Bushey arrived. Instead of the normal fist fight a toss determined the spoils and it was with amazement that the winners were prised from the cool of the gazebo and into the baking field.

After hours we ended with 233-8 in 53 overs. Main contributors were Liam (20), Sahil (49), Al (28), the captain Aaron (13*) but mainly the dusky warrior, Madhav with a stylish and hard hitting 91

The men from Bushey were not to be denied their victory despite some heroic bowling, as they reached 234 8 in 45.5 Overs.

The Bushey faced captain made an unbeaten 150.

The main Bowlers were Liam (22.5 Overs 3 Maidens 94 Runs 3 Wickets) and Driffill (15 Overs 0 Maiens 79 Runs 3 Wickets)

We drifted to the bar in the cool of the evening to watch the lissom and lithe Claudette in her torn white chiffon shirt, her breasts heaving as she fought to breathe in the arid air. Her body was flawed, yet she oozed a smoky sexuality which spread throughout the room like a lambent Scottish mist.....

Next week.....Report by J D Salinger

2nd XI vs

Another warm afternoon with KW planning to put the oppo in if he gets the chance after last week's runfest, but alas, he calls wrongly and Compton are invited to bat first. 'We must make sure of the 10 batting points' was the rallying call as we left the changing rooms and a first wicket stand of 64, with both KW and Cameron scoring equally freely, seemed to set a good foundation. Then Cameron played across a straight ball and was out LBW and 3 overs later KW missed a straight one from the first change bowler and was out LBW. Suddenly we were 74 for 2 and it was time for the rest of the batting to prove their worth. Alas, it was not to be, and reminiscences of our earlier matches came flooding back as we tumbled to 103 all out after 34 overs, with only Gary showing some determination not to give his wicket away, the last to fall for 15.

Another dismal batting performance and although the wicket was somewhat unpredictable on height, there was no justification for our meek surrender and tea was spent in a depressing silence watching the latest World Cup quarter final and dreading the task of defending a total that was 140 runs short of the total we couldn't defend last week.

However, by the time we took the field we had convinced ourselves that we had a chance providing we bowled and fielded well and most importantly, took any catches offered. Rhodesy bowled his first ball full and on leg stump, whereupon the leftie opener hit it firmly in the air to square leg but it didn't stick! This was not a good omen but instead of dropping our heads it made us more determined. In his the third over Dave got one to move away and with the faintest of nicks Ben took a very good catch coming forward and low down. The left hander, who scored 80 odd against us last season, graciously walked, since it was not obvious that the umpire was going to give it and he later confirmed that he had not heard the nick. In the next over Cam got the edge of the other opener and Gary diving to his left and at least 2 feet off the ground (I know difficult to imagine) caught the ball in his palm, but as his fingers curled around it, it popped out owing to the pace it was travelling. A stunning effort. In the next over Dave got his second wicket, bowled and 3 overs later Cam contributed with another bowled. After 8 overs Letchworth were 16 for 3 and our hopes had risen. However, the other opener was proving to be difficult to shift and we had to wait until the 15th over for our next wicket, caught KW bowled Dave and then until the 21st over for the next, c&b Dave.

Letchworth were now 45 for 5 with Dave returning to form with 4 wickets. When their young lady joined the opener at the wicket we felt sure that this was it. However, she added a stubborn streak to their innings, and adding to her bowling efforts of 3 wickets for 7 runs, we started to feel less confident. Concentrating on the opener Dave finally had him caught by Cameron off a slower ball. Despite the dogged resistance of the young lady, she lasted until over 40 when she was caught by Ben off an edge from Gary we managed to bowl them out for 91 in the 43rd over and claim our first win. This was a great team effort in the field with Howard contributing 6 over for 3 runs, Cameron bowling fast and well with 3 wickets for 30, Gary taking 2 wickets for 5 when we were getting anxious that they might just do it. Good catches from Rob, Arron and Howard at important times underlined the fact that 'catches win matches'. Man of the match though goes to Dave Rhodes who showed his old enthusiasm in the face of adversity to finish with figures of 5 for 44 from 22 overs. A great win but please, my nerves won't stand another tense low-scoring match, so we need to get back to our 200 plus scores and to do this, the middle order need to start contributing!

Weekly Quiz

1	What is the highest rank an officer in the British army can hold?
2	Of which country is Mswati III, who currently has 13 wives, King?
3	According to Boney M, who was "Russia's greatest love machine"?
4	Which Greek hero killed the Minotaur?
5	Which oriental sleuth was played by Warner Oland, Sidney Toler and Roland Winters in a number of films in the 1930s and 1940s?
6	What fraction of a second is a microsecond?
7	The Punic Wars were fought between which two ancient cities?
8	Which rank of Clergyman should be addressed as Venerable?
9	How many universities were founded in Scotland before the Union of the Crowns in 1603?
10	"Honi Soit qui mal y pense" is the motto of what?

11	Which French striker was sent home from the World Cup after abusing the coach?
12	Which cyclist has announced that this year's Tour de France will be his last?
13	Who is the Northern Irish golfer who was the first European to win the US Open for 40 years?
14	Who has knocked the defending Men's Singles Champion out of the French Open for the last two years?
15	Which company will be supplying tyres to Formula 1 from 2011?
16	Which country knocked Italy out of the World Cup, after beating them 3-2 in their final group game?
17	In which country did the Scotland Rugby Union team achieve their first overseas series win in June?
18	Which international cricketer shares his surname with a brand of champagne?
19	How many games were played in the epic final set played by John Isner and Nicolas Mahut in their first round match at Wimbledon this year?
20	In which South African city did England suffer their worst World Cup Finals defeat?

David Blaine is reportedly furious after England crashed out of the World Cup – his record of doing absolutely nothing in a box for 42 days was broken by Wayne Rooney.

The England team visited an orphanage in Cape Town today. "It's heartbreaking to see their sad little faces with no hope," said Jamal, aged six.

I hear Oxo are making a new product. The packaging is white with a red cross and they're calling it the laughing stock.

What's the difference between the England team and a tea bag? The tea bag stays in the cup longer.

Fabio Capello was wheeling his shopping trolley across the supermarket car park when he noticed an old lady struggling with her bags of shopping. He stopped and asked, "Can you manage dear?" To which the old lady replied: "No way. You got yourself into this mess. Don't ask me to sort it out!"

What do you call an Englishman in the knockout stages of the World Cup? A referee.

Apparently that fan had no trouble slipping into the England dressing room – Robert Green was guarding the door.

I can't believe we only managed a draw against a rubbish team we should easily have beaten. . . . I'm ashamed to call myself Algerian.

What does the Englishman do when England wins the World Cup? He switches off the Play Station.

Ronnie
Wisdom

A welcome return for this popular Compton legend to help members with questions of all sorts...factual, emotional, financial. You name it, and Ronnie will answer it. Please feel free to write in with questions, no matter how embarrassing.



Ronnie, could you tell us all you know about the RAF?

Well, the Dambusters–633 Squadron did happen and so did D Day – they weren't just films.

How many were killed on the D Day beaches – Omaha, Gold, Juno etc?



Well, I thought Dunkirk had only one beach!

Ron, why do we put the clocks back and forward?



Well, it's for something called daylight saving. They save an hour's daylight in a big room, so that if anything happens, we can get it out and use it later.

Ron, my girlfriend says she is a lesbian. What should I do?



Aha, that old chestnut. Take her home to Lesbia occasionally, then she won't be homesick!

Teamsheet		Saturday 10 July	
Team	1st XI - Away	2nd XI - Home	
Opponents	Hitchin II	Letchworth V	
Start Time	1.00pm	1.00pm	
Meet	11.30pm	12.00 am	
Ground	Lucas lane, SG5 2JA	HADLEY FIELD	
Away Directions	A505 from Luton, over mini roundabout, left at next roundabout onto Bedford Road. Go passed Esso garage on left & Waitrose on right. Pass West Hill on left & at traffic lights turn left into Oughtonhead Way then after 50 yards take the 1st left after Sir John Barleycorn pub into Bedford Street. Follow road all the way to the top of the hill.		
	Shah A	Captain	Walker K
	Shah S		Williams H
	Heaney A		Rhodes D
	Ahir J		Wallis G
	Wallis C		Shearly B
	Driffill D		Porges A
	Frame L		Kelly L
	Frame C		Pandit A
	Nicholls D		Puddick E
	Fahey R		Patel R
	Grayson A		Pierson G
Umpire	Day	Any Volunteers	
Scorer	Lawless	Any Volunteers	
		Sunday 11 July	
Team	Sunday XI - Home	Sunday 2nd XI - Away	
Opponents	Old Minchendenians	Wormley	
Start Time	1.00pm NOTE TIME!!!!!!!	2.00pm	
Meet	12.30pm	12.45pm	
Ground	Hadley Field		
Directions	Go to Wormley		
Team	Rhodes D	Captain	Boris
	Frame L	Bar	Ben
	Frame C	Scorebox	Luke
	Shah S	Rope off Wicket	Callum
	Driffill D	Rope off Wicket	Peri
	Sayers B	Tea Tables	Alakh
	Lovell T	Outside Tables	Kunal
	Nathan	Boundary	Rajeev
	Aimir	Screens	Derrick
	Aerts M	Screens/Match fees	Cameron
	Porges A	Boundary	Keith
Umpire	Any Volunteers?		
Scorer	Any volunteers?		



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