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1st XI

Last week's 1st XI report written by Tennessee Williams was instead of our normal correspondent, whose report arrived a little late. But in the interests of literary comparison, here it is:

Saturday saw bushey visit Hadley field on Saturday and Norm was asked to bat Rich and Boris didn't last long so Sahill and Liam got the scoreboard ticking over with Sahill again looking in really good form but when Liam got caught on the boundary it was big Al's turn to have a go at some average bowling and he did but unfortunately Sahill got a pretty good ball and was out 1 shy of what would have been a very good 50 Madhav was up next and it was good to see the form of last season return at last, after a steady start he cut loose playing some very big shots and was in the last over for just a few short of what would have been a well deserved 100 having been SUPPORTED by all. Compton 233-9 off 53overs



There are many terms, words or statements that could be used to sum up the bowling of the first 13 or so over's but I will keep it polite by saying it was "not very good" giving the oppo about 70 runs in this time and looking like a team that has not won a game all season. we finally joined the party when we got the 2nd wicket but 3 people stood head and shoulders above the rest, Norm showed all his experience in field by not doing nearly every other captain would have done in chasing the ball he set disciplined fields and asked the bowlers to ball to them and to create pressure which they did!!

2nd up is Shaggy who most people know can bowl but in the past has nearly only been seen turning his arm on a Sunday, but Saturday saw shaggy step up and bowl easily his best spell

for the club apart from a little spell in the middle of the innings he bowled a great line and length and asked questions nearly every ball, he got his chance and took it and lets hope his bowling develops as quickly as the rest of his game seems to be.

But most important was a fantastic spell of bowling by Liam, after 4-5 years of doing next to nothing wrong with the ball and a season after finishing with 60 league wickets he really has struggled with form and injury this season but on Saturday he returned to form bowling through the pain when we needed it the most to bowl through the inning in hot condition and almost seeing us to victory but alas we fell just two wickets short losing in the penultimate over due to an innings of 150 from a very good player, playing about 5 levels below what his obvious ability should be playing, but well done to bushey, but 18 points is a pretty good return.

Like in life sometimes you have to fight when things are not going your way we cannot just throw the towel in went the going gets tough!!! Try it, you never know!!!!

And this weeks.....

Having travelled up to Hitchin in the sweltering heat it was up to Normie to win the toss!! Alas he called wrongly and we were put in the field. The players eventually got the message, after the third time of checking with the oppo, after Normie forgot what happened at the toss!!!

Carl and Liam opened and Liam got the No. 1 bat caught behind with the score on 9 - the Hitchin men then got stuck in and bowling changes saw Cameron and Alex introduced but it wasn't until the 24th over that another wicket fell a stumping from Flops off Alex 90-2. Another wicket followed on the same score and again a Flops/Heaney collaboration. Caught behind 90-3!

Young Driffs took over from Cameron to see if we could "spin" out some of the Hitchin men. After a run out (sharp work from Leroy in the gully and a good take from flops) to get the hard hitting No. 2 who amassed 51 the score was now 136-4. Driffs then got a caught behind with the score unchanged 136-5.

A tired Alex was taken out of the attack and Carl re-introduced and bowled the no 6 (180-6) - Unfortunately there were no further wickets and Hitchin completed their 53 overs on 202-6. Fielding in the heat was not easy. Misfields & dropped catches contributed to the Hitchin score! With more disciplined bowling, that we could set a good field to, we could have taken some early wickets and got into the relatively weak middle order sooner. Tea was taken and the target was then set upon.

Openers Boris and newly promoted Cameron took to the Crease and Boris was soon back out having faced only 4 balls! 1-0. Cameron soon followed having hit a lovely 4 but was then out bowled 5-2. Richey Fahey and Sahil then put on a decent partnership of 38 with Richie scoring only 5 before he was out caught behind. The "disciplined" Alex then took to the crease and we were hopeful of a big score from him but after two lovely 4s and a couple of singles the "old" Al suddenly re-appeared and a rush of blood saw him bowled by the first ball off the Hitchin spinner 62-4 and suddenly a defeat was a possibility!

Sahil was batting really well and reached his 50 off 95 balls and again a reasonable partnership developed between him and Jay before the latter was out C&B for 9 (88-5). Young Driffs joined Sahil and shots flowed well with a partnership of 32 before Driffs was out LBW for 19 with the score now 120-6. An injured Liam came in and was soon out adjudged caught behind, a decision he contested, but now 120-6 and the target was getting less likely. Captain Normie came in and both he and Sahil batted really well to give us a glimmer of hope in attaining the target before Sahil after a truly impressive innings finally succumbed caught behind on 85 with the score on 165-8 after 42.3 overs. A decision to just stay in and go for the draw was reached but unfortunately Carl still got run out having been sent back by Normie with the score on 168-9. Flops then joined his captain and we finished 170-9 off our allotted 47 overs.

Fair dues to the Hitchin bowlers who bowled well with their opener getting 5-55 in two spells-but in a game that on paper should have been won we came away with just 12 points.

MOM had to be Sahil who batted really well to get his maiden 50 for the ones (after his 49 the previous week) and whilst he was in kept us in with a shout!

Linda "Hemingway" Lawless & Boris "Oscar" Grayson.

Where are they now?

This week - Wayne Hills



The beer swilling hippie fast bowler was seen recently with a begging bowl in front of the Oxfam shop in Southgate, giving passers by the benefit of his experience.

As soon as he had acquired £5 he would pick up his mongrel lurcher, his ukulele, and his star wars figurines chess set and buy a litre bottle of cider, 2 liquorice shoelace and 5 woodbines.

If you see him, do not approach within 10 yards, or he may talk about his 7 wickets at Harold Hill.

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Sunday

Sunday saw Compton get two Sunday sides out for the first time in yonks. The development side faced Wormley, with Cam winning the toss and choosing to bat first. He set the tone with a well made fifty, ably supported by Ben who made a 30 odd, a personal best. The middle order struggled a little, but a quick cameo from Boris saw us to 213.

After a great tea, the Wormley bats got off to a quick start, hitting anything slightly loose for boundaries. However, Peri and Alakh, our young openers, stuck at it and the rewards came from some top fielding from Timmy - once the other fielders' yells woke him up!!! This set the tone for the match as we held catch after catch. Luke and Del were the change bowlers, quickly settling into a good rhythm. The experience of Del quickly showed, as the Wormley bats decided to try and hit him out the park, rather than build an innings. Most succeeded once, but not again, as Del picked up three (and 'ruined the game'). It was great to see Callum jump at the opportunity to bowl, I think we have another Inky/Geoff in the making, his floaters finished the game off courtesy of a great catch from Egg at long on off a skier.

An enjoyable day and hopefully some similar games to follow.

It's the under 13s' turn next week, with a 40 over match versus the Adelaide. 1.00 start. Be good to have a few supporters up.

Paul the Octopus to pick Southgate Compton Teams in future!



2nd XI vs
Sawbridge-
worth

Another hot afternoon and another opposition team who think they can bowl us out easily, and on winning the toss put us in.

Determined to make them pay KW and Geoff open a little circumspectly, given the state of the wicket, which is definitely assisting the bowling side.

All is well until the 10th over when Geoff nicks a rising ball to the keeper and we're 27 for 1. With the wicket still misbehaving we manage to reach 49 for 3 after 16 overs, with KW still there on 27, although not looking at all in command. The next wicket falls as soon as KW reaches 50, with Arron lunging forward and giving a simple catch, having scored a useful 14, with the score at 98 for 4. Luke joined KW and together they made sure of the 10 batting points before KW was out to a tired shot for 93, with Luke following in the next over for a very good 27. Thanks to a typical Dave Rhodes innings of 18 from 13 balls aided by a sensible 6 n/o from Ben, we ended up with 203 for 8 and believing that we had enough runs.

During our innings the wicket had become a lot quicker and although you still had to take care, batting had become easier and Sawbridgeworth made it count. We started well with Dave Rhodes bowling the opening bat in his second over and the number 3 being caught a few overs later by KW at short square leg. We then struggled to break the third wicket partnership, with the number 4 being dropped twice before he was well caught off Dave by Arron, low down at mid on. By this time the other opener was operating with a runner but although he was not scoring freely we could not shift him until Alakh came on to bowl and Geoff took a good catch at gully and then the new batsman was caught by KW off Alakh, after playing some excellent drives. Although we had 5 wickets down SBW were still in the game and a productive partnership from their numbers 6 and 7 brought their score ever closer. Once again Dave got the breakthrough bowling the number 7, quickly followed by Howard catching the new batsman, again off Dave, and we still had a chance. Our hopes were dashed when the incoming batsman swung across the line to a good length ball and almost hit it into Trent Park! A couple of scurried singles and the last over started with 3 runs required. The first ball was hit to extra cover where Gary took a great catch to his left, 201 for 8. We were somewhat perplexed to discover that the batsman had 'crossed' so that the not out batsman was facing, but our enquiry to the umpire was met with his assertion that they had crossed. This left us no choice but to try and defend the singles and the next ball was hit through the gap for four and SBW had won by 2 wickets with 4 balls left.

An exciting game with another excellent bowling performance from Dave with 6 wickets and an ever improving Alakh with 2, but another defeat.

We are still second from bottom, but by picking up so many bonus points we are only 28 points behind the 6th from bottom.....

This week we play Flamstead II and must win!!

1	The highest rank an officer in the British army can hold is Field Marshall
2	Mswati III, who currently has 13 wives, is King of Swaziland
3	"Russia's greatest love machine" was Rasputin
4	Thesues killed the Minotaur
5	The oriental sleuth was Charlie Chan
6	A microsecond is one millionth of a second
7	The Punic Wars were fought between Rome and Carthage
8	You would address an Archdeacon as Venerable
9	4 universities were founded in Scotland before the Union of the Crowns in 1603?
10	"Honi Soit qui mal y pense" is the motto of the Order of the Garter
11	Nickolas Anelka was sent home from the World Cup after abusing the coach
12	Lance Armstrong has announced that this year's Tour de France will be his last
13	Graham McDowell was the first European to win the US Open for 40 years
14	Robin Soderling knocked the defending Men's Singles Champion out of the French Open for the last 2 years
15	Pirelli will be supplying tyres to Formula 1 from 2011
16	Slovakia knocked Italy out of the World Cup, after beating them 3-2 in their final group game
17	Argentina provided Scotland Rugby Union team with their first overseas series win in June
18	Doug Bollinger shares his surname with a brand of champagne
19	158 games were played in the epic final set. John Isner beat Nicolas Mahut 80-78
20	Bloemfontein saw England suffer their worst World Cup Finals defeat

Teamsheets		Saturday 17 July	
Team	1 st XI - Away	2 nd XI - Home	
Opponents	Hatch End	Flamstead II	
Start Time	1.00pm	1.00pm	
Meet	11.30pm	12.00 am	
Ground	Grimsdyke Road, Hatch End, HA5 4PW	Hadley Field	
Away Directions	Follow Uxbridge Road to Hatch End. Turn into Grimsdyke Road, second right into Hillview Road, then first left into Colburn Avenue. Entrance 200 yards on left.		
	Shah A	Captain	Walker K
	Shah S		Williams H
	Heaney A		Rhodes D
	Vulimiri M		Wallis G
	Frame A		Shearly B
	Driffill D		Porges A
	Frame L		Kelly L
	Frame C		Pandit A
	Nicholls D		Wallis C
	Fahey R		Patel R
	Grayson A		Game R
Umpire	Day	Any Volunteers	
Scorer	Lawless	Any Volunteers	
		Sunday 18 July	
Team	Sunday XI - Away		
Opponents	Reed II	Blacksmith Lane, Royston, SG8 8AX	
Start Time	2.00pm	Off A10 between Royston and Buntingford. Turn opposite Silver Ball cafe. Ground between no 12 & 13 on right (about 200 yds from A10).	
Meet	1.30pm at Reed		
Ground	Near Royston		
Directions			
Team	Rhodes D	Captain	
	Creed D		
	Driffill D		
	Frame L		
	Frame C		
	Shah S		
	Porges A		
	Nathan		
	Aimir		
	Arif P		
	Pierson G		
Umpire	Any Volunteers?		
Scorer	Any volunteers?		



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