

## Match Report

Bledlow Ridge 1s v Cublington 1s Away

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013

### SCOTT SLEEP WALKS PAST DEMISE OF AUSTRALIAN

BRCC 165-9 (53 ov)

Cublington 166-4 (40 ov)

#### **Lost by 6 wickets.**

Scott Waite managed to play the whole of this match whilst asleep, a state induced by over-indulgence in the Dolphin the evening before, and managed to miss not only the removal of Cublington's Australian from the field of play but also his own innings.

In fact he played the whole game, including the journey to and from Cublington, in silence, sleep-talking not being one of the skills he has mastered.

Talking is not something that David Maunder has any problem with however and he has become Australian over the weekend, exhorting all the bowlers with phrases that inevitably end with the word "mate".

We had two collapses – not including Scott's permanent state – and two recoveries. RolfeDog (18) supported Middsy and the score fell from 60-1 to eventually get to about 90-3 and turned into 105-6. In all this Middsy managed to blast a ball back so hard it broke the finger of their Aussie bowler who exclaimed quite calmly "I've broken my finger" and he went to hospital to have it confirmed that he had broken his finger.

This would have been the perfect shot from Middsy had the bowler not caught him out for 42. Well the number is irrelevant really.

Scott batted and blasted a couple of straight drives through mid-wicket for four before absolutely blattering a ball hard, sixty-yards into the hands of a sleep-walking fielder who did not have to move, so that Scott trudged of and returned to his 100% comatose state.

BenDog made 30+ not out with a fine array of attacking shots notably a pull that would have done Russ proud... well it did make Russ proud. Taggart who always appears asleep when he bats made a worthy 1 not out.

We fought hard in the field but without Dakes and Ben without his radar, we are a bowler or two short. However the day's bowlers bowled well but Cublington progressed to 70 or 80 before the breakthrough induced by Taggart. His only poor ball of a fine over induced a lofted shot to Saeed whose lady friend had been helping our cause by systematically appearing in front of one or other sightscreen at opportune moments. On one such occasion when Saeed waived at her to move on she quite sweetly waived back... an exchange that went completely unnoticed by Scott.

To add to his 23 overs last week Taggart bowled and bowled and bowled for just one wicket while Saeed bowled very well at the other end getting their best batsman LBW, best batsmen that is if you discount their Aussie who was by now in hospital, something that completely passed Scott by.

After a lengthy spell MacTaggart was replaced by Russ who got a wicket caught behind by Dave Maunder - in his mouth I think – second ball a fact which caused MacTaggart some annoyance.

There was time for one more wicket, again to Russ when RolfeDog took a catch and was accused of falling rather than diving by Middsy, he of the mid-off collapse-in-the-heap-when-the-ball-comes, type of dive

And so we lost by 6 wickets against the top-of-the-table side but in fighting hard and getting that final wicket and extra point that goes with it, we lifted ourselves off the bottom of the division.

A fact that has completely passed Scott by.

RolfeDog