

## CAPTAIN'S REPORT CARD

Captain: Martin Harris      Team: BRCC 2      Opposition: Nondies 3      2/6/18		
Result: Nondies 40 all out    BRCC 43-0    Won by 10 wickets		
Area of Activity	Grade	Comments
Pre-match communication	B	Martin has adapted himself well to adopting modern communication techniques like WhatsApp and it is good to see him joining in with the banter at times with gentle witticisms. Well done Martin, keep it up, but just the one message as to who has the keys will do!
Arranging teas	C+	I feel this is an area where Martin could perhaps be a little more forceful. If he looks at the team sheet and doesn't see any obvious candidates, he will end up doing tea himself every week. Come on Martin, don't be afraid to tell the players they have a job to do. Stick a pin in the team sheet and get them told. Nice job on the tea though, however watch out for the overuse of pork based products in this league.
The toss	B-	Good job on calling Martin. Well done and of course normally in div 9 bowling first is the right call. One small note of caution. Count how many players are actually at the ground before opting to bowl. Sometimes having 6 fielders plus the bowler and wicket keeper for the first over can play into the opposition's hands a little
Use of bowlers	A-	Great to see young Charlie Carter getting first use of the new ball (0-9 from 5) and I was impressed with how Martin kept the foot on the throat by bowling Hari Bala right through (10-2-16-4). An inspired decision to give Junaid a spell on debut (4.1-1-11-5 incl hat trick). Perhaps at 30-8, some might have been tempted to share a little of the bowling around, but good to see Martin not just knock the opposition down but kick them repeatedly in the head!!!
Killer instinct	D-	In contrast to his highly professional deployment of his bowlers, Martin needs to work on suppressing his compassion for individual players in the opposition. Just because the kid at the other end is 13, has more protection than Theresa May, doesn't seem to know which end of the bat to hold and is sobbing gently as he approaches the crease, does NOT mean we go easy on him. Fortunate to have 'club royalty' (in joke) on hand on this occasion for consultation and the right result next ball. Keep working on this Martin and remember that mercy is for wimps 😊
Field Placement	A+	Admittedly it is a lot easier to set the field when you are bowling a side out for 40, but Martin showed some excellent initiative and authority in this area. Noticing that Lloyd was not looking at his most svelte, he placed him at 2 <sup>nd</sup> slip where he took 2 very sharp

		catches (a rarity indeed in div 9) and when Hari asked for a mid-wicket, he was told in no uncertain terms that he needed to bowl at the off stump. Great work Martin, well done!!! Remember, when batsman hit the ball into gaps, it's not because the field is wrong, it's because the bowler bowled in the wrong place.
Batting order and participation generally	B	Tricky situation chasing down 40 as we have to hope not too many people will get a bat, so nice decision to open with Jovan (16*) and Fahan (12*). Shame we couldn't get debutante Rohit into the game, but he was down to bat at 3 and Jov tried his hardest to get him in, but Nondies refused to actually catch any of the dollies he put up.
Post match	B	Nice piece of delegation to get Chesh to do the money and availabilities (as he had done sod all else all day), and nice bit of tidying up and general administration. Martin needs to better familiarize himself with the match reporting system (or find someone under 25 who knows how to work a smartphone). Sloping off early is OK when you lose, but when the result goes the right way, it is good to see the captain sit around for hours, get steaming drunk and enlighten the rest of the club as to the wisdom and cunning of their captaincy strategy.
Overall Grade	B+	Martin is a likeable and popular member of the team, and whilst these are nice attributes in normal people, I would like to see Martin work a little more on being a nasty b@\$&@%(). I'm sure that as the season wears on, the unending chore of selection, the ever absence of sufficient keys to get into the clubhouse without setting off a nuclear alert, the seemingly infinite number of reasons why players are late, the Friday night call offs, the inability of bowlers to understand the excellent field he has set them, the inability of batsmen to understand that they are meant to score runs before they get out and the incessant and interminable flood of advice from every other club member as to what he is doing wrong will soon grind him down to the empty lifeless husk that is most ex captains. In the meantime, great work Martin, keep it up!