

Bledlow Ridge 2s v Horspath 3s 4s

Saturday 31st August 2013

Match Report

Horspath 3s 201 all out (46 ov)
BRCC 2s 155 all out (47 ov)

Lost by 46 runs

The story of Horspath's innings was mostly that the age of our Veteran's Veteran bowler Paul "Dales" Daly was about the same as the combined ages of the four young superstars who bowled mostly at the other end.

Dales took 5-50 including one diving catch in ultra slow motion which is what happens when you age: you not only cannot get up fast, you can't fall down fast either.

Joe came on late on and whirled some effective leg-spin with 3-54 and by this time our Keeper Shakey had finally adopted kneeling down as the most effective position in which to do the wicketkeeping job.

In this manner he had earlier taken a stumping off Shaun albeit it that Shakey was standing – sorry kneeling – back and had to roll the ball some way. More impressive than Shakey's 'keeping was Alan Goulden's fielding and we expect his twins fielding is better than Shakey's 'keeping too.

Suddenly Dan Maunder appeared with a young lady. He was not playing cricket today. Neither was she. David Oxford English Graduate who was, explained that she was American (what's wrong with that?) and that they hadn't seen much of each other lately (ah yes I know the problem) and that he was taking her to see once that evening as a surprise gift. This seemed a bad use of syntax by an Oxford English Graduate but perhaps 'once' should have a capital O? I reflected on how much fun it would be to shout out to this happy couple "He's taking you to see Once tonight as a surprise" but though better of it... just.

The other feature of the innings was Jake doing impressions of Joe whenever Joe threw the ball in. At the moment Joe's throwing-in looks reasonably similar to when he bowls. This invariably prompted some mimicry from Jake for the attention of James-Former-Hair-Bear, "Hey look, Joe's throwing the ball in-yar". Joe retorted with "Next year when I am 6'3" I'll smash yer face in". Well he didn't really as he is far too nice for that but watch out Jake.

Shakey was sufficiently impressed with some of Jake's bowling to say that he could see why his parents were paying £150,000 a term for his schooling (Jake's not Shakey's obviously).

Once we had bowled them out and had had tea RolfeDog opened, gave catching practice to square leg ,before finally finding someone else who could catch him out. David Maunder had also been dismissed by this time but not before one powerful hookshot.

Jake – yar – continues to show his potential and second-top scored with 26 just out-doing Shakey who made 24 and who should clearly have gone to a fee-paying school.

Old-man and Chuckle Brother Malcolm Ashby made 17 and at the end Alan was dismissed leaving Joe to rue the fact that we were 5 runs short of an extra point clearly believing he would have made these himself despite not having made five runs to date in the season.

Shakey made up for his average non-fee-paying schooling by drinking copious amounts of red wine and by 8.15 had taken some of the best catches (3) and stumpings (1) ever.

Lots of merit in our defeat as the youngsters did really well. Yes, well done Dales.

RolfeDog

Ed Milliband is not available this week.