

Mcc vs. South Weald: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Team: Richard 'this game doesn't count to the bet' Stubbington, James 'game ruiner' Pettit, Keith 'el Capitan' Baker, Peter 'best wk in the club' Hall, Jon 'yips' Threadgold, John 'the Yoker' Eglington, Rich 'the barrier' Wall, Steve 'hide at 8' Brown, Richard 'fast bowler' Ackery, Paul 'Make them pay' Sibley, Dan 'your better then me I'm bowling down the hill' Champ.

As we were driving to the ground the heavens opened and the rain came down, even with this there was optimism we would get back in time to watch the England match. As we got closer our optimism stopped as we saw that they had covers and the game was on. With a very small boundary on one side and a very big boundary on the other we thought runs were on the cards.

Richard Stubbington got in the ear of our captain early doors with a good call of we bat and a quote of '2 people get wet we eat tea then go home when it rains!' This did pan out even though Keith called tails and lost the toss but we batted first with the oppo opting to bowl.

We open up with James 'game ruiner' Pettit and Richard 'this game doesn't count to the bet' Stubbington. I don't have the score book so some of this is fuzzy. I do remember looking at the score with 15 over's gone we were on 110 ish with James 'game ruiner' Pettit on 85\*, extras on 11 and the other 3 people sitting back in the hutch taking up the collective score of 14 with Richard 'this game doesn't count to the bet' Stubbington, Keith 'el Capitan' Baker, Peter 'best wk in the club' Hall all back in the hutch. It was a very scratch 40+ runs from Jon 'yips' Threadgold. He did announce that if he got a 50 it would have been an injustice to cricket and seeing his innings few would disagree with 3 drop catches and looking a bit ropy but good players score runs even if they look bad. James 'game ruiner' Pettit in the 30<sup>th</sup> over went for 100+ to join the 100+ club well done James. The hart of the middle order was not up to much with John 'the Yoker' Eglington out for a duck and Rich 'the barrier' Wall getting about 10. But with Steve 'hide at 8' Brown hiding at 8 we still looked set for a good score and Richard 'fast bowler' Ackery just trying to hit from ball 1 we got up to a good 240 by the 40<sup>th</sup> over with out the need for Paul 'Make them pay' Sibley and Dan 'your better then me I'm bowling down the hill' Champ.

We had tea not as nice as promised by Peter 'best wk in the club' Hall but still good enough to eat.

Dan 'your better then me I'm bowling down the hill' Champ got what he wanted by going down the hill with the wind at his back this could be the day for his first big wicket hall and Paul 'Make them pay' Sibley had

the unenviable task of bowling up a very steep and bumpy hill into the wind. After the first 9 over's 40 runs had been scored with no wickets in the bag. Paul 'Make them pay' Sibley had bowled 4 over's 0 wickets for 8 runs with Dan 'your better then me I'm bowling down the hill' Champ went 5 over's 30 runs. Dan 'your better then me I'm bowling down the hill' Champs. Was taken off and Paul 'Make them pay' Sibley switching ends, Richard 'fast bowler' Ackery then bowled from the bottom he took a wicket with his first ball then in the celebratory huddle complained about the hill much to the behest of Keith 'el Capitan' Baker. Stubby was on form all thought the game with his jokes that kept the team moral high though the rain and every one joined in with the banter most of it directed to an opposition player that recently had crashed his car thought a brick wall with comments like 'put it out side off-stump we know he can't drive' and 'we should inform the DVLA with all this bad driving'. However the banter was not resided to just him with our own Eglington getting a lot of egg jokes. No I'm not yoking stubby was cracking them out.

We as a unit and team we bowled and field well with some good stats from the bowlers, Paul 'Make them pay' Sibley bowling 8 over's 1 wicket for 17 runs, Rich 'the barrier' Wall 6.3 over 3 wickets for 21 runs, John 'the Yoker' Eglington 7 over's 3 wickets for 20 runs and Richard 'fast bowler' Ackery getting the other 2 wickets. It was a good game and a good team effort from all involved with lots of banter to go around. Well done James for getting his first Mcc ton, Rich Wall for getting his first 3 wicket hall and to Pete Hall for his amazing stump work with 2 very good catches and 1 stumping.

Thanks for reading

Paul 'Make them pay' Sibley