

## Mayfield Saturdays vs Monken Hadley



24<sup>th</sup> June 2017



Steve Jeffery

**Monken Hadley 129 a/o**

**Mayfield 57 a/o**

**Mayfield Lost by 72 Runs**

**An enjoyable afternoon's cricket was had at Hazelwood on Saturday 24 June, when Mayfield entertained Monken Hadley at home.**

Monken Hadley batted first, and opened with a couple of sharp-looking batsmen. But they struggled on a very difficult pitch to put on many runs, while Ash and Karl did a good job with some tight bowling, and the fielding was generally pretty solid.

Femi was unlucky not to take a very tough catch diving to his left at mid on, and Karl also nearly managed to snare another difficult chance.

Nonetheless, the fielding remained sharp enough to keep the score in check, and gradually the wickets began to fall at a steady rate.

Karl took one (1 for 29 off 8), Femi two (2 for 30 off 10) and Nick three (3 for 29 off 6). Ash was unlucky with the ball, and deserved a couple of wickets to add to his tally (0 for 29 off 9).

But the real story of the bowling was a superb spell from Sachin. He consistently hit a great length and line right from the off, and turned the ball from outside off stump onto the top of middle for his first wicket.

Sachin's second and third came in the very next over, and in exactly the same way - just too much turn for the batsmen to handle. He finished with figures of 3 for 8 off 4 overs.

Finally, Phil came on to what he himself described as a "magnificent" over, taking the final wicket (1 for 1 off 1), leaving Monken Hadley on 129 (24 extras).

Catches came from Sonny, Ash, Nick, Steve, and Richard behind the stumps, who had a great game, as so often saving runs by taking the occasional wayward ball.

Mayfield's openers also struggled on the wayward pitch, with both Steve and Ren being hit on the helmet off fullish balls in the first couple of overs. To their credit, Monken Hadley's opening bowlers bowled well, exploiting the pitch conditions, and Mayfield lost several top order wickets cheaply.

Ren did well to stay at the crease for a good stretch, scoring 13. But in the end Mayfield were bowled for a disappointing total of 54.