

Saturdays vs Ivanhoe



20th May 2017



Rich

Ivanhoe 49 a/o

Mayfield 50-0

Mayfield Won by 10 wickets

Hazelwood in the spring – a soggy wicket for the first time this season, possibly rolled by the council, but with more grass than in recent weeks didn't bode well for a high scoring game, but with the forecast of showers all afternoon and the apocalypse hitting at about 6PM we weren't confident of getting a game in at all.

Once again Aswad was Captain and when the oppo had arrived he won the toss and decided to field first.

Enthusiastic Femi opened up and it wasn't long until we got the breakthrough, not the usual over enthusiastic, appeal-related wicket but a run out! The Dangerous Dancer (99 not out against us last year) hit the ball nicely in the gap for two through the covers, but had not counted on Sliding Starcky. Dave made great use of the moist grass to slide in, pick up the ball and turn an easy two into a panic and run out at the bowlers end! Great stuff.

Captain Aswad took the other end and was soon in the wickets as well – the pitch misbehaving and causing Proddy Colling to probe at a lifting ball to give Juggling Granger a catch behind the stumps (23 to go for 100 dismissals).



Dave celebrates his sliding run out!

Then a period of sanity ensured with Leg-side Badderley scoring to the leg-side and Stolid Woodcock defending at the other end. Finally Femi got the field right, stopping Leg-side from scoring to the leg side, and bowling outside off to induce a big heave-ho which shot straight up and into the gloves of Gleeeful Granger (22 to go).

New batsman, Forward Defensive Parnell, played a forward defensive to Femi only to see the ball turn the other way (a wrong 'un Femi, or just the pitch?) and take his off stump. Femi was now on the 29 millionth hat-trick of his career. And as usual he didn't get it.

The rain was now starting to get in the way with a couple of rain breaks and we also changed to Mo and Karl bowling.

Karl picked up a wicket with the worst ball of the day so far – 2 yards outside off stump, and very short, but somehow it turned a mile a bowled Bemused Kensington for 3.



Big Joe Turner previously the biggest turner before Karl's wicket taking delivery!

Early tea was taken due to more rain and then back out to a very, very soggy pitch. It was looking even more likely that the game wouldn't finish, but we were working on bowling Ivanhoe out cheaply and then having a thrash before the 6 PM apocalypse.

Stolid Woodcock was blocking away merrily as was Another Parnell but neither had counted on the impact of Swinger Mo – prior to tea the ball was going gun-barrel straight, post break Mo had it moving and picked up his first wicket (for the day and the Club) with a beautiful delivery that kissed the outside of Woodcocks bat and just carried to Grateful Granger (21 to go). Karl then picked up Parnell the Third for a duck courtesy of a Ravi P catch and then it was back to Mo for another beauty of an outside edge taken by Ecstatic Granger (20 to go).

Ruthless Aswad then took Mo off and it was over to Vicious Sachin to wrap things up, firstly with a Starcky catch and then finally bowing the Very Brave Tristan (about 9 years old) after softening him up with bouncers causing blows to the gloves and helmet (Which Tristan faced without flinching). No doubt in a few years Tristan will be a fast bowler and will come back to get revenge. Look out in 2025 Sachin!
Ivanhoe all out for 49.

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Comments
Femi	8	0	16	2	29 th hat-trick chance - allegedly
Aswad	6	2	9	1	Not as good as last week
Mo	6	0	13	2	First wickets
Karl	7	2	7	2	Nice balanced output
Sachin	3	0	3	2	Vicious

So a quick all change then out to bat before the 6 PM apocalypse – Run-free Ravi and Six-hitter Starcky were sent out with Fresh-Air Jibran and Chubby Ash waiting for the inevitable Mayfield Collapse.

Well it didn't happen – Ravi finally got to understand what the wooden thing in his hand was for and scored a mighty 18 not out (zero 4, zero 6). Dave continued his fine start to the season with 31 not out (2*4, 1*6).
Mayfield win by 10 wickets.

Then back to club before the 6 PM apocalypse for beer and food. Special mention to Ivanhoe as the whole team came for a drink post-game, a sadly uncommon occurrence these days. Thank you very much gentlemen and we look forward to seeing you later in the season for the reverse fixture.

MOM – nominations to all the bowlers, esp. Karl, but won unanimously by Modest, Unassuming Granger for his 4 catches.

Golden Moment – Karl's first wicket. How the hell did it turn that much!

Special Mentions to the Fresh Air Boys:

Jibran – didn't bat, didn't bowl, didn't catch anything

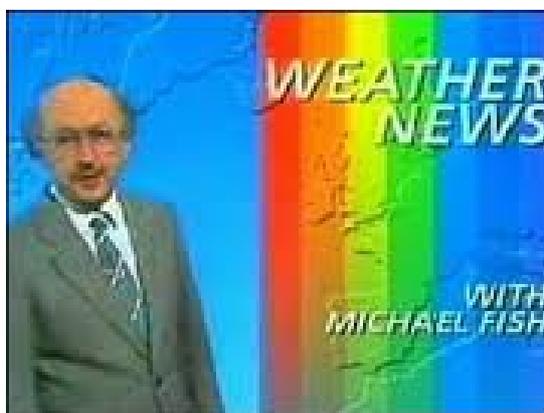
Ash - didn't bat, didn't bowl, didn't catch anything

Phil - didn't bat, didn't bowl, didn't catch anything

Although I did promise an extra special mention for Contribution Connor – he did turn the urn on and collect half the flags at the end of the game. Well played Phil.

Special Weather Report

The 6PM Apocalypse never happened, the day ended nice and sunny. Bloody forecasts!



“It's going to be apocalyptic rain in Palmers Green around 6-ish”