

Saturdays vs UCS Old Boys



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Granger

UCS Old Boys 196-7d

Mayfield 57 a/o

Mayfield Lost by 139 Runs

So, after a brief sojourn away from Hazelwood to the boredom of Old Chigwellians it was back home. A great relief to see the patchy wicket (which did look rolled at least) and pampas-like outfield. No easy fours on offer today!!!!

Captain De Jour was Karl with a very scratchy XI originally made up of 6 members, a colt and 4 guests. However as at the start of play we had 9 – no Lazza and one of the guests was sick. Not to worry as the 1PM phone call to Lazza revealed that he was playing; it's just that Gingers can't tell the time. One of the guests also got on his phone to get another guest!



“Hi, can you play?”, “Hi are you free?”, “Can you play this afternoon?”

Thankfully UCS had brought an umpire (who happily did the whole game standing at both ends) so we at least didn't have too much of a problem there at least!

Karl lost the toss so it was out to field, on the hottest day of the year so far, with 8 men and a colt (of whom more later).

Karl opened with himself and Mo and the partnership worked well. Karl continuing with the control he showed at Old Boredom the week before and Mo getting his now obligatory swing going. And it was the swing that brought the first wicket, a gentle kiss on the outside edge straight through to the 'keeper. Soon Mo got his second with a bit of help from Hazelwood, the batter going for a cut only to realise too late it hadn't bounced much and bottom edging on to the

stumps. His third came shortly after courtesy of a good catch taken by brother Jibran. BTW – he is Mo’s brother not a monk!!!

Time for a change and Ash and Ben (the aforementioned colt came into the attack). Ash was nursing a sore leg and only coming off a couple of paces but oddly his pace seemed much more like last year compared to the season so far and he too got some swing.

Ben was a revelation, left arm over and generally hitting a good line and length cutting across the right handers. If he just cut out the odd legside ball!!!! Due to his age Ben is only allowed 5 overs, but he should have picked up a couple of wickets at least – Karl doing a Cullen and dropping a dolly at square leg and Mo shelling a much harder chance at gully. In truth I suspect he was the only one on the field who could have even moved fast enough to get a hand on it, let alone catch the thing!

Well bowled young man!

Ash meanwhile had picked up a couple, one a slashing top edge caught by the ‘keeper the other a dead plumb LBW.

The next changes saw the game change. We had UCS at about 120 for 5. After the next seven overs it had gone up to about 180 for 6 and we were hanging on for tea. Karl brought himself and Ben back into the attack. An indication of the respect Ben had earned as he was rightly trusted with the death overs but it was Karl who picked up the last wicket to fall thanks to a stumping as UCS went on the charge. UCS 196 for 7 declared.

Name	Overs-Maidens-Runs-Wickets	Comments
Mo	8-2-7-3	Great swing bowling again – fast becoming the most reliable bowler in the club
Karl	10-1-20-1	Excellent control once again – has got his mojo back
Ashish	9-1-24-2	Less run up = more pace?
Ben	7.5-0-33-0	Well done once again
Abi	4-0-26-1	Sort of leg spin, occasional good ball. Rusty
Jibran	3-0-41-0	Well now we know – Jibran is a batter
James	3-0-30-0	Clearly not played much cricket

Post tea we were out to bat – the plan being to occupy the crease and see how things played out with a view to hitting out if we could keep wickets in hand.....

We couldn’t – Lazza lasted 5 balls, Steve J and Jibran then got us sort of back on track for a few overs but the maidens were coming thick and fast.

Once they were out there was little else on offer, Kartik hit a few late fours but we were all out for a pathetic 57 with only Steve, Jibran and Kartik getting past 1.

MOM – Mo for his opening spell with honourable mentions to Karl, Ash and Ben too.

GM – Lazza for his Ginger Moment

Thanks to Charles the Umpire for his sterling service and great to see him back at the club afterwards.

Thanks to UCS generally for playing the game in great spirit, I’m just sorry we weren’t able to make much of a showing with the bat. Still, I imagine Vignoles was happy – 5 wickets for 4 runs off 6 overs!!!!!!