

Mayfield Saturdays vs Bamville



5th May 2018



Steve

Bamville 134 a/o

Mayfield 122-9 a/o

Mayfield lost by 12 Runs

A glorious, sun-drenched afternoon at the Hazelwood Ground was the scene of some great bowling, one outstanding catch, and (from a few of the batsmen) some impressive batting on Saturday afternoon.

Mayfield bowled first, and Mo signalled his intentions for the day from the very first ball with some tight and aggressive bowling. The first over brought a wicket thanks to an excellent piece of fielding from Sunny at first slip. Diving to his right, he took a nippy edge in true highlight-reel style, his outstretched hand only finally grasping the ball once it had flown past him.



Sunny... the new Gadget?

The edges continued to fly, especially off Mo's bowling, and although none of them found the slips, the wickets nonetheless continued to fall. With Bamville languishing somewhere in the 50s with 7 wickets down, Mayfield were firmly in the driving seat.

Some admirable tenacity from the Bamville lower-middle order, however, gradually pushed the score up, and past, a hundred. Despite some tight bowling from the rest of the attack, especially Ash, Femi and Carl, Bamville eventually ended on 134.

After tea, the Mayfield batsmen took the field. Our early optimism faded quickly as the wickets started to fall only slightly more slowly than the accumulation of runs. At one point, it looked as though Extras might actually outscore the batsmen, until Shaf took the field. Comprehensively demolishing the bowling, he reached a total of 92 in around the time it took for the rest of the batsmen to stop complaining about "that pitch".

Mo performed well with the bat too, not only accompanying Shaf for well over an hour, most of the way to his towering total, but also playing some elegant shots himself, for which we deserved to score more runs than he actually did.

Sadly, Shaf's total, was not quite enough to take us across the finish line, and once he had been caught, the remaining batting quickly crumbled leaving us on 122. Extras ended the game tied with the rest of the Mayfield batting line-up (besides Shaf) on 15.

Man of the match: Shaf.

Honourable mention: Mo.

Golden moment: Sunny.

Mo: 8-1-16-2

Ash: 8-1-14-3

Femi: 7-2-16-2

Ben: 6-0-26-0

Asnad: 5-0-22-0

Karl: 6.1-1-24-2

Shaf: 2-0-9-1

Guys this was a great fixture with a close result. The pitch is definitely improved with rolling etc and we continue to make sure the council keep working on it, but it played almost no part in the fall of any wickets.

We are struggling to get sides out for a Saturday and we will lose members (and oppositions) if we can't fulfil our fixtures. Please make every effort to make yourselves available and get others involved to ensure we all get cricket!! - Ed