



Second XI Match Report

ROUND 10 – 31/01/09

Johnson Park vs Eildon Park

Johnson Park 2/39

Vs

Eildon Park 10/247 (J. Dantini 4/25, M. Sim 3/33)

The Sharks hosted Eildon Park. Tim lost the toss and Eildon park elected to bat. Tubby and Rattle opened the bowling, with Tubby snaring the first wicket in his second over of the day with a great catch from Rattle in second slip.

Eildon park built a solid partnership. At the first drinks break the panthers were 1 for 58 of ten. Enter Joe Dantini with a great bowling spell picking up our second wicket after the drinks break and with tight bowling from Devo; Sim and Tim we managed to peg the run rate down on a very fast JP oval, at tea the Sharks had the Panthers 5 for 151.

After the tea break the Sharks picked up 6, 7 and 8 for only 24 runs and it looked like the boys were going to run over the Panthers. Once again with some poor fielding (with a total of 7 dropped catches) the Panthers got away from the Sharks and posting a total of 247.

With seventeen overs still to bat the Sharks got off to a solid start with Devo and Bourke starting the Sharks off before Bourke was caught behind for 11. Sim (first game back from the one's) came and went quick for 5. At the end of the days play the Sharks are 2 for 39. With 80 overs next week the Sharks will be looking for their fifth win for the season.

Great bowling effort from big Joe snaring 4 for 25 off 11.4 overs and was well supported from Sim with 3 for 33 off 8.

ROUND 9 – 24/01/09***Johnson Park vs The Basin***

Johnson Park 10/219 (A. Maloney 71, M. Fryer 35, J. Dantini 33)

Lost to

The Basin 10/274 (J. Dantini 4/50, A. Reid 2/37)

Week one and we got off to a reasonable start with Tubby bowling an excellent spell. Tim struggled to control the new ball, but the batsmen just could not get on top. Joey was back to his best snaring four wickets throughout the day, and there were impressive contributions from Troy; Mal; Cam and Adam with the ball. We dropped eight catches in total by the days end and that showed in the Basins score of 274.

Week Two and the ground had slowed up a little more than last week. Mal hit the first ball for four and that was about as close as we looked to getting the runs. Meade went first, caught behind for one, mal was adjudged LBW for 7, Tim came and went for a duck, as too did Cam (LBW for the sixth time this year). The shining lights were Troy with 27, Joey with a well crafted 33, Fryer with a streaky 35 and Adam with his best knock for a few years 71. Al got into a stoush at the end, but all was lost and Tubby was the last to go LBW by an International umpire, so it must of been out.

ROUND 8 – 10/01/09***Johnson Park vs Footballers***

Johnson Park 10/187 (M. Fryer 58, T. Reid 42)

Lost to

Footballers 2/195

First game back in the new year and we faced Footballers at home. Needing a win to stay in the finals hunt we won the toss and elected to bat first. Byron and John Simmonds opened the batting and got us off to a flyer, with Boz making 11 off the first over before knicking one to second slip (I'm sure there is a big score in the wings for Boz). Johnny Simmonds looked solid from there on pushing the singles and turning over the strike.

Murphy returned to the two's and scored a quickfire 7 before getting an even quicker LBW decision ruled against him. Fryer batted at four and for a guy that really did not want to play two's, he made it look easy from the word go. He smashed the ball to all parts with straight drives, sweeps and even cut shots, he ended with a well crafted 58. Simmonds failed to go on with his innings and Tim Reid blasted 42 in the middle order, putting us in a really strong position to launch an assault.

With Rattle coming in with 15 overs to go it looked like trouble for the Footballers, but due to a terrible LBW decision Rattle only made 4. Andy Harman was next in and he smashed a ball into the U3A before losing his wicket. Enter Tubby Reid and Adam Maloney making a quick 40 odd partnership at the end to push us to a defendable 187. Oh yeah Al made a Duck, run-out of his first ball.

Andy Rattle and Tubby Reid opened the bowling and were wayward from the word go. Tubby managed to get an edge to the safest hands in the team and Murphy splashed it at second slip. From then on the heads dropped and we failed to get back in the game. We managed to pick up two wickets, but Marriott and Bedford sealed the deal for the Footballers and they cruised to victory. Another game where we went quiet after a dropped catch. I don't know what to say anymore, we all know we have to work harder after that, but we just are not doing it. Actions speak louder than words and we all need to take a good look at each other.

ROUND 7 – 20/12/08 *Johnson Park vs South Belgrave*

Johnson Park 7/146 (D. Carmen 60*)

Lost to

South Belgrave 5/186 (T. Reid 2/45)

South Belgrave at home today and we lost the toss, forcing us to chase. Anthony Reid and Andy Rattle opened the bowling and bowled beautifully. After fifteen overs South Belgrave were 1/35, with Tubby taking a wicket off his second ball (a vicious bouncer, making the batsmen sky one to Tim Reid). Dave Devenish came on first change and

continued to add to the tight lines that the openers had started. He managed to pick up a wicket in his fourth over, caught behind by Big Al (Thanks heavens Devo managed to bowl at Al's gloves because he wasn't moving them).

Cameron Bourke was the second change bowler and he finished with tidy figures of 0/21 off five overs. Third change bowler Tim Reid picked up our third wicket for 69 off 25 overs, taking the batsmens leg stump, butthen South Blegrave got away from us and managed to put on a eighty run stand. Again, when a partnership formed everyone went quiet, I don't know what we can do about stopping everyone from going quiet, maybe we need to start singing a song or something, just something for a laugh to get us going again.

We managed to squeeze in 42 overs and South ended at 5/186, still a gettable score, but everyone seemed to think the game was over before we had gone out to bat.

Four for four and you might be forgiven for thinking we were in a bit of trouble. Mal lost his middle stump on the third ball of the innings; Rattle was plumb; Boz pushed on to second slip and Terry pushed one to first slip. Bourke tried to resurrect the innings but surcumb to a leg-before decision and the score was 5/16. Thank heavens Carmen and Devenish put on a partnership of 54 to bring some respect back to JPCC and after that we actually started to look alright. Dave Devenish scored a handy 22; Tim Reid a quickfire 25; Simo 23* and Dave Carmen ended on a well crafted 60*.

We finished our 42 overs at 7/146, a few runs short, but we can take so much out of this game. The character that came from blokes in our team today showed that we have total confidence in everyone in our side. If we can manage to put everything together next year we still can be a big force. I hope everyone has a good rest over the break and good luck for the second half of the season.

\$2 donations to the page of shame: Big Al x 2; Andy Rattle x 2; Dave Carmen; Mal Francis and Byron Rickard.

ROUND 6 – 6/12/08

Johnson Park vs Ferntree Gully

Johnson Park

Drew with

Ferntree Gully 10/218 (A. Rattle 3/54, T. Reid 3/58, A. Reid 2/29)

Today we come up against Ferntree Gully's seconds, but they had a few quality players in their side for this game, so it was not going to be as easy as we had thought earlier on in the season. Matt Black had come down from the firsts for disciplinary reasons (that's what their captain said, but Matt said he had a wedding in week two) and Tim was keen to let him bat, rather than bowl. So, Ferntree Gully won the toss and decided to bat. Obviously they thought that Blacky would be a greater asset with the bat.

We opened the bowling with Andy Rattle and Anthony Reid. The two opening batsmen for the Blues looked solid, but Tubby and Rattle looked better. Andy bowling the best lines he has bowled all year and Tubby doing his job at the other end (with fantastic lines also). Andy got the first breakthrough, with the opener chopping one back on after trying to play a flamboyant stroke. The second wicket followed soon after with the other opener padding up to a straight delivery from Tubby. A partnership formed and Andy stepped up with a cracking nut to have them 3 for 60 odd.

Black and some old guy then got going (I think his name was Carvello or something), he was playing a few shots, but was mainly a slogger. He was burnt by Black just as they were building a handy partnership, hitting one to Carmen at backward-square and running (Suicide). Another partnership formed and we weren't doing ourselves any favours in getting Black out (dropping him on 10 and 20 odd). Both catches were sodas, but make sure you mention Simo also dropped Black to Linda, otherwise you'll get an earful.

Just before Tea Tubby came back on and picked up our fifth wicket with a sandshoe crusher and that left the game poised at 5-150. After Tea the Gully capitulated when Black got out to a straight one (Blacky thought so) from Cam Bourke and their other inform bat missed one of Timmy's skidding missiles.

Tim picked up two of the last four wickets with peggings and Andy Rattle got a pegging and a caught behind jaffa from Big Al in the wet.

All in all a pretty good day of bowling in the wet and we managed to restrict the Blues to a very gettable target in 218. If we bat our overs next week we should get these runs, so everyone get to training and work on what they need to in order to get these runs and go four and two.

By the way Simo dropped a catch. It was Black on not many. Simo doesn't drop catches, so if you see him this week let him know about it.

ROUND 5 – 29/11/08 *Johnson Park vs Upwey*

Johnson Park 8/168 (A. Rattle 51)

Lost to

Upwey 8/169 (T. Reid 2/34, A. Rattle 2/41)

Crucial match that we needed to win in order to cement our spot in the top four. With an unchanged side from the week before, Tim won the toss and decided to have a bat and put the runs on the board. He opened with Andy Rattle and Dave Carmen and they got us off to probably our best start of the year (with a 50+ run partnership). Andy looked like he was on a mission and was hitting the ball to all parts of the ground including one six that hit the clubroom window dead in the centre (how it didn't break is amazing).

Dave Carmen was looking scratchy, but made a handy 19 runs before he missed a ball he charged and kept on walking to the clubrooms. Boz arrived at the crease and continued to help the run-rate on its way, at drinks we were 1/100 and looking like posting 200+.

Then the collapse occurred as it has done a few times this year. Andy threw his wicket away once he reached 50; Byron did the same (skying one to a bloke on the fence); Cam came and went for not many (LBW to Cross); Tim lost his off stump to Cross; Terry smashed one to the keeper and then we got settled for a little while with Simo and Yudha putting up a mini fight. However, Yudha then got pegged; along with Simo and Big Al

and Tubby saw us through to 8/168. Probably 30 or 40 runs short of where we should have ended up.

Still thinking we were in with a show, with runs on the board, we came out fired up. Andy Rattle opened from the far end and immediately got the breakthrough with the batsmen tickling one down the legside, which Al ate for lunch. Tubby bowled tight from the other end, but Rattle was doing the damage. He pegged the next bloke that came in and Tubby chimed in with a skyer to Simo. 3 for not many and the boys were on a roll. Tim introduced Seymour into the attack when McCarrick came to the crease and that proved to be a bad idea. First ball got whacked into the tennis courts and we were thinking how do we get through the next five balls. Whack! Whack! Two more sailed into the tennis courts and then relief a dot ball and a single. Phew! We got through the over and McCarrick was on 19 (handy when you have just come to the crease).

Somehow Seymour got another over after that and he managed to snare a wicket thanks mainly to Tubby's blinder at backward-square, but for some reason Seymour decided to have a snipe at the other batsmen, which fired up McCarrick and he whacked another six of his over. I forget what his figures were off two overs, but I'm sure we could work it out from the marks on the clay court next door.

The guys fought back after that tying down the batsmen at the other end of McCarrick, but it was his day, he never gave a chance until his LBW and I hope our top order takes something away from his innings and demonstrates how valuable it is to bat around one or two blokes that are set.

We managed to snare a few more wickets with Tim dismissing McCarrick on 97; Simo picked up one (Caught behind); Yudha got one (through the gate) and Timmy got another pegging. In the last over of the day Upwey managed to pass us eight down, but had Boz held onto a fantastic effort at third slip, we might have pinched. As it was we were 30 or 40 runs short at the end of the day. A great fight back through a solid partnership (never conceding the game) and we can only build from a close loss like this.

We must bounce back next week against Ferntree Gully, so everyone get to training and let's work on those one percenters that will win us games when things get tough.

ROUND 4 – 15/11/08 *Johnson Park vs Lysterfield*

Johnson Park 10/189 (C. Bourke 84, A. Rattle 45)

Defeated

Lysterfield 10/154 (T. Reid 7/33, A. Rattle 2/30)

DAY TWO

At 3/28 over night (the week) 154 was looking like a tough ask. Tim asked all the batsmen to come to really put a value on their wicket and use the 80 overs to get some time out in the middle.

We started well, with Troy and Cameron being really watchful early, but capitilising on the bad balls. Troy was the first wicket to fall for the day, being caught down the legside (the third chance for his wicket in the over). The fall of Troy brought Terry Payne to the crease and from the get go he looked attacking.

Terry gave a chance to gully early, but with a few lusty blows after that he looked like he was in for a big day. However, as has been Terry's luck this year, he was out at point from a blinder of a catch. He was given a send-off by one of the Lysterfield boys on his way off the ground, but I don't think Terry paid too much attention to it. The fall of Terry saw Andy Rattle stride to the crease, promoted up the order after his consistent batting displays this season.

Cameron and Andy set about taking apart the Lysterfield attack, with Andy hitting boundary after boundary and destroying any hope that Lysterfield thought they had. Their partnership of 86 runs saw us only 4 runs shy of Lysterfields score, before Andy skied one on 45. Tim Reid strode to the wicket and it was fitting that he was out there when we scored the winning runs, after his stellar performance with the ball the week before.

Tim was triggered for 2 runs just before tea, but the job was done and the rest of the guys still to bat could have a bit of fun in the middle.

Simo came in after Tea and scored a quickfire 14 (a six got him off the mark). Some may say he should have stuck around and saw Cameron to his century, but even Cameron wanted to see some fireworks. Tubby came and went for two, before Cameron was the last wicket of the day, falling for a match-winning 84 (well done Rowdy).

So, the seconds move to 3 and 1 with Upwey to come. The guys are just starting to hit their straps and with a few guys to come back in the two's and with a few guys just starting to hit some form, we are only looking stronger for the season to come.

Keep going Sharks!!!

DAY ONE

Round four and we faced Lysterfield's 2nd XI (the first 2nd's side we have come up against this year). The Friday before had seen rain all day, so the Saturday was overcast, windy and the ground was slow due to the rain the night before.

We lost the toss and were sent into the field, which is what we were intending to do anyway, so win-win. 2008/2009 Two's debutant Anthony Reid opened the bowling from the pavilion end and Andy Rattle came from the other end. Anthony bowled really well, getting an outside edge early, but due to Big Al's poor footwork we didn't capitulate. Nevertheless, no-one dropped their heads (which is a big turning point for this two's side) and the openers continued to tie the batsmen down.

Our first wicket came with the score on about 40 odd followed by another one (with one brings two), both leg-cutting deliveries from Tim that took the batsmen's off-stump. The third wicket came via Tim (again), with Big Al finally snagging one in front of first slip (Tubby was gutted). 4 and 5 came just before Tea, with two more leg-cutters coming from Tim. At Tea, Lysterfield were five for 90.

After Tea, the bowling was tight, but with no reward, so Tim decided to take the ball again. Byron called Big Al up to the stumps when the batsmen were starting to form a partnership and immediately got a little edge - caught behind. 7 came and went thanks to an LBW decision to Andy Rattle.

Another little partnership formed and Simmo was brought on. Angry after not getting a bowl earlier in the day, he started off well, going for 25 off his first 2 overs (how he stayed on is a mystery), but to his credit he got the edge and....oh yeah...not out. Next ball he got the edge and...ok...out. A bit of a verbal stoush from Simmo and the batsmen was finally on his way.

Rattle got the ninth wicket, caught at first slip by Byron Rickard. 9/136 and Rattle got a big edge to Big Al up at the stumps and...deja vu...not out. 18 runs later Tim got the last, taking the batsmen's middle stump -no edge required. All out for 154 (18 runs too many).

With 20 overs to see out, we opened with Dave Carman and Byron Rickard. Dave was out third ball, playing a pull shot that went straight up (maybe not the shot to be playing in that situation). Byron followed cheaply, playing on in a fashion that had to be seen to be believed. He blocked it in front of him and the backspin made the ball bounce over his shoulder and back onto the stumps - amazing....well not really, but we will humour Byron.

Al got out just before the end of the day, either bat pad to silly mid on or LBW. The umpire is still deciding what to write in the book, but he was getting tired so he stuck his finger up. Troy and Cam are in at the moment and hopefully they can get us over the line - I know their mothers will be cheering them on from the sidelines.

Let's make it 3-1 Sharks !!!

ROUND 3 – 01/11/08 *Johnson Park vs Knox Gardens*

Johnson Park 10/243 (T. Reid 58, B. Rickard 45, M. Sim 33, A. Rattle 33)

Lost to

Knox Gardens 10/304 (Bourke 5/32, D. Seymour 2/38)

Round three saw the seconds playing their first game at home this season on a beautiful day for batting. Tim Reid won the toss and we went in to bat first with Byron Rickard and Dave Carman opening the batting. From the get go both batsmen looked good leaving the right balls and putting away the bad balls. Dave finally succumb to one that he should have played at and got a fine edge to the wicket keeper.

Bourke was next to go for not many (still amazed how he missed a straight one) followed by Byron, five runs short of a few cans (he knows what we mean). Troy Gstrein (son of the great Richie Gstrein) hung around for a while, coping a barrage from behind about his cricketing abilities (especially his ability to get onto the front foot after suffering from

cramp). He was next to go, bat pad to short silly mid-on. Payne followed with another LBW decision, three from three this year and I think Payne is about ready to throw his pads at an umpire.

Tim Reid and Mathew Simm got together after tea to consolidate with Tim making a hard fought 58 and Simmo making a quick-fire 33. Andy Rattle was the only other shining light for our batting making a well constructed 33. We fell probably 50-60 runs short of where we would like to have been at the end of the day, but the big scores are only around the corner. We batted 80 overs (twice in two games) and that is all we can ask at this stage.

Day two and Knox Gardens were already talking up their third win of the year before they had batted. The bowling and fielding in the first twenty overs was the worst it has been since last year and that showed on the score board. Before we knew it and with a vital dropped catch, Knox Gardens were none for a hundred.

The first break through came via a slog from the opener and Tim Reid taking a great catch off Simmo's bowling. One wicket quickly became two wickets, courtesy of Big Al taking a dubious stumping off Daniel Seymour. Congratulations on your first DeCoite Shield wicket.

The third wicket came from another Daniel Seymour spinner. The Big number three batsmen talked himself up that very ball, telling us how big he can hit a ball and sure enough he hit a very high ball to Tim Reid (sucked in big guy). Nearing tea time and after snaring three wickets in quick succession we needed one more to even things up at tea and sure enough we got one courtesy of Big Al's quick hands down the leg-side of Tim Reid (A Kane-Murphy special).

4/150 at tea and the guys had a sniff. However, a partnership formed and the guys dropped their heads (we just can't afford to do that in this grade of cricket, partnerships are bound to occur and we just have to be prepared for that). The next wicket came via a

catch up to the stumps off Andy Rattle's bowling. 5/200 and another partnership formed and again the heads dropped.

Enter Cameron Bourke. He snared the sixth wicket (middle peg), but Knox Gardens passed our score six down. Cam proceeded to clean up the tail, taking a career best 5/32. Congratulations Cam and well done on not dropping your head after the game was lost.

I have to make mention of a batsmen who had his own name on his bat. He talked himself up last week in the field and (oh my gosh) showed us why only he talks himself up. Really (as Terry made mention) there is only one man that had his name on a bat and that was Bradman and he was no Bradman. Our theory was that he forgets his name a lot.

Anyway, well done on fighting it out to the end. If anyone had offered us 2-1 after playing three first XI sides we have taken it happily, so lets all get to training, work on our 1 percent'ers and prepare to bounce back against Lysterfield next week.

ROUND 2 – 11/10/08 *Johnson Park vs Knoxfield*

Johnson Park 10/230 (D. Carmen 39, M. Sim 38, R. Gstrein 26*)

Defeated

Knoxfield 10/216(T. Reid 4/54, A. Rattle 3/59)

Week two came around and the boys were fired up to over throw the cocky Knights. We took the field with Joe Dantini and Yuda Veridan opening the bowling. They got us off to a good start, bowling their lines outside off, until old man Joe was shot in the leg and resigned to the slip cordon for a few overs until a substitute fielder could be found.

Andy Rattle finished off Joe's over, but unfortunately he was still recorded as the first change bowler on the score sheet. Yuda got the breakthrough we were after courtesy of a great catch at slip by the crippled Dantini. It was the young - all talk - no action – Scanlan (who failed to make friends with Big Al and Andy Rattle).

Deano then showed up and substituted for Dantini (thanks again Deano) and we were starting to gel. At tea we had Knoxfield 4/120, with Andy Rattle taking one (lbw, absolutely plumb Dave Pruyers), Simmo taking one (let it be known to all that he worked hard for six overs bowling uphill and into the wind, when Al dropped an absolute sod to reward him for all his efforts) - caught at slip by Rattle, and Tim Reid snagging Notman caught down the legside by Al.

After tea we really needed quick wickets, but Morris and old Scanlan put on a partnership and things were looking bleak. Enter Tim Reid, who in the space of eight balls had Morris caught behind on 50, Scanlan caught behind for 30 odd and some other statue caught behind also. The sharks had the Knights heading for the moat.

Terry 'the waft' Payne snagged the ninth wicket, bowling a guy middle peg (we won't mention the full toss) and we almost had the upset we came for. 9/159 and the dreaded last wicket stand put on 57 before Simmo's big bucket-like hand sealed the deal at mid-on off Rattle's bowling. With the catch came the celebration and we piled on Simmo.

Lowlights from the game were, drop catches from Big Al, Deano, Carmen (it so was a chance) and Boz (lucky it hit his hands and not his beak). Little things we need to work on and the chat of cause when a partnership develops.

All in all, Congratulations guys on the best team win the two's have had in a long time. Next week, its Knox Gardens turn to feel our wrath.

Tim won the toss this week and decided to put the runs on the board and have a bat first. He gathered the guys together before the game and put a really big emphasis on batting in partnerships and for heavens sake "bat the overs" he said.

We opened up with Byron and Dave Carmen. Byron looked solid from ball one and held up an end until the drinks break with ease. Dave Carmen looked the best he has looked in a senior side, scoring a beautiful 39. He looked good from the outset, playing the straight drive majestically.

After the drinks break we lost our first wicket at 50+. Our first 50+ run opening stand and that really set a platform for the middle order to plan an assault. Joe Dantini was elevated to number three and played two or three nice strokes before guiding one to the keeper. Cam Bourke succumb to another LBW decision (please get rid of the line on your pads) and Dave Carmen fell just before tea, leaving us at 4/98 at the tea break.

We were in a nice position to post a score past 200 with Tim Reid and Terry Payne at the crease and with Simmo and Andy Rattle to come. Tim fell shortly after tea for 16 and Andy Rattle came and went for not many.

Simmo and Terry Payne bolstered the innings for a while, but it was quickly looking like we were not going to face out our overs. Terry Payne fell with 15 overs to bat, leaving Big Al and Simmo to try and get the score past 200. However, Simmo fell one over later, leaving us at 9/190+.

Tim Reid was calling for a substitute fielder when Richie Gstrein and Big Al decided to prove a point to the rest of the team - that if you hang around the runs will come. Al literally bolstered one end, blocking balls that an under 11 child would have teed-off on, but to his credit he did not succumb to temptation and throw his wicket away.

The best highlight of the day was Richie Gstrein who was called up from the fourths. He tore the Knoxfield attack apart with cover drives and late glances that had to be seen to be believed. At one stage he was discussing his stroke play with the opening bowler, who was happy to discuss how good it was. The last partnership ended up being 39 valuable runs, allowing us to reach 230 (A very defendable score next week). Well done guys on batting the 80 overs for the first time in nearly two years.

A great effort, but the job is only half done.

ROUND 1 – 04/10/08

Johnson Park vs Knox

Johnson Park 7/137 (B. Rickard 32, A. Maloney 27*)

Defeated

Knox 10/103 (A. Rattle 3/32, J. Dantini 2/11)

Knox won the toss and decided to bowl against a side that everyone thinks will be a push over this year because of our lack-luster performance last year. However, no one remembered to tell that to our guys.

We opened the batting with Malcolm Francis and David Carmen (Vice Captain). Having Mal at the top of the order proved invaluable to the younger guys in our side that got to see first hand, just how to go about setting a foundation. Although he only scored 19, he brought confidence to guys like Dave Carmen and Cameron Bourke who showed (through their presence at the crease) that they are in for a year.

Dave was the first to go, playing all around a straight ball for 3. Byron came in and took to the Knox attack in typical Boz fashion. Mal was next to go with a fine edge to the keeper (it's still a mystery how the umpire heard it). Byron fell shortly after for the high score of 32. Cam Bourke, Tim Reid and Terry Payne came and went for not many, and Andy Rattle made a quick-fire 17

The highlight of the innings was the eighth wicket partnership between Adam Maloney (27*) and Joe Dantini (14*) who managed to push the score to 8/137, a very defendable total.

In the field we opened with Yuda and Joe Dantini. Joe bowled like Joe bowls and had the openers in all sorts, and Yuda from the other end was swinging the ball like crazy. The first wicket to fall was courtesy of a runout by Yuda, who from fine leg though to all and had the batsman out by a body length. That set the standard for the entire day. Yuda bowled tidy with figures of 1/16, Joe picked up 2/11, Andy Rattle chimed in for 3/32 (a

fantastic first change bowler), Tim Reid picked up 1/28 and Dave Carmen got the last wicket 1/9.

The highlight of the fielding innings was Mal Francis running out Peter Mancart from Mid-Off, a direct hit and then he set off like an airplane, soaking in his own efforts. I think Mal injured himself last year when he celebrated a wicket, so thank heavens he made it through this celebration unscathed.

All in all a Fantastic effort from all the guys, our first win in a year and a half, and boy did we sing that song loud.

Don't Stop now Sharks !!!