



Third XI Match Report

ROUND 12 – 28/02/09

Johnson Park vs St Johns Tecoma

Johnson Park 8/253 (A. Meade 100*, M. Dowling 32, L. Reid 32)

Defeated

St Johns Tecoma 10/235 (L. Dinon 3/30, D. Seymour 3/40, M. Dowling 2/40)

Lost the toss again and we were batting, with a bit of shuffling with the batting line up Rickard and Dowling opened the batting. They got us off to a good start and the runs kept coming with some fantastic 100 from Alex and we had 250 on the board. A good score, but not a safe one.

At drinks St Johns were 0/146, but thanks to some clever leg side bowling from Seymour we were back in the game. It was a master stroke from bogga to suggest bringing on the Ghost Train and he went on to pick up three wickets whilst shutting down the scoring, putting the game in the sharks favour. We managed to bundle them all out for 235, which was a great way to finish the season.

Thanks to everyone for playing, I hope to see you all at presentation night and if not, next season for another crack at finals. Go Sharks !!!

ROUND 11 – 21/02/09

Johnson Park vs Upwey

Johnson Park 10/273 (M. Dowling 58, D. Maclachlan 41, M. Fryer 36, A. Maloney 33)

Lost to

Upwey 9/408 (A. Maloney 3/66, M. Dowling 2/60, D. Seymour 2/88)

Lost the toss and they batted first on a very fast ground. We were looking good at tea when we had them 7/170. I don't know what was in those sandwiches, but we were lucky

to take two wickets for the rest of the day and they ended at 9/408. Our bowlers and fielders tried hard, but we could not get the break through.

Came back this week and we really needed a good start with wickets in hand at tea. Unfortunately, as has been the case all year, this did not happen and we were nearly totally embarrassed being 8 down at tea. A couple of good partnerships after tea, but not nearly enough. So, we can say goodbye to the finals and just look forward to a good game next week.

Thanks to all the boys for playing.

ROUND 10 – 07/02/09

Johnson Park vs Knoxfield

Johnson Park

Lost to

The Heat

ROUND 9 – 24/01/09

Johnson Park vs Mountain Gate

Johnson Park 10/127 (L. Dinon 20odd, T. Payne 20odd, J. Rickard 20odd)

Lost to

Mountain Gate 10/159 (A. Rattle 6/70, T. Payne 2/20odd, S. Gaylor 2/20odd)

The first day was great, we won the toss and sent them into bat. We bowled them out for 159, Rattle was fantastic playing out of his grade with 6/70. Wofta was good with a couple of wickets and Bogga and Rhys both bowled well. Special mention to Seymour who took the gloves and did a good job. We finished at 0/25 overnight and were in a strong position to win this game.

Week two – NO COMMENT (we lost). We probably threw away a spot in the finals. Our top order batting was as weak as Superman on a healthy diet of Kryptonite. Thanks to all those who came up from the 4ths and Under 17's. Also, thanks to those who came down from the 2's. Let's hope for a better game next week and that Superman changes his diet.

ROUND 8 – 10/01/09***Johnson Park vs South Belgrave***

Johnson Park 10/187 (L. Dinon 43, S. Gaylor 40, J. Hilton 22, R. McColl 20*)

Lost to

South Belgrave 4/195

We won the toss and batted first, and we were quickly in trouble at 2/1 followed by 5/56. If it was not for Luke; Simon; John and Ryhs we would have been lucky to reach 100. In the end we managed to scrape together 187, which was at least something to bowl at.

I must mention that Shaggy and Anthony hit a couple of sixes at the death of our innings and gave us all something to cheer about, but we yet again did not bat the overs and we failed at the top of the order, so we had to get early wickets to get back in the game.

Shaggy and Bogga opened the bowling and both bowled well, striking early. However, South Belgrave quickly took the ascendancy by knocking the odd bad ball an over to the boundary and before we knew it their score had momentum. We made bowling changes with the likes of Anthony; Seymour and Dowling, but nothing seemed to work and they chased down our score faster than a road runner after drinking six cans of V.

It was disappointing not getting enough runs on the board, but there were some positives with a few chaps hitting some form with the stick. Sorry to Rhys for not getting a bowl, but they just chased the runs too quickly. Big thanks to Anthony; John and Jamie for making themselves available.

GO SHARKS !!!

ROUND 7 – 20/12/08***Johnson Park vs Upwey***

Johnson Park 4/182 (M. Fryer 64*, L. Reid 40)

Defeated

Upwey 8/178 (M. Dowling 3/23, Y. Verdian 2/35)

We rolled up to Upwey in a must win game to maintain any chance of playing finals. Lost the toss again (still not a tosser, others might say different) and with steady bowling from everyone we managed to restrict Upwey to 178 on what seemed to be the smallest ground I have ever played on. Maloney bowled well early on, but Dowling took home the chocolates with 3/23.

Our turn to bat and with so many X-factors in the batting line-up, I wish we were playing naughts and crosses. Anyway, we started with my first X-factor (Kane Murphy) and that didn't last too long. Gilba; Jock and Meade-Head followed, until the two hung over blokes got together and batted superbly for nearly 100 run partnership. That won the game for the Sharks and was followed by a big six from Seymour (taking us past their score). Fryer Tuck and Reid's partnership was the difference between the two sides, Fryer going onto 64* and Lee making a well constructed 40.

Every time someone in our batting line up gets 50 or more we are a chance of beating anyone in this competition. Thanks to Kane Murphy and Lee Reid for making themselves available and special mention to Seymour, who could have dropped his heads and cracked the shits for not getting a bowl, but to his credit he didn't and that shows he is maturing as a person.

Sometimes it's not easy as a captain making decisions, Thanks to all the blokes that have played in the Thirds this year. Go Sharks!!!

ROUND 6 – 13/12/08 *Johnson Park vs Knoxfield*

Johnson Park 10/282 (M. Dowling 67, A. Maloney 35, T. Mazurez 30)

Drew with
Knox field

Hooray first successful toss (I felt like I was seventeen again), so we decided to bat first, against the top side – Knoxfield. There was some solid batting from Maloney, Biscuits and Rob Birnie. We were looking OK when Dowling and Tim got together and put on an

excellent partnership of about 60 runs. Then Bogga and Mark must have put on another 50 odd. By the end of the day we had a respectable score of 282, with everyone contributing.

With everyone in our side able to bowl we were looking forward to having a crack at the top side, but the rain put a stop to that and washed our chances away. Great batting guys, we almost batted out the day and we gave our bowlers a real crack, hopefully we can do the same next game.

I would like to make special mention to Mark Dowling and Tim Mazurez on their outstanding batting performances. Go Sharks!!!

ROUND 5 – 29/11/08 *Johnson Park vs Ferntree Gully*

Johnson Park 8/170 (R. Birnie 33*)

Lost to

Ferntree Gully 8/240 (B.Duke 3/30, S. Gaylor 2/something)

We got to the ground and I didn't know whether to bat or bowl first, so I decided to lose the toss and bowl. We got a wicket early, and then came the run onslaught. By the 25th over they were 1/160 with one bloke making a patient 100. We were looking like chasing about 300, but thanks to some tight bowling from Simon "The Repo Man" Reynolds, McCool, Dukes and Bogga we were able to pull them back. A very unlucky Robbie Birnie and a John Dyson like catch from the Fry Cook meant that we kept Ferntree Gully to 240.

Chasing 240 we needed to get off to a solid start and someone needed to go on and get 60 or 70. This didn't happen with our top 6 (all getting starts, but no one got the job done) and we finished 8/170. We simply were beaten by a better side on the day and our top order let us down again. I can't stress enough that someone needs to go on and get 80-100 or we will not be playing finals.

Thanks to Rob Birnie and Lee Reid for their first games in the Thirds this season.

GO SHARK'S

ROUND 4 – 15/11/08 *Johnson Park vs The Basin*

Johnson Park 10/229 (A. Maloney 52, M. Fryer 32*, D. MacLachlan 63)

Defeated

The Basin 10/210 (M. Fryer 3/22 S. Pant 3/37)

On a cool, cold, cloudy day we rolled up to The Basin, not yet having won a toss I thought I would change my tactics and call tails. Heads came up and we were batting (I'm starting to realize I'm not a tosser).

A great start by Meadey and Jock saw us 1 for 64 runs. Meade made a well crafted 17. Adam Maloney came in next and looked very solid, before Jock was out LBW (Sorry Ladies!!!). At Tea we were looking good at 2/145.

After tea, Maloney and Jimmy started to get going, before Adam stepped in front of his stumps and was as plumb as a plumber's level. Simon came out to bat and looked good for his 20 odd runs, Hally and Fryer (32*) also looked good. On a slow ground against a good bowling attack, I was pleased to almost bat the entire day out for 229.

The Second day and the ground looked 30 to 40 runs quicker. McColl got the first wicket, Duke the second, then The Basin were looking strong, so we brought on Fryer as our secret weapon (so secret that he didn't even know). He picked up 2 wickets before we brought on our other secret weapon (Simon) and with a good catch from Alex, he had his first wicket in the Thirds.

After tea we started the bowling with Adam Maloney and Shagga. Shagga bowled 3 blokes to put us right on top. Their captain started to hit out a bit, so we brought Fryer back and he got the break through with another great catch from Duke (who was great in the field all day).

Bowling into the wind, Duke got the last. Well done boys, I was very happy with the result. Thanks to Mushi, Shagga and DJ for coming up a grade to play with us.

ROUND 3 – 25/10/08 *Johnson Park vs South Belgrave*

Johnson Park 10/235 (B. Duke 42*, M. Fryer 40, D. MacLachlan 37, S. Gaylor 21)

Lost to

Mountain Gate 10/264 (R. McColl 4/33, S. Gaylor 3/72)

Lost the toss again (I think I have lost more tosses than there is in a Collingwood cheer squad). I started the bowling with Maloney and Dowling, who both bowled well for no reward. McColl and Bogga then came on and Bogga got the first break through, then Meadey came on and with a 'Warne-like' first delivery got the second.

At Tea we were looking at chasing maybe 300, but with some good bowling and catching they were all out for 264. Bogga and McColl were the pick of the bowlers. McColl taking the last two wickets caught and bowled (the two return catches came back so slow because the whole team was patting him on the back before he had actually taken the catches).

Anyway went into bat and with the top order playing some poor shots, we were soon in more trouble than a couple of homosexuals in doughnut factory. If it wasn't for our tail wagging (like a happy little dog) it could have been embarrassing for our batting line up again. Dukes, Fryer, Bogga and McColl were the pick of the batting. Thanks to Simon (and his esky), Gillba and Hally (keeping when he didn't want to) for their first games in the thirds.

I must admit I was very disappointed in Saturday's performance (more so in myself and the shot I played). I suppose how do you actually know success until you have felt disappointment.

ROUND 2 – 11/10/08 *Johnson Park vs South Belgrave*

Johnson Park 10/87 & 9/111 (M. Fryer 43*) & (A. Meade 29)

Lost to

South Belgrave 10/128 (Shagga 4/25, D. Seymour 3/38, R. McColl 2/17)

Four changes to the thirds this game, played at RAY'S LAND (Special thanks to bogga for finding the ground). Playing South Belgrave we lost the toss and were sent into bat. With a poor batting performance we were all out for 83 the only highlight was Mark Fryer's 43 not out. Coming in at number 7 his rear guard action had us all holding our breath.

They went into bat and were 1 for 88 over night, which left us more disappointed than a sober Irishman. The second days play came and so did early wickets, reducing South Belgrave to all out for 128. Rhys 2 for 17 and Seymour 3 for 37 cleaning up the tail quicker than a mum cleans up a baby's bum. Shagga the pick of the bowlers with 4 for 25 (when Shagga takes a wicket he gets more excited than a fat kid in a candy store).

We had a second bat with lots of lazy shots, only highlight was Alex Meade's 29 ending the day at 9 for 111. Thanks to Mushi, Shagga, Chris and Alex for there first game in the thunderbirds. BOYS if we want to win more games we have to get GREEDIER when they bat. Everyone get to training this week, our next game is at home.

ROUND 1 – 04/10/08 *Johnson Park vs Knox*

Johnson Park 4/182 (D. McLachlan 83, M. Simm 65)
defeated

St Johns Tecoma 9/177 (D. Seymour 3/37)

The Thunders today headed up to St Johns Tecoma. We loss the toss and were sent into the field, which is what we were going to do anyway, so we'll classify that as a win.

We opened the bowling with Simmo and young Duke. Simmo started the season with his usual wicket of a no ball (in his second over), but he soon had his reward by taking two wickets in the one over. After Simmo's long spell of four overs, we changed the bowlers. Reece McColl and Daniel Seymour came on and tilted the game in our favour. Seymour 3/33; McColl 2/22, backed up by some excellent fielding by everyone, especially Mona's and Fryer who fielded more balls than a gay juggler in a circus. We managed to keep St Johns to 8/177 thanks to Bogga and Dows who bowled at the death.

We went in to bat with Simmo and Jock leading the way. With alot of quick singles and threes we managed to have an opening stand of 94. Simmo scored a match winning 65 before he was pegged, Dowling went out soon after for 5. Still needing 40 odd runs to get, Bogga came out to bat and got tested out with a bit of chin music that must have upset him because he was soon out. Toby One Kanobi came out to bat and must have had the forces on his side because he and Fryer battled through the last four overs to win the game for the Sharks.

Great Start to the Season Guys!!!