

Whaddon v Sandon Strollers 27th April 2014

Sandon Strollers 120 for 3 from 30 overs beat Whaddon 85 for 11 (yes they batted 12) all out in 21.1 overs

Sandon Strolled into Whaddon for the start of the 2014 cricket season. Whaddon cricket pitch and clubhouse had received considerable attention in the lead up to the season and looked fantastic. Was their performance going to be as impeccable?

Strollers lost the toss and were sent into bat in overcast conditions. Simeon Green top scored with 37, Matt Toll hit an aggressive 14, Nick (Tavare) Kent scored 29 not out and Joss King batted well in the final overs. As befits the start of a season extras were second top scorer with 35. With many batsmen not used, we hoped we had scored enough.

Tea Tactics were good at Whaddon, lots of filling sandwiches were provided for the uninitiated to fill up on (away team and hungry youths). However the match manager proved his worth by spotting lots of cakes hiding and suggested to the older members of the Strollers not to eat too many sandwiches in the first sitting. The great array of cakes duly arrived in the second sitting. Having out thought the oppositions Tea Tactics, could the Strollers contain Whaddon? The sun came out, batting looked easier.



We opened the bowling with the combination of genius and terror - for the slips, keeper and fine leg, that are the ever green, David Green and Matt Toll. Matt took 3 wickets and kept David involved between overs allowing him to perform some fantastic diving stops at fine leg. Mark Hopley on his Strollers debut bowled well and got two wickets, the first well caught by Joss King. Whaddon were losing wickets but up well ahead of the run rate. Simeon bowled the dangerous Whaddon skipper. Matt Inman turned the ball well and took another wicket. Inman senior took 3 wickets and Joss King finished the game with an excellent spell of bowling.

The main highlight was the commitment in the field from all. The evergreen Ian Bandy took a stumping and a catch. Looking to the future, all the colts Lucas Gallo, Joss King, Matt Inman bowled and fielded well.

A good victory.

Now for the highlight. Joss, running into bowl had to run past a rather large umpire, which he did this with great success. However later in his spell the ball came out of his hand backwards. He had no idea where the ball had gone. Luckily the umpire knew where it was as he was doubled up suggesting he should wear a box for umpiring.

Wickets

Toll 3 , Inman 3 , Hopley 2 , Green 1, Inman 1, King 1