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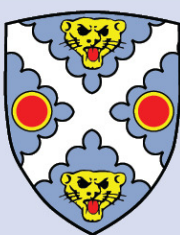


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Devastating display destroys 2nd XI

On a churlish afternoon of low cloud Hop-a-long Calder Smith won the toss and elected to field on what looked to be a very good wicket at West Chiltington. This toss win proved to be the highlight of the day although as a portent for the rest of the afternoon the wrong decision was probably made.

Over the last few weeks the bowlers have bowled fantastic lines and allowed WG to dominate – and with the exception of the first few overs from the “best bowler in the league” (come on you must know who he is by now) and a couple from Tommy Jenkins and Frank the Tank the lines and length bowled were less than what was desired. The Wisborough Green bowlers lacked any sort of control – on a pitch where pitching the ball up and straight would reap rewards all too often wide and short was the preferred modus operandi.

At 125 for 3 off about 23 overs the game was in the balance – Johnny and Tom as well as DJ had a wicket each and there was an opportunity to apply pressure. However 125 for 3 became 331 for 4 as the West Chiltington batters put the bowling to the sword. and Wisborough Green were left chasing leather. Congratulations to the young century maker at number 5

Luck was not with the team either – epitomised by a particular moment that summed up the day when the left handed number 4 was clean bowled by Tommy Rollinson a millisecond after he had called dead ball due to the chatter between our umpire and square leg

After 45 overs of toil we had amassed “nil points” (you probably should use a Eurovision accent for this) and the opposition had a maximum 10 from the first innings.

At tea the wise words of the skipper were to bat for as long as you can – do not give your wicket up and we will see where we are at 35 overs – minimum target being 200 to secure batting points; and play out for the draw or an unlikely win if one of the first five were going strong. With the West Chiltington bowlers pitching the ball up – moving it around a bit – and bowling straight we were on the back foot. The Grey Bear dragged on for 10 but then Christheman Francis and the headmaster started to build a partnership. At 60 for 1 it looked like we may get to 200. A spectacular diving catch at second slip got rid of the headmaster, soon followed by Christheman playing all round a ball that swung. This was going to be an uphill slog and grit and a certain Geoffrey Boycott tendency would be required – within a few short overs of injudicious shot making and profligacy the game was over. Wisborough Green had capitulated for 134.

As I write this, I hope that this was the one bad game of the season, we learn from our lessons and get back to playing good cricket. Roll on next week where we can get back on track.