

MATCH REPORT

ECCS VS ICCS 30 NOVEMBER 2014

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A misty and dewey morning saw the 2014/15 ECCS side turn up by 7.15am in their lovely new kit (thanks Zaksi - not sure about the name tho ;)), undertaking catching practice... what a difference 6 months makes! Stand in skipper and calf model Jonny 'Guns' Tizzard lost the toss but managed to 'Derren Brown' the Indian skipper in to letting ECCS bat first.

Sven and Tizface opened up, with the ever-so-slightly drunk Sven skying a drive in to the arms of cover early on. Justin and Johnny, the 'old hands', didn't last long either as gout, cobwebs, arthritis and dementia played their part in equal measure. Jay offered a little resistance before being caught on the boundary. John Norfolk remembered what it was to bat and hit a fine 40, even with a severe and potentially fatal case of man-flu. Paul offered a swashbuckling if unconventional 29. Stu didn't trouble the score sheet, whilst War Horse Stein and Charlie managed a couple. Jonny T, after carving out a predominantly aerial and legside 40 in the first few overs, came back to the crease to take his personal tally to an unbeaten 60 and the teams score to 160.

In the Indian innings, ECCS were unable to apply the necessary pressure to in the field to challenge the Indians. Their silver haired top order played pretty well and, with a couple of dropped catches along the way, the Indians managed to keep a consistent scoring rate despite some spells of good bowling from Sven, Jay, Stu, John N and JT. However, the 33 extras says it all!! The Indians got over the line in the 17th over.

A decent if annoying start to the season - we really needed 180+ against their bowling attack and we were wayward with some bowling. However, 160 is more than we scored last season and there was definitely more energy in the field than last year so there are many positives to take from this.

Next match is against the Aussies this Sunday at 11am I believe (Adam will confirm). There will be a BBQ and lots of beer at this game (and we will continue the party at Boomerang afterwards). Thanks to Pete and John for being the collective 12th men and for Pete G for his kit efforts (and Paul for bringing everything!).

Man of the Match: JT

Mug of the day: JT Go figure...