

MATCH REPORT

ECCS VS PSCC - 21 DECEMBER 2014

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It was a bright and early start, the wicket still glistening with the morning dew and the outfield damp after an overnight storm. All the players were there and raring to go. All that is apart from the man with the newest ECCS nickname, M.I.A. Jai. The bacon and egg rolls finished off with only the best Heinz Tomato Ketchup were wolfed down with speed. The ice man had cometh, and dropped off his two bags full.



A very well respected 2 minute silence for the atrocity against children in Pakistan. It was the least we can do. Whatever your political or religious beliefs are, we all stand by the thought that a school should be a safe haven for children to be educated and grow, not cut down.

Anyway, we lost the toss and we were fielding. Five new caps to Richard Fitton, Blair Kelly, James Shemmell, Adam Corrol and Luis Zakharoff. Welcome to the team boys.

The idea of today was to change things round a bit and have some fun. People who don't normally bowl at the top of the order would have their chance and vice versa with the batting. We opened up with John O'Superman with some spin to try to tie up the Pakistani big hitters. This would have worked a treat if we could catch, as it nearly paid off from the first ball of the first over.

The bowling was passed round at regular points in attempt to give the batsmen something to think about and not get into a groove. This didn't work so well however, and apart from a good stumping from stand in keeper Adam, the fielding was difficult at times with a wet ball and this was changed after the 11th over.

Still, being the ECCS there was still some comedy to be had and it proved to be so. James (Jimmy Kimmel) Shimmell falling over the ball, not once, not twice but three times and proving that Jeremy is not the slowest person in the outfield. You now just have to have a race with Macca to see who is the slowest between the stumps. Talking about Macca, he is the only person in the team who, with his back to the game whilst re-gripping a bat could be standing in the wrong place at the wrong time to have a ball hit him like an exocet up the shitter. A mention also has to go to Blair for a great catch only for Jonny T to turn into the Pantomime villain for bowling a no ball. Boo you bad man, boo you.

After a visit by Santa at drinks break, the Pakistanis put on a target figure of 220.

As Amos remembers, a few years ago when we were playing 25 over games, a score of 135-140 was a decent target. Not any more. It is a little bit more than we have ever hit before and guess what.....we didn't make it.

A good opening bat by Sven and Superman who hit a couple of nice boundaries but we were always behind on the run chase. A 40 by Sven left him in the shed with a lot of runs to go and a lot of batsmen left. John Norfolk unfortunately went third ball duck chasing something you would need a ten foot long bat for. Jonny Tizzard and Adam Zacharoff calmed things down and looked to be progressing along nicely in a partnership that upped the run rate above the required until Jonny fell by the wayside to bring in the other Zacharoff. Big Zachroff, dropped off three lived again to score a quick fire 40 but it was all a bit too late. We finished with a score of 174 after 20. Again, our best score this season with the bat.

So it was back to the Boomarang for a round up and for the all important mug of the day which this time went to Macca who took an appalling three attempts to down the wasabi laced concoction that was placed in front of him.

Thank you all who came down to the ground. Special thanks go to Mark Jones, from UCC who stood in today to be our scorer, the umpires Ben and Regan from the SACC and of course our sponsors Rainbow Divers, Magners and the Boomarang who without their kind and valuable sponsorship, we would be unable to play on Sundays.

From all at the ECCS, we wish you all the happiness in the world for Christmas day, where ever you are. Just don't look disappointed when you do not get your Fanny Magnet and your Fisher Price Knocking Shop you have been asking for all year.

Hope to see you on Sunday for the inter league 6's and if you want to play, email Adam.