

Fixture; Pontefract Cricket League Division 4 vs. Bullcroft Main

Location; The Nightclub, Park Drive, Stainborough

Time; 1.30pm

Pitch; more inconsistent than something inconsistent practising for the word inconsistent championships. Oh, and green.

Weather; there was some.

Trifle, it's amazing! Especially when there's loads of sherry in the base! Could eat it all day, particularly the base. Must be the sherry, perhaps i'm getting old and i'm gonna be a sherry drinker, or maybe i'm already a sherry drinker? Anyway, my point is that the best bit of the trifle in my opinion, is the bottom layer, the last bit. Many other things that occur at the bottom / end of the event are brilliant. I'm not for one second saying this hypothesis is all encompassing, ie. the bottom of a barrel of beer isn't particularly pleasant! However, occasionally the best is left till last and this was certainly the case at Park Drive Stainborough on Saturday as it appeared the 'Boro batting order had been reversed, as the top order folded like a 70's Blackpool deckchair in the face of some accurate Bullcroft Main bowling.

Bullcroft took first knock on an a typically inconsistent late season deck but the bowling mirrored the track as the visitors took advantage of some unusually inaccurate Kershaw bowling. John Hall fared little better from the pub end, all arms and legs in his delivery, reminiscent of a mad man having a fight with himself in a phone box upon arrival at the crease after his half marathon run-up from in front of the sight screen. Exley, but particularly Richardson stemmed the flow of runs, with Webster taking a candidate for

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slip catch of the season off the latter before shelling a more straightforward opportunity half a dozen overs later off the excellent Richardson. A. Stott looked a class apart in compiling his score of 80, and can sleep safe in the knowledge that had it not been for his contribution the Bullcroft contingent would have been in more trouble than Michael Caine and Co. at the conclusion of The Italian Job. Still, a total of 158 should be attainable, despite losing Pepper to the 1's, Jooer to International duty (charming the 'birds' in Espana), especially when William Howard Schofield Ward is in such fine nick, together with a rejuvenated Exley, the class of Webster and youthful exuberance of Steers.....shouldn't it???

Well in a word, 'no'. Exley perished bowled to a good looking delivery third ball, whilst Steers shouldered arms to a straight one. WHS Ward was trapped in front LBW and whilst we'd all like to say the decision was tighter than a Tim Malkin t-shirt, it would have hit all three! Webster was very well snared at long on, yet the belligerent Cant showed plenty of fighting spirit in taking the attack to the visitors before being caught behind. All the while Gilfillan serenely went about compiling runs amid the carnage and found a willing accomplice in Kershaw who shaped up correctly and offered hope to the 'Boro cause. However, upon the loss of the duo, both bowled, the game looked dead in the water. Skipper Hall proved resilient with a gutsy and powerful half century and found an unusual ally in youngster Kane Hamnett. The game had turned more times than Lindsay Lohan, yet sadly for the home side the final twist saw Hamnett bowled with victory in sight with only 14 needed; a great effort from the youngster. A highly entertaining game of cricket played by two very competitive sides.

@This article was written next to a swimming pool in the sunshine in Lanzarote.

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