



STAINBOROUGH CRICKET CLUB

Match Report: Sunday XI

Fixture; Barnsley Cricket League Division 3, vs. Mexborough

Location; Park Drive, Stainborough

Time; 1.30pm

Pitch; word's are not available to describe the wicket; make of that what you will.

Weather; not memorable, oh hang on, it was ok.

Doesn't everybody like fine things? We'll even if you don't, I do, but unfortunately the majority take time to mature; i'm a Guinness drinker and appreciate "the best things come to those who wait". Art, the older 'stuff', you're Rembrandt's, Monet's, Constable's weren't painted yesterday. I watched a tv programme on Monet the other week and a woman had bought one 30 years ago for a 'bag of sand' and now it's more scarce and valuable than a John "Keith Lemon" Pepper hundred! Fine wine, classic films, Jenna Jameson etc., all improve with age, take time to become appreciated and garner recognition.

Cricketers are another commodity that on occasions take time to realise their potential. It's one thing having potential but harnessing it is another altogether different proposition. Shane Warne had all the potential in the world but required the late Terry Jenner to channel it correctly. All of which brings us to Matthew Rushforth. Never has he nor will he be mentioned in the same paragraph as S K Warne again, but at the age of 25 he's realised how to finally construct an innings. It's not as if he's new to the game, he must have been playing since Leary Constantine first played in the Lancashire league's and dinosaur's roamed the earth, but, as the saying goes "there's no use knocking if there'e nobody in", only now the occupiers

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have returned from holiday and 100's are as common as muck for the boy!!! Rushforth's second consecutive Sunday ton helped Stainborough post a highly competitive 255-3 with Guyanan Ryan Hercules providing support with 81, caught at mid wicket off the last ball. It was important for 'Boro to provide stiff resistance to the table topping visitors Mexborough as victory for MCC would clinch promotion and whilst 'Boro could no longer achieve such a feat a top three finish would represent a good return for Michael Millward's band of Sunday travellers. Josh Abson, for once failed to really get going, having smashed 132* in the return fixture, whilst Tom Reid hustled things along with a brisk 23. The home side appeared happy with the aforementioned total, whilst the visitors seemed anything but as the odd grievance was audible on occasions. A fine tea was taken, thank you Mrs Rushforth, amazing scones.....with currents.....and jam.....and cream! Lush!!!

The prospect of facing Hercules 90 mph missiles was abated due to a slight knee niggle, so extra toilet roll wasn't required in the visitors dressing room, just as well as Shane hadn't been to Makro and old copies of the Independent would've had to have been utilised, and that is like wiping your derrière on 80 grade sand paper.....or so i'm told! Instead Child's accompanied Reid and struggled to fine his usual line, length, in and away swing (how does he do that? He doesn't know!) and was replaced by Josh who performed like his predecessor and so was replaced by Rushforth who bowled a miserly spell of 6-3-16-0 and would have had a victim had a 'half cut' John "it came of his pad" Pepper pouched it at slip. After Reid had removed one opener, danger man McKenna strode purposely to the middle and made a classy 76, only to be expected of an individual who has been the standout performer for Houghton Main all season and averages nearly a hundred for Mexborough. The visitors were up with the run rate all the way, and a wicket was needed from somewhere but the 'Boro line-up was

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shorter in that department than Jimmy "The Turkish Bellhop" Cooper's stature, and so resorted to Mills' medium pies. However, on this occasion they were wicket taking pies, mmmm nice, as danger man McKenna was caught and bowled, and when three more of his team mates were accounted for the goose was cooked and it was cider time! Mention must also go to young Lewis Shepard who bowled with a maturity that belied his junior years to bag another senior brace of wickets, one of which featured some smart glove work from Abson. With the visitors falling 50 or so short it was time to hit 'The Nightclub', only the Mexborough lads mustn't have programmed their sat nav's correctly as they mooched off to a local watering hole for a drink, whilst Steward Abson was dealing with the 'Boro thirst at a fraction of the price! No bother, more for us as the bar was being 'run down' as seasons end approaches; Cidre anyone?

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

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