

Match Report

Midi CC v Toulouse CC in St Pons de Mauchiens

22 April 2007

Weather : Sunny with light SE breeze & isolated cumulonimbus. Temp 27C.
(Weather report is a new feature by popular demand from me)

Pitch : Flix artificial on 8 tonnes of sand

Toss : TCC won toss & decided to bat.

Toulouse Innings

Lardy Knee got us off to the normal flying start taking his form from the nets into a dubious LBW decision first ball. El Presidente then played a much needed boycottesque knock supporting the Calypso 2 Fags who was in the process of rattling up a stylish 44. A flurry of runs from Delboy Blackham was then followed by a landmark knock from Jimmy Goddard, scoring his first runs including a smashed legside 4. Beefy was gone in the blink of an eye but Skippy slowed the game down by putting 3 different balls in the same field.

Gay Gordon came and went owing to a leading edge before Toys Rice playing a remarkably responsible innings involving only singles before he succumbed to shooter. Skippy then gave some catching practice to mid on and TCC were in deep trouble. Cometh the the hour cometh the Borthers and our new signing Christophe no nick name yet Sri Kanth. The tail wagged furiously. Ignoring the Skippers sage advice, Christophe played mostly off the back foot and made an increasingly confident 23 before attempting a swoosh. Borthers was left on 19 stating “they would never have got me out”

We had to settle for 164. A target to protect which could have been a lot less but ideally should have been more on a small pitch.

Midi Innings

No nick name and Borthers opened the bowling in a tidy display against 2 good batsman and were unlucky to get a breakthrough. Delboy and Beefy kept the pressure on. Delboy picked-up a couple of wickets before a strain forced him off. Beefy was “well up for it” and produced a great spell of 7 overs 2 for 17. A change of pace brought on Toys to snare their rock like opening batsman after lulling him with a full toss that he clubbed for six. Genou’s spell caused problems but no wickets. But game on.

Our openers then came back on with mounting pressure on the batsmen. Tight bowling and a few lusty blows kept the game in the balance until man of the match Borthers took two wickets in 2 balls leaving midi needing 11 off the last 2 overs with their last 2 batsmen at the crease.

Skippy took responsibility to seal victory. However the baseball player had other ideas. A perfectly timed six and an inside edge for 4 levelled the scores. A scrambled bye then gave them a win. Defeat snatched from the jaws of victory.

Analysis – Lost by 1 wicket

Fantastic match & great atmosphere. Everything cricket is about – even some of our travelling fans were excited. A really good bowling performance but just not enough runs on the board. Midi were great hosts and the free strawberries were plentiful. Thanks to Jack & Nasher in particular for doing the scoring (and Beefy for forgetting the book) but scoreboard operation was a bit slow!!!!