

Match Report

Toulouse CC v ABCC

17th June 2007

Weather : Overcast with light rain from a weak cold front. Just like Skeggy but 24C.

Pitch : Flix artificial on solid sand base

Toss : TCC won the toss and elected to bat

Toulouse Innings

Never seen before for TCC, the opening pair were Francais. Both Philippe and Thomas made double figures very quickly – Thomas shocked Arthur by trying to smash the first ball of the match and then all the rest, out of the ground. Jimmy Goddard chipped in with a few before a partnership between Laurel & Hardy (Father Ted & Rich) gave us the possibility of a big score. However after Rich was bowled behind his legs wickets tumbled at regular intervals with no one else making double figures. 130 all out was just about a total to defend but ABCC had bowled & fielded fantastically. Their Skip Tom had been on heavy doses of Viagra taking one very sharp catch at first slip and then a full length dive. This was then eclipsed by a superb one handed catch on the bounary that dismissed Philippe.

Toulouse Innings

Christoph led our attack taking 2 wickets in a very accurate spell. Tony also put the pressure on before a batsman to the liking to his length!!! Skippy then entered the attack whilst Philippe entertained us with some fantastic ice skating as the rain made the wicket more and more slippery. At one stage ABCC were 90-4 with loads of overs left. The jaws of defeat were gaping. However a fantastic diving catch by El Presidente turned it back into Toulouse's favour. Skippy & Tony the Tipster both ended up with 3 wickets. Rich then wrapped it up with a spell of one ball. We had won by the narrow margin of 23 runs.

Analysis

Great game played in a damp atmosphere. ABCC bowled & fielded superbly and nearly did enough to win it. We were proud to field 4 French nationals in the team which made the win even better. Well done to the two lonely WAGS who looked like lake fishermen under their brollies – not an easy day to watch!