

Match Report

L'Isle Sur Tarn v Toulouse CC

24th June 2007

Weather :

Bassetts a combination of humidity, brief heavy showers, overcast and glorious sunny intervals.

Pitch :

Flix artificial containing a 2m section of our very own strip laid in the middle of a rugby pitch

Prematch:

In a valiant attempt to prevent the Tipster from using his crayons to colour in the scorebook for the second week running, the selection committee took the unprecedented step of nominating him as stand-in reserve deputy vice-captain, sadly his tactical performance peaked when he won the toss and elected to bat

Toulouse Innings

The rain delayed start saw the game reduced to a 37 over match. Joel and Paul strode out to take on the predominantly sub-continent attack of L'Isle Sur Tarn sadly Paul's sojourn was somewhat shorter than any of us would have wanted. The struggling for from Andy G entered the fray and immediately drove his first ball through the covers for 4. Shortly thereafter both Andy and Joel returned to the pavilion as another shower dropped it's load on our gallant men. The delay was short and the result was the match reduced was reduced by another over to 36. The pair returned and looked set for a good partnership with Andy now in some form and Joel defending valiantly true to the stand-in skips wishes. Unfortunately, the partnership came to a premature end having added 22. The middle order misheard the stand in skips words and applied themselves in a processional fashion. With Del Boy, Genou, El Presidente and Matthieu all being dismissed cheaply. The Toulouse middle order shuffle reduced our intrepid men to 46 for 7, Andy G top scoring with 19. At this point TCC were staring down the barrel of a lowest ever score and 60 appeared a major challenge. Enter the arena the larger than life man of Leigh and France's very own M. Fermanel who added 21, that didn't include two runs by Brooksy as Philippe pulled the ball to backward square-leg and in true gallic style resolutely stood his ground. Next in the Tipster, who as a means of retribution was forced to run two while Brooksy stood admiring his shot through gully. The next over Tipster called for a quick single as a bye squirmed from the keeper towards leg slip, half way down the track the mistake was apparent, the days of quick singles have long since gone for this ageing tail-ender, and his ham string rebelled. A runner was immediately called for and Genou padded up to do the honours, Tipsters innings looked set for a high probability run out with the combination of Brooksy and a runner. After

contributing the largest partnership our man of Leigh was out for 18 with two balls remaining. With thanks to our leading scorer 'Les Divers' for another significant contribution of 31 and a single from Christophe off the last ball, the final total was, under the circumstances, a respectable 97 for 9.

L'Isle Sur Tarn Innings:

L'Isle sur Tarn needed to score their runs in 16 overs to obtain maximum batting points meaning the bowling and fielding needed to be tight to defend the TCC score. Although some control was maintained in the early overs the match quickly ran away from TCC all four of the bowlers used going for low 20's. The only wicket to be given fell to Brooksy; who also provided the highlight of the game.

"In a desperate bid to ensure a mention (or six) in the match report he ambled to the boundary barrier to retrieve the ball and, with all the finesse of a sanglier in wellies attempting to hurdle a wardrobe caught his trotter adopted the pig roast position and rotated around the barrier landing on his largest feature!"

Analysis

A reasonable start, a tag team middle order and a tail that wagged. Never enough runs against a quality batting line-up but the loss by 9 wickets didn't truly reflect the contribution that TCC made to this match.

Vive Les Divers

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