

My Dear Friends,

Well what a momentous day in MF history. A record score of 540 to break the previous record of 475. We welcomed three MFS debutants, Will Agius, Paul Edwards and John Petropoulos.

In a combination of brutal hitting and classy batting, Ascot Vale's bowlers were put to the sword. The Skipper led the way with a superb hundred before afternoon tea. The first ball he faced was slapped to mid off for four and that set the tone for his innings. It wasn't all big hitting though, Gauch combined the boundaries with solid defence and deft placement. His 17 fours and 4 sixes were all impressive but successive cover drives for boundaries late in his innings were memorable for their class. VP O'Kane was relatively subdued for his 64 with 9 fours and 3 sixes. His century seemed inevitable and it was quite a surprise when he was out caught, his first dismissal this season. He just happened to mention that this leaves him with an average of 208 for the season. Sniper joined Gauch and they went about destroying the bowling, although the Skip had to recalibrate his urge for quick singles early on. He carried on with MF debutant Paul Edwards and had the bowling at his mercy when he skied one to be caught for 73 which included 13 fours and a six.

Eddo came into the side as a replacement for Juka and to many including the Pelican he looked very much like Juka out in the middle. He hadn't played for decades and was quite nervous as Possum and I gave him some throw downs in the net. He displayed no nerves in the middle belting 137 with class and verve. He played in borrowed gear, and was particularly taken by Possum's Excalibur which on the day scored 144. I'll leave you to do the maths on what Possum contributed to that total. I had tried over many years to get Eddo down to play with us and it appears we may have won him back to cricket. I suppose a ton in your first dig for years will do that for you.

You would have thought that the innings above would fill any 70 over game but that wasn't the end of it but Sam Carbone had other ideas. His placement square of the wicket on the off side was exquisite and many of his 15 fours came in that region. He scored his runs extremely quickly and raced through the 80's and 90's and was bowled selflessly trying to score more fast runs. He also hit 3 sixes in his 119 and his running between the wickets was amazing.

The Skip put them in for four overs at the end of the day and young Will Agius drew a skied shot that almost went to hand. Ascot Vale are only chasing another 516 in 70 overs to win.

Training is Tuesday and Thursday this week.

Cheers

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