

My Dear Friends,

On a beautiful calm day the MFS prevailed by 276 runs and we sit on top of the ladder with a percentage of 4.65. The Skipper generously allowed Ascot Vale to field a player not listed on their team sheet last week. A very fair concession given he looked like a first class cricketer and made 123. On a lightening fast ground the bowlers were under the pump to defend our meagre score of 540. Young Will Agius bowled a good line and length and the Tong was his stalwart self keeping the batsmen on the back foot and got the first break through due to a great catch by John Petropoulos, which looked very like a mark at centre. The Petro Tong combination also got rid of their premier batsman, who had made 123, this catch was right near the boundary and a big hit John judged it beautifully and held onto a very difficult chance. Unfortunately he struck his head and had to leave the ground and worryingly he needed an ambulance and spent the night in hospital but will be getting home this morning. We all wish him well. His fielding was outstanding. Gauch has spoken with him this morning and John is on his way home but can't remember yesterday at all. The new Skip described his catches in detail but didn't tell him he had a bowl so best we all keep mum about that over.

The Skip and Normie were bowling well in tandem and Gauch had removed the other opener, well caught on his left by the MFS debutante centurion Eddo. Thereafter things were in a lull and Gauch resolved to change the ends from which he and Normie were bowling. Your humble correspondent was asked to bowl the change over. I resolved to bowl an accurate over to keep things on track. However, sensing their Skipper had a likening for smashing off spin I cruelled him with the lightening quick one and smashed middle out of the ground. The next wicket to fall was the next ball a looping fizzing off spinner which took the stumps. The skip gave me some more overs and inevitably I took two more wickets. I could've had a five for but dropped the easiest of catches. I will buy myself a Parma in the coming weeks and the Skip owes Normie and Sniper one each although the first would've been a blinder and Honnsie added a 9.9 degree of difficulty by diving across in front for the second. He redeemed himself later to to take a sharp catch off young Will to wrap up the game.

The bowlers all performed well. The Skip, Tong, Will & Sniper.

Our fielding was very good and Honnsie employed his whole of body keeping technique on a difficult day. He will be very sore on the flight to Prague and we will miss him in the next few games. Special thanks to Bede who sub fielded all day and was fantastic and the Micksta was a dynamic fill in while Sam got to the ground.

Great to see VP O'Kane down at the ground and drinking afterwards through a straw. A big operation and he has been very stoic in response.

We play at Ormond again next Sunday in one dayer. Perhaps the Cougar could make a come back and keep for us.

Cheers  
Brett

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