

Match Report MCCC versus Entrecasteaux

On an unpredictable day of weather and on a field that was thick and heavy, Monaco got off to a blinding start, loosing the toss in his maiden captaincy Monaco were put out into the paddock.

Nick Thomas with the second ball of the day, struck, catching the finest of edges, the ball was snapped up behind the stumps by new comer Kukko.

The slump for Entrecasteaux continued with tight bowling by Thomas who removed the other opener two overs later.

Clark at the other end bowling with his newly installed contact lenses was having an average to shocker day, put down to the focus of the contacts the ball was landing half way down the pitch where Clark thought the batsmans feet were, Remarkably Entrecasteaux were contained for fear of not knowing where the next one was going.

At 4/8 Thomas finishing a very tidy spell, Entrecasteaux started to consolidate.

Parnell and Allen came into the attack, Parnell bowling tightly and supported by Allen, the overs were ticking away without great change to score.

Then the event that possibly changed the course of the game for Monaco, Allen bowling, the batsman tucked one behind square, thru for one the batsman turned for a second and Parnell faster than a high speed Kiwi, plucked the ball out off the weeds and returned the ball to the bowlers end. A good throw but awkward reception, saw Allen the receiver, crippled for the rest of the day, doing all he could do to block the ball and deflect the ball onto the stumps which was unsuccessful.

Staggering and in intense pain, Allen continued the over.

Wickets came slow and steady as the score ticked away, supporting rolls with the ball came from the Rintoul brothers, and Glen Woolacott.

Another highlight of the game came from another runout attempt involving Parnell again, who snapped the ball from the dandelions and made a direct hit of the stumps finding the batsman at least two metres from his crease.

The umpire scrambling to find himself in position to make a decision, signalled to the stand for the third umpire adjudication. Realising then that there was no bloody stand or replay, the batsman was given the benefit of the doubt, who was by the way already walking off.!

The game continued in similar fashion with a great return from our ring in fielder Ian, finding the batsman so far in his ground after a dynamic dive before the ball hit the stumps, that in traditional form he had enough time he could of set up a corner store.

He was given out !

In the final over Allen finished the innings for Entrecasteaux at 180 runs.

A quick sausage sizzle later saw MCCC with the wood in their hands, which about sums it up. Kukko out in the second over, Parnell came to the crease and started blazing away in typical form, supported for a short while by Thomas who was dismissed in his favourite manner LBW.

Clark followed who started to move the score along, until Parnell skied one that came down with snow on it but was caught at deep mid on.

Allen to the wicket saw things ticking along with Clark until the lenses failed again and Clark was clean bowled by his rival opening bowler Roshin.

The next over saw Allen dismissed with a fine edge into the gloves of the keeper after a blazing 16 including two fours and a six.

With the brothers Rintoul at the crease things moved along a little further assisted with a typically well timed Pieterse pull shot off Roshin by Charlie for 6 runs.

Possibly the shot of the day.

Things continued in similar fashion and at 9/74 Ryan Allen playing his first game came to the crease, scoring two runs off a dynamic pull shot, the game was soon over with Ian holing out.

Generally a pretty good effort, disappointing that we were scratching for players and basically played two short, but overall not a bad start to the season.

Thanks to Charlie's Angels for the assistance, a good effort in the field by Chris and Andy, good catching, nothing went to ground, Gilbo if you want some assistance in getting a refund on the lenses, please talk to our legal beagle.

Special Mentions: Thomas 8-2-3-10, Allen 8-2-3-25, Parnell top scored with 20.

Hope to see you all at Practice on Wednesday.

This report is written without bias and is subject to change without notice!