

# “MCCC Newsletter 3” Season 2005

## Match Report

MCCC v Entrecasteaux on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> 2005. (this is an edited version of a report provided by Sean Burke of Entrecasteaux)

MCCC skipper Gilbert Clark won the toss and chose to bat on a warm, clear afternoon, and openers Simon Dennett and Neil Savage negotiated the opening two overs from Roshan Perera and David Coates while moving the total to eight. Then, in a remarkable passage of play, five wickets fell in the space of twenty balls without the addition of a single run.

First Perera had Simon caught behind, then Coates bowled Neil with a beauty which moved off the seam and clipped off-stump. Perera started his third over by bowling Ed Porter with a vicious delivery that cut back from outside off and hit middle and leg, and then from the very next ball induced Charlie Rentoul to inside edge onto his stumps. In Coates' next over Earl Sorensen was caught low down at mid-off from a full-blooded drive, to leave Monte Carlo tottering at 8 for 5.

Gilbert counter-attacked, striking several fierce blows including a straight six off Coates, but Perera bowled him next over for 26. Robbie Burns resisted well for ten overs before being wonderfully caught by David Coates at square-leg, giving Perera figures of 5-25 off eight overs. Nick Thomas, having inspected the pitch at St. Vallier en route to the ground, arrived in time to bat at number nine, but when Muneeb Malik was clean bowled by Saim in the next over, and with last man Steve Kenyon Slade lost somewhere near Draguignan, the innings appeared over.

In a sporting gesture, home captain Anthony Slack proposed an early lunch, and with Steve having finally found his way to the ground the last wicket pair resumed after the interval and added a useful 16 runs, Nick working the strike skilfully until being caught and bowled by Saim for ten.

The target of 81 did not appear likely to pose serious problems, but Entrecasteaux had to work hard to reach a small total. First Slack was caught at extra-cover, and then Perera was run out after a terrible mix-up and Uddika was superbly caught at slip by Ed Porter to leave the home side stuttering at 31 for 3. Strike bowlers Gilbert and Nick bowled their eight overs straight through, but Satpal stood firm, finding a resourceful ally in Azeem Abdul, who unfurled some delightful back foot drives as the fourth wicket pair added 42 and took Entrecasteaux to within eight runs of victory.

There was still time for a last-minute scare, as both batsmen were adjudged lbw in consecutive overs, but Saim finished the match with a huge six over long-off and Entrecasteaux ran out winners by five wickets after exactly twenty overs.

### **Next League Fixture:**

The second League fixture is on **Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>** versus Cabris Cricket Club. If, as in 2003, we win the local league, there is the prospect of a national semi final and final in September in Paris. After our disappointing start we need to score some runs and take some wickets so we can aim for Paris again.

If you are available can you please contact our Captain Gilbert Clark **A.S.A.P** .That will make life much easier for Gilbert and will ensure that we have 11 players available to participate in this important upcoming game.

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If you need further instructions, you can go to <http://www.cabriscricket.com> that has a detailed map on their website on how to get the ground. As it is our home game we are providing drinks and food **complimentary** all during the day.

### **Website**

If you are not aware we have a website now, thanks very much to our new Club Member Muneeb Malik. You can go to [www.mccricket.com](http://www.mccricket.com) to find out various information, relating to items such as fixtures, previous results and much more. Get involved with the forum and or keep up to date with how the team is doing. Enjoy it. It is a wonderful facility and it is hoped that shortly you will be able to view our very own MCCC merchandise on it. Thank you Muneeb!

### **Season Fees 2005**

The Club needs the valued and continued support of its membership. The club has paid out for player licences and for membership of the local and national cricket organizations. Incoming revenue is important so please can you pay your sub now if you have not already done so.

For locals subs remain at Euro 50.00 for the year. You can forward fees by sending a cheque made out to Monte Carlo Cricket Club.

UK based members should please make out a cheque for £15.00 payable to Edward Porter.

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