

Christchurch Sat 2nd Match Reports 2010

Blandford 3rds, 7th Aug. Away

Weather reduced game to 40 overs per side but the Dorset league team of the month were not worried.. Steady start but a couple of quick wickets brought the Doust family together. They steadied the ship until Dave tried to run faster than his dad without success. After Pete departed for an excellent 52 the Wedge family upped the run rate until Peter went for 27. Wickets fell steadily with nobody staying with the skipper until "sober" Keiron came in at no 11 to blast a quick fire 30 not out. We ended up on 245 for 9 with Wedge senior on 69 not out.

We did not start very well in the field with opening bowlers unable to realise bowling short was not a good idea. Fortunately Wedge junior & George " who has nicked my tea" Harvey put the brakes on taking two wickets a piece for not many. Dean Spicer then bowled very well to pick up 3 and Dave Doust also produce a good spell to pick up the last two. They ended up all out 137 so the Church go marching on.

Our fielding was not up to our usual high standards although Keion did manage a strange effective way of preventing the ball from crossing the boundary. The skipper managed 3 stumpings but found it difficult to count the number of balls in an over. Due to no showers the drive home was a bit smelly or was that just George!!

Sturminster Marshall, 31st July. Home

Top of the table tussle meant a tense day and having not played this team before in the season due to rain very much an unknown quantity apart from the fact they had been having an equally successful season. The weather could not make its mind up raining in the morning and when the sun came out it was hot. The strength in depth of the Club was starting to show as despite the team changing several times leading up to the match the young players were more than up to the task.

Winning the toss and putting us into bat Wedgy sent in Langers and Matt Breddy having established that a number of Stur Marshall players were missing. Both batsman looked in good touch against inconsistent bowling until Langars departed LBW from a decision that could have gone either way. Batsman then joined Matt Breddy on a regular basis with no lasting partnerships formed although Carts reached 22 and Chappers 14. We reached 204 for 8 off 45 overs, it was great to see Tom Jeans (14) and then George Harvey (14 no) both thrashing the ball to the boundary on their short but explosive and very effective innings, our tale continuing to wag all the way down and P Hayes getting a bat. Matt Breddy carried his bat finishing on 88 not out from the 45.

In reply Tom Jeans (1/28) opened the bowling with George Harvey

(standing in for Danny, Kieran, Nethers and Alex all missing from the opening attack so no pressure). Tom took a wicket in his first over getting a good snicko taken by Chappers with the broken thumb and he nearly removed their No 3 who just missed playing on in the 2nd over but excellent pressure was being exerted with god bowling and fielding. There was a very good run out of their No 2 and only their No 3 actually put up any resistance until removed by George (2/24) LBW, Pete Wedge (4/25) and Dean Spicer (2/26) then mopped up their tail. Matt Breddy took a Collingwood standard catch high above his head and we still dont know how he reached it, but very much matching his batting performance. Dean Spicer and Pete Wedge took catches and none were dropped this day on what was a fine performance by the Club's youth steered by Matt Wedge.

Man of the match Matt Breddy but yet again Peter Wedge nearly bagged himself another 5fer. Sturminster Marshall were all out on 109 off 25.4 overs and the author was drinking in Chessington by 9p.m.

Team was Matt Wedge, Pete Wedge, N Mullings, G Harvey, T Jeans, M Breddy, P Hayes, N Carter, P Langdown, D Spicer, P Chappell

Next week Blandford 3rds away

Nick Mullings

Wareham, 24th July. Away

Another win but bit harder this time on the worst pitch we have played on plus an artificial strip but with the best tea including proper home made cakes (once they finally unlocked the pavillion in the 35th over).

Wedgy lost the toss and they chose to bat, which was ok as Danny and Ben Nethers started ripping through them 4 - 34 or similar but then a partnership suddenly saw Wareham go up to 150 for 6 and finish all out on 190 off 44.2 overs. Danny bagged himself another 5fer allowing them 36 runs off his 12 overs. Nethers took 1, Pete Doust 2, Pete Wedge 2 and Alex and George also bowling. Most annoying there were 4 dropped catches (two were properly middled) which was very unlike the team this year, Danny took a great catch out on the boundary and I sacrificed my shin to stop 4 runs.

In reply Pete Doust and Langers didnt do their normal thing and enter Nick Carter to the rescue playing like Matt Breddy and batting with a number of partners getting his 54 and most importantly with Danny Thompson (50), together they put on 100 quickly which took the pressure off the team losing early wickets and allowing the skipper to go in at No 10 and hit the winning 4 hooking the bowler toward the boundary. We scored 194 for 9 of 33 overs which sounds easy but it was tense for a while.

Team was Matt Wedge Skipper, Pete Wedge, Pete Doust, Nick Mullings, Alex Mullings, George Harvey, Danny Thompson, Nick Carter, Dean Spicer, Phil

Langdown, Ben (bad back) Nethersole .

Next week Sturminster Marshall at home.

Nick Mullings

Branksome 2nds, 17th July. Home

Another week and ANOTHER WIN, the winning run continues.

Branksome won the toss and decided to bat and were 5 for 35 once Danny and Nethers ripped through them. Had a bit of a lull but they were eventually all out for 91 off 31 overs. Danny was 12-5-21 another 5fer for him, Nethers 8-2-19, George 5-2-27 and Dean Spicer 7-1-23, Dean getting some nice turn during his spell. Wilks kept wicket well again with Chappers playing but still with a broken thumb. Most batsman were clean bowled and there was one dropped catch.

In reply Pete Doust made 24, Langers 44NO, Matt Breedy 15 and Wilko 2NO making 92-2 of 22 overs and time for a proper fat boy tea after another early finish.

The team was Pete Doust Skipper, D Wilkins Wkt, P Langdown, N Carter, P Chappell, B Nethersole, D Spicer, D Thompson, M Breedy, George Harvey and N Mullings

Next week Wareham away on Astro turf so bring your trainers.

Nick Mullings

Abbotsbury, 10th July. Away

Another week and another win. Led by Pete Doust in the absence of skipper Matt Wedge we played a different Abbotsbury team to the one at the beginning of the season.

After winning the toss Pete Doust (41) and Langers opened the batting (18), Matt Breedy (67) then entered the fray and stayed there for the next 30 overs playing in the style of Trotty he supported the skipper and most the rest of the team through their innings. Danny Thompson scored a quickfire 26 followed by Dean Spicer 20 and George Harvey 16 from not many balls. We scored 213 off 42 overs with Pete Hayes not out at the end yet again.

In reply Abbotsbury plodded their way to 150 for 5 off 45 overs seemingly more intent on not getting out than reaching our total. Danny (1) and Alex (1) opened the bowling and pinned the opposition down, this was continued by Pete Doust 10-30-2 and Dean Spicer 12-1-38-1, and George Harvey confirming his promise with his figures of 5-11-1. Dave Wilkins kept wicket well in the absence of Jake, Chappers and Wedgy (altho he did have his own

gear) and took 2 useful catches in the process. Danny and Alex also took a catch apiece to add to their wickets. Was a strange game on a fairly true wicket in good conditions, but good form of the Sat 2nds continues with everyone making contributions in the field ably orchestrated by Pete Doust.

Team was P Doust, N Carter, D Wilkins, P Langdown, G Harvey, P Hayes, D Spicer, D Thompson, M Breddy, A Mullings, N Mullings

Next week Branksome at Hurn Bridge

Nick Mullings

Ferndown Wayfarers 4th, 3rd July. Home

Skipper won the toss & batted on a hot day. After a sound!! opening partnership Jake Dear & Pete Wedge then came to the crease. They concentrated to amass runs from some "buffet" bowling. Jake ended on 63 & Pete reached his maiden mens 50 finally departing on 56.

Late flurries from the skipper (28) & George (27n.o) combined with Keiron stranded on 48 n.o helped us to 323 for 9. The first time I can remember the 2nds passing the 300 mark.

We made hard work of removing their "quality" batting due to some "first team" catching!! However Wedge junior ended up with another 5fer. The eventually limped to 105 all out.

The most amusing incident of the day was when their no 11 came in with a runner but ran a quick single off his 1st ball. His runner Jamie subsequently left the field to the biggest round of applause of the day!!

Short trip to Abbotsbury next week.

Weymouth Longshots, 26th June. Away.

A family affair is the only way to describe this match in Weymouth. We had 3 father and son's playing, another 2 brother's playing plus their dad scoring and Mrs Denise Wedge bravely volunteering to travel all that way and look after 2 x 21 month old twins.

Quite a few of our regular players were missing but Weymouth didnt really turn up (missing 5 of their regulars), we lost the toss but they were all out for 104 off 32 overs. Alex and Kieran opened the bowling taking a wicket apiece but P Wedge did most of the damage getting another 5fer with his spin, supported by George Harvey and then Dave Doust (1).

Pete and Dave Doust then opened the batting for us. Dave was out quite quickly whilst his old man knocked off the runs methodically amassing 73 runs himself (back from injury) and supported by Kieran at the end. Craig And

Darren Campbell had a bat and we finished on 108 for 3 off 22 overs and home early on a lovely summers day. Tea was good.

The team was M Wedge (SKipper and Wkt Kpr), Pete Wedge, Den Wedge (minder), Pete Doust, Dave Doust, N Mullings, A Mullings, D Campbell, C Campbell, Nev Campbell (scorer), G Harvey (bowler), K Burton, P Hayes

Next week Ferndown at home.

Nick Mullings

Dorchester 3rds, 19th June. Home.

Jake and Matt Breddy played for the 1sts and Craig, Darren and George joined us from the thirds with Neville the excellent scorer and Dorchester providing 2 umpires. Big match against an equally successful team as us and our first loss of the season by 19 runs. They were on 80 off 7 overs thanks to their No 3 who looked rather good as he whizzed to 50. Our bowling attack of Danny (2) and Kieran did not make the early breakthroughs experienced so far and despite some excellent bowling by Pete Wedge 12-4-22-4, supported by George Harvey (1) Darren Campbell and Dave Doust they finished on 219 for 9 off 45 overs. Kieran managed to catch their star man facing the other way for most of the flight of the ball and turned round to find a ball in his hand. Dorchester are a good youth team of technical batters but some of my (our) fielding could have been better.

In reply Chappers made 43, Danny 28 and Matt Wedge 47 n/o played a Skipper innings ably supported by George Harvey 16 and Darren Campbell at the end, the skipper taking the score from 150 onwards and Dorchester getting increasingly uncomfortable the lack of wickets in hand was telling and we were all out for 202 in the 42 overs. Their young spinner (who made Pete Wedge look old) bagging himself a 5fer.

Team was Matt Wedge, Pete Wedge, N Mullings, Chappers, Langers, G Harvey, D Campbell, C Cambell, D Thompson, D Doust, K Burton

Next week Weymouth Longshots away

Nick Mullings

Bridport 2nds, 12th June. Away.

After winning the toss we chose to bat and Langers and Dave Doust entered the fray. 20 overs later we were still limping along with no one getting a big score or giving away their wicket that easily. Langers made 20 and the score only started rising when Danny Thompson (47) and Jake Dear (38) put together a partnership, running well between the wickets and supporting each other whilst playing into the gaps. We finished on 179 all out off 44.2 overs.

After a half decent tea we fielded and the pitch continued to influence play, tidy bowling from Danny (2 wkts) and Alex kept Bridport's run rate low and the

pressure being applied led Alex to make the breakthrough and removing 2 of Bridports young stars. Fielding was good again and catching nearly faultless with N Mullings keeping hold of a low one off his son's bowling whilst an excellent stop from Danny in the field led to a run out of one of their better batsman. Pete Wedge tied up and end with his spin taking 2 wickets with Carts at the other end bamboozling the opposition with his variation to also get 2. Jake changed from wicketkeeper to bowler (with Chappers getting his gloves back) and also bagged himself a wicket. Bridport were finally all out for 138 and we continue to move forward with our winning streak. This game was a long one for us influenced by pitch and the opposition but the team showed its resilience and depth to keep plugging away until they went the way of the others. The catch count for the team is over 20 already and only outshone by Carts exuberant celebrations and Langers possible jug avoidance when he could have taken more than the 2 catches he did bag on Saturday. Only 2 matches now to the midway point with Dorchester 3rds next followed by Weymouth.

Team was M Wedge, P Wedge, N Mullings, A Mullings, P Chappell, P Langdown, N Carter, D Thompson, M Breddy, J Dear, D Doust.
Nick Mullings

Blandford 3rds, 5th June. Home

Fielding a strong team Wedgy lost the toss and they chose to bat. 24 overs later they were all out for 89. Kieran after bowling well all season was rewarded with a well deserved 5fer, Danny Thompson (bowled 12 overs) and Pete Wedge also picking up 2 wickets apiece. A strong fielding display again apart from me going down in slow motion to a ball and wondering why it went past me, Carts missing two fierce drives and one dropped catch at slip; aside from that some good catches by Pete Wedge, Matt Wedge, Chappers keeping wicket, Ryan Thorpe and Dave Doust.

Dave Doust (26) and Langers (21) opened the batting when we turned straight round we joined by Matt Breddy not out and Ryan Thorpe who after a nice kip scored 25 dismissively off 2 overs to finish the game for us. We made 93 for 2 off 20 overs. Tea was ok but no pasties.

Team was Matt Wedge, Pete Wedge, N Mullings, P Chappell, N Carter, P Langdown, D Doust, Ryan Thorpe, Kieran Burton, Matt Breddy and Danny Thompson.

Next week Bridport away.

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Nick Mullings

Wareham, 22nd May. Home

Bright sunny day at Hurn Bridge and the skipper won the toss again and put us into bat. Pete and Dave Douse opened for us but the partnership unfortunately did not last that long. Pete batted a long-time and scored a well

deserved 74 in the end despite his dodgy achilles. R Thorpe contributed 26 and toward the end of the innings Matt Wedge the skipper (40) and Matt Breddy (47) playing his first game of the season raised our score rapidly and you could see Wareham's morale decline. We finished with 256 off the 45 overs.

After a nice tea which included pasties Kieran Burton (2 wickets) and Danny Thompson (also playing in his first match of the season) bagged himself a lovely 5fer with figures of 5-24 off 10 overs. Dean Spicer also bagged himself 3 ending with figures of 3-15 off 4 overs. Wareham were all out for 65 and apart from their opener scoring 24, no one else could withstand the bowling.

Another excellent result, the 2nds benefitting from the strength of several 1st team regulars playing and Matt Breddy and Danny Thompson slotting straight back into the team.

Team was Matt Wedge Skipper, P Douse, D Douse, N Mullings, D Thompson, Nick Carter, Kieran Burton, Ryan Thorpe, Dean Spicer, Jake Dear and Matt Breddy.

Next week away against Sturminster Marshall

Nick Mullings

Branksome, 15th May. Away.

Opening the batting Langars (8) and Dave Douse (27) looked good reaching 43 for 1 before the partnership went awry. Dave was joined by his old man Pete in the first of the father son partnerships but this was not to last despite Pete looking in good nick as he skied one and was caught on 8. No other partnerships were formed really, Jake Dear scored a useful 22 and Matt Wedge was out to let Pete Wedge (13) in. Pete played a proper Wedgy drive to the huge boundary at Wallisdown. We eventually limped to 117 all out despite Kieran being dropped twice.

In reply Branksome looked serious racing to 44 before Kieran declared himself injured so Pete Douse came in to show him how to do it removing 4 players and lowering the opposition's morale with Meanan supporting well at the other end. They continued to fight toward our total until young Peter Wedge coming in and showed some serious mettle bowling at the death and taking 4 wickets in the process. Kieran Burton also came back to life and bowled at the end finally catching their last man off Pete Wedge's bowling.

We won by only 3 runs in the end as they were all out on 114, a very close game on a weird pitch which had much to do with the low scores. There were nice cakes at tea as well in newly refurbished BIG changing rooms. Well done everyone on a hard fought match. The team was M Wedge, Pete Wedge, Pete Douse, Dave Douse, Carts, Langars, Chappers, Meanan Ratnakumar, N Mullings, K Burton, Jake Dear (Wkt).

Next week at home against Wareham.

Nick Mullings

Abbotsbury, 8th May. Home.

Despite the weather we managed to start on time at Hurn Bridge the rain going away about 1.45 and we took the covers off then. Chappers lost the toss and Abbotsbury only having 7 players put themselves into bat. Kieran Burton opened the bowling supported by Meanen Ratnakumar from the other. There number 3 managed to get himself to 60 helped by a very fast outfield (despite the damp conditions)and thanks to him taking forever to get ready each time Abbotsbury made 143 all out of 37 overs. Meanan took 3 wickets, Ben Nethersole 2, Alex Mullings took one. Dave Douse bowled well on debut getting some good grip, and Nick Carter bowled frugally with little help from the pitch.

In reply Dave Douse opened with Langars, the latter scoring 28 rapidly, the former 16. Dave Wilkins scored 19 N/O continuing his good form with the bat supported by cameo's from Alex 12 and Meanan 15 both playing some lusty shots. Ben Nethersole finished the match in the IPL style with a six to the boundary.

A relatively easy win with a strong side we scored 146 off 23 overs continuing the momentum from the previous week's good play and despite playing in freezing wet conditions.

The team was, P Chappers (Capt and Wkt), D Douse, Pete Douse, N Mullings, A Mullings, N Carter, P Langdown, K Burton, B Nethersole, Meanan Ratnakumar and D Wilkins.

Next week Branksome Away at Wallisdown.

Nick Mullings

Ferndown Wayfarers 4th, 1st May. Away.

First match of the season, everyone a bit rusty and it decided to rain. They fielded a v young team with some erratic bowlers and after winning the toss we creaked our way to 183 - 9 when Wedgy declared in the hope that we could finish the game despite the rain. Their run rate was v slow and this did not help. Chappers blasted his way to a nice 53, extras was over 50 and Dave Wilcox next top scored with 23.

Unfortunately despite not raining in Hurn Bridge we had to abandon the game in Ferndown due to the rain and foul weather. A pity as this would have provided some good momentum to the season

Next week Abbotsbury at home

Nick Mullings