

## Cavaliers XI v The Manor – 06.09.09

### The Manor 189 for 9 – Cavaliers XI 173 for 9

It was welcome back to Big Tony & his Manor XI to UCC to see if they could get revenge for their defeat in the first game of the season. Big Tony and The Manor supporters certainly looked hungry for success as well as lagers and curries!!!

Thanks also go to Stuart Sugden and Craig Milner, the Idle CC overseas players who were playing for the Cavaliers and had given up their very high guest match fees and expenses.

The Manor batted first with their guests Darren Drake and Phil Drake setting off at a brisk pace and both retiring on reaching 30. However we did wonder how they managed this and how much they paid the Cavaliers to drop catches with John Armstrong, Phil Dixon, Jim Emmett and Steve North all guilty but no doubt better off financially.

It was also clear that with UCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI winning the championship on the Saturday several Cavaliers did not look or feel that well! The stand out Cavalier for this was AD whose normal fielding prowess leaves a lot to be desired but his co-ordination between hands/eyes and feet was totally off.

However there were some Cavaliers that put in great performances with Dave 'Bucket Hands' Gatenby taking another two catches and Bob 'Seam Up' Skelly taking a magnificent 4 for 5 in his three overs.

It is also worth noting that John 'Shane' Armstrong having retired from his wicket keeping role turned in a steady 0 for 21 in his three overs of top spin bowling. Welcome back Warney!!!

Top scorers for The Manor were Darren Drake with 57, Phil Drake with 64 no and Andy Horner with 36 leaving The Manor on 189 for 9 after their 30 overs.

It was a shock to see AD opening the batting and he did not last long in this role being out for one in the first over. Good to see Stirky continuing his good form with a solid 33 and Bob 'All Rounder' Skelly making 18 that included a six.

The general feeling from the Cavaliers batting was of how many ways could the Cavaliers invent to get out? Two cases were Bucket Hands out for a first ball duck and Phil 'Cavs Pro' Dixon getting frustrated by the variety of the bowling.

Keen bowling from The Manor's Togga with 3 for 19, Big Daz with 2 for 15 and ADI with 1 for 12 together with keen fielding meant the Cavaliers needing over 8 an over from the last 5 overs. As best as Craig 'Not a Slogger' Milner with 26 no and Shane with 12 no tried, they could not keep up to the required run rate and the Cavaliers ended on 173 for 9.

A frustrating loss for the Cavaliers by 16 runs none more so than for Stirky who was itching to get back in at the death.

Special mention must be made to Bob Skelly and Dave Gatenby for undertaking umpiring spells and AD in his new role as the Cavaliers new kit man.

However congratulations must go to The Manor XI, their supporters and Tony 'Not Bad For A Fat Lad' Bannon who was rightly proud of his troops and was getting ready to party all night long following a famous victory for The Manor.