

CAVALIERS XI v BRADFORD MOOR GOLF CLUB - TUESDAY 14.07.09



Colin 'Duracell' Furniss – But Which One Is Colin????

MATCH ABANDONNED DUE TO RAIN

Regular readers of the Cavaliers match reports will note that the usual team photo is missing from this report and instead we have photos of Colin 'Duracell' Furniss. Readers may ask why the name of 'Duracell' for when accepting the task of taking the team photo, Colin may have checked that the batteries for his digital camera were charged up and not being used elsewhere!!! Being a Cavalier and Muppet he failed on both counts.

Yet even before this disaster the run up to the game had become embroiled in another rumour concerning suspected bribery of our captain Phil 'A Pint of Lager Will Do' Gaunt by another Cavalier. Word has reached your reporter that a certain Andy 'Will Do Anything' Davey approached our captain and offered to buy him a pint of lager if he would allow him not only to open the bowling but to bat higher up the order rather than his usual No 11!

It can only be a coincidence that AD did in fact open the bowling, batted at No 3 and our captain enjoyed a free pint of lager but no actual evidence or witness exists and as such nothing can be proved beyond reasonable doubt.

The weather was bright but with the prospects of some rain later when the golf club batted first in a 20/20 over game. Once again disaster struck in the first ball of the game when Gareth Watson fell over when trying to stop the ball going for a four and was out injured for the rest of the game.

This deprived supporters of the prospect of a titanic duel between Gareth 'The Slinga' Watson and his adversary Danny 'No Box Required' Uttley as pre match rumours suggested that Gareth was ready to give Danny some 'Chin Music'. [Editor's note – for non cricketing readers this means 'knock his bloody head off']

Highlights of the golf club innings was G Joseph with 27 no, L Yaxley 25 no, a cameo appearance by Steve 'The President' Flynn making 3 and Danny 'KP' Uttley, targeted by the Cavaliers as the prize batsman who survived all efforts to get him out in making 8 no. The innings finished on 108 for 6.

The Cavaliers fielding was memorable for Dave Stirk nearly breaking his finger when colliding with Colin Furniss, AD using his dam buster throwing arm and the crowd wondering if John 'Knotty' Armstrong would ever take a catch behind the stumps!

However the highlight was Phil 'Rolley Polley' North winning the Cavaliers fielding gold medal for managing to roll forwards and backwards in one graceful movement on top of the UCC hill and we were left wondering if Phil would make the GB gymnastics team for the London Olympics?

Bowling honours went to Dave 'Where Was Barbara?' Gatenby, who took a wicket with his 1st ball and finished with 3 for 7 and John 'The Don' Whitehead with 1 for 13.

Father and son Phil and Steve North opened the Cavaliers batting with Steve 'Test Player' North batting out a maiden in the first over of the game put on 9 before Phil was out for 4. Steve 'Not Just A Slogger' North went onto to make 27 no and Andy 'Bopara' Davey making 21 no, leaving the Cavaliers on 56 for 1 after 9 overs when the rain came and the match had to be abandoned.

The best bowler for the golf club was M Wright with 1 for 5 but Danny 'Warney' Uttley went for 21 runs in his 2 overs and was told to stick to batting and telling people how good a batter he was!

Thanks must go to Steve Flynn for helping to arrange the match and to all Bradford Moor players and supporters for their attendance and staying on and joining in the UCC quiz.

The Cavaliers are now looking forward to pitting their golfing talents against the golf club on Thursday 13.08.09.

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