



**Cavaliers XI**

Back Row – P Dixon, C Furniss, P Stoyles, M Unsworth, J Whitehead, M Reynolds [Scorer]  
Front Row – C Dearlove, J Emmett, P North, J Armstrong [Capt], S North, C Hudson



**Keighley CC XI**

## Keighley CC 220 for 5 – Cavaliers XI 119 for 8

A fine afternoon for the visit of a star studded [well at least two of them] Keighley CC XI visit to UCC to take on the Cavaliers. Not only was that a shock to your reporter [and more of a shock to some of the Cavaliers] but even bigger news was that an ex-Cavalier in the shape of Mick 'Silsden Lad' Batty back as Keighley's umpire. It was also noted that Richard Robinson, UCC's famed groundsman was keeping a low profile in the bar.

Keighley were certainly one of the keenest teams seen at UCC for sometime on a Sunday when they started warming up at noon for a two o'clock start – Cavaliers beware! This modern pre-match routine was not taken up by Phil '20 Pints' North who looked somewhat pale after a full day at the races and the odd night cap at the Rose & Crown.

Keighley batted first and from the very start the Cavaliers sensed it was going to be a long 30 overs with the opening pair putting on 76 before the Cavaliers got 'them out' by Tony Crook retiring on 33 and Simon Bailey retiring on 30. It was not last time the Cavaliers were to see of Keighley batsman returning to the changing rooms via the retirement route.

I suppose your reporter should have known things were not going to go well for the Cavaliers when our captain John 'Taught CB All He Knows' Armstrong was quoted as saying he did not drop a catch in the warm up – shame he did not take that form into the game itself!

After last weeks great effort in the field the Cavaliers got back to their bad old ways and your reporter is continually amazed about how the Cavaliers find new ways of missing the ball and letting it go for four!

However even by these dreadful standards Phil 'Tap Dancer' North deserves special mention in not only moving away from the ball in the total wrong direction but then blaming a bad bump in the ground and not his 20<sup>th</sup> pint and backing slow horses the day before for his miss field!

It was at this point that Shane our top glove man started to complain that his wicket keeping gloves were too hard but not sure how he could tell as he had not caught a ball all afternoon.

Readers will no doubt be getting the picture that the Cavaliers were not happy bunnies as the ball ended up in all parts of Undercliffe, Thornbury and Pudsey as Keighley batsmen Paul Feather, Nick Copack and Jake Best retired on reaching 30 leaving Keighley on 220 for 5.

However there were a couple of bright spots in the bowling with John 'The Don' Whitehead bouncing back from last weeks mauling to finish with 0 for 19 but the star performance came from Martin 'Seam Up' Unsworth who bowled brilliantly at the death to finish with 2 for 18.

The Cavaliers knew they had to get off to a good start and our resident 3<sup>rd</sup> teamers Steve and Colin put on 20 before Colin was out for 6. Phil 'I Don't Feel Well' North's day got even worse when he was out for a duck and retired to the bar for a long rest and a livener.

In came Craig 'Poorly Paw' Hudson who could not bowl due to injury but starred with the bat to make a finely struck 31 no that along with Phil 'Central Contract' Dixon making 23 and Steve North 18 were the main contributors. The Cavaliers finished on 119 for 8.

Best bowlers for Keighley were Pat Cryer 1 for 6, Paul Rhodes 2 for 20 and Mike Cryer 1 for 10.

A bit of a drubbing for the Cavaliers who look forward to going to Keighley next season with a couple of guests called Freddy and KP – so watch out Richard Robinson!!!!

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