

ORCC 4th XI v Sinjun Grammarians

Saturday 9 May

ORCC win by 2 wickets

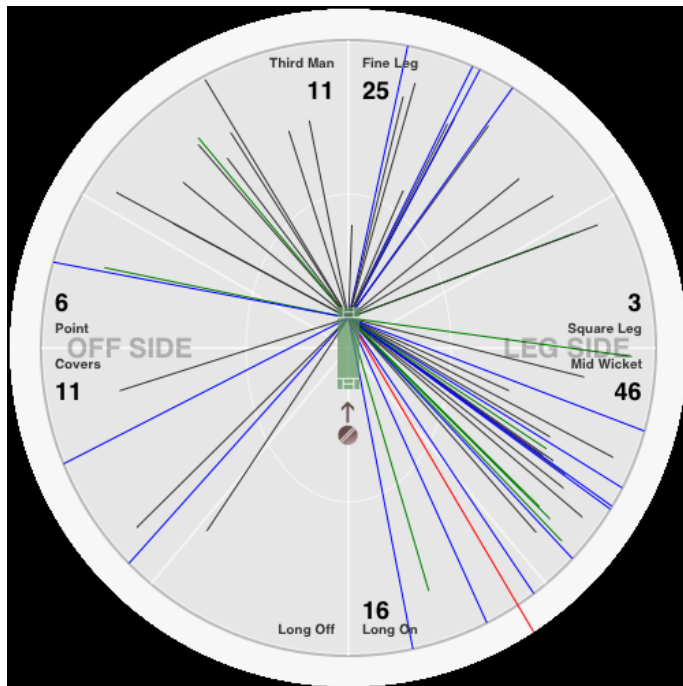
So, with the weather signaling that the cricket season was well and truly upon us it was time to begin the league campaign for ORCC's 4th XI. With a new captain at the helm in Adam Wright (who was playing in only his 3rd game for the club and 4th ever match as skipper!) plus a mixture of youth and wizened older players, the 4th XI turned up at Nursery road to find a fairly soggy square for their first fixture of the season.

After losing the toss, Wrighty used an old Jedi mind trick to persuade the opposition captain to bat first on a damp, slightly used track under cloudy skies. After providing the opposition a team sheet to enter into their fancy iPad scoring system, Wrighty gave his first teamtalk as skipper, which amounted to something along the lines of "let's go and have some fun"

Lewsey (2-23) and Basit (1-18) opened the bowling and both managed to extract lavish bounce, and seam movement from a length. After their opening bursts, the opposition were left on 40-2. Marsh (1-31) was then bought on to bowl a mixture of filthy long hops and full tosses in the rain, alongside the experience and control of Tony Green, who either side of a brief rain interruption bowled 10 overs solid to take 4-25. Marsh managed to burgle a wicket during his brief spell, a top edged skyer from Sinjun's no. 4 that Scutts ran this way and that for, before finally settling underneath it and taking it comfortably. After Marshy and the rain, Callum (2-26) was brought on with Sinjuns set on 95-4, and both he and Tony combined to reduce them to 99-9. After some brief hitting from Sinjun's no 10, Rob Lewsey came back on to deliver the coup de grace and bowl Sinjun's out for a paltry 124.

After an excellent tea, Scutts and Eshen were sent to open the batting, and ruts were soon 7-2 in the 4th over after Eshen and Wrighty were triggered off the bowling of Sinjun's skipper. Sumair and Scutts steadied the ship, but Sumair soon fell to the other opener. Padge went out and set about dominating the Sinjun's bowling attack with some brutal, yet effective batting. He made batting look easy on a track that most others had struggled on, and with able support from Scutts, Stuart and Marshy, hauled us from 13-3 to 116-6 when he finally for a well made 72 from 51 balls including 10 fours and a huge six onto the tramway. After a brief wobble, in which Marshy and Tony fell to Sinjun's opener, Basek (15-3-40-5). Mohammed and Rob saw us over the line after a few tight lbw shouts and some excellent umpiring from Eshen, and all that was left to do was shake hands after an excellent, hard-fought game.

Team wagon wheel:



Padge's wagon wheel:

