2019

ACT Veterans Cricket UK Tour



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The Team



Standing: Greg Curtis, Kev Rosenbaum, Pat Murray, Geoff Gilbert, Keith Bridgen, Martin Kennedy, Miles Boak, Peter Gunning, Steve Moore, Andy Turner Seated: Ross Calvert, Mark Dennison, Bill Rowe, Gary Page, Mark Viney, Boris Teodorowych, Greg Mulvaney. Inset: Ron Bates, Joe Gunning

Tour Summary by Bill Rowe

Welcome to the Report of the 2019 ACT Veterans' Tour of the UK. This summary provides a short account of the month-long tour. The Report contains players' statistics including highlights, detailed reports of each match with photos and profiles of the entire touring party. I hope you enjoy it!

Back in mid-2018 on a lengthy drive back from Queensland, it occurred to me that with the growth of the over 60s movement, increasingly ACT players may have fewer options to make Australian sides to play overseas.

So, I contacted Ron Axelby and floated the idea of a tour to England for interested ACT players. A quick email later seeking expressions of interest and 12 willing souls indicated there was enough interest to begin planning a trip to the old country.

Having previously toured the UK with Stirling Hammond (the doyen of the Australian over 60s movement) I went to Stirling for advice. Stirling had organised many tours to England, played in England as a young man, led the Australian over 60s team no fewer than 6 times on overseas tours including England.

Stirling kindly offered to set up games with his contacts across various counties and suggested the touring template so successfully used in the past. This involved accommodation (four star and with a pool for early morning sessions!) for up to 30 people so games could be organised around the four accommodation venues. This meant the tourists would have manageable drives to games each day rather than packing up every couple of days and moving to new accommodation.

The group of 12 eagerly agreed and planning got underway. Previous experience had shown that 17 players were ideal considering the need to rest and possible injuries that continually threaten the veteran's cohort! That number looked viable as we expanded to include over 50 players and the ACT Veterans touring party was formed as the ACT Galaxies. The final group ranged in age from early 50s to early 70s.

By March 2019 the composition of the touring party had changed due to injuries, family and work commitments. In the end we had a solid core of 19 players with 4 players sharing 2 spots. Keith Bridgen and Greg Curtis, our Queensland import, had to leave early and then Ron Bates and Joe Gunning arrived later in the tour.

Seventeen games in eleven different counties were scheduled with the first game on 7 July and the last on 29 July. As always, games were evenly shared with 12

games each. Due to a washout, illness and a couple of injuries not everyone played 12 games.

The playing group was accompanied by seven wonderful WAGS. The touring party profiles at the end of this report has information on the entire touring party. This group of WAGS was simply outstanding. They were always available to help and support the entire touring party on match and rest/touring days.

All members of the touring party made their own way to England to meet at Heathrow on 4 July. A large van to carry gear, two mini vans that could carry nine people each and two cars were hired for the duration of the trip.

First stop was Swindon in Wiltshire. We stayed for five nights. We trained/rested for two days and then had two games in Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. We won the first game and narrowly lost the second.

Generally speaking, tour rules had matches of 40 overs for each side with batsmen retiring at 40 runs and bowlers with a maximum of 8 overs. Barring injury, ACT players would play two out of every three matches aiming to give all players as close to 12 matches as possible. A pro-rata formula applied to those who were not there for the whole tour.

In the first game with a 5-run victory against North Wiltshire, Gary Page (40), Boris Teodorowych (42) and Pete Gunning (43) retired not out with Geoff Gilbert not out on 39. Mark Viney took 2/31.

In the second game against the John Lawrence XI at Purton CC, Pete Gunning retired on 42, and Greg Mulvaney took 3/27. Bill Rowe, playing for the opposition took a wicket bowling Miles Boak on 36! And Mark Viney also playing for the opposition bowled Kevin Rosenbaum. Perhaps the result could have been otherwise but in the spirit of cricket it was right to offer some players to the other side!

On 9 July we travelled to Cheltenham in Gloucestershire. We stayed for seven nights. Five games were played in four different counties – Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Gloucestershire and Somerset. We won two and lost three.

The third game of the tour saw us up against Pershore Over 60s. Pete Gunning, Steve Moore and Geoff Gilbert all retired not out. Kevin Rosenbaum took 3/19. The Galaxies lost in the 38th over.

Warwickshire Over 60s were a county side and proved too strong winning in the 38th over in our fourth match. Boris Teodorowych was not out 50 off 51 balls and Geoff Gilbert was retired not out on 43. Miles Boak 2/28 and Greg Mulvaney 2/32 were the best of the bowlers.

Perhaps the most disappointing match was the game against Dumbleton on 12 July. The weather and grounds were beautiful but the ACT Galaxies were outclassed by a young side. Eight of their players were in their late teens or 20s. They were too strong and too fast and won by 9 wickets. Miles Boak was our best bat with 37 and Geoff Gilbert took our only wicket. A highlight was playing against Abbey Whybrow who retired 40 not out. She was our player of the match and we look forward to seeing her play for England at some stage. The comment was made that it's not often in an over 60s match that the player of the match was born in a different millennium!

After a rest day the Galaxies bounced back in a game against the Boxmen at Stanway. Martin Kennedy took 4/14 and Mark Dennison took 3/12. Steve Moore retired 40 not out.

Game 7 saw us lose against the Somerset Over 60s who scored an impressive 4/272. Miles Boak was the best bowler with 2/27 off his 8 overs. Bill Rowe was not out 40 and Peter Gunning was out for 43.

On 16 July we travelled to Stratford-upon-Avon where we stayed for eleven nights at the Crowne Plaza. This was the pick of the accommodation in amenities and also it was in town near all the historic sites. Many chose to have an ale in the oldest pub and soak up everything they could about William Shakespeare. We had eight games scheduled in five counties – Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Cambridgeshire, Leicestershire and Herefordshire. We won four, lost three and had a washout.

On 17 July we had a win against the Fossils in Birlingham in Worcestershire. Our best on the day were Gary Page and Keith Bridgen each retired not out on 40 and Mark Viney who took an impressive 4/6 off 5 overs and was well supported by some very tight bowling from Keith, Ross Calvert and Greg Curtis all going for less than 3 runs an over.

In our ninth game against Apperley we were beaten by four runs. Miles Boak was out for 44, and Mark Viney and Gary Page both made 37. Pat Murray took 2/26 and Mark Viney had 4/33. We struggled at drinks in the 20th at 4/68 chasing 182 but collectively Mark Viney, Gary Page, Miles Boak, Andy Turner and Martin Kennedy took it to the last over to make it an exciting finish.

Our 10th game against Winchcombe was unfortunately washed out but the group welcomed two days of rest and sightseeing. This was the only match affected by rain and so overall the group felt it couldn't grumble.

What became our 10th game on 21 July against Cambridge XI at Kimbolton saw a convincing win. Greg Mulvaney was not out 40 and Ross Calvert took a great 3/5 off 3 overs. Ron Bates in his first game of the tour got 28 runs and Martin Kennedy was 30 not out including a towering maximum over the bowler's head.

The next day we played Droitwich and went down in the 39th over. Kevin Rosenbaum and Gary Page both retired not out on 40 and Mark Viney had 3/32. The game was played in great spirit and Martin Woodward was recognised and presented with a Galaxies Cap for playing in five matches against the tourists.

The next game against Leicestershire Over 60s saw the Galaxies win in a close one. Setting the home side a gettable chase of 152, Greg Mulvaney top scored with 42 not out. Greg also took 3/36 and Joe Gunning in his first match of the tour took 3/19. ACT won by 8 runs in the end.

The Galaxies were brought back to earth in the next game against John Belfield's XI at Stowell Park playing a youthful side including an Australian student from Armidale playing in the local league. It was also the hottest day of the tour being mid 30s and for once there was a big outfield with no shade on the ground. The opposing captain decided the tourists should field first as the "Australians were used to the heat". Mark Viney took 3/21 as the opposition scored 9/161. Martin Kennedy top scored with 22 of our 101 runs which was our lowest total of the tour.

Our last game out of Stratford-upon-Avon was against Eastnor. We had a win in the 38th over chasing 185. Miles Boak took 3/22 of his 8 overs. Both Steve Moore and Boris Teodorowych retired not out on 40. When Boris retired Mark Dennison and Andy Turner played 'intelligently' as the best bowlers were brought on. Their running between the wickets was a highlight of the tour. We had a three-course meal in a marque at the ground and the captain of Leicestershire regaled the group with colourful anecdotes.

On 27 July we drove south to Crawley, West Sussex and played our final two games in East Sussex and Kent. We finished our stay there with one win and one loss.

On 28 July in our 15th match we beat Sussex Over 60s in the 40th over. Tight bowling in particular by Ross Calvert in an outstanding spell with 5/10 from 7 overs restricted Sussex to 144 runs. Mark Viney retired not out on 40 opening the batting. Joe Gunning was 33 not out.

In our final match on 29 July we played Sussex Over 70s. Unfortunately, we lost on the last ball of the match despite a confident appeal and the umpire admitting later it could have gone either way. Galaxies had scored 169 in its 40 overs with Joe Gunning not out on 41. Steve Moore also battled a leg injury making a solid 34 with a runner (Bill Rowe). Ross Calvert took 2/26. In the last over it was nail-biting for the spectators as the winning run was scored off the very last ball. The loss is probably best summed up by saying 'that's cricket'.

On the last night we had a team farewell dinner where all members of the group said a few words on what their highlights of the tour were. The tour was judged a mighty success with many saying it was the experience of a lifetime for them and that they would value the new friendships they'd formed.

The next day the group all made their way back to Hounslow to return the vehicles. Some returned straight away to Australia and others stayed on in Europe.

We ended up with an 8/8 win-loss ratio which the Group felt could have been better but for a few crucial plays but overall they were happy. It was pleasing that there were no major illnesses or injuries that saw players end their tours. The warm-ups and warm-downs often brought merriment from the opposition, but it reduced injury and soreness as did the early morning pool exercises expertly run by Henrietta Dennison. Many thanks, Henny, for your sustained outstanding efforts in the pool.

Our best bowlers were Mark Viney and Ross Calvert, and our best batsmen were Pete Gunning and Geoff Gilbert. Full lists of the player statistics and detailed reports on each game are also included in the following pages. The writing of the match reports was shared around the touring party and I am extremely grateful for the many who enthusiastically threw themselves into the task. We were able to get draft reports back to our families, friends and supporters within a couple of days of each match.

Many regular season matches in the local county Over 60s and Over 70s competitions had to be rescheduled because of sustained bad weather in June. The locals often play three matches a week during their season and extra matches had been scheduled. This meant some of the teams we played were short a few players or they substituted younger people including players in their 20s and 30s. Nevertheless, games were played in good spirit and the after-match conviviality and hospitality were always first rate.

To a person all enjoyed the experience of playing cricket in England: the camaraderie within our team and for the most part with all the opposing teams; the sometimes quirky English grounds and local rules to cope with the tree in the outfield roped off and the sheep wandering in; the eventful drives to and from games particularly when the narrow roads and GPS were less than helpful to the large van, and the ups and downs of cricket itself.

For a number of the group it was their first time to England and it was a pleasant surprise to experience the English countryside and history around every corner. For some, the highlights were visiting Oxford, Bath or Blenheim Palace while others soaked up the history of churches or the local pub culture. Quite a few played golf on their days off.

The WAGs contributed hugely to the tour in addition to their support, first aid and good humour they usually prepared the teas at grounds and cleaned up afterwards.

Thanks, in particular to Stirling Hammond for setting up the tour and to Gary Page who helped with the tour organisation, team selections and shared the captain's role with me on the field. Also, thanks to Steve Moore and Peter Gunning for each taking over the reins for a match.

In closing, a special thanks to each and every member of the touring party for your understanding, friendship and support and for your endless enthusiasm and unlimited good nature and kindness.

I hope you enjoy this report of the 2019 ACT Veteran's Tour of the UK and that it ignites many fond memories of what we achieved as group now a long time to come.

Bill Rowe

Tour Statistic Highlights

Team Results

- Won 8 games
- Lost 8 Games
- 1 washout

Individual Batting Highlights

- Highest Aggregate (more than 200 runs)
 - o Peter Gunning 269 runs @ 38.4
 - o Geoff Gilbert 240 runs @ 30.0
 - Steve Moore 236 runs @ 33.7
 - o Gary Page 218 @ 43.6
- Highest Strike Rates (minimum 150 balls)
 - o Geoff Gilbert 95.2 runs per 100 balls
 - o Miles Boak 93.3 runs per 100 balls
 - Mark Viney 83.7 runs per 100 balls
 - o Greg Mulvaney 83.5 runs per 100 balls

Individual Bowling Highlights

- Most Wickets
 - Mark Viney 18 wickets @ 14.9 runs
 - Ross Calvert 18 wickets @ 16.9 runs
 - Miles Boak 13 wickets @ 21 runs
 - Greg Mulvaney 11 wickets @ 22.5
- Best Strike Rates (minimum 40 overs)
 - Mark Viney a wicket every 27 balls
 - Ross Calvert a wicket every 27 balls
 - o Greg Mulvaney a wicket every 29 balls
- Best Economy Rates (minimum 40 overs)
 - Mark Viney 3.3 runs per over
 - Miles Boak 3.4 runs per over
 - Keith Bridgen 3.5 runs per over

Catches and Stumpings

- Boris Teodorowych and Greg Mulvaney each took 6 catches
- Peter Gunning and Geoff Gilbert each took 5 catches
- Stumpings went to Boris Teodorowych (4), Bill Rowe (3) and Greg Mulvaney (2)

Player Tour Statistics Summary

		Batting							Bowling						
Player	Games Played	Times batted	Not Outs	Runs	Average	Balls Faced	Strike Rate	Total Overs %	Wkts	Runs	Average	Balls per Wkt	Runs per over	Catches	Stumpings
Bill Rowe	11	8	1	95	13.6	138	68.8	2.0	0	16	0.0	0	8.0	4	8
Ross Calvert	12	8	2	49	8.2	113	43.4	80.7	18	305	16.9	27	3.8	1	0
Geoff Gilbert	11	11	3	240	30.0	252	95.2	33.5	7	131	18.7	29	3.9	5	0
Mark Dennison	11	10	3	118	16.9	159	74.2	43.2	7	202	28.9	37	4.7	3	0
Boz Teodorowych	10	10	3	187	26.7	262	71.4	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	4
Steve Moore	11	10	3	236	33.7	380	62.1	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0
Keith Bridgen	6	5	2	66	22.0	83	79.5	42.7	4	150	37.5	64	3.5	0	0
Ron Bates	5	4	0	49	12.3	96	51.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Gary Page	11	10	5	218	43.6	298	73.2	4.8	0	12	0.0	0	2.5	6	0
Andy Turner	11	10	5	98	19.6	207	47.3	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0
Miles Boak	11	9	1	166	20.8	178	93.3	80.3	13	273	21.0	37	3.4	3	0
Greg Mulvaney	11	10	3	187	26.7	224	83.5	52.5	11	247	22.5	29	4.7	6	2
Kev Rosenbaum	10	10	3	153	21.9	335	45.7	16.8	3	106	35.3	34	6.3	3	0
Martin Kennedy	12	10	3	73	10.4	100	73.0	72.0	9	292	32.4	49	4.1	1	0
Pat Murray	11	7	0	9	1.3	50	18.0	57.2	8	227	28.4	43	4.4	2	0
Mark Viney	11	10	5	164	32.8	196	83.7	80.3	18	269	14.9	27	3.3	3	0
Greg Curtis	7	6	0	27	4.5	68	39.7	20.5	1	90	90.0	123	4.4	0	0
Joe Gunning	4	4	2	80	40.0	87	92.0	23.0	4	89	22.3	35	3.9	2	0
Pete Gunning	11	10	3	269	38.4	358	75.1	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	0

In the Beginning

Day 1: Thursday 4 July

The Tour began on 4 July and what a day it was! Most of us arrived and gathered in the Heathrow and Hounslow area progressively over the day. While planning had been meticulous in arranging the transport of course there were a few hiccups. Nevertheless, excitedly the group finally descended on Alexandra House on the outskirts of Swindon, Wiltshire. Dinner and drinks in the hotel enabled us to meet and greet each other.

Day 2: Friday 5 July

First training day and after a team meeting at 8.30am the lads headed off in the van, two mini vans and a car to training. Training had been arranged at Purton where the second game was to be held. It was a great opportunity to get the feel of the ball off the bat and out of the hand. Some early form was on display, however, a few pulled up a little sore. All were glad to blow the jetlag away and become familiar with our warm-up and warm-down routines. Most found the pool a good way to sooth some of the soreness. A team dinner was held at a nearby hotel where everyone got to know each other a bit better and exchange stories about the room cards which only seemed to be effective for one swipe!

Day 3: Saturday 6 July

Training was from 9-11am at Purton again. This time a few hit more freely in the nets and bowled a little more accurately. There was excitement and enthusiasm ahead of the start tomorrow of the 17 matches ahead. After a sandwich lunch procured by the WAGS and a swim, most (unless they were going to the car hire premises) headed to Castle Combe, 30 minutes away which some had described as the 'prettiest English village'. Dinner was to left to each to sort and a number went to a pub to watch Australia v South Africa in the final pool game section of the One Day World Cup. All promised, except the four who had driven to Manchester to watch the Aussies, to have an easy night so they'd be ready for the first game.

GAME 1 MATCH REPORT ACT VETERANS UK TOUR 2019



Galaxies Vs North Wiltshire at Malmesbury CC on Sunday, 7 July

GALAXIES KICK TOUR OFF WITH CONVINCING WIN

The area

Malmesbury is a town and civil parish in Wiltshire, England. As a market town it became prominent in the Middle Ages as a centre for learning focused on and around Malmesbury Abbey, the bulk of which forms a rare survival of the dissolution of the monasteries. Once the site of an Iron Age fort, in the Anglo-Saxon period it became the site of a monastery famed for its learning and one of Alfred the Great's fortified burhs for defence against the Vikings. Athelstan, the first king of England, was buried in Malmesbury Abbey in 939.

The Weather

The day was partly cloudy with temperatures in the low 20s. A very light breeze contributed to very pleasant playing conditions. The pitch was very firm despite light overnight rain.



The Team

The team selected for the match against North Wiltshire was: Steve Moore, Greg Curtis, Gary Page, Boris Teodorowych (wk), Peter Gunning, Geoff Gilbert, Bill Rowe (c) Keith Bridgen, Martin Kennedy, Greg Mulvaney, Miles Boak and Mark Viney.



Match Report

The match was a 40 over game with each bowler allotted a maximum of eight overs; batsmen to retire and recycle on reaching 40 runs. The Galaxies were offered the option and elected to bat first. Openers Steve Moore and Greg Curtis got the team away to a comfortable start at 0/20 after 4 overs. A couple of quick wickets then fell and new batsmen Gary Page and Boris Teodorowych applied themselves to the task of consolidating and building a base to attack the bowling in the latter overs.



By the 20 over break they had recovered the position pushing the score along to 71 without further loss. Some strong hitting by Boris saw him retire on 42 shortly after the break and Gary also striking the ball to the boundary regularly, soon followed also reaching retirement. New batsman Peter Gunning was soon back in the pavilion but not before he had scored 43no from 30 balls.

At the 30 over point the score had reached 2 for 154. Some power hitting by Geoff Gilbert saw the score reach 200 with a couple overs to go. The run flow slowed in the last couple of overs but not before Geoff accumulated 39 from just 28 balls and achieved the distinction of scoring the first six of the tour with a lusty blow over midwicket. Most batsmen found that the low and slow pitch took quite a bit of adjustment from Australian conditions.



The North Wiltshire openers got their team off to a solid start despite the line and length of opening bowlers Keith Bridgen and Miles Boak. It took a smart piece of fielding by Steve Moore to achieve a run out for the first wicket. Steve repeated the feat later in the innings with another sharp return. The Galaxies bowlers generally bowled a better length than the opposition and the fielding was also better. Smart catches were taken by Bill Rowe, Mark Viney and Greg Mulvaney who had to cover some ground to do so. Wiltshire batsmen Robinson and Swain reached retirement scores by waiting patiently for suitable balls to hit and hitting well when they did so. North Wiltshire struggled to match the scoring rate of the Galaxies eventually reaching a total of 7 for 140 after 40 overs. Mark Viney took two wickets and Martin Kennedy, Miles Boak and Greg Mulvaney one each.

In summary the Galaxies ran out fairly easy winners due to more aggressive batting, better length bowling and better catching and ground fielding.

The North Wiltshire team provided a wonderful spread of sandwiches, fruit and cake for the break between innings. A barbeque was enjoyed by all at the conclusion of the match with Mark Dennison and Ross Calvert applying their barbequing skills with great effect.

Skipper Bill Rowe presented a number of awards, including joint man of the match awards to Peter Robinson and Ian Swain for their dogged 40s.



Scorecard

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Greg Curtis	Ct M B	annam	C Ba	rrow	9	12	A Jeffrey	Run Out (S Moore)			22	28		
Gary Page	Retire	ed No			40	56	T Nicholls	Ct B F	Rowe	M E	Boak	2	10		
Boris Teodorowych+	Retire	ed No			42	57	M Dean	Bov	vled	M Ke	nnedy	0	2		
Peter Gunning	Retire	ed No				30	T Lerwill	Run Out (S Moore)			15	22		
Geoff Gilbert	Not	Out			39	28	I Swain	Not				40	64		
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Greg Mulvaney	DI	NB					A Stratford	Not	Out			5	28		
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Mark Viney	DI	NB													
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GAME 2 MATCH REPORT ACT VETERANS UK TOUR 2019



Galaxies Vs John Lawrence XI at Purton CC on Monday, 8 July

GALANT GALAXIES GO DOWN IN CLOSE CONTEST

The Area

Founded in 1820, Purton Cricket Club is the oldest in Wiltshire. Purton is a large village and civil parish in Wiltshire, about 4 miles northwest of the centre of Swindon. The parish includes the village of Purton Stoke and the hamlets of Bentham, Hayes Knoll, Purton Common, Restrop, the Fox and Widham. The River Key, a tributary of the Thames, crosses the parish near Purton Stoke. The village is a linear settlement along the old road between the historic market towns of Cricklade 4 miles to the north and Royal Wootton Bassett 3 miles to the south. Purton is on a minor road 1 mile from the B4553 and 3 miles from junction 16 of the M4 motorway. The village is on the brow of a hill, with views across to Cricklade and the Thames floodplain.

The Church of England parish church of Saint Mary the Virgin is unusual in having a tower at each end, one of which has a spire. It is one of only three parish churches in England with both a spire and another tower. The other two are at nearby Wanborough and Ormskirk in Lancashire.

The Weather

The match commenced at 11:06am under overcast skies, 19C, UV of 3.0, humidity 65%; wind from the south at 5kph, and air quality good.



The Team

The team selected for the match against the John Lawrence XI was Boris Teodorowych (wk), Kevin Rosenbaum, Peter Gunning, Steve Moore (capt), Miles Boak, Greg Mulvaney, Andy Turner, Mark Dennison, Ross Calvert, Pat Murray, Martin Kennedy; Scorer Geoff Gilbert, and Match Report Keith "KB" Bridgen. Bill Rowe and Mark Viney very kindly volunteered to play for the opposition who were two players short.



Match Report

The match was a 40 over game with each bowler allotted a maximum of eight overs; batsmen to retire and recycle on reaching 40 runs. The Galaxies were offered the option and elected to bat first.

Kevin Rosenbaum and Boris Teodorowych opened the batting. Starting from the northern end, Kevin dispatched the first ball to the boundary with a glorious cover drive; while wicket-keeper Paul "Tigger" Gurr standing up wearing a baseball catcher helmet watched in wonderment. The first wicket fell at 12 when Kevin was surprised by one from Mark Viney, a straight shooter, passing him ankle high to hit the stumps. Peter Gunning joined Boris and they pushed the score along to 42 when Boris was smartly stumped by "Tigger". At the first drinks break after 16 overs Galaxies were 2/49.



Steve Moore and Peter Gunning then consolidated the innings recalling the mantra "it's a singles game" by turning the strike over to each other until Tigger again featured by

stumping Steve Moore. Miles Boak joined Peter Gunning in the middle when play was temporarily interrupted and some excitement ensued as some of the local players chased one of the "tent" covers as it was blown onto the ground by a sudden gust of wind during the 23rd over. Unperturbed by the interruption Peter and Miles batted very solidly to take the score into the seventies. After Peter reach retirement for the second time in two games, Greg "Mully" Mulvaney joined Miles and the pair looked to have things under control when an attempted quick single saw the whippet Mully a foot short of his ground (leading to some convivial discussions between the two after the innings!).





Lunch was taken at 1pm with the score on 131 for 4 and Miles on 36 after some big hitting. First ball back from lunch saw a failed attempt to hit the ball out of the park and a dejected Miles headed straight back to the pavilion for a well-made 36 but with no addition to the score. Who was the bowler? None other than Bill Rowe looking rather laconic at his first wicket on tour! As a bird of prey circled overhead, a quick flurry of runs from Ross (Rosco) Calvert (8no) and Mark Dennison (16no) closed out the innings to leave the Galaxies with a total of 157 for 5 after their allotted 40 overs.

The John Lawrence XI innings commenced at 02:24pm with Martin Kennedy and Miles Boak opening the bowling under darkening clouds. The Opposition captain John Lawrence recruited his 35yo son Richard to open the batting for the home side. During the tenth over Miles broke through the dogged opening father/son partnership with the score on 25. Our opening bowlers, Miles and Martin Kennedy did a sterling job to contain our opponent's top order with Martin returning figures of 0/21 from 6 overs and Miles conceding just 9 runs from his 7 overs. The opposition batting in the top and middle order was solid and looking to advance the scoring rate.

Useful contributions from our change bowlers, particularly Pat Murray whose last 3 overs in his spell conceded only 3 runs helped to keep their chase on an even keel. However, the odd loose delivery was dispatched to the boundary by the Lawrence middle order on a fast outfield. The standout bowler in the latter part of the innings was Mully bowling his well flighted leggies which provided our ever-reliable keeper Boris Teodorowych with a sharp chance (gleefully accepted) and two smart stumpings.

The hosts' run rate picked up courtesy of those few loose deliveries, despite some tight bowling. The John Lawrence XI were left requiring 54 runs off 16 overs with 9 wickets in hand and one in the bin. The ACT stuck at it with diving efforts in the field. Our lads pushed the Lawrence XI to the end but could not prevent them reaching the target in the 38th over resulting in a win for the Lawrence XI by 6 wickets.

Footnote:

There was some interesting theatrics by Rosco during the 19th over while fielding off his own bowling where he tried to stop the ball with his foot, but only succeeded in tumbling awkwardly to the ground after kicking the stumps over as the ball sailed past him. There was no run and no injury, but much merriment all round.

Also, as the sight screen at the Southern end was being disassembled it was noted that it is not actually required being just like the S's at Mt Panorama; all you can see is sky! Congratulations to John Lawrence XI. Well played.



Scorecard

		P	CT Vet	eran's (Cricket T	our 201	9			Gam	e No.	2	
	AC1	VETER	RANS			VS			Purt	on CC			
Date	08	8-July-20:	19	Ve	nue	F	Purton CC	,	Start Tim	е		11:00 AM	
Match Result		by		Purton Co	C by 6 wkts	S	Toss won by		Galaxie	s batted t	first by ag	reement	
Umpires	Stev	e Coleman	ar	nd	Various pla	iyers	Weather		(Cloudy fin	e and wa	rm	
1st Innings of			ACT G	ALAXIES	3		1st Innings of			John La	wrence 2	(I	
Batsman	How	out out	Bo	wler	Runs	Balls Faced	Batsman	How out		Bo	wler	Runs	Balls Faced
Kevin Rosenbaum	Bov	vled	ΜV	/iney	8		R Lawrence	Retired	Not Out			40	64
Boris Teodorowich+	Stur	nped	M Wo	odward	15	22	J Lawrence	Bo	wled	M E	Boak	12	33
Peter Gunning	Retired	Not Out		42		64	P Gurr	St B Teo	dorowych	G Mu	lvaney	38	46
Steve Moore*	Stur	nped	JD	lunn	13	24	D Ailun	St B Teo	dorowych	G Mu	lvaney	29	20
Miles Boak	Bov	vled	BR	B Rowe		31	L Dean	St B Teo	dorowych	G Mu	lvaney	6	24
Greg Mulvaney	Run Out (E	Pettaway)				7	M Wodward	No	t Out			18	24
Andy Turner	Bov	vled	ED)ean	9	18	M Viney	No	t Out			9	9
Mark Dennison	Not	Out			16	23	B Rowe	D	NB				
Ross Calvert	Not	Out			8	12	A Marshall	D	NB				
Martin Kennedy	DI	NB					B Pettaway	D	NB				
Pat Murray	DI	NB					J Dunn	D	NB				
	1	Extras			9				Ext	tras		11	
				Total	6/157						Total	4/159	
* Captain	+ Wicket ke	eper		Overs	40		* Captain	+ Wicket ke	eeper		Overs	37.2	
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Bowling	0	М	Nb	Wd	W	R	Bowling	0	M	Nb	Wd	W	R
B Pettaway	6	1	1	0	0	17	M Kennedy	6	0	0	0	0	21
M Viney	5	0	0	0	1	23	M Boak	7	2	1	1	1	9
A Marshall	8	0	0	0	0	23	K Rosenbaum	3	0	0	0	0	20
M Woodward	6	0	0	0	1	22	R Calvert	8	0	0	1	0	38
J Dunn	6	1	0	0	1	26	M Dennison	3	0	1	1	0	18
B Rowe	5	0	0	1	1	27	P Murray	4	0	0	2	0	13
E Dean	4	1	0	1	1	13	G Mulvaney	7.2	0	0	0	3	27
Fielding	С	ro	st				Fielding	С	ro	st			
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GAME 3 MATCH REPORT ACT VETERANS UK TOUR 2019



Galaxies Vs Pershore O60s at Pershore CC on Wednesday, 10 July

GALAXIES BOUNCE BACK WITH GREAT TEAM PERFORMANCE

The Area

Pershore is a market town in Worcestershire, England, on the banks of the River Avon. Pershore is in the Wychavon district and is part of the West Worcestershire parliamentary constituency. With a population of around 8,000 the town is best known for Pershore Abbey, Pershore College (now a campus of Warwickshire College), and the plums and pears grown locally.

Pershore is situated 6 miles west of Evesham and 6 miles east of Upton-upon-Severnin, the Vale of Evesham, a district rich in fruit and vegetable production. The town lies near the A44 midway from Worcester to Evesham. There is a railway station on the Cotswold Line, enabling direct travel to Paddington station, London, via Evesham, Moreton-in-Marsh, Oxford, Didcot and Reading.

The town contains much elegant Georgian architecture. In 1964 the Council for British Archaeology included Pershore in its list of 51 British "Gem Towns" worthy of special consideration for historic preservation, and it has been listed as an outstanding conservation area. Parts of the abbey, which stand in an expanse of public grassland close to the centre of the town, date from the 11th century. The current structure is far smaller than the original building, which was plundered during the reign of Henry VIII at the Dissolution.

The Weather

Cloudy skies provided perfect weather conditions for the players and supporters.

The Team

The team selected for the match against Pershore was Kevin Rosenbaum, Greg Curtis, Peter Gunning, Steve Moore, Geoff Gilbert, Bill Rowe (c & wk), Mark Viney, Mark Dennison, Keith Bridgen, Pat Murray and Ross Calvert. The Pershore crew could only manage eight so three brave ACT souls (Martin Kennedy, Andy Turner, and Greg Mulvaney) played for Pershore with Greg nearly winning the match for Pershore!

Match Report

The match was a 40 over game with each bowler allotted a maximum of eight overs; batsmen to retire on reaching 40 runs and recycle. The Galaxies were offered the option and elected to bat first. Openers Kev Rosenbaum and Greg Curtis looked to be handling the Pershore openers without trouble until Greg was smartly stumped with his back foot on the line bringing the in-form Peter Gunning to the crease.



After the early setback Peter and Kev set about building the innings with Peter scoring his third 40 in a row off just 41 balls. Steve Moore came to the crease but Kevin was unfortunately run out when called through for a quick single. Steve followed Peter's lead in hitting the ball to all parts of the ground. The pair batted beautifully to establish a great foundation for the rest of the Galaxy line up to push the score towards 200 for the second time on tour. Steve also reached his 40 at an impressive clip.



Their retirements brought big hitting Geoff Gilbert and Bill Rowe to the middle. Geoff launched another savage attack and Bill was caught for 12 off 14 balls attempting to push the score along. Tight bowling restrained Geoff's hitting somewhat but not before he had reached 41 off 41 balls. Mark Viney came in and crushed a couple of boundaries for a quick fire 16 off 15 balls, eventually being well caught by ACT player, Greg Mulvaney.

Mark Dennison and Keith Bridgen remained not out on single digits when the ACT innings closed 4/186 from the allotted 40 overs which included a very good bowling performance by Martin Kennedy for the opposition.

Another father and son opening pair greeted our bowlers for the second time in three matches - Charlie and Todd Charlton. Keith Bridgen and Mark Viney opened our attack with Mark breaking through in the 6th over having Charlie (the father) caught by Geoff Gilbert. Held up by some brilliant bowling by Keith including 4 maidens to Charlton the younger, Todd asked if this guy ever bowls a loose ball! However, Todd went on to make a well-constructed 40 but used a lot of balls to get there. Following something of a middle order collapse with 2 wickets to Geoff Gilbert, one each to Pat Murray and Kevin Rosenbaum, the Pershore innings began to fall apart. However, Kalvin Lewis (eventual man of the match) and Galaxy great Greg Mulvaney combined to drag Pershore back into the match. Having steadied the Pershore ship Kalvin and Greg set about pushing towards the target and it looked like they would get there. Ross Calvert was having none of it and had Greg neatly stumped by Bill Rowe. With the forced retirement of Kalvin, Kev Rosenbaum cleaned up the tail taking two further wickets including a rather unusual stumping by Bill who kicked the ball onto the stumps after failing to glove it cleanly. Bill was heard to explain to the umpire that a lesser keeper would have panicked! After an innings that ebbed and flowed the ACT Galaxies emerged with a well fought 5 run victory.



Scorecard

		A	CT Vet	eran's (Cricket T	our 201	9			Gam	e No.	3	}		
	ACT	T VETER	RANS			VS			Per	shore					
Date	1	0-July-20:	19	Ve	nue	Pe	ershore CC	(Start Tim	е					
Match Result	wor	n by	A	CT GALAX	IES by 5 Ru	ıns	Toss won by	Galaxies Batted first by Agreement							
Umpires	Jol	hn Brooks	ar	nd	Derek Ebb	age	Weather								
1st Innings of			А	CT			1st Innings of								
Batsman	Hov	w out	Bo	wler	Runs	Balls Faced	Batsman	How	How out		Bowler		Balls Faced		
K Rosenbaum	Rui	n out			22		S Charlton	Caught		Viney		16	20		
G Curtis	Stur	mped	Edw	vards	4	11	T Charlton+	Retired	Not Out	,		40	54		
P Gunning	Retired	Not Out			41	40	A Green	Cai	ught	Gil	bert	28	58		
S Moore	Retired	Not Out			40	50	M Kennedy	LE	3W	Gil	bert	5	6		
B Rowe*+	Ca	ught	Gr	een	12	14	A Turner	Cai	ught	Mu	rray	0	6		
G Gilbert	Retired	Not Out			41	41	T Ridings*	Cai	ught	Rose	nbaum	4	8		
M Viney	Ca	ught	Pai	ısey	16	15	K Lewis	Not	Out			44	42		
M Dennison	Not	t Out			5	8	G Mulvaney	Stur	nped	Ca	lvert	27	40		
K Bridgen	Not	t Out			2	3	M Woodward	Stur	mped	Rosenbaum		2	3		
P Murray	D	NB					H Edwards	Not	t Out					1	1
R Calvert	D	NB					A Pausey	Bov	wled	Rosenbaum		1	3		
		Extras			3				Ext	ras		13			
				Total	4/186						Total	8/181			
* Captain	+ Wicket ke	eeper		Overs	40		* Captain	+ Wicket ke	eeper		Overs	40			
Fall of winkers	1st 7	2nd 69	3rd 176	4th 182	5th		Fall of winkers	1st 23	2nd 92	3rd 94	4th 95	5th 100			
Fall of wickets	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th		Fall of wickets	6th 174	7th 176	8th 177	9th	10th			
Bowling	0	М	Nb	b Wd W		R Bowling		O M N			Nb Wd		R		
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K Lewis	8				·		M Viney	8	1		1	1	29		
M Kennedy	8						G Gilbert	5	'	1	<u>'</u>	2	32		
M Woodward	8			1			P Murray	4		'	1	1	24		
A Pausey	4			1	1	26	K Rosenbaum	4			1	3	19		
A Green	4				1		R Calvert	7			'	1	32		
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GAME 4 ATCH REPORT ACT VETERANS UK TOUR 2019



Galaxies Vs Warwickshire Over 60s at Shipston-on-Stour on Thursday, 11 July

GALAXIES FIGHT HARD BUT GO DOWN IN LAST FEW OVERS

The Area

Shipston-on-Stour is a town and civil parish on the River Stour about 16 kms south of Stratford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire. It is in the northern part of the Cotswolds close to the boundaries with Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire. Shipston is located between Stratford-upon-Avon and Oxford and was once an important staging place for stagecoaches. Many former coaching inns, such as the Coach and Horses, remain in the area of the High Street. The town's name is drawn from the old English *Scepwaeisctune* (Sheep-wash-town) as it was once an important sheep market.

It is thought that cricket may have reached Warwickshire by the end of the 17th century. However, the earliest confirmed reference to cricket in the county is a match announcement in *Aris' Gazette* on 15 July 1751. Warwickshire CCC was officially founded on 8 April 1882 at a meeting in the Regent Hotel, Leamington Spa.

The Team

The team selected for the match against Warwickshire was Bill Rowe, Mark Viney, Boris Teodorowych (keeper), Mark Dennison, Geoff Gilbert, Ross Calvert, Gary Page (capt), Keith Bridgen, Greg Mulvaney, Miles Boak, Martin Kennedy and Peter Gunning substituted in the field for most of the Warwickshire innings.



Weather

After overnight rain the day began with sunny periods. By match start it had clouded over and showers seemed to be in the offing. However, they did not eventuate and the match was played out under grey skies and a couple of sunny breaks.



Match Report

Mark Viney and Bill Rowe opened for the first time on tour. Tight bowling from the Warwickshire opening bowlers kept the run rate in check. However, Mark Viney hit three attractive boundaries before holing out at backward square. Bill Rowe was looking solid and enjoying a bit of extra pace from the bowlers, but was dispatched by a deflection off the bowler's boot at the non-striker's end – unlucky!



After 10 overs we were 2-36 with Boris Teodorowych and Mark Dennison steadying the ship. They maintained the run rate through the next 10 overs doubling the score then Mark was out bowled to a vicious off-break leaving the visitors on 3/72 at drinks.



After the break Boris completed his forty with a glorious drive down the ground for a boundary. Ross Calvert and Geoff Gilbert then combined to push up the run rate. Geoff's clean hitting was putting pressure on the bowlers and the hundred came up in the 24th over. Geoff raced through the 30s retiring after two massive sixes back over the bowler's head.

At 30 overs we were looking good at 3/128 but needed a big finish. Ross was playing the anchor role stroking the ball around and Gary Page came in and looked in no trouble, although runs were hard to find against tight bowling. When Gary was judged LBW at 4/141 in 34th we needed runs quickly. Wickets tumbled in the chase: Keith Bridgen departed, out bowled in a spectacular explosion of bails; Mully's stay was short but not sweet, taking on the fielder at mid-on and falling to a direct hit. After Ross had compiled a solid 20, he lost his wicket pushing for a second run. Then Miles Boak went down swinging.

That brought Boris back in for the last over and he added a further 9 runs (off 5 balls) to his total to finish 50 not out making the first half century of the tour. This brought our total to 8/168. We thought we might be 20 short but certainly a defendable total. The best of the Warwickshire bowlers was Lawler with 1/23 and Wickson with 2/12.

Keith Bridgen and Miles Boak opened the bowling and as in previous games were very hard to score against. Martin Kennedy broke through with a brilliant pick-up and back flick from mid-wicket sending the bails flying at the non-striker's end with the Warwickshire batsman short of his ground -1/6 after 4 overs. Miles picked up two quick wickets one LBW and one caught by Gary Page at mid-off -3/24 after 10 overs. Led by

Duncan Gardner who was previously selected for England O60s, the Warwickshire batsmen started to hit out smacking 35 off the next 4 overs.

Duncan retired on 42 in the 18^{th} over with the score at 3/90 and then Mully bowled Cole for 31 with a vicious leg spinner. This only slowed the run rate a little and at drinks the locals looked comfortable at 4/102. Runs came a bit more slowly after the break and then Mully struck again deceiving the batsman with a fuller delivery successfully getting the umpire's LBW decision – 5/119 after 25 overs. Tight bowling followed by Mully, Ross and Mark Viney keeping the pressure on but only 36 were needed from the last 10 overs.

An extra couple of wickets just wouldn't come and the Warwickshire Captain Dave Murphy was watchfully accumulating the necessary runs and retired at 41 with only 5 runs to get. Warwickshire finally overhauled our score in the 38th over to reach 5/171. As it turned out, 20 runs short seemed about right.

The pick of the bowlers were Miles Boak with 2/28 and Greg Mulvaney (Mully) 2/32. Despite the result a great day was completed with an excellent dinner in the Shipton clubhouse and much ribbing from the locals about England's win in the World Cup semi-final played on the same day.



Scorecard

		A	CT Vet	eran's (Cricket T	our 201	9			Gam	e No.		1		
	AC1	VETER	RANS			VS		W	Warwickshire Over 60s						
Date	1:	1-July-20:	19	Ve	nue	Warv	vickshire O60s	,	Start Tim	е		2pm			
Match Result	won	n by	Warw	icksire Ov	er 60s by	5 Wkts	Toss won by		Galaxie	s batted	first by ag	irst by agreement			
Umpires	Joh	n Bradley	ar	nd	Various	3	Weather	Grey skies with patches of sun							
1st Innings of			ACT G	ALAXIES	3		1st Innings of		W	arwickshire Over 60s					
Batsman	How	v out	Bo	wler	Runs	Balls Faced	Batsman	How out		Bowler		Runs	Balls Faced		
Mark Viney	ct R W	/ickson	D Ga	ardner	12		R Cooper	LE	BW .	M E	Boak	16	1 4004		
Bill Rowe	Run out (K Lawler)			6		R Heath	Run Out (I	M Kennedy)			0			
Boris Teodorowych +	Not	Out			50	51	P Cole	Bo	wled	G Mu	lvaney	31			
Mark Dennison	Bov	vled	P(Cole	11	20	N Sarag	Ct G	Page	M E	Boak	0			
Geoff Gilbert	Retired	Not Out			43	29	D Gardner	Retired	Not Out			42			
Ross Calvert	Run out	(Fielder)			20	38	R Daniels	LE	BW .	Mul	/aney	10			
Gary Page *	LE	3W	RWi	ckson	11	26	D Murphy	Retired	Not Out			41			
Keith Bridgen	Bov	vled	RWi	ckson	3	6	S Williams	No	t Out						
Greg Mulvaney	Run out	(Fielder)			2	2	R Ball	No	Out			6			
Miles Boak	Bov	vled	KLa	awler	2	5	S Dellow	D	NB						
Martin Kennedy	Not	Out			1	3	L Lawler	D	NB						
		Extras			7				Ext	tras		10			
				Total	8/168						Total	5/171			
* Captain	+ Wicket ke	eper		Overs	40		* Captain	+ Wicket ke	eeper		Overs	37.2			
Fall of citations	1st 17	2nd 26	3rd 69 4th 121		5th 141		Fall of violente	1st 24	2nd 24	3rd 90	4th 116	5th 163			
Fall of wickets	6th 149	7th 157	8th 158	9th	10th		Fall of wickets	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th			
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Bowling	0	М	Nb	Wd	W	R	Bowling	0	М	Nb	Wd	W	R		
K Lawler	8	2	0	vva 0	1	23	K Bridgen	7	0	0	0	0	20		
D Gardner	6	0	0	0	1	30	M Boak	8	2	0	0	2	28		
P Cole	6	0	0	0	0	33	G Mulvaney	7	0	0	0	2	32		
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D Murphy	6	2	0	0	0	13	M Viney	5 5.2	0	0	3	0	26		
R Wickson	4	0	0	0	2	13	M Kennedy	-	0	0		0			
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R Wickson	1			1			G Page	1			1				
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GAME 5 MATCH REPORT ACT VETERANS UK TOUR 2019



Galaxies Vs Dumbleton CC at Dumbleton on Friday, 12 July.

BRAVE GALAXIES PERSIST AGAINST A STRONG YOUNG DUMBLETON XI

The Area

Dumbleton is a village and civil parish in the English county of Gloucestershire. The village is roughly 20 miles from the city of Gloucester. The village is known to have existed in the time of Ethelred I who granted land to Abingdon Abbey, and it is mentioned in the Domesday Book. Dumbleton is situated on the edge of Dumbleton Hill within the Cotswolds "Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty". Dumbleton is mainly residential, although there is a successful Garden Club, an Infants' School, a Social Club, a Village Hall, and an Estate Office. The Dumbleton Cricket Club is also a noted cricket club which places a strong emphasis on its youth – something the ACT lads would discover as the match unfolded. The village contains the main entrance to Dumbleton Hall, which has functioned as a hotel since 1959.



The original Dumbleton Hall can be traced from around 1534 but fell into disrepair in the late 18th century and was eventually demolished. It was then rebuilt in the 1800s and during the Second World War, the Hall was allegedly considered as a suitable alternative venue for the House of Lords. It is also suggested that Hitler 'reserved' the Hall as a private residence upon his expected invasion of England.

Weather

Another glorious day in the Cotswolds - 21 degrees, blue sky with scattered high cloud and a steady north westerly breeze making playing conditions ideal. The pitch in use at this picturesque ground was at the far eastern end of the square and was hard and true. The outfield was manicured, and of lightning speed.

The Team

The team in batting order was Gary Page (C), Kevin Rosenbaum, Peter Gunning, Stephen Moore, Geoff Gilbert, Miles Boak, Pat Murray, Martin Kennedy, Andy Turner, Keith Bridgen, Greg Curtis and Bill Rowe (wk).



Match Report

The match was a 40 over game with each bowler allotted a maximum of eight overs; batsmen to retire and recycle on reaching 40 runs. The Galaxies were offered the option and elected to bat first. Dumbleton Vets were short on numbers with 8 youth players making up their Eleven. Play commenced at 10.50am.

Kevin Rosenbaum and Gary Page faced the fastest attack so far encountered on tour. The youthful Dumbleton opening attack bowled with good pace, accuracy and occasional hostility. Soon after being rocked by a blow to the helmet, Gary was deceived by a change of pace and was caught and bowled by Gilderson for 2.



The in-form Peter Gunning joined Kevin who had played some nice square cuts and they consolidated the innings with sensible batting until Kevin was out for 12 trying to up the run rate. Peter was relishing the challenge of the youthful pace attack and had compiled 24 before getting a fine edge to the keeper standing up to the quicks. At drinks, Galaxies were 4/46 with Geoff 'George' Gilbert on 9 and Miles Boak yet to score.

The formidable task of resurrecting the innings lay with Geoff and Miles. After his usual flurry of boundaries, Geoff skied one to mid-off to be out for 16. The Galaxies were hurting at 5/67 off 25 overs with Miles on 5 when the touring group's most senior member, Pat Murray, strode out to bat for his first innings in England. With the loss of a couple more wickets the tourists were in more trouble at 7/83 off 31 overs. In came Andy Turner to join Miles who was on 13. The pair quickly put on a partnership of 32 before Miles was bowled for a gutsy 37, his innings punctuated with five on-side boundaries. With the score at 8/115 off 34 overs, Keith Bridgen joined Andy and they compiled a terrific 9th wicket partnership of 37 to take the total to 152 and into the last over. Keith made 16 and Andy remained not out on 18. Overall, given the quality of the attack and the fall of steady wickets throughout, the ACT did well to reach the total of 152.

The Dumbleton innings commenced at 2.50pm with the wind picking up and becoming gusty at times. Pat Murray and Martin Kennedy opened the bowling and were gradually picked off by the young openers who aggressively punished anything loose. After ten overs, Dumbleton were 0/69. By the 13th over the Dumbleton openers Timperley and Abbey Whybrow had retired not out 40. However, the new batsmen continued the onslaught. Geoff Gilbert was probably the pick of the bowlers with disciplined line and length bowling and he was rewarded with the only wicket to be taken by the tourists - a great catch was taken by Steve Moore at deep extra cover. Geoff finished with 1/14 off 4 overs. With another retirement in the Dumbleton top order, the match was all but over. Keith Bridgen and Miles Boak tried valiantly however were subjected to some brutal batting from the youthful batsmen who were ruthless and unstoppable.



The match had featured the best of the local youth players against veteran cricketers. It was clearly a one-sided affair. In his presentation speech Bill Rowe acknowledged how

much the ACT lads appreciated playing on the exceptionally attractive Dumbleton ground. Bill awarded the most notable performance to the teenage female opener Abbey Whybrow who demonstrated enough talent to make it all the way to the top. Bill did say it was unusual to be making such a presentation to someone born in a different millennium, but that the ACT Galaxies were pleased to be able to provide the young Dumbleton players with a taste of Over 60s cricket so they may also take it up in 40 or 50 years' time!



Scorecard

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GAME 6 MATCH REPORT ACT VETERANS UK TOUR 2019



Galaxies Vs Boxmen at Stanway on Sunday, 14 July

GALAXIES BOWLERS SET UP A COMFORTABLE WIN

The Area

Stanway is a small crossroads village with a population of about 200 in the county of Gloucestershire about 1 mile south of Stanton. Part of the Tewkesbury Borough, it is also on the Cotswold Way. The Stanway cricket pitch in a fenced ground in the middle of a field where sheep graze contentedly. The ground has an undulating surface made uneven to make landing difficult for German gliders during WW2. This is thought to be an urban myth as the real purpose (according to one authoritative local) is that the troughs were constructed for the use of locals to grow vegetables in their allotted plot. The clubhouse is a quaint timber and bark lined hut with a thatched roof and concrete mushroom stumps!



St Peter's church was built in the 12th century with the tower added in the 13th Century. The Stanway village is dominated by Stanway House, a Jacobean manor house owned and occupied by a long line of Earls of Wemyss. It is the Earl's summer cottage as his home is in Scotland. Their estate includes 7000 acres of the surrounding countryside including the village of Stanway and its 80 houses which are leased to locals only.

The team took the opportunity to inspect the estate and the famous Stanway fountain which is the second highest gravity powered fountain in Europe reaching over 350 feet high. While the fountain was not operating, many photos were taken of this extremely impressive household which was one of the highlights of the day.



Weather

A balmy overcast sky provided very pleasant conditions for the players. The occasional bleating from the sheep in the surrounding paddocks complimented the idyllic rural setting.

The Team

The team for the match against the Boxmen was Boris Teodorowych (wk), Steve Moore, Mark Viney, Greg Curtis, Martin Kennedy, Peter Gunning, Andy Turner, Kevin Rosenbaum, Mark Dennison, Pat Murray, Gary Page (Capt) and Ross Calvert.



The Match

The match was a 40 over game with each bowler allotted a maximum of eight overs; batsmen to retire and recycle on reaching 40 runs. In a break with tradition the Boxmen skipper John Lawrence requested the Galaxies take the field to allow more time for his team to gather. The match got underway at 1pm. Mark Viney and Pat Murray bowled reasonably tightly and restricted the Boxmen's run rate. Martin Kennedy replaced Mark Viney at the Stanway House end and continued the tight attack with a maiden. After 13 overs the Boxmen had reached 31 without loss. However, Pat Murray made the breakthrough in the next over with Steve Moore taking a smart catch at mid-on. Pat bowled out his overs and finished with the impressive figures of 1 for 19 off 8 overs.

Kevin Rosenbaum replaced Pat and in tandem with Martin, kept the bowling at a good line and length. Martin's tight bowling was rewarded when he had the Boxmen skipper adjudged LBW for 6 with the score on 54. Another one to Martin when he had another Boxmen batter brilliantly caught under a high ball by the ever-reliable Mark Dennison at mid-off. Ross Calvert replaced Kevin and was immediately on the spot bowling a first over maiden. Martin was again rewarded for his consistent line and length when Boris Teodorowych took a sharp chance behind the wicket and he cleaned bowled another to have the Boxmen struggling at 5/67 after 27 overs. Martin returned the best bowling figures of the tour so far bowling 8 overs and taking 4/14.



When Mark Dennison broke through for his first wicket on tour there was much celebration. The Boxmen had reached 6 for 80 off 31 overs. Ross then picked up a couple more wickets, one caught in spectacular fashion by Pat Murray at mid-off and the other a plumb LBW. Ross bowled beautiful areas throughout his spell and finished with the astonishing figures of 2 for 5 off 8 overs finishing his spell with 5 consecutive maidens. At the other end Mark was on fire clean bowling the last Boxmen batsman.

The Boxmen innings closed with the total on 83 but not before Greg Curtis injured his knee in a spectacular sliding save. Carried from the field but determined to get back on, nurse, Olga immediately took charge and but Greg under heavy supervision to ensure he did not!

Outstanding spells by Ross and Martin backed up by excellent ground fielding and catching by the ACT had set up the opportunity for a comfortable win.

Boris Teodorowych and Steve Moore opened the Galaxies' innings brightly both scoring at close to a run a ball until Boris was stumped neatly with the score on 43. Mark Viney came to the crease and started cautiously then smashed a ball straight but was out shortly after. In the meantime, Steve continued to play some classy drives and cuts and quickly reaching the agreed retirement mark off 40 balls.

The Galaxies then lost their third wicket for 66 and although the result seemed well in hand Andy Turner came to the wicket determined to see the target passed. When Kevin Rosenbaum joined Andy in the middle the pair was resolute in seeing the tourists past the relatively meagre target of 84 runs. This was achieved with a lusty lofted straight drive by Andy over the head of the Boxmen's quickie who had been held back on a pitch thought to be favouring spin. A comfortable 6 wicket win to the Galaxies had been secured.



Once the ACT had the win in the bag the Boxmen skipper, John Lawrence, invited the Galaxies to continue batting to enable him to give others an opportunity to bowl and the Galaxies middle and lower order a further opportunity to experience the joy of batting on English wickets. The invitation was accepted and the rest of the warm and sunny afternoon was filled with a friendly exchange between bat and ball.

With the final of the World Cup between New Zealand and England drawing to a conclusion in the background, speeches and gifts were exchanged and a couple of cold beers consumed. While making presentations to the opposition, Bill Rowe noted that five Boxmen players who had participated in today's game also played in the game between the Boxmen and the combined ACT/NSW side just 5 days short of 5 years ago.

The plaque presented on that day was mounted on the club room walls to commemorate the game. Bill who was at the game played 5 years ago took great pleasure in presenting a plaque to commemorate today's game which will be hung beside the plaque presented 5 years ago. It was a very pleasant ending to a very pleasant day, especially for England supporters!





Scorecard

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P Singh	Bow	vled	M Ke	nnedy	29	69	Steve Moore	Retired	Not out	Ü		40	40	
J Lawrence	LB	3W	M Ke	nnedy	6	21	Mark Viney	Bov	vled	B Pit	taway	7	13	
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M Viney	6	0	0	2	0	13	M Woodward	8	0	0	0	0		
P Murray	8	0	0	5	1	19	B Murray	3	0	0	0	0		
M Kennedy	8	1	0	0	4	14	D Tugwell	8	2	0	0	3		
K Rosenbaum	3	0	0	1	0	13	D Gibson	3	0	0	0	0		
R Calvert	8	5	0	0	2	5	B Pittway	8	5	0	0	1		
M Dennison	5.2	1	0	1	3	12	J Williams	3.4	0	0	0	1		
							T Cull	3	0	0	2	1		
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M Dennison	1						Fielder	1						
Teodorowych	1													
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GAME 7 MATCH REPORT ACT VETERANS UK TOUR 2019



Galaxies Vs Somerset O60s at Taunton Deane CC on Monday, 15 July

GALAXIES BATTLE ON AGAINST QUALITY SOMERSET XI

The area

Taunton Deane is a district in the historic county of Somerset. Taunton, the administrative centre, lies in the vale of Taunton Deane which is sheltered by the Quantock, Black Down and Brendon Hills. Ine, an Anglo- Saxon King founded Taunton town about 710. The first charter was granted in 904. It was besieged three times by Royalists during the English Civil wars in the mid-17th century. The area is mainly agricultural with some light industry. Tourism is also important to the economy.

Weather

Another fine day greeted our hardy band of cricketers in Taunton. A very temperate afternoon around 23 C. A slight breeze and some humidity made playing conditions similar to late spring weather back in Canberra.

The Team

The team selected for the match against Somerset was Bill Rowe (c & wk), Keith Bridgen, Peter Gunning, Greg Mulvaney, Miles Boak, Steve Moore, Ross Calvert, Kev Rosenbaum, Pat Murray, Martin Kennedy, Andy Turner, Mark Dennison



Match Report

Today's match was 40 overs a side with each bowler allotted 8 overs. The ACT batsman is to retire at 40 runs. Instead of a side batting first by agreement, the Somerset skipper insisted on a toss which he won and elected to bat. This was not a surprise on a rockhard but wearing pitch. We knew we would be challenged today as the Somerset skipper said that in the past they had underestimated "Australian" Over 60s sides so they had turned up to day with most of their county's Over 60s firsts.

The ACT opened the bowling with Miles Boak and Keith Bridgen. The bowling looked tight from the sideline, however, the opening batting pair for Somerset went about their business in a methodically fashion punishing the bad ball and keeping out the good ones. The very slick outfield made it hard for the fielders to stop boundaries and any ball that made it through the inner ring went for four. Both the Somerset opening batsman looked very competent players. They both had keen eyes and were very strong through the off side. After the first 10 overs Somerset had posted a strong none for 50 runs.

By the 16th over the Somerset team had accumulated an impressive 90 runs with some judicious stroke play. Some excellent bowling by Miles Boak did manage to stem the onslaught. Miles produced the figures of 2 for 27 from his 8 overs which in the context of the game was superb. Greg Mulvaney took a wonderful overhead catch off Miles bowling which was the highlight of the first 20 overs in the field.

The onslaught from the Somerset bats continued after the 20 overs mark. Their bats used their feet to our slower bowlers, dancing down the wicket and hitting through the line. It was very hard for the ACT to stop the quick scoring on the snooker table outfield. With the over count closing to the 30 mark the Somerset boys were 180 with only 2 wickets down.



It was obvious that all of the Somerset bats were quality players as each batsman that came in looked the goods. The Somerset players swept, drove, and cut their way to 232 in the 34th over. It was going to be a big total to chase. To their credit the ACT bowlers kept trying to bowl in the good areas but on this wicket and outfield the Somerset bats continued to hit through the line of the ball with regular boundaries coming. After our bests efforts with the ball and some valiant fielding the O60's Somerset team bludgeoned their way to a formidable total of 272 off 40 overs.

Following a magnificent lunch provided by the Somerset support team the ACT started their innings. With plenty of runs on the board the Somerset guys had 3 slips and a gully during the opening exchanges. The ACT opened with our captain Bill Rowe and Steve Moore. Bill showed he is still a force to be reckoned with has he started to punish the bowlers through the onside and quickly moved towards the retirement mark of 40, his first for the tour.



At the 15 overs drinks break the ACT was a very respectable score of 77 without loss. Steve Moore was watchful at one end hitting the bad ball, while Peter Gunning began to produce some expansive drives through the off side collecting boundaries from the short length balls. With the dismissal of Steve Moore for a well complied 25, Pete Gunning and Greg Mulvaney continued to take up the fight, hitting a number of boundaries. Both batsman waiting on the loose delivery before thumping it to the boundary fence. With great patience Peter Gunning moved past his 40 and retired. The ACT were 135 for 1 with still plenty to do.

The drinks break at 30 overs saw the ACT well behind the asking rate. Ross Calvert and Greg Mulvaney were at the crease with it all to do. With 145 on the board a 13 run per over final 10 was the task. We did bat deep today but could our middle order have the stroke play in them to get our ACT band of brothers over the line?



With Kevin Rosenbaum dismissed on his first ball there was a mammoth task ahead of the team. The game was all but over as a mini batting collapse saw the ACT struggling to 6 for 153 with only half a dozen overs to be bowled. Despite a brief partnership between Andy Turner and Mark Dennison in the last overs the ACT finally succumbed to the Somerset lads and was bowled out for 189 runs.

The ACT fighting spirit was on show today as we toiled our way to a good total, but the quality of many of the opposition players made for "a tough day at the office". Congratulations Somerset!





Scorecard

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P Ashton	Retired	Not Out			42	28	Bill Rowe	No	t Out			40	41
M Richards	Stumped	B Rowe	M E	Boak	26	45	Steve Moore	Ct B B	rogden	ILo	cke	25	49
D Stephenson	Retired	Not Out			41	33	Peter Gunning	St P F	Reberra	B Bro	ogden	43	54
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R Newport	Retired	Not Out			41	43	Ross Calvert	St P F	Reberra	B Bro	ogden	4	11
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S Hardy	Not	: Out			8	7	Martin Kennedy	B Bro	B Brogden D S		Stephenson		6
B Pearson	Not Out				3	3	Andy Turner	Bov	Bowled B Pearson		arson	9	21
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G Mulvaney	3	0	0	0	0	33	D Stevenson	6.4	0	0	1	1	25
R Calvert	8	0	0	1	0	57	R Newport	8	1	1	0	0	31
P Murray	2	0	0	3	0	17	I Locke	8	1	0	0	1	37
Martin Kennedy	6	0	0	2	0	48	B Brogden	5.4	0	0	2	6	21
Mark Dennison	3	0	0	0	0	22	M Richards	2	0	0	0	0	9
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GAME 8 MATCH REPORT ACT VETERANS UK TOUR 2019



Galaxies Vs Fossils at Birlingham on Wednesday, 17 July

GALAXIES ON FIRE FOR A COMFORTABLE WIN

The Area

Birlingham is a village and civil parish of 400 people in the Wychavon district of Worcestershire. The village is south of Pershore, located in a bend of the River Avon. The name Birlingham is derived from the Old English Byrla—inga—hamm, meaning "Land, in a river-bend, of a man called Byrla". It has been recorded as Byrlingahamm (972) and Berlingeham (1086, Domesday Book). Romans are believed to have settled in Birlingham during the Roman occupation of Britain. The Swan Inn, the village's public house, is believed to date back to the 16th century. Birlingham is surrounded on the north, south and east sides by a river-bend known as Swans Neck, part of the River Avon. The village is located on a floodplain.



Remarkably the Fossils' story began with a single conversation at the West Malvern Cricket Club dinner in 1994. Concerned that the pressures of league cricket were cutting their careers short a few good men developed the idea of a friendly team for the over 50's. Given that the conversation happened in the Winter of '94 the idea very quickly snowballed and under the guidance of John Reynolds, who remains the club's only officer even today, the Fossils entered their first season in 1995. Unfortunately, John was not able to join us due to ill health.

The club has a player base of 40 mature cricketers and a further 20 who play when required. It has an annual tour and is a regular fixture for the many touring sides that visit Worcestershire during the season. Just as important has been the club's contribution to the development of the Worcestershire County sides for over 50s, over 60s and most recently over 70s; almost all of the players in these county sides are also members of the Fossils team. Malvern Cricket Club is one of three "home" grounds for the club the others being West Malvern and Birlingham.



The Weather

Weather another mild 23 degrees and fairly sunny day made for perfect playing conditions. No breeze to start with.

The Team

The team selected for the match against Fossils was Gary Page, Bill Rowe (c), Boris Teodorowych (wk), Geoff 'G for George' Gilbert, Greg 'Mully' Mulvaney, Greg Curtis, Keith Bridgen, Miles Boak, Ross Calvert, Mark Viney, Kevin 'Lillee-Hadlee' Rosenbaum and Steve Moore.



Match Report

The ground at Birlingham is beautiful and typically idiosyncratic. Like the English countryside thereabouts, the field has gently rolling hills and large trees — one of which (planted in 1905 to commemorate the centenary of the battle of Trafalgar) is within the boundary, but neatly roped off! There is quite a pronounced hill at one end with a decent slope on the pitch coming down from that end. Surely a tantalising prospect for any doughty old paceman. The game was 40 overs a side, maximum of eight per bowler, batsmen to retire and recycle at 40 runs.

The ACT Galaxies were given the offer and batted first. Openers Gary Page and Skipper Bill Rowe strode to the crease confidently and began batting that way straight off. Some very solid shots saw the score accelerate quickly. It took their opening bowlers a few over to settle in to their line and length, with Bill and Gary in cashing in early.



After the bowling tightened up the batting became a little more watchful, waiting on those hittable balls. Bill thought he'd found just such a delivery in the eighth over, only to be caught at mid-on trying to hit one of the trees. This brought Boris to the crease. He hit some heavy shots, the sound of ball hitting his brand-new willow matched by the occasional boom of a nearby shotgun – presumably aimed at either clay targets or errant poachers. We didn't check.



Gary played a very handsome off drive for four, then next ball pulled forward of midwicket for another boundary, with deft footwork countering the drift of their left-arm Chinaman bowler coming up-hill. The score was 1/58 off the first ten overs, with Gary retiring for a well-made 40* in the 11th. Geoff Gilbert came to the centre; his first scoring

shot a nicely timed boundary through the covers of a left-arm orthodox bowler coming down-hill and getting a bit of turn. Geoff was vicious on anything short, with one memorable pull shot from well outside off crashing into the bricks of the club house wall in front of mid-wicket.



Paul 'Tigger' Gurr then came up hill –another left-hander bowling tight lines and moving it in to the right-hander. Things then tightened up, with Boris caught and bowled 'out of the blue'. Geoff followed a few overs later, with Mully and Greg Curtis with the job of steadying the innings. Unfortunately, Greg got a good one from Tigger, bringing drinks on a bit early, with the score on 4/101. Mully and Keith set about steadying the ship, which they did with regular and well-taken singles, punctuated by the odd boundary and an all-run four. Mully was given a life by the ubiquitous John Lawrence in the 23rd over and made them pay for a while, until lucking out when he was caught on the long-on boundary (still trying to hit those trees), ending a nice innings. Keith was joined by Miles, with both playing carefully against steady bowling. Miles unfurled a big straight drive for four to bring the score to 5/148 after 30. Keith then celebrated by lashing a big hoik over cow corner into the scoreboard for six! After Keith retired with an excellent 40, the rest of our batters took the score through to a healthy 213.



After a lovely low calorie (!) tea break, Keith opened the bowling coming down the hill, Miles toiling up. Miles struck first, with the Fossils 1/17 in the eight over. The home team pushed things along for a while, Mark Viney taking over downhill in the 17th with the

score on 1/46 after some solid hitting from the Fossils. Greg Curtis completed a miraculous recovery from his dicky knee to bowl a long spell uphill. He had one delivery hard struck to Miles at short mid-off, whose cat-like reactions allowed him to get his hands to the missile, almost pulling off an overhead catch none of the rest of us could have reached. Mark Viney got his first wicket in the 19th, with batsman well caught. The home team were 2/53 at drinks.

Mark's second wicket came in the 23rd, a top edge popped to Geoff Gilbert in the slips – 3/59. Then a few balls later, another catch went to hand in the covers (Greg Mulvaney) off Mark Viney: 4/59. 'Vinnie' must have been getting something extra out of the pitch! With Boris keeping well and ensuring the umpires were well awake, the pressure was on and the scoring rate slowed right down. Mark then got a straight ball to stay low in his next over – excellent 'natural variation' – to hit the sticks and bag his 4-fer. He then came off for a well-earned break, allowing Ross Calvert to weave his wiles from the uphill end while Greg Curtis kept going at the other end.

The Fossils had moved to 5/73 after 30 overs, but now faced a massive run rate of 14 an over to win. Meanwhile, Ross maintained his love affair with the grass by kissing it a few more times fielding off his own bowling. Greg Curtis completed his long and searching spell without luck, but doing the job for the team. Ross could not be denied and hit the stumps in the 33rd for another wicket during a typically miserly spell.

The Fossils played the remaining overs out, but were never going to get close to the total required - especially with Kevin 'Lillee-Hadlee' Rosenbaum hurling himself for a spectacular one-handed stop on the boundary. Then Boris completed an excellent stumping off Ross — off a no-ball! No justice there. The game finished with the Fossils on 6/108 from their 40: a solid win for the Galaxies — enhanced by a runaway sheep on the field at one point and some good fielding by the 13th man (Jack the dog) on the boundary. A lovely day's cricket all round.



Scorecard

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Date	10	6-July-20:	19	Ve	enue Birlingham			(Start Tim		11.30am			
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Miles Boak	Bov	vled	M Wo	odward	15		G.Thomas	not	out			6	23	
Ross Calvert	(Ct	GR	obert	3	10	T.Cull	not	out				5	
Mark Viney	Not	Out			26	17								
Kevin Rosenbaum	Not	Out			8	9								
	•	Extras			8				Ext	tras		11		
				Total	213						Total	6/108		
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R Thompson	4	0	0	0	1	23	G Mulvaney	4	0	0	1	0	18	
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GAME 9 MATCH REPORT ACT VETERANS UK TOUR 2019



Galaxies Vs Apperley at Apperley CC on Thursday, 18 July

GALAXIES PIPPED AT THE POST IN A THRILLING FINISH

The Area

Apperley is the largest village in the Deerhurst parish of Gloucestershire with a population of about 800. Apperley Cricket Club grounds are amongst the most picturesque in Gloucestershire. There are references to cricket in Deerhurst as early as 1859 and Apperley in 1892. However, the Apperley club was not formed until 1975. The club reached the final of the Village Knockout Competition in 1998 losing to Methley from South Yorkshire by 61 runs at Lords.

The place-name is derived from the Old English Apuldor-leah, meaning "apple-tree wood". The area still had orchards up to the 1960s.

Wightfield manor existed by the reign of Edward the Confessor (AD 1042–66), when it was valued at one hide. But the earliest known record of a settlement at Apperley itself dates from AD 1212, when it was part of Westminster Abbey's Deerhurst manor and was valued at three knight's fees.



The picturesque ground was given to the local community by the local estate: Apperley Court in 1920. Part of the current pavilion was created in the 1930s but it was extensively renovated in 1978 after cricket came back to the village in 1975 after a hiatus of about 40

years. The club has a proud history and as such, has had one English representative: Alf Dipper, a batsman who played in the 1920s who also represented Gloustershire.

Weather

A cooler day with early rain clouds threatening to disrupt play. This threat dissipated and it remained a dry but overcast day.

The Team

The team selected for the match against Apperley was Kevin Rosenbaum, Greg Curtis, Mark Viney, Boris Teodorowych (wk), Geoff Gilbert, Gary Page (capt), Mark Dennison, Miles Boak, Andy Turner, Martin Kennedy, Pat Murray and Bill Rowe



Match Report

Today's match was 40 overs a side with each bowler allotted 8 overs, and batsman to retire at 40 runs and recycle. Apperley won the toss and elected to bat. This was the second time on tour where we had been "invited to field first". The pitch was the driest and hardest we had encountered so far and the outfield was manicured and super-fast. It is set in beautiful rural farmland with the village just behind the club house. After our now infamous warm-up, the match got underway.



The ACT opened the bowling with Pat Murray and Miles Boak. The bowling was tight, and Pat got an early breakthrough getting through the defence of their opening batsman and knocking his middle stump over. The next pair consolidated their position and pushed singles and a few boundaries and reached 40 by the 8th over. Kev Rosenbaum (our Hadlee-Lillee look alike) once again continued his great fielding form, (with the help of some slick work from Pat) by running out their opening bat (a former England Over 60s skipper) from the boundary while he was pushing for a second run.

The very next ball saw Miles take a good catch at short third man for the ACT to regain some momentum. Greg Curtis and Mark Viney replaced the openers and Greg knocked over a castle early in his spell with a superb seamer to have the home team 4/79 at drinks, the halfway point of the innings.

Shortly after drinks and a few well struck boundaries hit by the opposition, Mark Dennison then took a blinder of a catch at cover off Mark Viney. Spectators were thrilled to see both feet leave the ground which helped him complete a magic overhead grab. Tight bowling and the occasional boundary continued to be the pattern of play to have the home team 5/95 off 24 overs. Kevin gleefully took yet another catch to give Vinny another wicket. Soon after Vinny then took a sharp caught and bowled chance, extending out a right hand well across the pitch without taking a dive.

Mark Dennison came on to bowl and deceived the batsman first ball with a slow half tracker that trapped him plumb in front. Mark continued to bowl a tidy line and length. Martin Kennedy and Kev Rosenbaum bowled out the last few overs. Apperley's last wicket proved hard to remove adding another 40 runs. The innings concluded with a slick run out from a laser like throw from the deep from Martin Kennedy to keeper Boz Teodorowych. ACT put in a good effort to bowl out Apperley for 182 off 39.3 overs.

Following a lovely lunch provided by Len and Wendy from the Apperley Cricket Club, Greg Curtis and Kev Rosenbaum opened the batting and after scoring 4 off the first ball they were hemmed in by some good tight bowling at both ends. Unfortunately, wickets fell at regular intervals and the ACT were struggling at 4/68 after 20 overs at drinks.



Mark Viney and ACT Galaxy's skipper, Gary Page, were looking to rebuild before Mark was trapped in front for a well compiled 37 off 34 balls. The game was well and truly in

the home team's court at this stage. A flurry of runs from the skipper's blade including a massive 6 and astute support from Miles Boak progressed the score until Gary was bowled for the team's unlucky number of the day, 37.

Miles and Andy Turner continued the job to set up a tense finish until Andy was bowled attempting to get quick runs and ACT were 8/150 with just over 4 overs to go. Miles exploded and his exceptional innings of power hitting had the Galaxies needing 12 runs to win off the last 2 overs. With our ninth wicket down, Miles returned to the wicket to join Martin Kennedy. Good hitting and Martin's pace between the wickets had the Galaxies needing 6 runs of the last over.



A crafty former Gloustershire firsts' player Phil Thorn was brought back into the attack. A quick 2 off the first ball meant the win was well and truly on. Miles explosive hitting had put us on the doorstep of victory; however, it was not to be this time. Deceived in flight, Miles' wonderful innings came to an end and the gallant Galaxies finished 4 runs short of a win. A great game with an exciting finish. The 'could have beens' over cider, beer and a BBQ were a good way to finish the day.



Scoreboard

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K.Smith	caught	(Boak)	P.Mi	urray	7	1	0 Mark Viney	LE	BW .	P.M	urray	37	34
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Miles Boak	8	1	0	0	0	33	P.Thorn	6.3	2	0	0	2	20
Greg Curtis	7	0	0	0	1	41	T.Garton	7	0	0	0	1	33
Mark Viney	8	1	0	0	4	33	R.Murray	8	0	0	0	4	36
M.Dennison	5	2	0	0	1	10	F.Bayliss	6	0	0	0	1	34
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