

GAME 10 MATCH REPORT ACT VETERANS UK TOUR 2019



Galaxies Vs Winchcombe at Winchcombe on Friday, 19 July

GAME WASHED OUT

The match against Winchcombe was called off on Friday morning because of rain. A few of the group drove to the ground out of interest. They were disappointed that a match could not occur after seeing the ground.

The Area

Winchcombe is a Cotswold town in the local authority district of Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire. Its population is approximately 5,000. The Belas Knap Neolithic long barrow on a hilltop above Winchcombe (ancient burial chamber) was constructed from about 3000 BC. The Anglo-Saxon saint St Kenelm is believed to be buried in the town. In the Restoration period, Winchcombe was noted for cattle rustling and other lawlessness, caused in part by poverty.

Later, during Anglo-Saxon times, Winchcombe was a chief city of Mercia favoured by Coenwulf, the others being Lichfield and Tamworth. Subsequently, in the 11th century, the town was briefly the county town of Winchcombeshire. During the Anarchy of the 12th century, a motte-and-bailey castle was erected by Roger Fitzmiles, 2nd Earl of Hereford for the Empress Matilda, although the exact site of this is unknown. It has been suggested however, that it was to the south of St Peter's Church.



Winchcombe Cricket Club is a small cricket club in the heart of the Cotswolds. It competes in the Cotswold Hills league - two teams playing league cricket on a Saturday

and two teams playing friendlies and other matches on Sunday. There is also a mid-week invitation side entertaining touring teams.

In Winchcombe and the immediate vicinity can be found Sudeley Castle and the remains of Hailes Abbey, which was one of the main centres of pilgrimages in Britain due to a phial possessed by the monks said to contain the Blood of Christ. There is nothing left of the now-vanished Winchcombe Abbey. St Peter's Church in the centre of the town is noted for its grotesques.



GAME 11 MATCH REPORT ACT VETERANS UK TOUR 2019



Galaxies Vs Cambridge at Kimbolton CC on Sunday, 21 July

GALAXIES BACK WITH BIG WIN AGAINST CAMBRIDGE

The Area

Kimbolton is a village and civil parish in England. Kimbolton is about 9 miles west of Huntingdon and 14 miles north of Bedford. Kimbolton is administered as part of Cambridgeshire; however it is geographically situated within Huntingdonshire, which is an historic county of England and is now a non-metropolitan district of Cambridgeshire. The parish includes the hamlet of Stonely. Catherine of Aragon, after her divorce from Henry VIII, died at Kimbolton Castle in 1536 and was transported from there to Peterborough Cathedral to be buried.

Limited archaeological finds in the vicinity of the airfield suggest that there may have been a small Roman settlement. The main road through Kimbolton bends through four tight right angles in quick succession. Originally, the road travelled directly through the outskirts of the village, nearer to the River Kym to the north. The parish also includes the hamlet of Stonely, the site of a former Augustinian priory.

The Weather

The game started in heavily overcast but dry conditions which were a welcome change to the rain on the previous two days. 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 Cambridge was Bill Rowe (c & wk), Greg Curtis, Mark Viney, Greg Mulvaney, Miles Boak, Ron Bates, Martin Kennedy, Andy Turner, Mark Dennison, Ross Culvert and Pat Murray.



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. Cambridge won the toss and elected to bowl on what appeared to be a pitch still showing some dampness and softness. ACT started cautiously and found themselves in a tricky position early at 3 for 22 off nine overs. Greg Mulvaney and Miles Boak however staged a come-back scoring briskly to have ACT at 3-72 at drinks at the 20th over including a lovely six to Miles hit over mid-on.



Cambridge's Martin Moore however was notable with bowling figures of 2-6 off six overs. Soon after drinks however Miles fell to an excellent ball that cut back onto the stumps from outside off from the bowling of Chloe Sainsbury for 23 runs. Greg Mulvaney pushed on including an excellent lofted drive to mid-off that cleared the boundary in one bounce. Greg retired in the 23rd over having scored a valuable 40 runs.

From this point Ron Bates took up the challenge and in his first innings on tour he soon mastered the conditions to see ACT at 4 for 120 off 30 overs with Ron scoring freely, however, when Ron was castled on 28 trying to push the run rate along ACT was in a strong position.



Andy Turner then joined Martin Kennedy at the crease. Martin impressed the growing assembly of spectators with a six over mid-on and a number of other well-timed boundaries. By the end of the innings ACT had scored an impressive 4 for 171 with Kennedy on 30 and Andy Turner on 14 both undefeated. A highlight of the last few overs being the running between wickets with Andy achieving speeds which he thought may have left him forever!

After an excellent afternoon tea, Cambridge's start could only be regarded as bumpy. Miles Boak removed the opening batsmen in the first over and in the second over an outstanding piece of fielding from Greg Mulvaney saw the No 3 removed at the non-striker's end with a direct hit. At this point Cambridge were struggling at 2 for 1 off two overs.

Tight bowling from both Mark Viney and Miles Boak continued to apply pressure and by the time the openers had finished their 8 overs each Cambridge were 3-39. The stand out was Rob Benson of Cambridge who scored 27 including four boundaries. The first change bowling pair of Pat Murray and Martin Kennedy continued to apply pressure and by drinks Cambridge were 4 for 47 facing an up-hill battle.



Cambridge continued to struggle to recover from the initial ACT bowling onslaught. Martin Kennedy finished with a commendable 0-10 off five overs whilst Pat Murray exploited the pressure with some fine line and length bowling to achieve a 2 for 8 off four overs courtesy of a smart chance accepted behind the wicket by Bill Rowe and a screamer taken by Greg Mulvaney at square leg.

Ross Calvert and Mark Dennison were then asked to close out the innings. Ross Calvert exploited the slow pitch with some canny flight and turn. He ended with a commendable 3 for 5 off 3 overs. Mark closed out the other end with 1 for 3 runs off 2.2 overs once again exploiting the slow low wicket to best advantage. Commendable was Cambridge's Chloe Sainsbury who remained at the crease until the end scoring a not out 13.

In conclusion, the Galaxies had scored a conclusive victory of 104 runs completed in the 32st over. On reflection the victory was a combination of solid batting for the full 40 overs, pressure applied in the field and tight bowling. A few drinks and presentations by our skipper Bill Rowe who was presented with a Cambridge cap saw out the end to a very satisfying day for the tourists.



Scorecard

ACT Veteran's Cricket Tour 2019										Game No.	11
ACT VETERANS					vs	Cambridge					
Date	21-July-2019			Venue	Kimbolton		Start Time	17/04/1903 12:00			
Match Result	won by	ACT Galaxies by 104 runs			Toss won by	Kimbolton					
Umpires	Evan Warren	and	Various		Weather	cloud (3/4) slight breeze 5-10 knots					
1st Innings of	ACT GALAXIES					1st Innings of	Cambridge XI				
Batsman	How out	Bowler	Runs	Balls Faced	Batsman	How out	Bowler	Runs	Balls Faced		
Bill Rowe *+	Bowled	M Moore	5	12	R Young *	Ct Rowe	P Murray	14	54		
Greg Curtis	Caught	N Moore	4	14	S Bragg	Bowled	M Boak	0	1		
Mark Viney	Run Out		10	21	D Williams	RO (G Mulvaney)		0	2		
Greg Mulvaney	Not Out		40	57	R Benson	LBW	M Boak	27	40		
Miles Boak	Bowled	C Sainsbury	23	35	Chloe Sainsbury	Not Out		13	50		
Ron Bates	Bowled	G Sainsbury	28	37	R Ward	Ct G Mulvaney	P Murray	4	9		
Martin Kennedy	Not Out		30	30	G Sainsbury	Bowled	R Calvert	6	19		
Andy Turner	Not Out		14	31	M Moore	Ct M Boak	R Calvert	0	2		
Ross Calvert	DNB				S Aswell +	Bowled	R Calvert	0	3		
Pat Murray	DNB				I Reid	LBW	M Dennison	1	6		
Mark Dennison	DNB				T Buckingham	Retired Hurt					
		Extras		17			Extras		2		
			Total	5/171				Total	9/67 (dec)		
* Captain	+ Wicket keeper		Overs	40	* Captain	+ Wicket keeper		Overs	31.2		
Fall of wickets	1st 8	2nd 18	3rd 22	4th 75	5th 135	Fall of wickets	1st 1	2nd 1	3rd 39	4th 42	5th 50
	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th		6th 62	7th 62	8th 64	9th 67	10th

Bowling	O	M	Nb	Wd	W	R	Bowling	O	M	Nb	Wd	W	R
Moore	8	3	0	0	2	9	Boak	8	0	0	0	2	17
Buckingham	5	0	0	3	0	20	Viney	8	3	0	0	0	22
Ward	8	0	0	2	0	46	Murray	4	0	0	0	2	8
Sainsbury Choloe	8	1	0	0	1	28	Kennedy	5	2	0	0	0	10
Sainsbury Graham	6	1	0	0	1	19	Calvert	3	0	0	0	3	5
Benson	1	0	0	0	0	13	Dennison	2.2	0	0	0	1	3
Williams	3	0	0	0	0	16	Curtis	1	1	0	0	0	0
Young	1	0	0	0	0	8							

Fielding	c	ro	st

Fielding	c	ro	st
Rowe	1		
Mulvaney	1	1	
Boak	1		

GAME 12 MATCH REPORT ACT VETERANS UK TOUR 2019



Galaxies Vs Droitwich at Droitwich on Monday, 22 July

GALAXIES GO DOWN IN ANOTHER TIGHT CONTEST

The Area

Droitwich Spa (known as Droitwich) is a town in northern Worcestershire on the River Salwarpe. The town is situated on massive deposits of salt which has been extracted since ancient times. The Natural Droitwich water is 10 times stronger than sea water rivalled only by the Dead Sea. During the Roman era it was known as Salinae. Later excavations revealed a Roman Villa 40 metres long. In the mid-19th century, Droitwich became famous as a Spa town with medicinal benefits thought to come from soaking in the saturated brine baths which opened in 1830. The current Droitwich Spa Lido uses a very diluted version of the natural brine.



It is thought that cricket has been played in the Droitwich area for more than 150 years but the club did not settle in a permanent home until 1951 when the Droitwich Borough Council donated the area of St Peter's fields in order to preserve the fields as open space for the developing and expanding town.



The Weather

A warm day with a decent breeze to start with, the sun peeking through the clouds every so often.

The Team

The team selected for the match against Droitwich was Gary Page (c), Kevin Rosenbaum, Ron Bates, Mark Dennison, Andy Turner, Boris Teodorowych, Ross Calvert, Geoff Gilbert, Mark Viney, Pat Murray, Greg Mulvaney.



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. Our skipper Gary Page was offered the bat and openers Kevin Rosenbaum and Ron Bates did the job, playing through to the first bowling change. Ron eventually got one 'pinball style' from bat to body to pad to stumps to be out and bring Gary to the crease. That was the only wicket to fall before drinks, with Kevin retiring for a handsome 40 in the 19th over. His innings included some lovely boundaries all around the wicket, with some powerful lofted on and off drives to up the rate before his retirement. The score was 1/64 at drinks.

Mark Dennison and Gary Page then took up the challenge, keeping the scoreboard ticking over with some quick running and the odd boundary. Mark decided to test the opposition's catching ability, found it wanting and then set about taking advantage. Mark was finally bowled for 23 useful runs in the 30th, with the score on 2/117. Boris then got one straight and low from our (by now) old friend Martin Woodward an over later and was judged to be LBW. Andy Turner then joined Gary who pushed on to get his own well-made 40 and retire.



Andy took one for the team when trying for an impossible single in the 36th over, with the score on 143 and the same happened to Ross Calvert a few balls later. Mark Viney played the shot of the innings with a lovely drive off the legs in front of mid-wicket for four. Mild panic momentarily took hold in the dressing rooms when someone had forgotten to bring Greg 'Mully' Mulvaney's playing pants to the ground, however he eventually found some in "the lost property" after the local constabulary failed to find the culprit. Mully was adjudicated "not guilty" by the third umpire and padded up.

With Geoff Gilbert holing out caught and bowled, Pat Murray went in with just a few overs to go but he was soon on his way back to the pavilion. So Mully got to bat in his 'hot' strides after all and chipped in with a few runs in the last over. Meanwhile Miles Boak, our scorer for the day penned away patiently in a scoreboard resembling a medieval torture chamber! We had reached 7/167 after the forty overs but sensed it was a bit under par and we would have to pull out all stops to restrict the locals.



The Galaxies attack began brilliantly with the skipper taking a spectacular catch low down in the first over off Mark Viney's bowling. The Droitwich batsmen began grinding the runs out. In the 7th over Geoff Gilbert took another very good catch at point to give Mark his second wicket with the score at 2/20. We sensed we were in the game. Mark's third

wicket followed in the 11th over with the batsmen caught by Gary again, removing a dangerous hitter. Droitwich were 3/55. Vinny finished with 3-32 off his seven overs to be the pick of the bowlers once again.



At the other end, Mark Dennison came on after Pat Murray's opening spell. He managed to pick up a wicket clean bowling the batsman with his now patented 'high yorker' (hitting the stumps on the full) to make it 4/85. But the Droitwich batsmen were getting into their groove with some powerful hitting which we found hard to contain. Boris completing a neat stumping off Ross Calvert and Martin Kennedy getting a run out as sub gave us a glimmer of hope. But the Droitwich batsmen had other ideas. A persistent effort in the field saw us push the locals into the 39th over before they closed the game out. More sharp fielding from Kevin Rosenbaum was another highlight with Boris featuring in three dismissals.

As always, the friendship and hospitality were wonderful with a great tea put on by Caroline and Harry Edwards from Droitwich. Gary made the usual post-match presentations and Bill presented Martin "Woody" Woodward with an ACT cap to recognise the contribution he had made to our tour as this was the fifth game he had played against us. A great end to a great day.



Scorecard

ACT Veteran's Cricket Tour 2019										Game No.	12
ACT VETERANS					vs	Droitwich					
Date	22-July-2019			Venue	Droitwich CC		Start Time				
Match Result	won by		Droitwich by 4 wickets			Toss won by	ACT GALAXIES batted first by agreement				
Umpires	Martin Mudway		and	Various		Weather	Sunny with a brisk breeze				
1st Innings of	ACT GALAXIES					1st Innings of	DROITWICH				
Batsman	How out	Bowler	Runs	Balls Faced	Batsman	How out	Bowler	Runs	Balls Faced		
Kevin Rosenbaum	Retired Not Out		40	51	P Coward	Ct G Page	M Viney	0			
Ron Bates	Bowled	B Pittaway	14	49	J King	Ct G Page	M Viney	35			
Gary Page	Retired Not Out		40	54	G Taj	Ct Gilbert	M Viney	0			
Mark Dennison	Bowled	P Foster	23	26	S Bryan	Retired Not Out		40			
Andy Turner	Run Out (K Goddard)		10	15	S Fenn	St (B Teodorowych)		26			
Boris Teodorowych	LBW	M Woodward	0	6	N Sanke	Bowled	M Dennison	0			
Ross Calvert	Run Out (K Goddard)		9	11	P Foster	Run Out (M Kennedy)		17			
Geoff Gilbert	Ct & Bowled	J King	7	9	K Goddard	Not Out		40			
Mark Viney	Not Out		10	9	B Pittaway	Not Out		5			
Pat Murray	Ct & Bowled	N Sankey	0	6	M Woodward	DNB					
Greg Mulvaney	No Out		4	2	H Edwards	DNB					
Extras			10		Extras			7			
Total			7/167		Total			6/169			
* Captain	+ Wicket keeper		Overs	40	* Captain	+ Wicket keeper		Overs	38.5		
Fall of wickets	1st	39	2nd	117	3rd	118	4th	144	5th	145	
	6th	159	7th	159	8th		9th		10th		
Fall of wickets	1st	0	2nd	20	3rd	55	4th	85	5th	11	
	6th	153	7th		8th		9th		10th		

Bowling	O	M	Nb	Wd	W	R	Bowling	O	M	Nb	Wd	W	R
H Edwards	8	1	1	0	0	13	M Viney	7	2	0	0	3	32
N Sankey	7	1	0	0	1	31	P Murray	4	0	0	2	0	21
B Pittaway	7	1	0	0	1	35	M Dennison	7	0	0	0	1	40
K Goddard	5	0	0	0	0	19	R Calvert	8	3	0	0	1	20
P Foster	5	1	2	0	1	27	G Mulvaney	6	0	0	1	0	36
M Woodward	5	0	0	0	1	22	G Page	4.5	1	0	0	0	12
J King	3	0	0	0	1	13	G Gilbert	2	0	0	1	0	5

Fielding	c	ro	st
J King	1		
N Sankey	1		
K Goddard		2	

Fielding	c	ro	st
G Page	2		
G Gilbert	1		
B Teodorowych			1
M Kennedy		1	

GAME 13 MATCH REPORT ACT VETERANS UK TOUR 2019



Galaxies Vs Leicestershire O60s at Lutterworth on Wednesday, 24 July

GALAXIES TRIUMPHANT IN A NAIL BITER.

The Area

Lutterworth is a market town and civil parish in the Harborough district of Leicestershire, England. The town is located in southern Leicestershire, close to the borders with Warwickshire and Northamptonshire. It is located 6.4 miles north of Rugby, Warwickshire and 12 miles south of Leicester. With a population of just over 10,000 the built up area of Lutterworth also includes the adjacent village of Bitteswell. In the days of the stagecoach, Lutterworth was an important stopping-place on the road from Leicester to Oxford and London, and many former coaching inns remain in the town.

Frank Whittle, inventor of the jet engine, developed some of the world's first jet engines at the British Thomson-Houston works in Lutterworth, and in nearby Rugby, during the late 1930s and the 1940s, with his company Power Jets. A statue of his first jet aircraft the Gloster E.28/39 stands in the middle of a roundabout just south of the town as a memorial, and a number of papers and documents relating to Whittle's development of the jet engine are displayed at the town's museum.



Weather

The forecast for the day was cloudy skies in the morning with a fine and sunny afternoon. The forecast high was 28 degrees with 54% humidity and light winds.

The Team

The team selected for the match against Leicestershire Over 60s was Gary Page (c), Steve Moore, Bill Rowe, Kevin Rosenbaum, Geoff Gilbert, Boris Teodorowych (wk), Joe Gunning, Greg Mulvaney, Pat Murray, Martin Kennedy and Miles Boak



Match Report

The team arrived at Lutterworth Cricket Club under grey skies. Preliminary inspection of the pitch and the pavilion took place before Greg "Mully" Mulvaney called the group together to do our warm ups. By the time we had finished, the cloud had mostly cleared to a beautiful blue sky. As the sun began to take effect, the result of overnight rain started to raise the humidity.



By this time, the Leicestershire team slowly started to arrive. Once the whole team had assembled, Leicestershire captain, Rob Ogden, gave our skipper for the day, Gary Page, the option to bat first, which he accepted. At the stroke of noon, Steve Moore, fresh from his return from the continent strode out to bat with Bill Rowe.

The early overs were tough as the ball moved around a fair bit making it hard to score runs. The many spectators were amused by Bill's gymnastic abilities, diving for his ground after a couple of tightly run singles. The pair saw off their openers but, in the 11th, Bill was found a tad short and our first wicket was down with the score on 36. Steve was then joined by Boris Teodorowych and took the score to 44 before Steve was undone by a huge outswinger which clipped the outside of his off stump.

Geoff Gilbert then strode to the pitch. Unfortunately, next over, Boris guided one to first slip and we had slipped to 3/44. Joe Gunning, who only joined the group on Monday and was playing in his first match, then joined Geoff at the crease. However, his stay was not long as he was dismissed by a great caught and bowled. Kevin Rosenbaum then joined Geoff at the crease.



Geoff decided that offence was the best form of defence and proceeded to smash 19 runs in one over, including a huge six back over the bowler's head. He then mistimed a cut shot and was caught at point for 22 (17 balls) and we were in a bit of trouble with the score of 5/69 (21st over). Mully then joined Kevin and set about stabilising the innings.



The pair did a fantastic job rebuilding the innings and with Kevin taking on the support role, Mully played some great shots all around the ground timing the ball superbly. The pair added 52 runs (from 12 overs) for the partnership and were only separated when

Mully retired on 42. Pat Murray was then given a promotion up the order and joined Kevin in the middle. Unfortunately, in an effort to increase the run rate, Pat holed out. Martin Kennedy followed shortly afterwards while pursuing the same objective. This left the Galaxies at 7/129 with only a couple of overs left. To add insult to injury, Kevin suffered a minor strain to his calf which hampered his running between wickets.



Skipper Gary Page then made his way to the middle. The pair added a valuable 22 runs, thus enabling the Galaxies to finish at 7/151 from our 40 overs.



After an impressive lunch provided by Lutterworth CC, Miles Boak and Pat Murray opened the attack. The Leicestershire openers were able to achieve a somewhat better scoring rate for the first 10 overs to reach 50 without loss. Geoff Gilbert and Joe Gunning were brought into the attack after 11 overs and immediately curtailed the run rate.

Joe achieved instant success when he removed the opening batsman LBW with his first ball – what a start to the tour! The openers had added 60 runs for the first wicket in just over 12 overs. Opening batsman George Fox (century maker for the England O70s in the 2017 series) struck some powerful drives. He was dismissed shortly afterwards when he lofted Geoff to mid-on where Miles took a well-judged catch. Joe quickly achieved another LBW dismissal which left Leicestershire at 3/67 in the seventeenth over.

Miles and Joe then combined in a run out dismissal which made our opponents much less comfortable at 4/70 in the 21st over. Keeper Boris then took a catch to give Joe his third wicket which rendered Leicestershire 5/74 in the 23rd over. It was now well and truly game on – the Galaxies sensed the tide was turning and raised the tempo. They

gradually wound back the run rate with a combination of line and length bowling and great fielding.

At the second drinks break (27 overs) the game hung in the balance. The score was at 5/94 exactly on par with the Galaxies score in the first innings. The visitors knew we were well and truly in the game but would have to produce their best to drive home the advantage they were beginning to achieve. And the bowlers and fielders responded in spades!

After a short break, Joe bowled out his 8 overs taking 3 for 19. A great bowling debut on tour including an excellent gather from a swooping Miles to snare a run out at the umpire's end. But there was another story unfolding at the other end. Mully was bowling superbly deceiving all who faced him with flight and clever variations. With the loss of another wicket the locals were under pressure. However, two of their strongest hitters were now at the crease to lay down the challenge to the Galaxies. When Mully took a red hot caught and bowled chance and Bill made a great one-handed grab from a well-timed lofted drive at deepish mid-on, the tide had turned and the Galaxies now required some safe fielding and fullish bowling to allow the boundaries to be defended.

Inevitably the run rate was rising making the task more and more difficult for the home side. A great running catch by Mully in the deep at straight hit off Miles' bowling all but ended Leicestershire's chances of chasing down the total. The home side finished at 9 for 143 from 40 overs and the gallant Galaxies application finally put them on the right side of the ledger in a tight finish. It was a great win with everyone contributing.



The after-match celebrations and meal were punctuated with presentations by Bill and Rob Ogden, the Leicestershire skipper who presented Joe Gunning with their man of the match award for his bowling spell which had a big impact changing the momentum of the game. It must have been a hard decision as Mully's 42 runs from 44 balls, 3 for 36 from 8 overs and two great catches also had a huge impact on the game. It was good to have two strong contenders for the man of the match award.



GAME 14 MATCH REPORT ACT VETERANS UK TOUR 2019



Galaxies Vs John Belfield XI at Stowell Park on Thursday, 25 July

GALAXIES STRUGGLE AGAINST A YOUTHFUL BELFIELD XI

The Area

Stowell Park Estate is a 6,000-acre historic agricultural and sporting estate in the Cotswold Hills, Gloucestershire. The estate includes the village of Yanworth. The main house is a heritage listed building and surrounded by extensive parkland, a mill, and church. The landscaped park is also listed on the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens.



The house was built around 1600 for Robert Atkinson, on the site of a previous house. The manor is first recorded in 1086 when it was held by the Archbishop of York. The house contains quite well-preserved fragments of twelfth-century wall-paintings". The estate sold in 1923 to the First Lord Vestey. During World War II, Stowell Park was used for evacuees from Great Ballard School.

The grounds include terraced lawns with surrounding herbaceous borders and walled gardens containing fruit and flower beds. It is opened for the National Gardens Scheme each year. The estate hosts shoots for pheasants. It has also been the home of a polo team with one of the players being the Argentine born Héctor Barrantes.



The Weather

The day was sunny and one of the warmest days on record across England reaching into the high 30s in some places. All Over 70 matches for the day had been cancelled due to the heat.



The Team

The team selected for the match against John Belfield's XI was Boris Teodorowych (wk), Ron Bates, Peter Gunning (c), Martin Kennedy, Geoff Gilbert, Joe Gunning, Ross Calvert, Greg Mulvaney, Andy Turner, Mark Dennison, Mark Viney with Steve Moore and Miles Boak subbing in the field.



Match Report

The Galaxies were invited to field as the opposing skipper for the day, John Belfield considered that the visitors would be better able to handle the hot "Australian conditions". Today's match was 35 overs a side with each bowler limited to 7 overs and batsmen to retire at 30 runs and recycle. Mark Viney and Martin Kennedy opened the bowling against some youthful local batting. Strong shots greeted the visitors but Mark was having none of it. Some beautiful swing bowling from Mark brought an early breakthrough with Boris Teodorowych taking a sharp reflex catch down the leg side from an attempted glance.

More youth followed with an Australian from Armidale, Nick Farrer the international player for local club Kingsholm. Meanwhile at the other end Martin was bowling good

line and length. The Belfield top order looked to push the score along to have the total at 39 when first drinks were taken after 10 overs. The Galaxies fielding which had improved remarkably on tour continued to keep the score in check against the Belfield “young” guns. Mark was relieved by Joe Gunning when he was brought into the attack and keen to reproduce his good form with the ball. Martin stuck to the task and was rewarded with a wicket when skipper Peter Gunning grabbed a laser-like bullet at mid-wicket, determinedly on the third or fourth grab. The Galaxies fielding was holding.



An inspirational bowling change by today’s skipper saw Geoff Gilbert clean bowling the young Australian without offering a shot. While not landing the ball with as much regularity as usual, Geoff picked up another wicket trapping the Belfield batsman in front of the wicket while trying to sweep a straight one. Ross Calvert replaced Joe and bowled his usual tight lines and was rewarded with Boris snaffling another chance and Joe taking a well-judged outfield catch on the run.

When Greg “Mully” Mulvaney replaced Geoff, this brought the Galaxies spin twins together and they immediately had a dampening effect on the run rate. Mully opened up with two excellent maidens and conceded only 1 run in his third and taking a wicket in his fourth over. Ross completed a good spell but unfortunately suffered a bit of stick in his last over at the hands of the Belfield batsmen who were looking to push the run rate up.



With another retirement, the Belfield middle order returned and although Mully continued to bowl with great control he suffered a similar fate to Ross going for a few in his last over. Mully still returned great figures of 1 for 18 from 6 overs. Mark Viney was reintroduced into the attack to bowl the last over. After 3 singles he first had one retiree

stumped neatly by Boris then the next retiree caught from the next ball at point by Andy Turner. Yet another retiree returned to face the hat trick ball and Mark bowled an unplayable taking 2/3 in his last over and finishing with 3/21 off his 6 overs. The Galaxies had done well to keep the youthful Belfield XI to 9/161 off their 35 overs.



The Galaxies began their innings needing 162 for the win at a little over 4.5 runs per over. After having a hand in 3 dismissals, Boris strode to the wicket with Ron Bates both full of intent. Unfortunately, the loopy slow bowling of the Belfield opening pair made timing difficult and both struggled to get the ball away. A couple of quick wickets and the Galaxies were in trouble at 2/11 after 5 overs. Drinks were again taken after 10 overs in the hot weather with the Galaxies moving on to 2/26 with Peter Gunning and Martin Kennedy at the crease.



Disaster struck in the 13th over when Pete skied a full toss to backward square off the back edge of the bat to bring big Geoff Gilbert to the middle. In the meantime, Martin was keeping the innings moving with some well struck boundaries eventually being bowled for a team high score of 22.

This brought Joe Gunning to the crease and he and Geoff set about resurrecting the Galaxies' innings. Alas, it was not to be. As more wickets fell, the Galaxies hope rested on its middle and lower order. Geoff was striking the odd boundary and Ross Calvert enjoying the challenge, however, there was enough youth in the Belfield fielding to make scoring very difficult. At the second drinks break the Galaxies had moved to 5 for 62 from 20 overs, needing 100 off the last 15 overs at better than 6 an over.



Mully joined Geoff at the crease and was hopeful that after his good form the day before both he and Geoff could still mount an attack that would give the Galaxies a sniff of victory. When Geoff holed out at deep mid-off for 14, the chances were looking extremely difficult.

After 25 overs the score was 74 and the Galaxies needed 9 an over from the last 10 overs. But Mully was going to give it a go. He struck a number of boundaries before finally getting a top edge to a deepish gully for 19. With another couple of wickets down, the Galaxies had it all to do with Mark Viney and Andy standing between the locals and victory.



Galaxies had fought well in the field but unfortunately their batting fell short of their bowling and fielding. The locals, with the assistance of some Australian talent the local club were too strong on the day. Bill Rowe and Peter Gunning joined John Belfield in exchanging pleasantries on behalf of their teams who enjoyed a few drinks at the after-match proceedings.



Scorecard

ACT Veteran's Cricket Tour 2019							Game No.	14			
ACT VETERANS				vs	John Belfield XI						
Date	25-July-2019		Venue	Stowell Park		Start Time	2pm				
Match Result	won by	John Belfield XI by 60 runs			Toss won by	BELFIELD XI batted first by agreement					
Umpires	Clive Poulton	and	Various		Weather	Hot and Sunny with little breeze					
1st Innings of	John Belfield XI				1st Innings of	ACT GALAXIES					
Batsman	How out	Bowler	Runs	Balls Faced	Batsman	How out	Bowler	Runs	Balls Faced		
S Uthup	Ct B Teodorowych	M Viney	4	11	Boris Teodorowych	Caught Thomas	T.Goodall	3	16		
L Bond	Ct P Gunning	M Kennedy	13	26	Ron Bates	Caught Uthup	P.Dickenson	4	8		
N Farrer	Bowled	G Gilbert	23	36	P.Gunning	Caught Bayliss	N.Farrer	8	25		
J Watson	caught turner	Viney	33	26	M.Kennedy	Bowled	F.Bayliss	22	38		
T Newman	Stumped Teo	Viney	40	28	G. Gilbert	Caught Newman	S. Uthup	14	30		
S Mico	Caught Teo	Calvert	0	4	Joe Gunning	bowled	F.Bayliss	5	4		
F Bayliss	LBW	Gilbert	0	4	R.Calvert	caught Dickenson	J.Watson	2	12		
A Thomas	Not out		30	29	G.Mulvaney	caught newman	J.Watson	19	14		
P Dickenson	Caught J Gunning	Calvert	2	6	A.Turner	Caught Newman	L.Bond	11	21		
T Goodall	Caught Viney	Mulvaney	2	16	M. Dennison	caught Mico	L.Bond	0	1		
J Belfield	Not out		5	15	M. Viney	not out		4	7		
			Extras	9				Extras	9		
			Total	9/161				Total	101		
* Captain John Belforc + Wicket keeper			Overs	35	* Captain P.Gunning + Wicket keeper Teod			Overs	30		
Fall of wickets	1st 10	2nd 42	3rd 53	4th 111	5th 111	Fall of wickets	1st 10	2nd 10	3rd 36	4th 43	5th 53
	6th 115	7th 136	8th 161	9th 161	10th		6th 62	7th 68	8th 92	9th 95	10th 101

Bowling	O	M	Nb	Wd	W	R	Bowling	O	M	Nb	Wd	W	R
M Viney	6	1	0	0	3	21	T.Goodall	5	1	0	1	1	7
M Kennedy	6	1	0	0	1	21	P.Dickenson	5	0	0	2	1	18
Joe Gunning	3	0	0	0	0	18	N.Farrer	5	1	0	0	1	15
G Gilbert	5	0	0	1	2	29	F.Bayliss	5	1	0	0	2	18
R. Calvert	7	0	0	1	2	42	J.Watson	5	0	0	0	2	26
G.Mulvaney	6	2	1	0	1	18	S.Uthup	3	0	0	0	1	9
M. Dennison	2	0	0	0	0	6	L.Bond	2.5	0	0	1	2	3

Fielding	c	ro	st	Fielding	c	ro	st
Boris Teodorowych	2		1	Thomas	1		
P.Gunning	1			Uthup	1		
J.Gunning	1			Bayliss	1		
M.Viney	1			Newman	3		
A.Turner	1			Dickenson	1		
				Mico	1		