

**Ferguslie 1st XI SNCL Division 2  
Game 8 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
Renfrew 274 All out beat Ferguslie 263 for 9**

Renfrew won the toss and elected to bat first on this sunny Sunday. A good wicket a fast outfield and we were in for a run fest. Renfrew professional did not disappoint A. Said (110) stroked the first three balls for 4 imperiously and the outfield did the rest. The top order all plundered early runs with partnerships of 83 and 91, F. Hussain (40) and Anjum Aslam (52), 174 for 2 in 30 over's and Ferguslie needed wickets. The pace was off the ball and Richard Rutnagur stood up to the plate and bowled is 10 over's for only 37. Professional Mullik followed Richard And Ferguslie regained momentum as his wee offies picked up 5 wickets for 41runs.

274 always a challenging score, the home side needed to get off to a good start. Stafford and Tim Preston Jones started aggressively with 33 in 5 over's before Tim guided one into the waiting gloves of Roy. Runs must have been on professional Mullick mind, what with the slick outfield and firm wicket, but he too guided a short, wide ball into the waiting slip area. With the Run Outs of Rutnagur and Paramanik closely following Stafford departure for an impressive 50, the home side were deep in trouble at 103 for 6. The lower order has been in good form and with a 7th wicket partnership of 74 from Mories (47) and Kennedy (45) the chase was looking on. Both fell just as a push was required, however it opened the door for some late entertainment from Carruthers (23) and McAllister( 28 no). Fuzzy the "Parkie" cleared the ropes twice and we moved into the last over needing 17. A tall task it proved and the spoils on a Renfrewshire derby went to the Renfrew side.

**Ferguslie 1st XI SNCL Division 2  
Game 7 Saturday 12th June  
Ferguslie 179 all out beat Freuchie 170 All out**

Snatching victory from the jaws of defeat. Freuchie's lower order collapsed under the constant pressure of persistent wicket taking deliveries from all the Ferguslie bowlers. Earlier in the day, the home side invited Ferguslie to bat first on what was a firm but helpful track, they were eager to see their new professional signing J. Nadir fulfil their expectations. Enlisted from Pakistan's International "A" squad the quickie did not waste any time showing his qualities. The first ball went past Ferguslie opener David Stafford's nose at 80 mph. With lots of clapping and shouting the slips moved back a step or three and this unexpected challenge for the visitors began. 59 for 1 after 10 overs the challenge was taken and won. Professional Nadir, obviously still finding his feet, bowled too short and both sides of the wicket. The best bowling came from Gibson, who replaced the professional after only 4 overs, Gibbie hit a length, found some movement, put the breaks on and picked valuable wickets

through his 10 over spell (4 for 24). At 88 for 6 Ferguslie needed some partnerships to claw their way to a competitive total. Alan Mories (25) and Stuart Kennedy (20) ably assisted Jamie Carruthers (42). Jamie carrying on from his mid week half century, saw the team to a "just below par score, but defensible" ...well that was the all inspiring team talk.

The home side endured some early pressure with the new ball and openers Birell and Cowan put the first wicket partnership to 41 before seasoned campaigner Birell was out LBW to first change bowler Richard Rutnagur. Jamie Carruthers then picked up a brace in successive overs and a glimpse of victory was in sight. Inspired by a 4th and 5th wicket partnership of 50 and 40, the game then spun with the wicket of professional Nadir. Caught Paramanick bowled Mullick, a half tracker punched straight down Tosh's throat. Although Rowley (60 not out) had bedded in, he posed no real threat and had ridden his luck for the season. The home sides tail was exposed and by now the visitors were sensing victory, Freuchie lost their last 5 wicket for 30 runs under the pressure. Best bowling figures fell to Jamie Carruthers 3 for 51 completing a good all rounder's performance. Spinners Mullick and Paramanik both with 2 wickets were economical in attack and Greg Cameron also picking up 2 wickets bowled with real pace and threat. A good team effort.

### Ferguslie 1st XI WLC

Match 4 Sunday 13th June

Kelburne 202 for 6 beat Ferguslie 201 for 4

A lacklustre fielding and bowling performance allowed the visitors easy passage over 200 runs in their 30 overs. Cameron the only bowler showing any effort was well rewarded with 3 for 20. David Harper again enjoyed a return to Meikleriggs filled his boots with an explosive 90. Skipper McLister (46) was also not asked any questions from the home sides bowlers. The fielding was poor and the game looked gone at half time.

Ferguslie opened with professional Mullick who managed somehow to avoid being run out, slowly moved through his gears but again with no real urgency to the chase. Batting at number 4 skipper Stafford (45) added the much needed impetus with a 100 run partnership and Mullick now had the bit between his teeth. Batting to his plan, Mullick had calculated the run chase to a last over victory. The last ball, 6 to win was still on, as McLister delivered a full length ball on the off side, a glorious "off drive" sailed over Harps, but landed 10 feet inside the rope. An exciting finish, impressive finale from Mullick (118 no) but an uninspiring team performance.