

WDCU Div 1 Match Report

Ferguslie 2XI v Hillhead

On Sat 29 May 10

An overcast day with rain in the air saw the 2s entertain Hillhead at home in a league match which was vital because we were on the back of 2 defeats and wanted to getting back to winning ways. However, during the preceding week the team was decimated by 3 of the regular players (Gavin Mories, Jon Rooney & Michael English) being drafted into the 1s in the absence of some of the ir players.

Not being phased by the absentees we were invited to bowl first and by the 10th over Hillhead were 28-2 thanks to 2 wickets from Duncan Paterson who was well supported by James “Jimmy” Ellis. Constant pressure was applied and a third wicket went down courtesy of Sean Docherty in the 13th over with the score on 55. However, by now the Hillhead “Pro” a Kiwi was at the wicket and proved to be an excellent batsmen and when the 4th wicket went down just before drinks with the score on 128 we feared a repeat of the previous week when we were asked to chase down a target of 300 was on the cards again. Not to be, the second half of the innings went in our favour taking the last 6 Hillhead wickets for 54 thanks to Duncan Paterson 3-29, David Sturgeon 3-48 & “The Major 3-37 all supported by some fine fielding and even though their Pro contributed 92 they were all out for 180.

We knew that batting was not our strength this week and so it proved with the top order being blown away by the oppositions opening attack and by the 6th over we were 13-3 and never recovered losing wickets at regular intervals and finally bowled out for 88 with the only real contribution coming from Ross Dougal who was the last man out for 27.

It is hoped that next week we will be back to full strength and hope the trip to Prestwick will be happier than the last 3 matches we have played.