

## **Western Cup Match Report**

### **Ferguslie 2XI v Clydesdale 2XI**

**On Thu 6 May 10**

The 2XI started their 2010 Western Cup campaign with a home tie against Kilmarnock. Having won the toss on a beautiful evening the “Major” decided to take first strike in this 20 over competition. With Andy McNeill falling cheaply for 7 we then witnessed a stand of 65 between Tim Preston-Jones and Michael English before the latter was out for a fine 31 in the 12<sup>th</sup> over. Jon Rooney joined Tim P-J and between them added a further 40 before Tim was out for an excellent 66 in the 17 over with the score on 115 having hit 7 four’s and 2 big sixes into the hospital car park losing a ball in the process. With Jon Rooney remaining 19 not out he saw the team to 144 -5 when the innings closed.

After a quick turn around Kilmarnock started their reply quietly and quickly fell behind the run rate of 7 an over and lost their 1<sup>st</sup> wicket in the fourth over with the score on 16. With some excellent tight bowling by James Ellis who bowled through his allocated 4 overs at the beginning finishing with 0-14 ensured that the batting side would struggle to play catch up, in fact at the halfway stage of their allocated 20 overs they were 46-1 needing just over 10 an over to snatch victory and with some excellent fielding and tight bowling they lost wickets at quick intervals and finally closed the innings on 115-6 losing by 29 runs. Besides the performance of James Ellis special mention must go to Duncan Paterson and “The Major” who finished their allocated 4 over spells with figures of 3-17 and 0-16 respectfully.

This was an excellent start for the 2s who have the ability to go far in this competition and will play away to either GU Staff or Kelburne in the next round.

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## **WDCU Div 1 Match Report**

### **Ferguslie CC 2XI v Helensburgh CC**

**On Sat 08 May 10**

Summer is here was the cry from many of the locals as the 2s entertained Helensburgh in a WDCU league match at Meikleriggs on the most beautiful of days which was a completely different contrast to last weekend’s fixture at East Kilbride which was washed out without a ball being bowled; in fact we did not even travel.

Having lost the toss Ferguslie were asked to bat and against some tight bowling were 2 down by the 6<sup>th</sup> over with the score on 27 and both openers (Michael English & Tim Preston-Jones) back in the pavilion. This was not the plan; however a stand of 61 between David Sturgeon & Jon Rooney took the side to 88 when “Sturch” was unfortunately given out LBW in the over before drinks for a patient 23.

Andy McNeill strode to the wicket and straight away got into his stride and with good understanding with Jon Rooney and a combination of poor bowling/fielding saw a partnership of 66 in 13 overs to get the scoreboard moving before Andy was unfortunately run out for 34 which took the score to 154 with 6 wickets and 11 of their allocated overs left. It now became the Jon Rooney show who at this stage was

in his forties and time to open his shoulders. He was ably supported by Nye, Dougal and Paterson as he took the bowling a part passing an 50 on his way to an excellent 88 not out at the close having hit 9 boundaries in the process and seeing the home side to 234-7 at the end of the innings. This was a patient innings but a timely reminder of Jon's ability as a batsman taking the form he has shown in the nets out into the middle.

Having a score of 234 on the board the 2s took to the field in a buoyant mood and with a plan to put extreme pressure on the oppositions batsmen with the intent to put 3 of the top order back in the pavilion by the 10<sup>th</sup> over you can imagine the delight on the teams faces when they achieved this as early as the 6<sup>th</sup> over thanks to some excellent bowling by James Ellis and especially Duncan Paterson who was instrumental in the collapse and even though he only bowled 4 overs the damage was done with a personal return for Duncan of 5-18 in that time and by the end of his spell the opposition were 32-5 in only 8 overs and in deep trouble. The result was never in any doubt and with a combination of tight bowling and fielding saw the Helensburgh innings close in the 20<sup>th</sup> over for a poultry 82 seeing the 2s win by a massive 162 runs. Besides Paterson's 5 wicket haul the other wickets were spread between James Ellis 2, David Sturgeon 2 and Sean Docherty 1.

The 2s are off to a really good start in this seasons WDCU campaign and brimming with cautious confidence hope to extend the excellent start next week when they travel to Galloway.