

NACTON v. WEST MERSEA At Nacton

Sunday 28th May 2006

Friendly

Nacton won by 58 runs

Toss won by

NACTON

D Simmonds	c Woods b Woodley.....	0
K Handscombe	c Fahie b Milligan.....	1
A Hutchinson	b Milligan	9
J Warner	c Hughes b Milligan	0
L Rush	lbw Milligan	2
M Adams	c Milligan b HR Coleman.....	20
A Smith	c Woodley b Goodridge.....	25
C Ralph	b Tomason	33
B Tipping	c Milligan b Tomason.....	3
K Hogarty	b Goodridge	2
P Conn	not out.....	3
Extras	(b 2, lb 6 w 9, nb 2).....	19
	Total (39.1 overs)	117

Fall of Wickets : 1-1 (1), 2-3 (2), 3-7 (4), 4-12 (5), 5-13 (3), 6-66 (6), 7-69 (7), 8-74 (9), 9-74 (10), 10-117 (8)

Bowling : D Milligan 8-2-14-4; J Woodley 8-0-20-1; J Rutter 6-0-33-0; HR Coleman 6-0-21-1; NP Goodridge 4-1-5-2; S Tomason 7.1-2-21-2

WEST MERSEA

DC Fahie	lbw Adams.....	0
NP Goodridge *	c unknown b Hutchinson	2
C Coleman	c unknown b Adams	8
R Bruton	c unknown b Hutchinson	0
JC Woods	c unknown b Tipping	7
M Hughes +	lbw Hutchinson.....	2
D Milligan	c Adams b Smith.....	18
J Woodley	lbw Smith.....	8
HR Coleman	c unknown b Smith	0
S Tomason	b Hogarty	4
J Rutter	not out.....	2
Extras	(w 3, nb 2).....	5
	Total (24.3 overs)	56

Fall of Wickets : 1-3 (1), 2-6 (2), 3-6 (4), 4-10 (3), 5-20 (6), 6-20 (5), 7-45 (8), 8-46 (9), 9-54 (7), 10-56 (10)

Bowling : M Adams 6-3-8-2; A Hutchinson 6-2-9-3; B Tipping 4-1-8-1; K Handscombe 2-0-20-0; A Smith 4-2-4-3; K Hogarty 2.3-0-10-1

Things weren't looking too good at 1.55pm at Nacton. Only 3 Mersea players were present, the skipper was worried the rest of his troops were lost in the Suffolk countryside. The Fahie-mobile arrived with a tale of woe that the other two cars had been forced off the A12 by a big lorry at the roadworks in Colchester!! (Must've missed the 4 huge yellow signs indicating which lane to get in then?)

Opening bowlers Milligan and Woodley calmed the skipper's fears as they swiftly reduced the hosts to 13 for 5.

Milligan returning an impressive 4 for 14. With a Mark Knopfler lookalike approaching the wicket, youngsters Rutter and Coleman (H) were brought into the attack. Unfortunately, Knopfler was a bit of a slogger and hit a few lusty blows although the young bowlers stuck to their task well. A bit of spin accounted for the ageing rock star as Woodley pounced a slip catch off Nod's bowling. Wickets began tumbling again as Shaun Tomason took a wicket in his first over. At 78-9 the skip felt we needed a few more runs to chase to give everybody a game, unfortunately the last pair put on nearly 50 to reach 117 all out, shouldn't be a problem..... should it???? It was a good all round bowling and fielding performance by Mersea, Dave Milligan taking another 2 good catches to add to his 2 from last week.

After tea, Mersea's collapse began in the 3rd over with David Fahie being caught LBW bang in front of the stumps, and the skip gloving one to the keeper shortly afterwards. More wickets followed quickly, seeing Mersea slump to 20 for 6. Dave Milligan (18) and Jack Woodley offered some good resistance with the best partnership of the innings (25) before the umpire decided it was time for another LBW. One of the highlights of our innings was a fine 22 ball duck by Heinrich Coleman, but the innings closed on a pitiful 56 all out.