

## **Gentlemen of Bedales Vs Lavant 6th July 2014 Match Report**

The final home game of the season against Lavant CC played on the memorial pitch saw the Gentlemen of Bedales produce one of their best performances for a long time. A team combining an eclectic mix of youth and experience with an age range of nearly 50 years performed at the top of its game in all areas.

Skip Mike S won the toss and decided to bat, opening with himself and the older Trussy. This solid pair put on a stand of 95 before Mike was out for 41 followed shortly after by Trussy for 52.

Botty scored a quick fire 17 but Gordy and Craig Mc were quickly dispatched to the pavilion without troubling the scorers.

The young bucks, George P and Neil R came together and started scoring quickly until, following his first ever six scored on the memorial field, a sudden rush of blood saw Neil playing across the line to a slow non-turner and was bowled for 8. George went on to make a fine 38, Kingy scored a duck and Felix was bowled for 6. Stu M batted beautifully for a not out 22 and with Hillisy not out 13, the 'old tail' wagged to take the final score to 212 for 9 off 35 overs.

As is the way of these match reports, it is always the duty of the compiler to wax lyrical about Dave's tea.

Sandwiches of all types and fillings, pizzas, sausage rolls, do-nuts, brownies, scones washed down with lashings of hot tea - the visitors were overwhelmed by the sumptuous feast, as indeed were we all.

Lavant came out to bat with the daunting target of having to score at 6 an over to win the match.

The young bucks were reunited, this time with the ball. George and Neil bowled superbly and at the end of their permitted 14 overs the visitors were 36 for 5. With Craig Mc having to leave the field of battle early, the younger Trussy, Theo came on to bowl.

Seeing a 9 year old, albeit one mature far beyond his years with the ball in his hand, the batsmen probably thought this was the time to score a hat full of runs and get themselves back in the match.

Unfortunately, they couldn't have been more wrong as a fine catch by Stu M off Theo's second ball saw the demise of his first victim.

A bamboozling googly in Theo's fourth over bowled victim number two and a magnificent diving catch by Trussy Senior completed his spell with figures of 3 for 16.

It had been rumoured that Theo had been offered £5 for every wicket by his father, but the way Mike threw himself to make the catch convinces me that this was nothing more than hearsay (started by a large, amused South African).

Botty, bowling at the other end gave nothing away, conceding just 9 runs from his 7 overs with 1 wicket.

The last Lavant batsman was run out in the final over with their total of 85 all out making the victory margin for the GoBs 127.