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THAT WAS THAT 54e Jaargang nr. 10

WEDSTRIJDVERSLAGEN

Saturday 12th juli 2003 A.D.

CCG Veterans vs. Excelsior Veterans HOME

It was a long time in coming. The sweet taste of victory was only a vague memory from our spring tour triumph at West Mersea C.C. But like a phoenix resurrected from the ashes of chronic defeat, the Veterans of C.C.G., united and defiant, rose to the challenge of winning from the competition front-runner Excelsior.

Strengthened by the complete family Rijkee and an effective delegation of the responsibilities of strategy, tactics and field placements, the brothers in arms assembled under ideal cricket weather at V.C.C.'s third field, Wilhemus. After being greeted heartily by the caretaker and his equally charming wife, the field was set, the mat rolled out and the stumps erected for the epic duel. Conforming to this season's tradition, the toss was expertly lost so we took to the field to do battle. Beginning with the inspired bowling of Warre de V. and Bernard S., C.C.G. quickly took control of the match by keeping the opposition to a meager two runs per over.

And then the Excelsior wickets started to fall; the most memorable being that of the hapless Pa. Tarig, clean bowled by Smoor with the very next ball after his capture of wicket number one (caught and bowled). It was clearly Bernard's day, with another spectacular caught and bowled a little later in the match and earning a 4th wicket by a catch from Herman's steady hands (final figures 9.5 – 34 – 4). Warre and Sydney should have been awarded a run-out, but apparently the Umpire with the Golden Spectacles didn't/couldn't see/know that a batsman whose bat is over the batting crease but waving about in the air when the stumps fly, has not made his ground. Nevertheless, justice came two overs later, when the same Excelsior bat hoiked an overly tempting Warre delivery into the waiting and thankful hands of Maurits Davidson. At 43 for 6, Excelsior were tottering badly. With two wickets from ten overs for 20 runs, Warre – *minus* leg-brace – de Vroe was in excellent form. Supported by very tight fielding, Victor van O. also had a good day with the ball, helping Sydney to a stumping and being the most economical bowler (4 – 4 – 1). Herman Rijkee, with figures of 9 – 12 – 1, was a well-deserved second in the economy-rate sweepstakes. Maurits, clearly flush from his catch, managed to bamboozle and confuse the opposition, but was unlucky with 4 – 22 for no wicket. But a Team (with a capital T) is more than the sum of its parts. The individual bowler's achievements were made more effective by Field Captain Herman's considered and clever alteration of the bowling attack, keeping Excelsior off-balance, and by his field settings, which held their run-rate to well below three per over. *Contra* past performances, we fielded as a Team, - with attentive anticipation, good backing-up, and

very few lost chances. In the 38th over, their pain was over – all out, with Mr. Extras, at 11 runs, being their third highest scorer.

With a total of 95 runs on the board, Excelsior were all out and smiles were upon the faces of the fieldsmen. The old C.C.G. spirit had returned and had produced a first innings result of which we could be justly proud.

Brimming with confidence, Herman and Sydney strode out to open the C.C.G. batting and quickly got down to business. Just as he was getting his eye in, the latter was caught for nought. Maurits then partnered Herman R. to raise our total to 14 before he fell victim to a debatable L.B.W. decision. The ship was steadied and the cruise to victory was accelerated by the sterling batting performance of Warre de Vroe – 43 runs in ten overs, bringing us to within seven runs for the win. Keeping the British end up, Jeff N. sallied forth to replace Herman (15 runs) – apparently all good things must come to an end – and was later joined by David R., after the untimely demise of Warre. While Jeff continued to bat with due care and attention, David's innings was one of bravado and aggression. Throwing all caution to the wind, he was bound and determined to score the winning runs. With the same visceral fortitude, which characterized the whole C.C.G. Veterans' performance, he succeeded in the 28th over, with a magnificent six. It took the despondent Excelsior fieldsmen a quarter of an hour to find the ball!

In the third innings, Bernard and Sydney (now fully recovered) did us proud: worst broodjes, pita bread with filling and a whole wheel of excellent brie with assorted biscuits and crackers helped to consolidate the copious quantities of Victory Beer, which were lavished upon the second-place team. It is rumoured that a few of the victors are alleged to have continued the celebrations at undisclosed venues in den Haag until well into the wee hours.....

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Zondag 13 juli 2003 **CCG I – Olympia 2 THUIS**

Helaas niet gespeeld!!! De vijand heeft het laten afweten: blijkbaar is de gedachte aan CCG nogal afschrikwekkend, want gedurende de week telde Olympia steeds meer afzeggens ... hoe zat het ook al weer met dat verhaal over die 10 kleine nikkertjes ...

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WEDSTRIJDPROGRAMMA

Zaterdag 19 juli 2003 **CCG Vet – Ajax L Vet, THUIS**

Aanvang: 13.30 uur
Aanwezig: 13.00 uur
Opstelling: Fred Crouch, Maurits Davidson, Fazil Mubin (?), Ray Newell, Jeff Nickless, Victor van Oosterzee, Bernard Smoor, Sydney Volten, Jan de Vroe, Warre de Vroe, Peter Lambers.

Reserves: Rijkee (3 x), Danesh Qureshi, Paul Jeyaraj

Diederik Dettmeijer: umpire en reserve.

Voor afzeggingen (liever niet natuurlijk!) dan wel bevestiging: B. Smoor op 06-54 714 622.

Zondag 13 juli 2003
CCG I – VCC 4, THUIS

Aanvang: 12.30 uur

Aanwezig: 12.00 uur – mat uitrollen etc.!

Opstelling: 1. Herman (verslag), 2. David, 3. Diederick, 4. Chaudhry, 5. JW Q (lunch), 6. Marc, 7. Danesh, 8. Munish., 9. Rita Balhari, 10. Shariq, 11. N.N.

Afzeggen bij Herman 070-3961212/06-21557261

TRAINING

IEDERE DINSDAG - 19.00 UUR TRAINING OP VCC !!!

EVENEMENTEN

Herhalingsbericht

Het wild-diner van 2 augustus is verplaatst naar zondag 31 augustus 2003, 16.00 uur borrel en 18.00 uur aan tafel (lokatie: Oude Sluis 1 te Vreeswijk). Belangrijkste reden is de afwezigheid van Tijn, die zijn eerste reebok aan het CCG- touringteam doneerde en dus niet gemist mag worden. Alle Tourders wederom attentie!

Gaarne wedstrijdverslagen, opstellingen en andere kopij voor de “That Was That” uiterlijk maandag doormailen naar het redactieadres: kpattiselanno@skn.nl