**Match Report:**

Round 8

Summer Hill CC

1 Day match at Flockhart Park

**Match Drawn**

Round 8 marks the second ‘half’ of the season. So the matches in the first half that were 1 dayers, are now 2 dayers against the same opposition, and vice versa.

We beat Summer Hill CC in a Round 1 1 dayer at Croydon Park. And we look to ‘do the double’ against them now on home soil. And winning the toss – finally – has us on the front foot!

Our opening bowlers are reunited and Carl found his typical inswing early, troubling the openers. And if Ethan had a dollar for every time he has beaten the bat this season, he wouldn’t need any pocket money from Dad!

Their openers put on a slow 25 off 9 overs before Carl struck in his 5th with an edge behind to the ‘keeper; and then again in his 6th clean bowling their number 3. Ethan finished his allotted 6 over first spell with out a wicket, but beat the bat regularly with 3 maidens. 2 for 50 off 15 overs at the first drinks break.

Off a shortened run-up, Atif had taken over from Ethan at the far end and continued after the break without luck. Carl finished his first spell with 2 for 23 off 8 before Max joined the fray. Taking a few overs to find his bearings, he dragged an edge out of their number 4 in his 4th over – Neil taking another comfortable catch behind. And then another next over, edging to first slip low down to Riz.

Aiden replaced a tiring and wicketless Atif, and his first 3 overs went for a miserly 7. His 4th went for 8 before the ball was thrown to Ethan for a second spell. Max finished his limit of 6 with 2 for 23. Ross replaced him at the Pavilion end and nabbed a C&B in his second – falling as he did, but no threat to the shoulder. Ethan’s 4 over spell again proved fruitless so Riz provided an off-spin alternative.

And he kept the batsmen quiet and frustrated - an alert Mankad was denied by the oblivious umpire keeping their top scorer at the crease when he should have been sent on his way. Carl came back for a second spell and struck immediately sending that very batsman on his way with a mistimed pull shot snapped up by Aiden at Backward-Square Leg; before finally running out of puff with 3 for 36 off 13.

Riz continued and struck in his third over with a lobbed catch to Wasim at Mid-on. Atif had replaced Carl and off an even shorter run-up (in hopes of upping the over rate) clean bowled their number 9. Riz then cleaned up the last two wickets in an over with another skied catch to Carl at Mid-off, and a sharp edge to Asif at slip 3 balls later.

We’d bowled them out for 193 in 53 overs with less than 15 minutes remaining in the day and ensured we would get our full compliment of overs on Day 2 with a strong batting line-up.

Unfortunately, weather played its part again. This time the forecast temperatures in the low 40’s prompted the Association to call off Day 2 in this round too. All matches in the division were declared a draw.