

Match report SADS vs Pelicans

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Sandpit Lane

This report represents the next step in the technological advance of SADS. Following the introduction of the app we introduce our AI enabled match report assistant: PAGGERSbot™. For the avoidance of doubt PAGGERSbot™ is absolutely not the words of the match manger so can be viewed as a completely impartial chronicler of history

MM: How should I start a match report?

Pb: Typically, they set a scene of perfect organization and preparation.

MM: Let's skip that then as "fortress" sandpit as it has become over the winter was almost impenetrable without the urgent call and help from our insider at St Albans CC Howson.

Pb: Records would seem to suggest no toss was made and who bats first was based on punctuality?

MM: You're good, it was and remarkably it was the SADS who were all present and raring to go while the oppo were in disarray still scattered across Hertfordshire.

MM: We took to the field under the leadership of Captain Robbo. What can I say about him?

Pb: C*&t.

MM: I can't say that about him in the match report.

Pb: Sorry I thought you said what would he say.

MM: OK let's move on.

Pb: Given the talent at the captains' disposal he had no choice but to open with Churchy who bowled absolutely terribly.

MM: Are you sure? It looked pretty good to me.

Pb: He was responsible for lots of byes.

MM: OK so at the other end but the same end Robbo called on the experience of WG to balance out that youthful exuberance. What can we say about WG?

Pb: He was a pioneering figure whose legacy is still felt today, although not without controversy, often stemming from his fiercely competitive nature and unconventional approach to the cricket's etiquette.

MM: What do match stats tell us about the opening pair?

Pb: Solid start against a good opening pair, wicket keeping was excellent and certainly not scared by the bounce and pace from the 7ft Church.

MM: Next up were Longy and Glenno.

Pb: Glenno like his namesake and compatriot McGrath with 2 overs for 6 runs.

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MM: What about Longy?

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MM: You still there PAGGERSbot?

Pb: Sorry his internet history is even too much for me to process quickly.

MM: Any of it cricket related?

Pb: No but might be something in his dark web activity.

MM: I think that's enough... let's move on to the next pair Williams and Tucker

Pb: You mean the Llandudno express?

MM: Isn't that a rickety old steam engine?

Pb: Exactly.

MM: Debut for Tucker, how did that go?

Pb: Perfect start.

MM: 6 off first ball?

Pb: Seems to fit perfectly with team performances.

MM: He did get a wicket though.

Pb: He'll be in good company with the others who purchase their wickets.

MM: Another debutant in Greg and Dan up next.

Pb: Dan served up some extremely tasty pies but Greg's deliveries very much more the finest sausage roll.

MM: So, 16 overs done and 121 on the board and the skipper has held himself and Chenners back seems we need some high-quality death bowling

Pb:A bit more than that I'd say, history was required.

MM: What do you mean?

Pb: There has never been a hatrick in the history of SADS and that would be the sort of historic feat required to give any chance of victory.

MM: I've heard a lot of talk mainly from Curtis about a mythical hatrick

Pb: He's talking bollocks. A hatrick is specifically defined as a bowler taking 3 wickets in consecutive deliveries. The wickets must be taken through bowling methods, run outs do not contribute to a bowlers hatricks.

MM: Thanks for making that so clear. So, what happened next?

Pb: Chenners was up first with a few testing deliveries to start before the plumpest of plum LBWs with even the batsmen walking. New batsmen in and clean bowled with middle stump cartwheeling towards the boundary, another new batsmen and history beckoning. Unbelievable, history is made,

he's done it, the first ever hatrick for SADS and thank god it didn't need the wicketkeeper to catch anything.

MM: It's not all about how amazing Chenners was

Pb: I think it probably is... Robbo bowled alright and his captaincy was top notch... not only the selection of the death bowling pair but also the situating of the 7ft Churchy who can actually catch on the cow corner boundary to take a couple of excellent catches.

MM: Oh yes, how was the fielding?

Pb: Skipper Robbo showed a safe pair of hands while Longers dropped a sitter, wicketkeeper was excellent. Oh, and did I mention Chenners got a hatrick?

MM: Yes you did, stop going on about it. Let's move on to our batting.

Pb: OK, Longy and Dan opened up zzzzzzzzzzzzzzz

MM: Hello?

Pb: Sorry I nodded off, Dan (13) finally provided some excitement with a sumptuous drive for four before next ball being bowled bringing our hatrick hero to the wicket.

MM: Longy's a club legend with the bat and with all his free time now set to break all records, surely he'll pick the pace up and set up the victory?

Pb: 5 singles and out.

MM: Glenno in next surely he's going to pick the pace up?

Pb: Well he was quicker to 5 than Longy.

MM: After a good debut with the ball Greg next in.

Pb: Solid mid innings partnership between Greg (14) and hatrick hero chenners (28 not out) keeping SADS just about in the hunt. Chenners retired and other debutant James T (17) coming in and also accumulating runs we were still in the game.

MM: The skipper like with the bowling had held back some big guns until the end.

Pb: Churchy was in the middle in two strides and equally quick to demonstrate that the legend of the Church straight drive is in safe hands.

MM: Feeling we were well set I chose this point to do my duty and head off to buy the chips so what happened next?

Pb: Churchy holed out for 11, Robbo's a C*&t

MM: Again, we can't say that.

Pb: You didn't see him bat.

Pb: The Llandudno express got derailed (stumped) for 1.

Pb: But then you missed the finest rearguard action this country has seen since Panesar and Anderson at Cardiff in 2009. Pagers and WG showed grit, determination and skill to navigate the final balls to see out the innings.

MM: Not entirely sure that's what was needed in this specific situation but anyway why don't we finish with the selection of a man of the match.

Pb: No contest, one person single handedly carried the team with an amazing performance in the field, backed up with excellent batting. It has to be Paggers.

MM: You sure? Are you hallucinating.

Pb: Wolves, wolves, wolves... unbelievable 4 Premier leagues in a row.

MM: How to I switch this nonsense off, they aren't even the best team in Birmingham....