

Gentlemen,

Apologies for being tardy with the match reports but here they are! Do read the Wealdstone Corinthians match report on their website.

Keevil; I won the toss and elected to bat. Apart from a top partnership of 45 between Stephen (Bartley) and Alex who batted quite beautifully for an unbeaten 89 (50: 72 balls; 97 mins), the batting never really sparkled. It was good to see Stephen making a rapid 22 though. I thought 180 would be enough, but it is not much fun bowling and fielding in the drizzle with a wet ball and in the end we succumbed quite meekly. The only exception was Ed (Aldwinckle) who absolutely deserved his 3 wickets,

CAC. 180-7. (Chamberlin 89*)

Keevil. 181 -6 (Aldwinckle 3-35)

Wealdstone Corinthians: Rode failed to raise a team so I joined the Club Cricket Conference and found this very nice team from North London to play. Again I won the toss and again we batted.. Although we didn't collapse, nobody really got going. It has to be said the bowling was good & tight and the outfield very slow. The mainstay of our innings was a partnership of 54 between Suraj and Stephen (Bate), the latter being patient and very simply punishing the bad balls. Our bowling and fielding was outstanding, beginning with Dominic's return catch off a shot that was hit with some considerable force. At the other end, Ed (9-4-8-1) and then Adrian (8-3-11-3) were getting prodigious movement. Adrian's best ball was one that left the batsman and resulted in a fantastic diving catch by Jaffar at 3rd slip (I would like to add at this point that I decided on the extra slip but plaudits were there none!!). Suraj bowled a typically disciplined spell (3-2-13-2) including a very smart stumping by Henry to get rid of their opener, but we just couldn't get the last three wickets. A 'winning' draw for sure, but one we arguably should have won.

CAC. 148-7. (Bate 30*)

W Corinth. 91-7. (De Jager 3-11)