

Gentlemen,

Apologies for the tardy match report, but we opened our season on a winning note, with Francis palmer hitting the winning run at the ludicrously late time at 8.21pm in the gloaming.

35 over match: On an overcast day with a 'pudding' of a pitch, I won the toss and had a no brainer of inserting the Canbashers. Chris Brown and Andrew Gow opened the bowling, both bowling quite beautifully to leave the oppo at 24-3 after 10 overs. Chris bowled Ed Skilbeck with a late in swinger that took out his left stump, whilst Andrew bowled their dangerous number three with a ball that nipped back, whilst he was swinging across the line. Nic Singleton then joined the attack and the Bashers were still only 32-3 after 15 overs. These three basically won us the match and I think it is worth mentioning their outstanding figures. Chris 7 overs, 3 maidens, 2 for14, Gow 7-1-22-2, Nic 7-2-21-2. Although the bashers were still only about 90 after 30 overs, Gibbo had the bit between his teeth and with good support for the eighth wicket, dragged them up to 163 after their quota.

That was still only 5 an over for us to chase and with a strong batting line-up should have been well within our compass, but we made hard work of it. After Alex Chamberlin was needlessly run out and the next two wickets falling in quick succession, some sensible batting needed to be done. Nic was the star bat making 52 (75 minutes; 54 balls), with good support from firstly Jaffer Akbany (28) and then Suraj Varma (26), both partnerships making fifty. The Canbashers dropped any number of catches, including, crucially, Nic when he was still in single figures. However when he was out being the seventh wicket to fall, we were still 30 short. It was Andrew Gow to steer us closer to victory which came up in the penultimate over.

Canbashers 163-8 (Brown 2-14; Singleton 2-21; Gow 2-22)

CAC 164-8 ( Singleton 52)

Yours,  
David