

BIDEFORD CRICKET CLUB V SOMERSET CCC

AUGUST 11th 2008

Marcus Trescothick of Somerset and England brought a Somerset XI to Bideford's Westward Ho! ground on August 11th 2008 to play a twenty20 match as part of his benefit season.



Despite the weather and damp conditions, around 700 people were royally entertained during the twenty20 match by Marcus and fellow England International Ian Blackwell, West Indian test player Omari Banks, as well as some of Somerset's own south west talent - Wes Durston, Carl Gazzard, Michael Munday, Neil Edwards and Keith Parsons, to name but five! Not forgetting Mark Turner, Arul Suppiah and Ian Brewer of course... Not a bad turn out for a Monday night jolly in Westward Ho! But don't forget the part the Bideford boys

played in the night's entertainment too - professional even to the point where everyone - yes everyone - warmed up for 30 minutes before the game, gave 100% commitment in the field, and fell only at the last hurdle to go down by a mere 13 runs - just 13 runs!

It was a wonderful evening for the club and will go down as one of the best events in our history. Many many thanks to those whose hard work and organisation made the evening possible ... a souvenir CD of photos is now available - price £5, proceeds to the Club. Contact Ian for details.

MATCH REPORT::

It was wet, the weather had been rubbish for weeks, but thankfully on the day in question - Monday August 11th, 2008 - the rain relented, the covers were removed, the sight screens blacked out, marquees erected, thousands of cans of beer delivered, all hands to the pumps as players, members and supporters all joined in to get the ground ready.

The gates opened at 1.30pm, the crowds slowly gathered. Treated to two Colts Matches in the afternoon, like Germans at the poolside, canny spectators put their towels and deckchairs down in the prime locations with the best views, or nearest to one of the beer tents.



By 4pm, the Bideford boys were seen to be warming up with a game of footy on the outfield, smartly dressed in blue bottoms and normal white tops. Usual jokes about Aussie Rules, largely ignored. Nerves beginning to show among some...



Meanwhile, umpires Jack Neville and Vic Gainey wandered around the boundary as they are required to do, checking that all was in order and that Bideford had not broken any of the games sacred laws, practicing signalling maximums, warning nearby house owners that Trescothick was coming, and generally looking smart in their black polo shirts and official demeanour...

The Bideford boys decided it was time to get changed into their own smart kit, and did so. Rumours start that both Caddick and Stefan Jones are coming - early order batsmen retire to the toilet ... Jim Lowe - driving force behind the match - pops his head round the door, "Seven first-teamers are coming boys!" Blimey - that's more than we got! Aussie Warne annoys the old bloke in the changing room with his bloomin' CD blasting out ... The techie guy tests out the tannoy - oh yes - it's a real twenty20 match - white ball, black sight screens, players in pajamas, music and commentary on the PA... All we needed was the cheerleaders...



Skipper and opening bat James Ford, having returned from the loo, orders more pre-match warm-ups, this time in cricket(!). Players show off their kit to gasps from the crowd, already swelling out around the whole ground. Catching practice, bowlers' loosening up exercises, fielding practice - good grief, was this the same team as the previous Saturday at Abbotskerswell? The crowd, we can tell, are suitably impressed, though those of them who have played against us before, know what we're really like.. perhaps the Somerset

boys will be over-awed by our professionalism, and will wilt against the pressure of the huge 700+ crowd...



The 5pm start time came and went, the Somerset boys having got lost! Captain Tresco was last to arrive, Richard Hughes, on duty as a voluntary steward, offered to park his car for him - which he presumably did, but only after having convinced MT that he was a copper! Marcus T walked through the crowd, hands in pockets, baseball cap pulled down, hardly being recognised until he reached his teammates in their



dressing room. They had arrived slightly earlier and had made themselves at home. Omari Banks scoffed on a bag of cheese and onion, others chomped on cornetto's - they'd fit in well as regulars at Westward Ho!

Captain Ford invites his opposite number to take a look at the pitch and toss up. Out they walk, umpires and photographer in tow, half way there Fordy, red-faced and puffy runs back - 'Anyone got a coin?' - cool start skipper! They toss with a coin provided by the visitors - it's two-headed but he still loses!?!?! Tresco wins and elects to bat - quelle surprise!

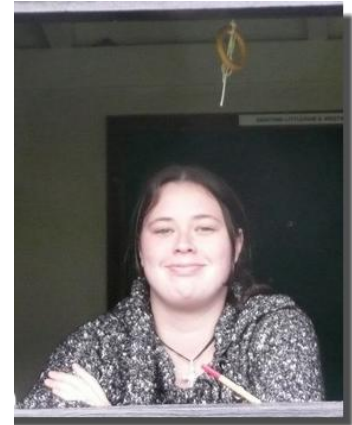


Team Photos



BACK: Matt Bettiss, Ian Hayter, Arul Suppiah, Mick Warne, Neil Edwards, Mike Wigley, Mike Munday, Jack Hockin, Ian Blackwell, Alec Hodges, Ian Brewer, Darren Hart, Mark Turner, Pete Waterman, Omari Banks, Will Barratt
FRONT: Carl Gazzard, Andy Webb, Keith Parsons, James Ford, Marcus Trescothick, Matt Allin, Wes Durston, Josh King

Players of both sides mingle, though barely speak, eyeing each other up, sussing out the opposition, the Bideford boys realising just who they were playing against - Trescothick, Brewer, Durston, Blackwell, Gazzard, Banks, Suppiah, Edwards, Parsons, Turner, Munday... photo calls for the Press, Team photos, crowd noise levels begin to increase as anticipation (and beer consumption!) at the impending commencement of battle - Christians and Lions spring to mind ... Scorer Jenny Williams settles in to the score box, sharpens her pencils, tests the levers, lays out her colour felt tip pens...



So, to cheers, jeers, beers and sneers Captain Ford has the honour to lead his Bideford team out to face a Somerset XI seen for the first time at Westward Ho! for 40 years. In shirt number order - James Ford*, Matt Allin+, Will Barratt, Ian Hayter, Mike Wigley, Jack Hockin, Mick Warne, Andy Webb, Alec Hodges, Matt Bettis, Pete Waterman and two subs Darren Hart and Josh King. What a moment!

Ex Surrey and Herts opening bowler Pete Waterman to start from the Pebble Ridge End, ex nowhere and nothing opening bowler Ian Hayter from the Bungalow End. Waterman and Hayter, combined age of 87, opening the bowling against Trescothick and his Somerset chums...

Trescothick and Brewer eventually walk out to the middle, calm, cool and confident. Tresco to take the first ball from Waterman.. he strokes it for two and they're off the mark. Waterman replies with three dot balls before Tresco unleashes a brace of boundaries to finish off the over. 10-0 off one.



Hayter to bowl, keeper Allin standing up, first ball played back up the wicket with no small amount of respect by Brewer. Next ball - oh my! - a rank long hop, Brewer winds up, twats it out towards the cover boundary - six?! - no, Andy Webb is there, running in, sharp intakes of breath all around Westward Ho!, 10 Bideford players thankful the ball ain't coming towards them, Webby, calm as ever on top but underneath about to have an unfortunate toilet area accident, pouches the catch, cheers all around, high fives, arms aloft, he disappears under all his team mates! Somerset 10-1 off 1.2.





OUT! Mike Wigley the first to congratulate bowler Ian Hayter after getting Ian Brewer second ball. Jack Hockin(6), Matt Allin(2) and Will Barratt run in. Tresco chuckles at his mate's demise..

To the middle walks Wes Durston, who's scored 40 odd the previous day against Notts at Taunton, but the batsmen had crossed. Tresco plays back a couple before taking a single, as subsequently does Durston. 12-1 off 2, Hayter 1-2.



Waterman's second over, tidy, another boundary for Tresco, sharp fielding restricts Somerset to 6. Waterman working up good pace. 18-1 off 3, good stuff from the Bideford boys.

Hayter in again to Durston, a dot then a 2, then a seamer that moves just enough to take the Ciderman's outside edge and.... Aussie Mick snaffles up the low catch at first slip!!! More hugs and high fives, unbelievable scenes, the crowd erupts, Bideford on top, end of the fourth, 21-2, Hayter 2-5.



Tresco calls for a helmet, but no worry, Captain Ford sends Hayter off for taking too many wickets, Josh King rushes on. Fordy's plan will soon backfire ...

Waterman on for his third. Blackwell, in at 4, takes his time but clearly enjoys the pace of Waterman, dispatching his last three balls for 4, 6, and 1. 32-2 off 5.



Alec Hodges on to replace Hayter from the Bungalow End, steaming in for his first ball to Blackwell, he hammers it straight back at the bowler who... hangs on to the catch.. Blackwell caught and bowled Hodges 12! The crowd go wild for the third time, Hodges is engulfed by his team mates. What a start!! Gazzard comes in to join his captain, hits a crisp boundary to calm the nerves. 39-3 off 6, Hodges 1-7.

Waterman's last over. He's bowled mainly at the Somerset skipper and has done a good job keeping him relatively quiet. Some singles and a boundary take the total to 47-3 off seven.

Hodges in for his second, builds the pressure with three dots then Gazzard smacks a boundary. Good reply from the pace man keeps the tally to 5 off the over. Somerset 52-3 off eight.



Micky Warne, our Aussie leg spinner, comes on at the Pebble Ridge End. Darren Hart on the field for Jack Hockin. PA announcer wonders when the last time a Warne bowled to a Trescothick! Tresco prefers our Warne, that's for sure, helping himself to 13 off the first over. 65-3 off nine.

Hodges again, this time to Trescothick, who smacks the ball hard out to long off. Seven hundred pairs of eyes follow the ball - has it got the legs ... Young Josh King waits on the boundary, head still, eyes level, hands ready and ... takes the catch!! Another one gone - Hodges clearly enjoying bowling to England players! The crowd goes mental, Josh gets snogged (well, almost) by his Bideford team mates, you can hear the cheers all the way down by the Waterfront! Trescothick caught King bowled Hodges 29. Somerset 71-4 off 10, Hodges 2-18. Hayter and Hockin back on the field.

Omari Banks is the new man in, and both he and Gazzard look to rebuild slightly, taking no risks for the next couple of overs. Warney's next one gives away just six runs and Matt Bettis, on for Hodges who has also been taken off for taking too many wickets(!), goes for just 5 singles in his first. 82-4 off 12.



Banks then clearly decides enough is enough and begins to use his long reach and long arms to wallop the ball! A six, a 2 and two singles off Warne's third over brings his spell to a close and the total to 92-4 off 13, Warne 0-29.

Bettis too suffers from Banks' high interest, though Will Barratt dropping a catch - oh Will, how could you? In front of all these people??!! - and then pushing the ball over the fence for 6 puts Matty B in the red for sure.., 105-4 off 14.

Sixteen-year-old Josh King gets his chance now, on from the Pebble Ridge End. A steady start, unlucky to go for nine but that's twenty20 cricket for ya!



Matty B tries again to tame the tall West Indian star with three dot balls in his final over, inducing a near suicidal run. Banks chops the ball to short third man, Mick Warne swoops like a gazelle, a one handed pick up and throw hits the stumps – surely Banksy is short? The whole ground appeals.. 'Not out', says Umpire Gainey ... What – no third umpire??

Banks takes advantage of his let off, invests in himself and smashes two 4's and six. 128-4 off 16, Bettis 0-32

King on for his second, only four overs to go now. First ball to the steady Gazzard, he wallops it back at the teenager who ... takes his second catch of the evening! You just can't keep him out of the game! What a stunner! The crowd erupts yet again, more high fives and cuddles (that's Josh's mum and dad, not the players), Gazzard trudges off. In comes Arul Suppiah, who plays back the youngsters next five deliveries... Josh King - take a bow!! You've bowled a maiden over (I'm talking cricket here mum and dad). Say it again Josh - you bowled a maiden over!!!! Fantastic - the crowd cheers, team mates salute their young colleague.. 128-5 off 17. King 1-9

Ian Hayter back on to finish up from the Bungalow End - but how do you follow Josh's last over?? It's a steady one at least, giving away only 6 runs at this stage of the innings, not bad for a fat bald bloke.

King to finish then, a lucky top-edged six from Suppiah and another off the last of his spell still leaves Josh with very creditable figures of 1-23 off 3.

Last over. Hayter, 2-11 off three so far, to bowl it. A boundary off the first ball eases the pressure for Somerset, four singles then a last ball maximum from Banks takes the total to 162-5, Banks 65*. A tremendous effort from the Bideford bowlers and boys in the field, well supported by the spectators. Somerset know they have a game on their hands...

During the interval, Marcus T is interviewed over the PA, the Bideford boys pad up, spectators queue for the portaloo and in the beer tents. A sense of nervous anticipation around the ground ... 162 is a gettable score

The Somerset boys take the field as ours pad up. We've only four pairs of blue pads – two right and two left – so dismissed batsmen are reminded to get theirs off pretty damn quick so the next guy can get 'em on!

Opening for Bideford – James Ford and Matt Allin. Fordy faces first up – against Turner from the bungalow End. Three slips and a gully – they've seen him bat before! A wide is the only score off his first over, Fordy watchful as ever.

Keith Parsons from the Pebble Ridge End to Matt Allin - two dots then a boundary – to huge cheers from the crowd and his team mates - to get Matt off the mark. 8-0 off two overs, steady progress.

Fordy takes a boundary off Turner's next, but fishes outside off stump. 14-0 off three, no alarm bells ringing yet for the Bideford boys...

Allin takes two 2's from Parsons' next effort but in Turner's third is caught trying to up the ante. Allin caught Parsons bowled Turner 9. Will Barratt strides to the crease.



Matt Allin

Next over, at 25-1, skipper Ford is caught by Turner off the bowling of Parsons and is replaced by Andy Webb. 25-2 off six.

While young Barratt seeks to play himself in, using 16 balls to score 3, Webby at the other end takes a shine to the Cidermen's own Mick Warne – Mike Munday. The Webster smashes four 4's and a six off the leg spinner as the crowd begins to scream! 162 is beginning to look like a definitely gettable score, if Webby can keep going But Munday has the last laugh, having him caught off the last ball of his spell. Webb caught Trescothick bowled Munday 27 (off 16 balls).



Mike Wigley

Mike Wigley in next, after a slow start wallops four big boundaries off Somerset first teamers Durston and Suppiah until he too, is caught out. Wigley caught Turner bowled Suppiah 16 (16 balls).



Will Barratt

Meanwhile at the other end, young Barratt is beginning to find his feet. Thanks largely to Ian Blackwell's two overs costing only 3 runs, and needing 103 off the last eight overs, the pressure is mounting, but Will and his new partner Jack Hockin are up for it. Suppiah goes for almost 10 an over, Durston 15 off two.

Then Somerset's skipper pulls his masterstroke, and brings himself on to bowl. Well, Barratt and Hockin showed a complete lack of respect to the former England opener, indeed, treated him with nothing less than contempt. They took 35 off his two overs, much to the joy of the entire crowd and their team mates (and also to the amusement of the Somerset guys, it should be noted!)



Needing 34 to win off the last over was always going to be a tough ask – even if it was Tresco who was bowling ...! Still, the youngsters took him for 20 to take the total to a very creditable 149-4 off our 20 overs. Barratt 38*, Hockin 27*.

A tremendous effort, we lost by 13 runs.



Darren Hart

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SCORECARD:

SOMERSET WON TOSS AND ELECTED TO BAT

SOMERSET INNINGS

M TRESCOTHICK	CT KING B HODGES	29
I BEWER	CT WEBB B HAYTER	0
W DURSTON	CT WARNE B HAYTER	4
I BLACKWELL	CT & B HODGES	12
C GAZZARD	CT & B KING	32
O BANKS	NOT OUT	65
A SUPPIAH	NOT OUT	16
N EDWARDS	} DID NOT BAT	
M MUNDAY		
K PARSONS		
M TURNER		
EXTRAS		4
TOTAL		162-5

<u>BOWLING</u>	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WKTS	AV	RPO
PETE WATERMAN	4	0	35	0	-	8.75
IAN HAYTER	4	0	25	2	12.50	6.25
ALEC HODGES	3	0	18	2	9.00	6.00
MICK WARNE	3	0	29	0	-	9.66
MATT BETTIS	3	0	32	0	-	10.66
JOSH KING	3	1	23	1	23.00	7.66

FALL OF WICKETS:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10	20	32	67	128					

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SCORECARD:

BIDEFORD INNINGS

J FORD	CT TURNER B PARSONS	8
M ALLIN	CT PARSONS B TURNER	9
W BARRATT	NOT OUT	38
A WEBB	CT TRESCOTHICK B MUNDAY	27
M WIGLEY	CT TURNER B SUPPIAH	16
J HOCKIN	NOT OUT	27
M WARNE	} DID NOT BAT	16
D HART		
I HAYTER		
M BETTIS		
A HODGES		
 EXTRAS		 24
<hr/> TOTAL		<hr/> 149-4

<u>BOWLING</u>	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WKTS	AV	RPO
M TURNER	4	1	9	1	9.00	2.25
K PARSONS	4	0	20	1	20.00	5.00
M MUNDAY	2	0	26	1	26.00	13.00
I BLACKWELL	2	0	3	0	-	1.50
A SUPPIAH	2	0	19	1	19.00	9.50
W DURSTON	2	0	15	0	-	7.50
O BANKS	2	0	13	0	-	6.50
M TRESCOTHICK	2	0	35	0	-	17.50

FALL OF WICKETS:

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
19	25	58	86						

UMPIRES: VIC GAINEY & JACK NEVILLE
 SCORER: JENNY WILLIAMS