

The view from the middle: Match against Geneva

Observations from Saturday's match against Geneva – 22 June '13. These observations are mine about what the boys did collectively well, and could work on for future matches. Gingins lost the toss and were sent into to bat, that is what captain Dylan wanted to do any way.

Overall: For the second time in two weeks we fielded a young Gingins team. Of all the players for the two weeks, we only had three to play both matches (Nikilesh, Ari and Ricky). Our players all moved into fielding/bowling positions quickly, and that kept the innings moving along at a nice pace. We lost for a second time in two weeks, but there were a lot of positives the boys could take from these matches.

Batting: I thought that the boys generally batted very well. The batters tended to hit more balls, rather than leaving or playing and missing. The ball did not roll very well through the grass, so it was difficult to get it away.

Calling and running between wickets: The calling was generally loud and clear, maybe too often 'no' instead of 'yes'. There were still a number of runs left on the field. It is difficult to run with pads and a box. We need to figure out a way to get the confidence into the boys to leave the safety of the crease after a shot has been played. Backing up by the non-striking batter to make the journey to the other end a bit shorter.

Fielding: The fielders ran towards the ball to pick it up quickly, and threw it in nicely. There were two run-outs in the Geneva innings caused by direct hits (Arjun and Nick W). There might have been others, but overall the fielding was very good; and it kept the pressure on their batters.

Bowling: The biggest difference between the two sides was once again was bowling and bowling accuracy. Again, without looking at the scorecard, I would imagine that the difference between the two sides came down to the number of wides bowled by our boys. There were fewer wides than last week, but still many (I've asked Marc for a copy of the score sheet). With time, practice and patience, this area of the game will improve.

It was a good team effort, and the boys played well. Notable individual performances: Aiden for bowling a batter out. Charlie W for keeping wicket (for the first time) when Dylan went to bowl. Vice-captain Nick for stepping in when Dylan left the field after injuring his wrist while fielding off his own bowling to see that the game kept the same pace.