

Stainborough vs South Kirkby

25/07/2020, Pontefract League Division 3, Park Drive, Stainborough.

Pitch: much improved from the previous weekend.

Social media in whatever format can be cruel. I've heard it referred to as the Devil's Telephone due to its propensity to spread far from pleasant news to all corners of the globe instantly. Enter Murray Raw, Boro's elegant but increasingly frail right hander. Should the wind change direction too quickly or the barometric pressure drop too fiercely, all manner of bodily infarctions have been known to happen to 'The Badger'; culling could soon be an option. That said, he has an innate ability to make the game look very easy, yet make the very easy look incredibly difficult as was seen during the 'Boro's warm up game vs. Thurnscoe CC last week. Instead of playing forward to a length delivery the posh one attempted an across the line swish that resulted in more wood being dislodged than had a container ship run aground carrying lengths of 4x2 oak. Footage on Sky Sports Cricket Twitter feed.

A week is a long time in cricket and the Hampshire native swished, swatted, swiped, swung and sanguinated his way to a majestic ton against last seasons fellow promoted team South Kirkby.

Captain Pepper tossed badly; we were inserted and the Skip and Raw strode to the middle. Raw's, 'one, maybe two, no get back' resulted in the leader occupying his favourite position...sitting down and having a cig. Kebabson departed plum LB douche for 15, his replacement McLee pushed the score along with a quick fire 31, all the while Raw continued in his serene bubble passing 50 in the process. McFadyen and Webster came and went whilst assisting Raw in passing the landmark hundred as 'Boro closed on 218 from 36 overs. The youthful Kirkby attack steadfastly stuck to their task with Hopkins 2/33 and Mitchell 3/49 the pick of the visitors attack.

In reply Pepper Junior (younger, better looking, more talented, better cricketer, all round nicer kid than his dad) removed the threatening Wolsey after being deposited to all parts, and thereafter the young bucks' resistance, whilst spirited, was futile. Only Hopkins (14) and Charlie Hegg (11) made double figures whilst young Hedley-Paul Keegan resisted 36 balls to remain not out. Tom Reid with 5/5 was practically unplayable from the Pub End.

'Boro make the three flight two day trip to Hensall next up.