

12th May Stragglers of Asia vs Wellington Development XI

Result: Won by 6 wkts

Team Batting First: Wellington

| | Inits | Name | How Out | Fielder | Bowler | Score |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | | Lowe | Bowled | | Gordon | 41 |
| 2 | | Hukin | Bowled | | Fletcher | 0 |
| 3 | | Aurili | Caught | Trapani | Gordon | 13 |
| 4 | | Abdi | Caught | Gordon | Gordon | 5 |
| 5 | | Ross | Caught | Brown | MacNeilage | 0 |
| 6 | | Williams | Bowled | | Smith | 68 |
| 7 | | McCresry | Bowled | | MacNeilage | 0 |
| 8 | | Cowdrey | Bowled | | Hunt | 0 |
| 9 | | Gumpert | Caught | Fletcher | Kincaid | 31 |
| 10 | | Reid | Caught | Perrott | Kincaid | 2 |
| 11 | | Noble | Not Out | | | 0 |
| Extras: | | | | | | 30 |
| Total for 10 wickets: | | | | | | 194 |

FOW: 1: 2: 3: 4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10:

| Bowler | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Fletcher (c) | 5 | 1 | 28 | 1 |
| Gordon (c) | 8 | 0 | 37 | 3 |
| D MacNeilage (c) | 4 | 0 | 20 | 2 |
| T Perrott | 5 | 0 | 40 | 0 |
| M Hunt | 4 | 0 | 31 | 1 |
| Smith (c) | 3 | 0 | 17 | 1 |
| B Kincaid | 3 | 0 | 18 | 2 |

Team Batting Second: Stragglers of Asia

| | Inits | Name | How Out | Fielder | Bowler | Score |
|----------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | J | Gordon (c) | Caught | | Reid | 77 |
| 2 | S | Fletcher (c) | Stumped | | Cowdrey | 62 |
| 3 | D | MacNeilage (c) | Not Out | | | 27 |
| 4 | C | Brown | Bowled | | Reid | 11 |

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| 5 | T | Hamilton | Caught | | Reid | 1 |
| 6 | R | McGregor* | Not Out | | | 13 |
| 7 | T | Perrott | DNB | | | |
| 8 | M | Hunt | DNB | | | |
| 9 | S | Smith (c) | DNB | | | |
| 10 | A | Trapani+ | DNB | | | |
| 11 | W | Kincaid | DNB | | | |
| Extras: | | | | | | 24 |
| Total for 4 wickets: | | | | | | 197 |

FOW: 1: 2: 3: 4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10:

| Bowler | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Gumpert | 2 | 0 | 33 | 0 |
| Noble | 4 | 0 | 41 | 0 |
| McCresrey | 3 | 0 | 32 | 0 |
| Reid | 8 | 1 | 38 | 3 |
| Abdi | 2 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Cowdrey | 3 | 0 | 25 | 1 |
| Williams | 2 | 0 | 15 | 0 |

Match Report: A very well prepared wicket at the New Ground again this year. After last season's resounding win to the school Development X1. We were greeted with the news that this year's team were even stronger having despatched all rivals so far. The normal courtesy of Stragglers batting first was abandoned for a real toss, which Wellington won and chose to bat.

The early part of the game resembled last year with the school going off at an alarming run rate. Candidates Jonno Gordon and Sam Fletcher bowled threateningly, but leaked runs. However wickets began to fall with Gordon and Dylan MacNeilage (another candidate) being successful with 3 and 2 wickets respectively after Fletcher had got the breakthrough. With the score at 93-7, a revival of sorts took place with a very attacking 8th wicket partnership before the experienced wiles of Stragglers Mark Hunt and Bill Kincaid cleaned up the tail, with the help of young candidate Sam Smith. Our fielding was poor last year, but this year most catches were taken, and Wellington's innings finished on 194. Nino Trapani kept with his usual vigour, standing up bravely to the quicks at times, and only allowing 4 byes.

At first glance on such a good wicket, and such a fast outfield this score seemed inadequate. And so it proved, with Sam Fletcher and Jonno Gordon attacking the bowling with ruthless efficiency. The pair put on a partnership of 142 for the 1st wicket in only 13 overs, before generously giving up their wickets to get some other Stragglers to the crease. Fletcher hit 62 and Gordon 77 in their debuts for the club. They shared 7 sixes between them with some excellent hitting, showing the Development team that bowling short to schoolboys might scare them, but to accomplished players they end up out of the ground.

In a possible first numbers 1,2,3 in the bowling order became the exact 1,2,3 in the batting order. South African MacNeilage batted nicely for 27 no, finishing the game

with an enormous six that threatened far away houses. Your Match Manager and scribe finally got to bat in this fixture after 6 years of spectating, with 13*.

An enjoyable day with all team members either batting or bowling. The fixture is seen in a very favourable light by Wellington, so on we go to 2012.