

Ravenscroft stars as Cobo defeat Wanderers Rovers

Having secured a valuable point in their first game of the campaign thanks to some typical summer weather Cobo were inserted on a moist deck for their first cricket of the season, in July.

"They might come to regret that" was widely muttered by boundary sages when Tim Ravenscroft was dropped off the first ball of the game, and the wisdom of that blindingly obvious statement was proven when he departed 46 balls later having lambasted 81 runs. Nussbaumer briefly had the best seat in the house for the Timmy show but was soon replaced by Captain Josh Butler who at first calmly rotated the strike. However, when Ravenscroft attempted some sort of lappyreversedabby nonsense and was cleaned up by returning Guernsey cricket legend Jeremy Filth Butler opened his ever-broadening shoulders to plunder 71 off 44 balls. Ben Ferbrache scampered along in the Captain's slipstream to finish on 31 (23 balls) and Cobo posted a stiff target of 193.

In the ever-dampening gloom Cobo took to the field with the boundary sages muttering that Roderers needed their statuesque South African GH Smit to go big if they were to stand any chance of getting close to the total. Fortunately for Roderers, Smit is all about BIG as a maximum thwacked into the sightscreen soon proved. Roderers had reached 38 in the 4th over before openers Barker and Smit both perished to well taken boundary catches off the opening seam bowlers.

Having been badgering the captain for a bowl all innings Ravenscroft was eventually introduced to the attack and somehow finished with 5 wicket bowling his assortment of straightbreaks and full bungers as Roderers innings subsided in the drizzle.

The coup de gras was administered by Dec Martel managing to rip a leg break with a bar of soap like ball past the advancing batsman with TJ Ozanne smoothly completing the tricky stumping to leave Roderers all out for 126, and everyone retreated to the pavilion to towel themselves down.



Tim Ravenscroft cuts for four in his impressive knock. Photo credit Guernsey Sport Photography