

Sunday XI signs off in style [posted 28/08/11]

A convincing win by the Sunday XI brought cheer to the policies on a chilly Autumn evening as they saw off West of Scotland in style. Batting first, and with both sides fielding ten players after late call-offs - or in *the 'Loc's* case call-up to the 1st XI for Elliott Rousen - Aamir's troops were batting first. The skipper - fresh from his Sunday League ton a week previously - opened with Ahsan-Raza and the two gave their side a good start. Both "got in", with *Muscles* getting to 35 before being dismissed, caught, off Miro Ralston's bowling. Alvi though carried on, and passed his half century on the way to 85 before he was bowled by Sutherland. As some *wise guy* suggested afterwards, "If Alvi could actually *run*, he'd have scored a big ton!" S&C classes for you, mate, over the winter. And those sunglasses likely add a second to his 60 meters dash time too! 🤪

Also in the runs, after *Rosco* (1) and Muhammed Shahid (0) came-and-went in double-quick time was Vijay, with a good 46 batting at five. He was unbeaten come the end of the 40th over, with Dave Armour (8*) for company.

In reply, West managed just 142, but, it should be said, young Iain Wheel couldn't bat for Glasgow's second-best club after splitting his webbing in what looked a nasty accident fielding a ball. A quick recovery is wished for Iain. Notwithstanding the *northsiders* now having just nine batters, a couple "got in": Ralston got to 25, Lee, Dalziel and Pandey got into the tens, and Fitzgerald was unbeaten on 40 - batting at six, come the fall of the last wicket. The wickets were shared around, with two for Stuart Rousen. And mention of Zaeem Mirza who returned to the fold on the day to return figures of 6-2-13-0 - easy game!

So a good end to a decent season.

Another day, another game,.....another defeat! [posted 21/08/11]

On another day when at least the rain stayed away (!), the Sunday XI were in Sunday League action against Queen's Park CC, a.k.a. Uddingston's 2nd XI at Shawholm. In what turned out to be a very high-scoring match, *the 'Loc* boys went down by 70 runs chasing the visitors' 285. *The 'Loc's* 215 came for the loss of just five wickets. More details to come.....

Sunday XI thumped! [posted 14/08/11]



What a thrashing! After restricting their visitors - Victoria - to just 165, bowling them out into the bargain, the Sunday XI batters then capitulated in the run-chase and were bundled out for just 56. Yikey! Only one batter got into double figures and there were multiple new entries on the Webeed Feet Award table!! The less said the better - best to just move on..... [Scorecard](#) online, as are updated [stat's](#).

Last win as Sunday XI win a 485-run thriller! [posted 31/07/11]

The Sunday XI went into today's home league match against a strong Kelburne side minus a few regulars. *Muscles* wasn't around as he's studying for uni' exam's, so *The Professor* was stand-in skipper. And with *Rosco* and *Stiffy* off at the inter-RDC tourney in Edinburgh, the side was a collective two-family four players down. *Disk* was the only Armour on parade. But on the plus side, at least Frankie was registered this time and could take a full part! And he chose a good game to make his WDCU debut.

After the toss *the 'Loc* were in the field. Kelburne's openers Stuart O'Connell and Graham Burgess put on 83 for the first wicket in good time, O'Connell being dismissed in just the sixteenth over. By this time, Burgess had already gone past 50! Luckily for the Sunday XI he went with only 1 more run added to the visitors' total, bowled by Vaibhav. So, a little light relief, as two new batters started their innings. But the relief was short lived as number four Ryan Morrow carried on where Burgess had ended his innings. Burgess had seven 4s and a maximum in his 53, Morrow would notch up three 4s, one 6 and - honestly - a 5 in his 45!

That rarest of rare scores, the five! After Morrow departed, there were further quick-fire cameos from Jamie Cook (28) and David Ogilvie (39*) pushing up the total past 200 and onto 241 by the end of Kelburne's 40-over allocation. That's six-an-over boys and girls. Hmm. A big ask chasing that one.

And chasing 240+ to win in 40 overs would certainly require someone to stand up and play a **BIG** innings. Step forward A Bhatnagar Esq. 121 not out if you will! We like. 😊 Fourteen 4s and four 6s included, this was the proverbial match-winning knock against, as we've already said, no mugs. And alongside Amit's big ton there were important cameos. Saif scored 25 opening with Ahsan-Raza. There were then another couple of 20s from Waleed (22) and *Disk* (23) in the middle order. And all this set up a quite extraordinary finish. Cullum Watson was bowling sixth change with *the 'Loc* seemingly with not much to worry about come the death, Amit still in and wickets in hand. But they'd not factored in Master Watson's spell. Two wickets in his first over set a few hearts a-jitter. A wicket- maiden as his third after only 1 run came off his second added to the drama. Then the fourth ball of his fourth over saw him clean up Saqi'. And for the record Saqi' was batting ten! Yikes. Would Amit's brave knock end in team defeat? In the gathering gloom Ashar strode to middle. With a ball to go then it was 2 to win, 1 to tie. Watson to Ashar: swing of willow, connection, ball stroked past mid-on for 4! *'Loc* win!! And then, in cric' parlance: cue pitch invasion!! Great stuff.

Thanks to Kelburne for a genuinely competitive match, and to ump' McGregor and Gilliland for seeing the game to its dramatic conclusion in the gathering gloom and drizzle. A great win for an inexperienced *'Loc* side, and skipper Amin starts with a victory. Read it and weep Kayani! And a final word of consolation for Kelburne's Watson - a "4-for" only for defeat to be snatched from victory on the last ball. Well bowled Cullum, genuinely unlucky.

Sunday XI start but don't get finished against *West* [posted 10/07/11]



The Sunday XI were back on home territory today as West of Scotland visited in the reverse fixture to the sides' earlier meeting over on the northside at Hamilton Crescent. And after the skippers had tossed, it was *the 'Loc* who were batting. But then, with the innings barely started, and sunshine and high clouds elsewhere, a near monsoon shower washed the game out! 😡 Extraordinary. And depressing.

Narrow defeat at *Field of [Bad] Dreams* [posted 12/06/11]



Well at least it's over and done with. We're talking - of course - about an away game at Springburn Park. Victoria were the Sunday XI's "hosts" at the Red Road Oval, and the boys again showed their competitiveness as they ran the home crew close. Bunting first, Victoria were restricted to 184, being bowled out into the bargain, before - in the run-chase - the boys fell 16 short of the winning post. Another good performance though, and always an "interesting" experience - a [scorecard](#) and [report](#) will be posted online, and the [stat's](#) updated, as soon as your Webmaster gets sight of the 'book.

Win at *West* [posted 15/05/11]

The Sunday XI were in action today in their second league outing of season 2011. West of Scotland - Glasgow's second-best club - were the opposition, and were the Sunday XI's hosts on the north-side at Hamilton Crescent.

On a dreary day, weather-wise, things started ominously as well. Skipper Kayani was still missing two of the confirmed bodies as the 12.30pm meet time came and went, and then so did 1pm! And this after Aftab's call-off the evening before allowing Dave Armour to make his competitive *'Loc* debut, making it an Armour triumverate with *Rosco* and *Disk* already selected. [Ed: collective noun suggestions in the [Guestbook](#) please.] And then with Dr Khan's arrival, but Adnan still a no-show, a second father/son combo' materialised as Stuart Rousen, to the crowd's delight, responded to a call to arms and stepped in to complete the eleven. "Let's go!".

Arriving at Hamilton Crescent the boys were batting after the toss. Nick Black and Ahsan Raza Alvi opened for the Sunday XI and put on a solid-enough 41 for the first wicket, *NTB* going for 15. And this triggered what might be categorised a mini-collapse. 41 for 1 becoming 46 for 3 as skipper *Muscles* and then *Rosco* both came and went for blobs. Ooops. Ahsan Raza then departed 13 runs later for a patient 19 - 59 for 4 all of a sudden. Well, actually **not** "all of a sudden" at all, as progressing the score from 41 in the tenth over to 59 had taken the best part of another ten overs. What was needed was someone - *anyone!* - to steady the ship. Enter Usman and Elliott. 36 were added for the fifth wicket, Usman departing for 15 in the 33rd over bringing the good Doctor to the middle. Unfortunately this would be duck #3 and so Elliott found himself with Dave Armour on debut. Luckily there's no substitute for experience, or an "old head on *old* shoulders!" as we like to think of it. And experience it was that saw Dave chaperone Elliott to adding 36 as a combo' and push the total up to 139 for 6 when the innings closed. A decent end result given what had at one time looked like being a collapse. But was it enough?

Well at 58 for no wicket and *the 'Loc* bowling wides for fun things didn't look too encouraging. Then the breakthrough. And again it was experience that brought dividends - Stuart Rousen's crafty leggies [Ed: think a marginally quicker Leon Newman here people 😊] were the secret. Stuart dealt with West's top three batters as suddenly the jitters set in. 58 for 1 becoming 81 for 3. And spin would continue to be the key as *Muscles* turned - excuse the pun! - to Hidayath, himself and Elliott to roll their arms over and see if the home side batters could cope. Short answer: they couldn't. Wickets fell at regular intervals as 81 for 3 became 103 for 7. But then a wee partnership and 18 added pushing the score past 120 and the finishing line of 140 suddenly back in sight. But just as the first three wickets had "Rousen" in the bowlers column, so would the last three as Rousen Jnr. dealt with 8, 9 and 10. 121 for 8, 123 for 9 and 126 all out. *'Loc* win! Ideal. Well done guys!

Oh, and the skipper insists mention is made of the fact that only one of thirteen bowlers used in the game didn't bowl a wide. Guess who?!?

League opener ends in defeat [posted 01/05/11]

With the change to fielding a Sunday XI in the Sunday League in place of the Poloc Academy, it was a completely new side that took the field under Aamir Kayani's captaincy on Sunday as Renfrew were the visitors in the Division 1 opener. And after the toss, it was the Sunday XI that was batting. *Muscles* and *Pasty* opened for the side - *Pasty* was a late call-in to the side after Adnan had called off. 30 was put on in a steady start, with Renfrew's SNCL opening bowler, Khan, working up a reasonable head of steam from the Cart End. *Muscles* was first to go, however, with the score on 30, bowled by Khan. And his dismissal was followed in double-quick time by Alhsan Alvi being adjudged leg-before by Jim Murphy, first ball, to the same bowler. 30 for 2. It was then 40 for 3, 4 and 5 as *Pasty* (20) was also adjudged LBW by umpire Murphy, and Ross Armour (1) and Stuart Hunter (0, on debut) succumbed to Majeed and Khan respectively. The steady start suddenly seemed a long time ago. Russell then came and went and it was 49 for 6, another victim for Majeed. Aftab managed just one more than Russ' as did the *Professor*, and the side was 73 for 8. Luckily another *'Loc* debutant - Hidayathullah - was on hand to bring some respectability to proceedings, and his 29 allied with Cammy Armour's unbeaten 19, managed to push the total past 100 and, ultimately, on to 125. Hardly enough to defend, or was it.....

No it wasn't! But at 18 for 4, and then 26 for 5, Renfrew's coat was definitely on that shoogly peg! But shoogly it may've done, but fall off it didn't. And thanks almost entirely for said garment remaining off the ground are due to Mr Anjum. The Renfrew opener would bat through for an unbeaten 98 to see his side home. Bear in mind the target was but 126, and so Anjum's 98 not out represents the largest chunk of the requirement. Fitting then he hit the winning runs with a boundary 4. Well batted. On the bowling front - and accepting that "tight" wides might not have been in force - *the 'Loc* bowlers bowled better than their counterparts 24 hours earlier. And it was inexperienced bowlers who did the bowling. Hidayathullah opened from the Burrell End and returned 3 for 49 as the pre-innings plan to try and eke out some top-order batters paid off. In fact Hidayathullah's first four overs cost just 14 as he snatched his three wickets - perchance at this juncture a change of bowler might've been the ideal with Hidayathullah having achieved all that had been hoped for. As it was he'd bowl three more in two spells, unfortunately these three overs were wicketless, and went for 35. But still grabbing those early wickets gave the side a chance. The other two wickets featured Usman Amin - the *Professor* getting rid of Javid caught and bowled, before running out Khasiya with *Rosco's* help. The other bowlers used were Cammy Armour and Ashar Mirza, both youngsters and hopefully benefitting from the experience.

A defeat first-up, but no disgrace and a good game in the end analysis, against a Renfrew side featuring a number of experienced SNCL players. Good, too, for the three debutants to play their first competitive matches for the club at home on such a glorious day! 😊