

Other fixtures news and reports

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Comfortable win, and encouraging performances [posted 21/04/18]

After a virtual complete wash out of the pre-season fixture card, season 2018 finally got underway today in Dumfries. Nunholm was the venue for a Pro40 match between Poloc and Dumfries. Making their debuts for Poloc were Akshay Hudar, Ihtesham Ul Haq and new "Overseas Amateur" Coenie Nel. Also in the side, after returning to Poloc, were the Sajjad brothers Kess and Saif.

After the long drive south, *the 'Loc* players were delighted to find a remarkably hard pitch, as well as the usual delightfully-presented outfield. After the toss, which

Pasty

lost,

the 'Loc

were batting first.

Rambo

and Saif opened, with Niall and Stuart Alexander taking the new ball for the hosts. 20 for 0 after five overs was a solid start, 46 for 0 after ten was verging on ideal. Both batters looked in decent nick, albeit the innings had started almost comically with Said facing every ball in the first four overs! As a result he was ahead of

Rambo

on the scoreboard, Amaan playing more tentatively. However both would find fluidity as the change bowlers were introduced. Saif was first to be dismissed, having made 42 in an impressive opening partnership of 88. He holed out to the only fielder in the deep on the leg-side, Goodin the bowler.

Pasty

was

Rambo

's new partner, back on a cricket ground for the first time since his serious knee injury in the early part of last season. Pleasingly he showed no signs of ring-rustiness after a long winter indoor programme.

Rambo

would reach his maiden senior 50 with a pushed single through mid-wicket, as he and Craig put on another good partnership, adding 80 for the second wicket. Amaan it was who was second out, trapped LBW to Davidson.

Two down meant Jurie was next in, and his intentions were clear from the get-go, as he despatched his third and fourth balls over the rope for maximums. However he would prove the briefest of cameos as he got a 'good cherry' from Davidson that saw the Dumfries bowler claim a second scalp, getting Jurie to nick off to Reed behind the stumps. 184 for 3. Coenie the new man in. And if Jurie's cameo was brief, Coenie's would compensate. With *Pasty*

accumulating another half century, Coenie was the aggressor, hitting three 4s and four 6s in an unbeaten, 36-ball 54 not out. The acceleration towards the end of

the 'Loc

's innings - that finished with

Pasty

bunting a straight 6 - resulted in 256 for 3 being posted. Coenie finished 54* and

Pasty

60*.

To the Dumfries' reply. Opening with the ball for *the 'Loc* were *Ihty* and Kess. For the home side it was Corbett-Byers and Dawson. And it would be the experienced former that got his side off to a flier. It was 42 for 0 going in to the eighth over, and Corbett-Byers was scoring freely, *the 'Loc*

bowlers perhaps struggling to find their rhythm bowling outdoors on grass for the first time. So when

Crazy Horse

[Ed: another player returning to the club this season] made the breakthrough in the ninth over it was welcome. Dawson bowled for 2. Corbett-Byers continued to be the dangerman however, and with new partner Malik, added another 33 before - importantly - his was the second wicket fall in the 21st over. Hasseeb was again the bowler, Corbett-Byers being bowled too. This took much of the impetus out of the Dumfries' reply, and though Davidson (33) would bat well in the middle order, a

'Loc

win always looked the most likely outcome from the midpoint in the second innings. In particular

the 'Loc

slow bowlers did their jobs well, tying up the opposition batters and strangling the run-rate.

Jurie (4-1-61), Hasseeb (8-3-17-2), Coenie (8-1-19-1) and

Pasty

(4-0-17-0) all returned perfectly acceptable figures on a wicket that offered little, being as flat as it was. And so after

the 'Loc

openers returned at the death, the Dumfries reply would end with the home side on 154 for 6, the innings closing with Davidson's run out off the final ball.

So a good match for the players, good to get out on the grass, good for a few batters to spend time in the middle, good for the bowlers to be reminded that bowling outdoors really isn't quite the same as in "Hutchie", and good to record the win, notwithstanding the pre-season purposes behind the match. A big thanks to Dumfries for hosting, and well done on the presentation of Nunholm in such fine condition given the atrocious Spring we've had.



Friendly fixture added [posted 22/03/18]

After playing an inaugural [Sunday friendly](#) against the [Dumfries](#) in 2017, the club will be hosting Torrance

Other fixtures 2018

Poloc XI, fixtures, 2018					
Weekday	Date	Month	Venue/ result	Opponent	Match type
Saturday	14	April	Off	Ayr	Friendly
Sunday	15	April	Off	Prestwick	Friendly
Saturday	21	April	Won	Dumfries	Friendly
Sunday	22	April	Off	Uddingston	Friendly

Shawholm XI, fixtures, 2018

Weekday	Date	Month	Venue/ result	Opponent	Match type
Saturday	21	April	Off	Nunholm	Friendly

Panthers XI, fixtures, 2018

Weekday	Date	Month	Venue/ result	Opponent	Match type
Sunday	10	June	Off	Torrance	Friendly
Sunday	15	July	Off	Ferguslie	Friendly

Poloc and Shawholm XIs

Poloc and Shawholm XIs are variously fielded to play friendly matches against other clubs - often as pre-, or post-season friendlies, sometimes against touring sides.