

# THE SAGE – Summer 2015

## SUMMER 2015: PART 1 SURPRISING DOUBLE WIN F'MILLERS

Well who'd 'ave believed it, back by request f'fifth season o'abuse an' vitriol, so can't leave m'readers disappointed. T'close season comin' and goings 'ave seen t'Pocket Rocket skulkin' off t'Bury at t'last moment an' t'Colonel 'ad retired agin.

'Avin' strolled t'ground I got this feelin' o'déjà vu. T'Secretary fleecin' all asunder f'subs, Holty's voice boomin' across t'ground, t'lovely Donna ensconced in t'kitchen, Bostik an' t'Millers havin' a last deep drag o't'fag b'fore treadin' t'hallowed turf, and of course Irongloves droppin' a catch. At least it made f'an excitin' game as t'man,dropped on 3, went on t'make an excellent 94. T'game followed t'usual format with our Asian friends thrashin' from t'first ball with t'man from M&S comin' in f'some severe tap. T'Lakesiders were eventually dismissed f'205 with Tony takin' four wickets an' Wadey two, with what can only b'described at best as trundlers off 3 paces.

T'time 'ad come t'see whether t'14 weeks o'indoor nets 'ad 'ad any benefit. T'Doc 'ad obviously benefitted as he composed his best innings yet f't'club. Whilst Wadey,TEI,Fatboyfat and Kiwi made no impression, t'Doc anchored t'innings with t'Millers 84-4. Irongloves took t'thrashin' and made use of two Lakesiders messin' up a dolly to hit 43 in a partnership o'70 b'fore t'Doc was stumped f'72 off 92 balls. Irongloves went with t'score on 180 and it was left t'lower order t'see t'side home. Unfortunately 'Winnie t'Poo' syndrome (bear with little brain) set in. Brum would only deal in sixes and tried one too many with score on 192. T'score reached 201-7 when Tony tried an ambitious drive, later claimin' he was too knackered t'concentrate. He was followed by t'£1.5m allroonder being booled f'a duck. Fortunately t'new lad Lee Ashton defied normal Millers practice and batted sensibly f' 5 noot oot and it was left t'league's best number 11(t'Man from M&S) to square drive a four t'seal t'win by one wicket.

T'2nds 'ad a shock win at Edgworth with a team comprised o'bandaged vets an' enthusiasts. Captain Lowey led from t'front with 62 with a good openin' partnership with Irongloves (35). T' big shock was Danny Scott with 61, a total that normally takes him all season t'accrue. T'rest o't'team failed t'make dooble figures but 227-9 was impressive.

Ash an' t'Emerald Green Youth failed t'make much impression with t'ball but Captain Hook and Psycho with 5 and 4 wickets apiece scythed through t'battin' as Edgworth were dismissed f'135.

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## SUMMER 2015: PART 2 KIWI'S HAT TRICK SECURES WIN, 2NDS LOSE TWICE

T'toothless vet came t'fore in conditions tha' suited his medium pace and alleged guile. In a game played in constant drizzle t'Kiwi booled Springhead oot f'119, takin' six wickets and t'first hat trick `is long career. T'fieldin' was generally good except f'FatboyFat who got hit on t'head, dropped a catch and got a duck. T'lad looks more and more like a caricature o'David Bellamy than a cricketer. T'Man from M&S and Tony chipped in with two wickets apiece. Fortunately TEI found some form and hit his way t'49 b'fore getting' an inside edge on t'pads and being given lbw. T'Millers reached 61-4 but t'skipper 35 noot oot and Tony 18 noot oot saw t'team home for anoother five points.

At this stage o'me thoughts I do need t'apooligise t'Zorro f'not including `is 24 in t'last report. `Twas Wadey's fault as he was probably shoooked that Zorro could score this amount and left `is score off t'text. Saturday mornin' cry offs left t'2nds weak and with only 10 men. T'match was played in constant drizzle much t'shagrin' o'Bostik who told t'Secretary t'lads would never `ave got on t'field o'play `ad he been officiatin'. Three dropped catches and a missed stumping, 3 o'em me old lady would `ave snaffled, allowed Springhead t'amass 140-2. Lowey then introduced t'Vicar's flighted filth int'attack and his three wickets along with Psycho's four reduced Springhead t'155-9. T'Colonel hit a four and a six b'fore t'ball kept low and was booled. Lowey was oot for a 25 balls duck but Zorro continued his early season form by carvin' his way to 33 b'fore being booled. Only Psycho with 28 and Benji 11 managed dooble figures as t'Millers were dismissed f'96. T'followin' day t'team made their annual exit from t'first round o't'cup, but more that debacle next week.

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## SUMMER 2015: PART 3 SKULLDUGGERY AT CROFT LANE

'Twas a miserable weekend f't'first team as t'battin' once agin let 'em doon.

T'league match against Irlam turned out t'b a damp squib despite somewhat o'a'come back by Brum and Tony. Irlam sauntered t'142-3 b'fore Brum took 5-50 off 11 oovers and Tony 3-29 off 7 t'dismiss Irlam f'171. T'skipper and Fatboyfat once agin failed but TEI and t'veteran Kiwi put on 69 b'fore t'Kiwi was coot f'26. TEI followed soon after f'54 and then it was a precession back t'hutch f't'remainder, with only Tony 19, reachin' dooble figures. T'final score was a paltry 129. T'cowboy battin' approach which saw t'lads deal mainly in boonderies and 'ad only 25 non-boondery scoring shots 'ad us watchers bemoanin' t'fact that El Presidente, t'Pink Blur and Joe Shiels were no longer around t'play proper creeckit.

On t'Sunday t'Ashton Ladyboos arrived f'what turned out t'b'an abandoned cup match. T'Ladyboos hit 202 with Brum and t'Man from M&S takin' three wickets apiece. In reply Wadey hit 34 and t'Kiwi 35 but at 112-5 t'Millers were in trooble. Then t'incident, match abandoned and no doubt anoother annual trip t'Greenmoont.

T'2nds 'ad t'weekend oof but they needed it after t'drubbin' in t'cup at Swinton Moorside, who racked up 238-1. Zorro took t'only wicket but t'skipper must 'ave conceded defeat early on as he booled Redders who streaked t'top o't'annual White Boot Trophy f'Worst Booling Performance with 1-0-14-0. T'bookies inform me he's 2-15 f't'Trophy, which effectively means a dead cert in my book. In reply t'Millers limped t'119ao . Lowey was run out f'25 , Scotty made 11 and t'only other t'make dooble figures was Brum with an excellent 61 noot out. 'Twas a waste o'time Kiwi turnin' up as he followed his 0-41 with a duck.

On t' social side t'Secretary turned up with a black eye, a burst blood vessel, though t'lads maintain it was 'is old lady's response t'his suggestion they shop at Aldi instead o'M&S.

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## SUMMER 2015: PART 4 MILLERS EXONERATED! 1STS SPANKED, GLASSBACK 'MARE

History 'twas made when, f't'first time, t'Millers don't 'ave t'traipse up t'Mount f'anoother disciplinary. What sweet little angels t'firsts 'ave become. Unfortunately, t'angels were powerpuff in t'match against t'Toots booy. T'lads managed t'kiiiboosh a gud start 'aving Totts 90-4 off 31 oovers. T'veteran Kiwi 'ad controlled his end but succumbed t'old war wounds gathered f'life o'debauchery. His replacement and t'others got spanked f'a further 144 off 14 oovers. T'fragile battin' collapsed and t'Millers fell f'a paltry 118.

Bostik rolled up at Croft Lane agin, it appears his lift is no longer available and 'as asked f'umpires' room t'be'made int'a bedsit , as he's there agin next Saturday. Eleven sick,lame and lazy 2nd team carcasses turned up f'match against Totts. Well I say eleven but t'Emerald Youth 'ad a school match, rolled up at drinks, fielded f'14 overs,'ad his tea, lbw f'8 and then mother took 'im off t'restaurant f'family do. Lee Ashy, doon from firsts 'cos o'injury was told by Lowey 'No trooble my son, I'll hide you at fine leg'. Unbeknown t'skipper was that Ash Birt decided t'chuck doon 'is filth very wide o'leg stump and Glassback let anything go below knee height that he couldn't kick. T'lad still thort he was at t'Macron. This left Lee limpin' arooned t'boondery every other ball.

Fortunately Captain Merv Hook 'ad some control at t'other end. Catches were taken by all except Glassback, and at 111-9 t'Millers were in with a chance. Cultured mowing enabled Totts t'reach 150 with t'Hook takin' 5-53 and Zorro 2-32 'ith t'flighted filth. In reply, Glassback completed 'is shite day as he went early f'5 and failed t'paid 'is remainin' annual subs. Lowey carved oot 21 but was coot off one that popped, but t'Millers reached a creditable 72-4..... and then rapidly sunk t'87 all oot. It's goin' t'b'a long season.

On t'social side t'Secretary spent an enjoyable day collectin' deadline subs and abusin' t'pathetic excuses from those in t'firsts who failed t'comply. T'usual culprits were involved, TEI,Kiwi,Brum, t'ex £3m all rounder ,t'Man f'M&Sand Redders. Redders in t'first team?.....well that's another story f'later.

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## SUMMER 2015: PART 5 NOWT FROM WEEKEND

T'firsts 'ad a miserable weekend sufferin' two losses. On t'Saturday young Ash Birt stole t'show with 5-21. Those of us who'd witnessed t'lad's bag o'shite t'previous week were bemused but such is creekit. T'Macedonians were booled oot f'134, a total t'Millers should 'ave reached. T'fragile battin' agin let 'em down and 'twas only Brum with 57 who showed any spark o'ability 'ith t'willow.

On t'Sunday t'lads took on Uppermill in t'LCB Cup. Uppermill were also 'avin' a shite season losin' every match so far but t'Millers saw t'it that their droot ended. T'Man from M&S and Brum booled a fine openin' spell o' 18 oovers and 'ad Uppermill 71-6. Then t'Fireman was introduced and t'number 8 continually drove him to and oover t'boundary. T'skipper failed t'take 'im off and t'lad was slaughtered 0-60. Tony kept one end tight 'ith 2-20 and Wadey replaced 'im 'ad a creditable 2-12, but t'Fireman along 'ith Kiwi and Fatboyfat went f'134 off 14 oovers as Uppermill ended up 232-9. Fatboyfat would like me t'wax lyrical about 'is divin' catch but I won't, all I'll say was t'epicentre measured 4.5 on t'richter scale.

In reply t'Millers lost Lowey and Scott f'a'duck a piece and t'TEI f'3. Wadey 36 and Fatboyfat 46 put on 70 odd but t'lads succumbed t'167 all oot.

On t' social side E' Presidente was in 'is element at Uppermill talkin' t'some o'is old acquaintances as they reminisced about t'good old days and broon envelopes.

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## SUMMER 2015: PART 5 NOWT FROM WEEKEND YET AGIN

T'firsts continued t'slide doon t'league table after anoother defeat, this time at t'hands o'Deane & Derby. This time t'lads achieved t'hattrick- cudn't' bool, bat or field and slumped t'eighth in t'table. Two early wickets was t'only success as D&D amassed 244-8 with Brum and t'Man from M&S takin' three wickets a piece. A rare sight o't'Willett boolin' t'flighted filth and takin' a wicket was one f't'historical archives. TEI 'ad two oovers slapped by t'opposition and then pleaded 'ith t'skipper f'anoother oover. T'silly booger agreed and he was slapped agin f'anoother two sixes. In t'field Kiwi dropped a dolly, as did Benji as did Fatboyfat, who on enterin' t'slip cordon predicted 'is drop and it only took three balls t'materialise.

T'top order failed agin despite t'return o't'Doc whose extended spell on holiday 'ad obviously affected his form. He complained that t'wicket failed t'replicate t'Grand Canaria sand so his mastery o'Mel's throw downs came t'nowt. It was left t'Brum 32 and t'best number 11 in t'league, promoted t'number 8, t'smite 32. Redders made a dogged 11 noot oot in what seemed t'b hoors but when he raised his bat 'avin' managed t'hit t'ball off t'square t'boondary, no one clapped as they were comatosed 'ith boredom. T'lads failed by one run t'secure a losin' point .

T'seconds saw four debutants – t'Durrans x 3 and t'Emerald Youth's dad.

Lowey made a careful 29 and Nathan Durrans an encouragin' 37 as the team managed t'bat oot t'45 oovers to 123-8. T'Emerald Youth's dad, 'avin' not wealded t'willow f'25 years, held t'innings together with 13 noot oot off 50 balls, and showed 'is son how t'bat properly. Three wickets from Captain Merv hook 'ad Greenmoont 61-5 and then a Hook dropped coot and booled effectively ended t'Millers hopes as Greenmoont reached 124-5.

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## SUMMER 2015: PART 7 SKIPPER INSPIRES RARE WIN

Well booger me, t'firsts picked up five pois at t'weekend. T'top order pulled their fingers oot and actually scored some runs aided by t'new best number 8 in the league.

T'Doc scored a 50 and thanks t'Redders' effective mowing o't'outfield, 44 o'em came in boonderies. TEI will now officially b'known as FEI (former England International) following 'is KP like incident. No, there won't b'a' book, nor a pamphlet, as t'lad can barely string a sentence together without f\*\*\* this and f\*\*\* thaaat. FEI scored 23 b'fore being run oot. Fatboyfat managed a reasonable 39, Wadey 20 odd. Tony (24) and t'Man from M&S (33) 'ad a late order 49 partnership which saw t'lads t'259-9.

In reply, Brum 2-21 picked up two early wickets but t'Valers recovered t'135-3., mainly due t'Fireman's shite boolin' agin 4-0-41-0. Time f't'skipper's trundlers booled straight on line an' length, result 6-32. Valers 185 all oot.

On t'social side, a noomber o'vets crown green boolin' teams 'ave persuaded El Presidente to come oot o'retirement. Apparently t'old timer 'as been on a good run o'victories. When asked t'inevitable question by t'Secretary as t'whether this also involved broon envelopes t'mild manner El Presidente told 'im t'f\*\*\* \*\*\*. We'll take that as a possible 'no' then.

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## SUMMER 2015: PART 8 WADEY TON NOT ENOUGH, 2NDS SHAMBOLIC

T'Catholic Club came t'town and t'match produced a feast o'runs. T'match followed t'usual pattern o't'Catholic Club top order playin' proper cricket which sets up t'rest f'a mow and a thrash. T'Millers `ad `em 114-4 but drooped catches from t'bass guitarist and t'inevitable mowin' o'runs saw RCC reach 311. None o't'Millers boolin' figures looked pretty. In reply, t'Doc scored 28 but t'team reached 60-3. Fatboyfat at last produced a decent innings (82) as he supported Wadey who showed he could mow and thrash with t'best t'score an excitin' 115. T'partnership put on 158 but once both went t'momentum stalled t'278 all oot.

T'seconds were slaughtered at Roe Green who amassed 291-8. T'Emerald Youth paid a heavy price f'his three wickets as his booling, and everybody's else's, visited all sections o' t'ground. In reply, t'Millers trooped t'wicket and trooped back, early finish, 47 all oot, shambolic isn't a strong enough word, but I don't know what is, so I'll make one up – feckindisgraceful.

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## SUMMER 2015: PART 9 DOUBLE WIN FOR 1STS, 2NDS CAN'T BUY A WIN

Talk about fantasy cricket, what odds wouldst thou get f'Willett and Redders not only scorin' their maiden league fifty but also on t'same weekend. Havin' consulted t'oracle, Holty informs me that we'd both `ave permanent residence on some South Sea Island. On t'Saturday, t'firsts top order displayed t'lack o'backbone that's all too common this season with 89-6. Fortunately Brum does well at t'Blackley ground and smacked 54. T'surprise was Lee with 31, whatever t'doc gave `im t'overcome `is injury should be given t'top order. Their partnership enabled t'Millers t'reach 178. In reply, Brum and t'FEI took four wickets apiece t'dismiss t'Blackley lads f'147.

On t'Sunday t'former £3.5K allrounder (ex pace booler, ex-leggie) and now metamorphosed int' an oopener, anchored t'innings with a maiden fifty and then t'silly booger got run oot. Wadey clubbed 35 and t'team reached 180. `Tis an annual event f't'Man from M&S to put in a large wicket haul in one match and t'day was t'day. While Brum was being carted t'all parts o't'ground, t'Man from M&S produced figures o'11.2-6-8-7 as t'lad mesmerized t'Ladyboos. Tony cashed in at t'end with a brace t'end t'match with t'Ladyboos on 63.

Fortunately f't'rest o't'club t'Secretary was unable t'score otherwise Redders would `ave been quoting all sorts o'stats as he ground `is way t'maiden fifty. T'vicar scored so oonly t'gud Lord knows how many balls t'lad faced. In a game reduced t'37 oovers, Redders anchored t'innings ...literally. His scorin' rate was just about one run an oover and when Lowie asked `im to up it, it reluctantly increased to 1.5. Lowie made 30 and `ad it not been f'a cameo o'thrashin' from young Naaathan 28, t'team wouldn't `ave got near their total o'146-7. When Redders reached 49 T'Colonel decided t' video t'istoric occasion but spent t'next twenty minutes deleting video after video. At t'22nd attempt he coot t'run and t'embarrassin' celebration t'likes o'which I `ope we never see agin on t'allowed turf. 54 noot oot in 37 oovers in 142 minutes, Gawd `elp us all. T'Swinton lads `ad little trooble knockin' t'runs off with plenty oovers t'spare despite Merv's 3-52.

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## SUMMER 2015: PART 10 1sts SPUN OOT O'CUP, 2nds THRASHED AGAIN

T'firsts 'ad their rearranged cup match with t'Ladyboos and brought in t'big gun t'umpire t'match-Bostik. T'Millers could nah contain t'Ladyboos early doors but managed t'fight back in back 'alf o't'innings t'dismiss 'em f'230. Tony 3-31- and t'Kiwi 2-15 were impressive but FEI and t'Man from M&S took two wickets apiece f'plenty. T'Willett scored 34 and at 150-5 with 16 oovers left, t'win was on until t'Ladyboos brought on t'leegie who accounted f'Fatboyfat, Kiwi (40) and t'Colonel whose Saber bat did nowt t'increase sales. In t'end t'boos lost by 7 runs.

With regard t'2nds, t'thesaurus 'as run out o'alternatives f'diabolically shite, so t'save time it's just going t'be a template each week.

Opposition: Elton 3rds

Toss: Lost

Booing: Hammered! especially t'Emerald Youth 224-5 Any positives? Caravan Mick 7-1-17-1 then knackered

Extras : Plenty (Byes 18)

Drops: Elton centurion x 6

Batting: Appalling 95 ao

Decent score: Kiwi 40

Result: thrashed

Successive losses: 7

T'add some interest t'2nds I'm introducing t'Comatosed Cam which saves m'readers from 'avin' t'watch Redders' batting as an oopener.

Opposition: Elton 3rds

Score: 16

How oot: LBW

Balls faced: 76

Time in middle: 65 mins

Overs in: 22

Complained about being given oot: Of course

Comatosed spectator score (1-5 with 5 high): 4

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## SUMMER 2015: PART 11 1STS HAMMERED, MERV HOOKS EDGWORTH

T'firsts went t'Lakesiders, conceded 206, batted like puddings 136 all out. Anything t'add, nowt really. No booler covered 'emselves in glory and on t'battin' front, only FEI with 52 and Wadey 35 showed any resistance, other than a cameo 20 f'Colonel Mustard-Saber.

'Twas such a shock t'watch t'seconds win. Yes, I shalt repeat meself, a 2nd team win against t'Millers bunnies Edgworth. In honour o't'occasion I shall dispense with t'template until normal action resumes next week. T'match began with Lowie takin' up a Flintoff pose, he'd won t'toss. T'boolers told 'im t'bool and so he did. Edgworth collapsed t' 49-5 after a fiery spell f'Emerald Youth and a sedate wily spell f'Captain Merv Hook. Edgworth recovered somewhat but Merv's 6-48, Emerald Youth's 2-22 and a wicket apiece f'Caravan Mick and Zorro saw an early tea 124 all out. It's time t'offer praise when praise is due, Glassback coot 4 out o'6 and oonly 3 byes....but 'is battin' was shite, Lowie tried unsuccessfully tried t'run 'im oot and he survived a dropped catch. Lowie square cut his way t'46 and young Nathan went a sloggin', rode 'is luck and scored 30 noot out and with Merv a cultured 17 noot out t'lads reached 125-4.

'Redders Comatosed Cam'

Opposition: Edgworth 3rds

Score: 0

How oot: Ct Behind

Balls faced: 2

Time in middle: 2 mins

Overs in: 0.2

Complained about being given oot: No but tried to justify cuttin' second ball o'innings

Comatosed spectator score (1-5 with 5 high): 1...we'll never see t'likes agin

On t'social side, 'twas fortunate t'club uses proper plates and not paper ones as t'moond Arkers was seen takin' back t'scoff in back room was a sight t'behold.

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## SUMMER 2015: PART 12

'Tis interestin' t'noot that we wait f'most o't'week f't'scorecards t'appear on t'website and yet they're uup within 12 hours when t'Doc scores his maiden ton.

T'firsts picked uup five shiners against t'lads from Springhead. A 44 run oopenin' stand o'which t'Willett scored 33, posed t'question - is Redders' influence at t'crease becomin' infectious? Fortunately t'Doc's repertoire, finely tuned on t'sands o'Grand Canaria, came t'fore as he continued on his merry way. T'Kiwi came t'wicket at 155-5 and they put on 70 as t'Doc reached his ton and t'Kiwi 40. T'team finished on 247-7. In reply, Springhead reached 100-5 and then pushed onto 202. It would've been less but Wadey capped a shite game by droppin' three catches, dollies his team mates were eager t'emphasise. Tony's rare appearance brought 4-37, t'Man from M&S three and somehow Fatboyfat's doblers 2-12. You may ask about Brum, don't boother, carted t'all parts.

T'seconds first half performance only deserves t'template

Opposition: Springhead 2nds

Toss: Won - Boolers wanted to bool

Booling: Hammered! t'Emerald Youth, Ash & Nathan 13-1-97-0

Any positives? T'two old timers Merv 3-73 off 22, Caravan Mick 2-30 off 10

Extras : Plenty (Byes 8) Pyscho 'ad a mare, Glassback all is forgiven

Drops: Ash (good takes by Zorro/Nathan)

Batting: Appalling start 19-4

Decent score: See result

Result: One point achieved

T'Birty boys led t'recovery with thrashin' Ash and a watchful Benji. At one point t'fearful spectre o'a Redders' clone appeared as Benji scored 3 off 33 balls. T'lad dispelled t'fears by 'itting some fours. Ash hit 'is highest score o'41 and Benji 24 off 68 balls. Nathan went first ball coot behind thrashin' and Lowey was lbw trying t'do 'is walkin' flick o't'legs which 'as repeatedly failed f'past 7 years. 124-8 when Merv joined Caravan Mick and t'old timers mixed defence and aggression with a 43 partnership, Caravan Mick 35 noot oot and Merv 19 noot oot, which saw a point achieved at 167-8.

'Redders Comatosed Cam'

Opposition: Springhead 2nds

Score: 2

How oot: Booled

Balls faced: 34

Time in middle: 33 mins

Overs in: 10

Complained about being given oot: No, but suckered int' playing rash attacking shot t'slow lobbed ball

Comatosed spectator score (1-5 with 5 high): 3.5

## SUMMER 2015: PART 13: 1STS DOON LEAGUE LEADERS, 2NDS ...DEJA VU

T'lads strolled up t'land o't'Catholic booy's and beat 'em. Nah I'can' believe it and I'm sure nither can t'Catholic booy's . T'Doc continued 'is purple patch with an anchoring 60 and Willett entered his tawny patch with a duck. FEI and Fatboyfat managed some twenties but 'twas t'veteran Kiwi 'th 28 noot oot that eventually guided t'Millers t'183-9. T'Colonel batted agin with 'is saber plank.....anoother performance not an advert f't'willow. In reply, t'Man from M&S reduced t' Catholic booy's proper batsmen t'61-6 but t'cavalry failed t'arrive as t'tee offers only managed t'dooble t'score t'118. Can anyone tell me how Fatboyfat picked up another two wickets 'ith 'is dibble doobers, he'll b'insisting he becomes a fantasy league all rounder next year.

T'seconds shambolic performance only deserves t'template

Team at bottom o'league and thaats' where they'll stay

Opposition: Roe Green III

Toss: Who cares

Booing: Hit for 5 an over, Ash 7-62 a positive

Extras : Plenty Byes 14, Glassback returns to form

Drops: Lowie & others

Batting: Appalling yet again

Decent score: Zorro slogs 32 oot o'33 in boondaries

Result: Lost agin to bottom team

'Redders Comatosed Cam'

Opposition: Roe Green III

Score: 16

How oot: Booled by flighted filth

Balls faced: 43

Time in middle: 68 mins

Overs in: 21

Complained about being given oot: No but complained that no one cud stay with 'im

Comatosed spectator score (1-5 with 5 high): 3.5 as he hit 2 boondaries

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## SUMMER 2015: PART 14: TOTTS RESIST COLONEL'S GRENADES/2NDS \*\*\*\*\*

T'lads f'Totts rolled uup t'Croft Lane and spent t'first 'alf o't'match chasin' leather as they drooped a dozen chances. T'Colonel was promoted t'openin' and t'Saber plank was actually used properly f't'first time as he scored 30. FEI made 35 but Wadey then took oover and smacked 'is second ton o't'season as 'is 129 saw t'Millers thro' t'270. Brum and t'Fireman proved useless as neither can bool straight t'hit t'wicket. Totts made their way sedately t'105-4 when Wadey decided with none o'tmain boolers 'avin' much effect, t'introduce t'spin twins. Of course I use t'term spin in its loosest possible meaning, as t'Colonel was in effect crawlin' f'behind bunker an' lobbin' grenades. His first delivery shocked t'batter who was coot and booled and then proceeded t'account f'a further three poor shellshocked sods. At t'other end Willett was firin' thro' 'is alleged leggies. He accounted f'one but t'wily spin was too much f'sub keeper FEI who missed two stuumpings. In t'end t'Totts booy's gained a point and hung on f't'loss o'nine wickets.

'Twas good t'see t'Secretary immediately approach t'Colonel as t'players left t'field and shake 'is hand. Unbenown t'rest o'us t'Secretary was using 'is own psychological warfare in tacklin' t'Colonel when at 'is most vulnerable, baskin' int' glory, and asked 'im f'his £31 subs. T'Colonel obliged within t'minute.

Can t'seconds get any worse?????????.....of course they can.

Opposition: Totts 2nds

Toss: It matters not

Booing: Despatched with no trouble 96-0

Extras : Plenty 10/96 with 7 byes

Drops: Of course

Batting: 92 ao, Salford under 10s bat better than this

Decent score: Benji 0 hero with 9\*

Result: Massacred

'Redders Comatosed Cam'

Opposition: Totts 2nds

Score: 13

How oot: Booled agin

Balls faced: 29

Time in middle: 30 mins

Overs in: 9

Complained about being given oot: No..quote "it was there to be hit"

Comatosed spectator score (1-5 with 5 high): 2 as he hit 3 boondaries

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## SUMMER 2015: PART 15: SHOCK! ...SECONDS SLAUGHTER SOCIAL CIRCLE

'Tis rare as rockin' 'orse shite that one can say that t'seconds booled a team oot within aan 'our and that Glassback appears toop o'league wicket keepin' charts. With t'firsts rained off t'seconds took centre stage. Lowie won t'toss and inserted Farnworth SC, who appeared t'ave learnt their approach t'battin' from Zorro. All seven catches were held and Psycho's throw ran oot t'lass int'FSC team. Ash took 5-17 and Psycho 4-12. By 2.50pm t'innings was oover as FSC were dismissed f'33. Benji played around a straight one and Redders, tried t'hit, and 'aving sliced a four was coot next ball at 10-2. Nathan blasted away t'become t'only player in t'match to each double figures b'fore he was booled f'15. Caravan Mick stoutly defended one end f'2 and Fatboyfat hit winnin' boondery at 3.40pm 35-3, game oover and five points.

'Redders Comatosed Cam'

Opposition: FSC 3rds

Score: 6

How oot: coot

Balls faced: 10

Time in middle: 15 mins

Overs in: 4

Complained about being given oot: No but tried t'play attacking shots which t'lad simply can't do

Comatosed spectator score (1-5 with 5 high): 1!!!!!!

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