**SUNSEEKERS ECLIPSE GARGOYLES**

**Ten overs into this match, there was talk of an early tea and being back home in time for Countryfile. What transpired was an astonishing reversal of fortune, as  Alstonefield Cricket Club contrived to turn their best ever start into a 23 run defeat. *Click here to read more***

Quite simply, Chris Wilkins blew the Sunseekers’ top order away in a devastating opening spell of 3 wickets for 1 run and with Andy Bray removing a fourth, Sunseekers found themselves at 1 run for 4 wickets. Without ever dominating, the later Sunseekers’ batsmen slowly but surely adapted to a two paced wicket and seam movement. In fact the next four batsmen all scored over 20, with the Govan brothers, Sibson and Jackson all playing patiently and with skill. The bowling was accurate, Shahid Ali, the pick with 1 for 13 off his 7 overs, but the batting more and more obdurate. In using all their 35 overs, the Sunseekers had staged a monumental recovery, but a score of 128 for 8, at 3.7 an over, was surely within the Gargoyles’ reach.

The pitch was playing tricks, but there was no excuse for a succession of Gargoyles’ batsmen, in fact 6, getting in and into double figures before losing patience and their wicket. Wilkins and Will Siddons looked the most convincing with 17 and 15 respectively, before both were victims of appalling umpire decisions. At 87 for 4 with 14 overs remaining, the game was still there for the taking. In what turned out to be their worst batting performance of the season, the Gargoyles didn’t learn from their opponents. The next 6 wickets went tamely for just 18 runs in only 7 overs.

105 all out and a 23 run defeat.

With one match remaining in the 2015 season, this first ever defeat by Sunseekers placed some clouds on the Gargoyles’ horizon.

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