

Sunday, 6th May 2007

Hampshire Hogs v. I Zingari

Match Result: draw in favour of Hogs — 507 runs scored

Hampshire Hogs: 304 for 7 declared

Ollie Kelly 120, Peter Came 52, Andy Hayes 40, Tim Simmonite 38

I Zingari: 203 for 7

James Burridge 46, Ken Story 45, Graham Burnaud 32*, Mark Harford 28*

After last year's thrashing, the Hogs put out a strong team for their first match against I Zingari, one of the most famous wandering cricket clubs. IZ won the toss and asked the Hogs to bat.

Although the pitch was very flat, the cloud cover enabled Collins and Hughes to swing the ball and made early runs difficult; Jonathan Grant was bowled by Collins for 5 and Del Mar adjudged LBW for 1- 30 for 2.

Now followed recovery through Ollie Kelly, who had made nearly all the runs; he was joined by Tim Simmonite for a century stand, until Tim became another LBW dismissal for a very steady 40. This brought Andy Hayes to the wicket on his debut, timing some lovely on-drives as the tempo increased. He scored 38 off 38 balls before being bowled by James Burridge -217 for 4. Ollie Kelly had been the backbone and, by the time he was fifth out, he had made an excellent 120. Nick Smith scored 21 off 21 balls and Peter Came 52 from 29 balls, bringing the Hogs to declaration at 304 for 7. S. Collins was IZ's best bowler with 3 for 89 of 17 overs.

The field setting was significant because, even at their start, IZ only had one slip and a gully and set very defensive fields, while the Hogs started with three slips, a gully, a leg slip and, at one point, a short leg. Even when IZ reached 60 in 12 overs, the Hogs were always on the attack. When the IZ slumped to 80 for 5, they virtually decided to shut up shop.

James Burridge hit 46 including nine fours and Ken Story five fours and three sixes for 45, before falling victim to the second of two diving catches by Dominic Del Mar. David Westbrook bowled very well and was unlucky not to have four scalps: he took two for 35. Each of the other bowlers gained one wicket apiece.