

Cricket – Murrayfield Dafs win in Fife

Skipper Phil Hawkins won his third toss in a row and immediately asked Dunnikier to bat on a very soft wicket.

The scoring rate was extremely slow with both Poole and Venkatesh restricting the home team. In the 14th over Venkatesh got the breakthrough with the score on 19. Wickets continued to fall at regular intervals with Yelland, Peters and Sorrell getting amongst the wickets and Venkatesh finishing an excellent spell of bowling with figures of 10-3-11-3.

It was left for Poole to come back into the attack to mop up the tail to leave Dunnikier all out for 71. Potentially a tricky score on what was a very poor pitch.

The Murrayfield run chase started briskly with Lewis Mulholland immediately getting on top of the bowlers with the score racing to 28-0 from just under 4 overs. Dunnikier then had Marlow caught in the slips with an excellent diving catch which brought Venkatesh to the crease. Over the next 7 overs Mulholland and Venkatesh were watchful with Rowley brought into the attack and bowling economically as usual.

The introduction of their spinner was just what Venkatesh needed and he soon accelerated his score with a couple of nice sixes. Murrayfield were coasting and it was a surprise to all on the sidelines when Venkatesh missed a full toss and was bowled.

Skipper Hawkins came to the crease looking to play the supporting role to Mulholland with only 15 left to get.

Mulholland was all set to hit the winning runs but departed caught and bowled so it was left to skipper Hawkins to hit the winning runs and seal an excellent 7 wicket win for Murrayfield

After the game Phil Hawkins reflected: "It was an excellent all round performance. Brilliant discipline from the bowlers and a wonderful knock from Mulholland to set up the win".

"Happy with 2 wins from our opening 3 games and will go into next week's game against Morton full of confidence."