

Tour to Spain March 11-16 2004 Costa Blanca



Won Two, Drew One & Cancelled One

The full party was as follows:

Michael Blumberg, Donald MacLeod-**Umpire**, Jack Hyams, Mike Palowkar-**Umpire**, Charles Fellows-Smith, Chris Edwards, Marcus Whitmore, Daryn Becker, R Cairns, Paul Wakefield, Joe Cole, Simon Barter, Jemille Al-Derajji, Kelvin Sutherland, Daryn Williams, Kevin Smith & Avis Lundberg, Mark Boldick, Steve Smith, the following Nomads resident in Spain played for us in one game-Paul Stanfield and David Oatway.

Nomads arrived safely at Alicante airport only to discover a cock-up over car hire bookings. Nevertheless we made it all to Albir and next day set forth for a new fixture at Campoamor. This proved to be a stunning location though we arrived as much as two hours late in certain cases. Sensibly we were invited to bat so the stragglers did not further delay proceedings.

Paul Wakefield and Jemille Al-Derajji coped with the unusual surface brilliantly, putting on 190 by the 25th over. Any idea the rest of us had that a huge score would be posted was not fulfilled. Charles Fellows-Smith struggled to 12 during 15 overs. The rest found the low bounce disastrous for bold stroke play emphasising the skill of the openers. Eventually 243 was reached, 53 runs in the last 15 overs.

After a good tea the bowlers soon found the damp Fleximat difficult to cope with yet took three quick wickets. Torrevieja opener Smith formerly of Holmesdale stood fast and first he and Esse and then Phillipson played well but the loss of Smith through injury removed any serious challenge. The home side was bowled out in 39 overs.

Following the match both teams retired to the excellent golf clubhouse where most of the party stayed for dinner. Notwithstanding the inadequacy of the Fleximat this was a fine new location to which we hope soon to return.

The next day the weather was ghastly and no match was possible. Kelvin Sutherland due to play missed the entire day having returned from Benidorm at 10.30 am.

The weather was little better the next day but we enjoyed a 39 run victory over Sporting Alfas Sunday XI. Jemille hit a splendid 90. Both Wakers and Charles F-S bowled mean spells.

On Monday we played the Forty Club Of Spain in what turned out to be both a curiosity and intriguing contest which ended with us requiring a six off the last ball. Jemille did not achieve this and so the match was drawn. Paul Stanfield stoked a powerful century as the opposition set off at great pace but once he was out the innings was slowly strangled by accurate bowling. If several catches had been held the score would not have reached the formidable 260.

Kevin Smith promoted to open played an inspired innings before advancing speculatively up the wicket to be stumped for a fine 86. The innings began to suffer from a lack of momentum despite the efforts of Bob Cairns so much so that a great deal was still required when a 'recovering' Jemille reached the wicket. Jack Hyams in his 84th year soon joined Jemille with the score at 180 and these two with many refusals including a boundary hit to Georgie Smith on the boundary steadily progressed towards the target. Alan Fisher bowled 19 overs, 3-77 and at one point looked to have Nomads sliding to defeat.

Thus we won two and drew one with one cancelled due to rain. There was much good

eating, serious study of the late night fayre of Benidorm but a distinct lack of sunshine. The party included many new faces who we hope to see again during the UK season.

MATCH SM1 Nomads CC v Torrevieja CC at Real Campoamor Spain Friday March 12th 2004 1.00pm-40 overs match

Result:Nomads won by 57 runs

Toss:Nomads

Umpire(s):D MacLeod & AN Local

Nomads Man Of the Match: Paul Wakefield

NOMADS CC Innings

P Wakefield	bowled	Esses	100
J Al-Derajji	bowled	Esses	84
R Cairns	c Esse b Philipson	11	
C Fellows-Smith	not out	11	
M Whitmore	bowled	Esses	3
D Becker	lbw b Burchall	1	
J Hyams	bowled	Esses	0
J Coles	st Meyer b Burchall	8	
M Blumberg	bowled	Esses	1
C Edwards	not out	2	
Extras	(b8,lb12,w2,nb0)	22	
TOTAL	(8 wkts, 40 overs)	243	

Dnb:K Smith

FoW:1-190,2-210,3-215,4-219,5-220,6-200,7-211,8-212,9-215.

Bowling-Essuah 5 0 31 0,Goble 5 0 36 0,Burchall 7 1 28 2,Corcoran 2 0 16 0,Fynn 5 0 42 0, Philipson 8 0 50 1,Esses 8 0 30 5.

TORREVIEJA CC

R Meyer	lbw b Fellows-Smith	4	
D Smith	retired hurt	51	
L Fynn	bowled Al-Derajji	1	
R Lobb	c Smith b Al-Derajji	0	
B Esses	bowled Fellows-Smith	4	
M Philipson	bowled Blumberg	12	
M White	bowled Blumberg	2	
M Corcoran	Al-Derajji b Whitmore	19	
B Burchall	lbw b Wakefield	0	
Essuah	lbw b Wakefield	4	
G Goble	not out	1	
Extras	(b15,lb7,w0,nb0)	22	
TOTAL	(All Out,39 overs)	186	

DNB:G Parry,J Smith

FoW:1-6,2-7,3-14,4-59,5-133-155,7-168,8-185,9-186

Bowling-Fellows-Smith 8 3 30 2,Al-Derajji 5 2 12 2,Wakefield 7 0 50 2,Blumberg 8 1 24 2,Cairns 6 0 21 0,Becker 1 0 14 0,Whitmore 3 0 17 1,Hyams 1 0 3 0.

Match SM3 Nomads CC v Sporting Alfas CC Sunday XI at Columbus Oval Albir L'Alfas Del Pi Spain Sunday March 14th 2004 12.30 noon-40 overs match

Result:Nomads won by 39 runs
Toss:Nomads
Umpire(s): Brian Pitts & Mike Palowkar
Scorer: G Leach
Nomads Man Of the Match: Jemile Al-Darraji

NOMADS CC Innings

P Wakefield	c Morgan	b Burchell	37
S Barter	c Catala	b P Taylor	21
J Al Darraji	st Morgan	b P Taylor	90
K Sutherland	c Morgan	b S Taylor	12
D Becker	c Morgan	b Bellis	11
D Oatway	bowled	P Taylor	16
J Coles	not out		11
M Whitmore	not out		0
Extras	(b2,lb7,w5,nb0)		14
TOTAL	(6 wkts, 40 overs)		212

Dnb:D Williams,C Fellows-Smith, ME Blumberg
 20 overs 71-2

FoW:1-61,2-63,3-90,4-124,5-172,6-199.

Bowling-Lewis 6 1 23 0,Catala 8 0 47 0,P Taylor 7 1 19 3,Burchell 5 0 18 1,Bellis 6 1 35 1, S Taylor 7 0 42 1,Boon 1 0 19 10.

SPORTING ALFAS CC Innings

J Boon	lbw	b F-Smith	6
S Kinnear	run out		29
J Morgan	lbw	b F-Smith	1
K Fenton	bowled	Oatway	19
+JH Morgan	c Al Darraji	b Blumberg	43
S Taylor	lbw	b Wakefield	19
*P Taylor	c Oatway	b Blumberg	26
S Lewis	lbw	b Wakefield	0
J Catala	run out		1
B Burchell	not out		8
J Bellis	not out		1
Extras	(b4,lb2,w4,nb0)		10
TOTAL	(9 wickets,40 overs)		163

20 Overs 61-4

FoW:1-9,2-12,3-60,4-61,5-109,6-141,7-141,8-149,9-198.

Bowling-Al-Darraji 3 1 8 0,Fellows-Smith 8 1 12 2,Williams 8 0 33 0,Oatway 5 0 44 1,Blumberg 8 0 50 2,Wakefield 8 2 10 2.

Match SM4 Nomads CC v Forty Club Of Spain CC at Columbus Oval L'Alfas Del Pi Spain Monday March 15th 2004 12.15 pm-time match,20 overs from 6.30 pm

Result:Match Drawn
Toss:Forty Club Of Spain
Umpire(s): Donald MacLeod &
Scorer: Gordon Leach.
Nomads Man Of the Match:Kevin Smith

FORTY CLUB OF SPAIN CC

A Copeland	lbw	b F-Smith	2
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S Corness	bowled	Cairns	55
P Stansfield	lbw	b Blumberg	130
G Heywood	c Cairns	b Wakefield	28
S Tanyer	st Smith	b Wakefield	27
R Ward	bowled	Blumberg	8
G Fish	run out		10
P Adams	not out		1
B Nix	not out		0
Extras	(b6,lb4,w0,nb3)		28
TOTAL(6 wickets declared,43 overs)			271

Dnb:G Smyth,J Bramtham.

FoW:1-32,2-183,3-187,4-235,5-248,6-253.

Bowling-Fellows-Smith 5 0 38 1, Al-Darraji 9 0 53 0,Wakefield 8 0 36 2,Blumberg 13 1 49 2,Cairns 8 0 65 1.

NOMADS CC Innings

P Wakefield	bowled	b Fisher	21
+K Smith	st Stansfield	b Copeland	86
M Boldick	c & b	Fisher	0
R Cairns	c Nix	b Fisher	38
J Coles	c Fisher	b Copeland	4
J Al-Darraji	not out		90
C Fellows-Smith	run out		7
J Hyams	not out		5
Extras	(b0,lb5,w2,nb0)		7
TOTAL			(6 wkts, 51 overs) 267

Dnb:M Blumberg,B Smith.

FoW:1-55,2-77,3-158,4-160,5-163,6-184.

Bowling-Bramtham 15 4 71 0,Nix 7 0 41 0,Corness 3 0 20 0,Fisher 19 2 77 3,Copeland 7 0 53 2.



Further Information

[L'Alfas Del Pi..where we stay](#)

[Sporting Alfas whom we should have played twice](#)

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