

## Ladies v Taverners 27/06/11

Kate Voice and David Ensor rested one or two of the new kids on the block for this intra club “friendly” and your correspondent’s usually complete scorebook reveals only nine batswomen who got an innings and Helen Caird whose duties on this occasion were limited to her agility behind the stumps. One apologises to the eleventh lady whose name is not mentioned in this paragraph. The nine batswomen were Lisa Kelly, Deirdre Fahy, Sarah McIntosh, Elaine McSweeney, Captain Voice, Emer Bell, Lesley Anders, Vice captain Nicholson and Nicola Marples. There was a considerable delay while Voice negotiated the terms of engagement with Taverners skipper Malcolm Cadoo and even then there were further modifications as the game progressed.

Deirdre Fahy was promoted to partner the in form Lisa Kelly from the start although this tactic came unstuck when Fahy was run out in a tight first eight ball over from Matt Hume. The stand of Kelly and McIntosh took what runs they could against McMillan, Hume and Wall and after 9 overs were on 15 and 13 respectively with the total on 37 for 1. The duration of the match was stretched twice from 17 to 18 and eventually 18 eight ball overs per side as Cadoo sportingly agreed to give the ladies a chance to benefit from their wickets in hand. Kelly was retired much to her chagrin and McIntosh was out to the next delivery and the innings stalled a little as McSweeney, Voice, Bell and Anders all found runs were hard work but then the Scot celebrated with Nicholson after she produced only the second boundary of the innings and then followed this with 6 runs off the last 6 balls she faced. Under taverner rules Marples survived undefeated on 1 as the ladies set the taverners a target of 75 from the curious number of 144 deliveries if required.

Fahy opened the bowling against the batsmen who were Peter Fox and Tony Wall. The night began with high drama as she clean bowled both for 0 and 1 respectively and although Fahy pere survived against his offspring he was removed by McIntosh from the other end to leave the taverners struggling on 8 for 3. Would this match yet write itself into Phoenix legend? Ian Anders temporarily eased things for the gents with four boundaries from four deliveries but as Bagster alerted him to this fact Kelly intervened to suggest that as she had been retired at 15 Anders’ contribution of 16 was sufficient for one gent and with support from Margaret Fahy Anders prevailed upon to leave the field. This was a controversial moment for Cadoo as he sensed the result was still in doubt and a more moderately paced innings from Anders might have allowed his stand with McMillan to add more to the taverners total in the long term. However, Hume and McMillan eased things somewhat as they progressed comfortably against Nicholson and McSweeney and after McMillan retired Coghlan looked untroubled by the bowling. There were one or two fielding lapses by the ladies although Bell’s innovation in stopping the ball with a disc went without a penalty from the on field umpire but not without comment from the umpire on the sideline. Margaret Fahy made a brave attempt to catch Hume and then Cadoo sportingly retired Hume and Coghlan on 14 and 12 to give himself and White an innings with John Anders as last man if needed. White and Cadoo duly saw the taverners home in the next over.

Ladies bowling: D Fahy 3-0-7-2

Ladies batting: Lisa Kelly 15 runs (retired) ; Sarah McIntosh 13 runs; Lesley Anders 13 not out