

### **Phoenix v Pembroke 3rds 22/06/11**

Kate Voice and David Ensor seemed to have more selection options than the previous week . Voice herself and Nicola Marples returned to the side with Ensor getting the opportunity to look at new signings H McGuckian and V Kelada. Lesley Anders, Elaine McSweeney, Corina Byrne and Sarah McIntosh were the players who would not feature this time. The full selection was: Captain Voice, Donna Nicholson, Helen Caird, Lisa Kelly, Deirdre Fahy, Lorna Barton, H McGuckian, V Kelada, Orla Martin, Karinda Tollard and Nicola Marples. Voice informed her team that they would be fielding first.

Deirdre Fahy and Lorna Barton took the new ball. Opening batswomen Pegman and Gray got the visitors off to a steady start with Barton struggling more than in the previous match to get her line right. Phoenix changed Fahy to Barton's end but in the meantime introduced Kelada who struck Gray's stumps with her first delivery. Kelada followed by bowling Ryan and Pegman in her next over. Hughes and Cromer repaired the situation for Pembroke and the score had reached 83 when Martin bowled Hughes for 11. Apart from this the Kelada show continued although Cromer was more than holding her own until she was run out. The Fitzpatrick sisters, Carthy and McCarthy were all bowled by Phoenix's star performer with last batswoman O'Smith managing a single off the only ball she faced. Pembroke's innings closed on 116 of which 36 came from Cromer and 26 were wides. Veterans Caird and Fahy toiled bravely with Caird conceding no byes and Fahy ended on 7-1-37-0 of which 5 were wides – a ratio which it turned out would compare respectably with other bowlers over the match.

Helen Caird and Lisa Kelly began the Phoenix reply at 7.47. Caird hit her second legitimate ball for four and Kelly settled in with a few singles. However, Phoenix were soon up against it when Caird and Fahy fell to consecutive deliveries from Carthy to make it 19 for 2. Tollard managed 4 runs before going to the same bowler. Nicholson defended her wicket solidly for 25 minutes but the loss of Kelly, Nicholson and Voice within 8 minutes left Phoenix on 52 for 6 and gave the tail enders an awful lot to do. Whether the umpires were harsher on the Pembroke bowlers or the Pembroke bowlers had greater difficulty bowling on the stumps the extras continued to mount in Phoenix's favour. Marples applied herself to the task of staying in and finished on 3 not out but with the last 4 batswomen contributing 2, 4, 4 and 4 only Kelly had reached double figures. With an eventual margin of 24 runs the visitors were comfortable enough.

Lady of the Match: This citation was awarded by David Ensor to Carol Cromer who scored 36 runs from 33 balls

Phoenix bowling: V Kelada 8.4-1-22-8

Phoenix batting: Lisa Kelly 18 runs