

Manuden CC vs Sandon Strollers 24th April 2022

With an undefeated 2021 season to live up to, the pressure was on for the start of Manuden's 2022 season, at home to Sandon Strollers. Sandon batted first & were soon regretting their decision with two wickets for Iain Ruggles-Brise, one for Des Curlewis & a run out leaving the innings struggling to get started at 8/4.

There was barely a moment's respite as change bowlers Jaco Schoeman & Joe Davey each took a wicket. Top scorer Rajiwa tried to stem the flow of wickets, but an innings that had struggled to get out of first gear was brought to an abrupt end with the introduction of Neil Jenkins on debut in the 16th over. Having not bowled for 20 years, Neil returned figures of 2.3-0-5-4 to bring an early tea with Sandon totalling 59 from 19.3 overs.

Joe Davey & Will Grindal opened for Manuden as part of a youthful, all left handed top 3. When Will Grindal was unlucky to be bowled for 6. Manuden's innings was in trouble of getting off to a similar inauspicious start as Sandon.

Another debutant, Will Fox attacked to keep the run rate from ever threatening, whilst Chris Holt dropped anchor at the other end to nurse the team towards the target.

Both fell to Sandon skipper Rajiwa, with Des Curlewis striking some lusty blows to bring the target easily within reach. When he fell to the bowling of Hughes, it was left to Adam Pulfer to hit the winning runs to seal a 5 wicket victory in 19.1 overs.

Manuden next play on May 8th, away to Hatfield Heath & the team also train at the community centre on Friday evenings. The team play friendly cricket throughout the summer, if you'd like to play, contact cricket@manuden.org.uk or search both Facebook or Instagram for Manuden Cricket.