

Eidgenossen should all give themselves a pat on the back for a great performance on Sunday. Batting first, they managed to reach a defendable score of 154 for 6 from their 20 overs, despite being 6 for 3 in the 4<sup>th</sup> over. Much of the credit for that total has to go to John 'Digger' Bell. The 'White Shadow' is back! What a performance. With the bat John was taunting Lima Cricket down the baseline like Pete Sampras. Alternating power drives and confusing the opposition. Swashbuckling boundaries and picking and choosing his way to 40 not out.

With the ball John was dictating the game (11 for 1 from 2.4 overs). Owinging! Man of the Match! (Nearly).

Backed up by Gary Sargent with both bat (23) and ball (30 for 0 from 4 overs) who stepped up under pressure like a true champion. Mark Bowie bowled tightly (30 for 0 from 4 overs) and scored a few runs also (21).

Joel Start's boxing skills were shown out in the field as he danced around the outfield like Mohamed Ali. Which transcended the team and lifted our spirits.

Ian 'Old Body' Roughton (3). Has to come next week now as he left on a much bigger note after the topless arm wrestling the week before. He did leave his 'Wash Bag', as quoted by John (a word I don't think has been used since the Oliver Twist era) at 'White Shadow's'. A clear sign that he planned on coming back the following Sunday to take on 'Chak De'.

Good to see some new faces amongst the Eidgenossen Massive. Phillip Flanagan, Jonathon Heymann, Joel Start (5 runs and 31 for 2 from 3 overs) & Cameron Smith (21 runs and 21 for 1 from 3 overs).

All in all, Eidgenossen put in a good performance, although ultimately they were outmuscled by the powerful Lima Cricket machine, who reached 155 for 5 with 2 balls to spare. Top-scorer was class act Louis Grandjean (43) and he was ably supported by the Aussie board-short duo of Clint Donkin (37) and Nick Myers (30).

And on a day when bat dominated ball, Tony Sanford's return of 4 overs for only 10 runs, with one maiden, is certainly worthy of mention, and highlights the value of spin in the shorter forms of the game.