



NPL CRICKET CLUB

## The Lab Report

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### The Story of the Week

- 1st XI cruise to victory over OMTs
- 2nd XI off to a flyer with win over Kew
- 1 loss from 1 for Captain Day, but promising signs for 3rd XI
- Deepak Ohbrai silences critics with mesmeric bowling display
- 50s for Morton, Khan, Haji, Gallyer & Robson,
- Hendo's *Stumps Akimbo* topping the Fantasy Table
- Calls for Tony McIntosh's value to be dropped after 'uninspiring' first week
- George Bradley turns up

### Opening Up: The Complete Guide to NPL's Strike Bowlers

A Saturday of beige teas, frost-bite and emotional undulation means just one thing; cricket is back. So *Vanish* your whites, start your obnoxiously-sized Pruis, and ask yourself this, "Does life get any better?"

Well, Yes. Imagine doing it all for free... (ish).

This week, Tom Pitts proverbially paves the way to the proverbial Fantasy Throne with proverbial bricks of bowling brilliance. The struggle to pick your strike men is no more...

"We start with the 1XI and who else than Tom "the one man band" Gallyer. This man, comprised of 60% Neanderthal and 40% San Miguel, is a stark contrast to his opening partner Charlie Farrant, the Steve Harmison and Matthew Hoggard lovechild, who enjoys glasses of Malbec and values personal hygiene.



Respect the Sun: Ali Robson after his 68\*

Interestingly their bowling methods oppose their respective lifestyles. The ever-patient Gallyer norks around the off stump line; a strategy that secured 30 wickets last year. Au contraire, Charlie "they don't like it up em"

Farrant, whose bowling resembles a vending machine being dropped into a skip, intimidated and bullied his way to 18 wickets from a third of Gal's overs (cya!). The fantasy maverick may manage to pick them both - fair play - but for the lesser strategists amongst us, don't overlook the abundance of bowling points that sit in the 2s and 3s.

Moving to the Akram and Younis of the club - Deepak Ohbrai & Lucas Pearson. This left/right combination includes the perfect balance of youth and experience, swing and pace. After a weekend of kebabs and humiliating Old Merchant Taylors, Dee is current the highest ranked cricketer at the Club, while Lucas threw his hat into the 1s ring with a tidy pre-season performance. There's a chapter in Jalal Haji's *Investing for Dummies* entitled 'Buy Low, Sell High' - get these two in before their prices skyrocket.

"Wow, this is insightful", I hear you say. Well, we've

not even got to the 3s and their 4 potential strike bowlers (5 if you were to include Dave Hendo and his 13 variations). Sam Day has great power and great responsibility. Does he open himself, the rising star Huw Lewis, Matthew Watkins or the temperamental but fiery George Bradley? His inside tip: Huw Lewis. But for lovers of the unconventional, look no further than Bradley. Cut from the Flintoff, Stokes and Hales cloth, this Old School Rockstar oozes points.

It's clear we all have tough choices to make. My advice to you? Trust your gut, follow your heart, pick your bowlers, just not Toby.



Tom Pitts

"I know nothing about bowling"