



SOLENT at HARDMOOR – 24 APRIL 2011

Bilal Chohan and Johnny Butterfield made their debuts for the side in this our first ever tie in one-day Cricket, be it BUSA or BUCS matches.

Solent elected to bat on the same wicket they had used the previous day against Durham and which had seen some 638 runs scored in the match on a ground that is not the smallest.

And the way the Solent openers, Messrs Mahod and Chowdhury began, one got the impression they wished to score as many again, but in only one innings this time. But, once Bilal Chohan had separated them, the other batsmen failed to capitalize on their century partnership at almost a run a ball. Still, a total of 271-8 was challenging.

Harry Bush returned 4-60 but none of the bowlers could really put the brake on.

The Leeds-Bradford reply began promisingly enough but, at 100-5, defeat stared us squarely in the face. Rick Moore, as Captain, had other ideas, though. And Dan Hodgson and, later, Adam Wilson, managed to stay with him.

The last two overs arrived with 25 required. Bilal Chohan`s 17 off 10 balls helped but it was left to the Captain to hit two boundaries from the final 2 balls of the innings to secure the tie. If the last shot had had a bit more elevation , it might have gone all the way.

A splendid effort by Rick Moore (104* from 105 deliveries with 10 fours) made up personally for the wretched start he has had to the season after his prolific time in Abu Dhabi but the team, while happy to record their first one-day point, will still feel that this is a game they should have won.
