

## DIARY OF THE SEASON 2013

### **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Following a cancellation at Pwll the previous Sunday, Cimla got into action at arctic Briton Ferry Town who rattled up 215-9 in 40 overs (Wayne Thomas 2/28 and Ranju Welgamedon 2/48 among the early wickets). Freezing hands were the order of the day ... all survived intact except Mike Price who dislocated and fractured a finger and will miss 5-6 weeks. In reply, openers Chris Jenkins and Ewan Tippings put on an unbeaten 46 for the first wicket before rain brought a premature close.

### **Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Rarely has the Guardian League got off to a warmer start at Cefn Saeson but Cimla 92 for 5 (Neil Hornby 33) were caught cold by sociable Skewen (95 for 1).

### **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

An opening day defeat for Cimla whose 195 for 5 was overtaken by bold Porthcawl batting at Cefn Saeson. Chris Jenkins (67) led the charge and received good support from Neil Hornby (40) and Imran Pervez (23) as Cimla posed a good first-day total. However, Porthcawl batted freely to take the spoils at 196 for 7 in 43 overs against Ranju Welgamedon 3/55 and Wayne Thomas 2/44.

Cimla 2nds, depleted by rugby Cup Final calls, everlasting football and other absentees, lost heavily at Porthcawl whose 208 for 4 was altogether too much for Cimla's weakened ranks who subsided for a paltry 42 all out, Sentil's 4 fours producing the top score of 16, giving new captain Colin Benson an early-season headache.

Cimla 3rds lost a closely-fought game at home to Tata Steel 3rds who rattled up 208 for 9 (Sajjad Khan 4/34). In reply, Cimla fell an agonising 4 runs short at 204 all out, Sajjad Khan hitting 55.

### **Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Cimla's NGCL visit to Dyffryn was cancelled - the Bryncoch village side have now withdrawn from the League.

### **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

A complete washout! - the 1sts' and 2nds' ties with Merthyr (formerly Hills Plymouth) and the 3rds' game with Skewen both fell foul of the weather.

### **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

The NGCL game against Baglan was abandoned without a ball being bowled.

### **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Lacking five first-team regulars, Cimla were thrashed by Maesteg at Cefn Saeson. Imran Pervez (31) looked at home as Cimla collapsed from 50 for 3 to 75 all out, a total Maesteg achieved for the loss of three wickets against an accurate attack that was well backed up in the field but really needed another 80 or more runs.

The knock-on effect of 1<sup>st</sup> team unavailabilities took its toll on the 2nds who nevertheless got a draw at Maesteg. The home side raised 162 for 8 (Grant Watkins 3/24, Jag Nagaraj 2/38). Cimla got close at 144 for 8 (Jag Nagaraj 30, Colin Benson 35 Joe Williams 25) but found the task just beyond them.

Cimla 3rds had a good win over Pontarddulais 3rds at Cefn Saeson. The Premier League side knocked up 187 for 9 (Govardan Jagdish 4/64). Cimla chased hard and got to their target at 190 for 6 with 8 balls remaining, Sajjad Khan (50 not out) and Omkar Samel (36) leading the way.

#### **Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Cimla gained one of their most comprehensive wins ever in the NGCL in beating Division 2 high-riders Briton Ferry Steel by 10 wickets. The home side, featuring ex-Cimla players in Chris Burgess, Anthony Davies, Craig Matthews and Ashleigh Rosser were shot out for just 62 by Ranju Welgamedon 3/5, Grant Watkins 3/9 and Lawrence Hornby 3/29. In reply, Cimla openers Neil Hornby (18 not out) and Chris Jenkins (36 not out) had no problems in passing the meagre target without loss.

#### **Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

In an exciting chase, Cimla gained their first League win at the third attempt when they won at Briton Ferry Town by 2 wickets. Batting first, Town raised a useful-enough 197 all out in overs (Wayne Thomas 4/74, Ranju Welgamedon 3/55, Ranju Welgamedon 3/55 and Stuart Hornby 2/52). Neil Hornby (24) and Liam Woolfe (25) made useful contributions but Cimla slipped to 95 for 5 at one stage before young Stuart Hornby calmly guided the visitors home with an excellent 73 not out abetted by Keith Davies (22).

Cimla 2nds made it a double by beating Town 2nds by 4 wickets. Town were all out for 113 (acting captain Mark Evans 4/15, the returning Mike Price 2/9) and Cimla passed their score at 116 for 6 thanks in the main to Mike Price 32 not out, Chandra Sekeran 28 and Joe Williams 16).

Cimla 3rds had one of their most demanding tasks at Sketty Church 1sts but came away with a fine win. Sketty were all out for 185 (Sajjad Khan 4/48, Govardan Jagdish 3/44) and Cimla launched their reply steadily with good batting by their openers and Moazim Butt (40) who seemed on course to repeat his century of a couple of years back. A superb hard-hitting 62 not out by Jag

Nagaraj then saw Cimla home for a 4-wicket victory and a first "full house" of the season for the Club - 3 wins in a day !

**Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Midweek XI will be home to Landore who are playing all their fixtures away.