

Tierney's Ton Leads Middleton Home

Monday, 17 April 2017

On

a cold Easter Saturday, Middleton 3rd XI got their season underway with an away fixture at Milnrow's Ladyhouse Lane ground. Having won the toss Milnrow elected to bat first.

Opening

the bowling for Middleton was veteran Mo Sohail & 17 Yr old new signing, from Prestwich, CC Aaron Eaves. Both Sohail and Eaves bowled a nice & tidy opening spell without any luck.

After 12 overs,

Middleton skipper Mark Tierney made the first bowling change, bringing on the ever eager Stefan Holmes to replace Eaves. The second change at 17 seeing Addison Holland replace Sohail, who finished with impressive figures (8 overs, 2 maidens, 26 runs, 0 wickets).

Middleton's

breakthrough came when young Milnrow opener, Keelan Shipley, provided a simple catch to skipper Tierney off Holland's bowling, having played a mature & sensible innings in an opening partnership of 75. The next over from Holmes removed the other opener Alex Willis, having scored a powerful 56 from 67 deliveries, going in a similar fashion to the first wicket.

The drinks break found Milnrow on 90-2

and following the resumption of play Middleton started to turn the screws with some excellent bowling from the young quartet of Addison Holland (15), James Tierney (16), Zain Ul Ahedin (17) & Aaron Eaves (17). Milnrow finally reaching 157-6 from their 40 overs with the final 2 wickets falling to Eaves. Milnrow's Jack Brook finishing the innings on 34 N.O.

Middleton

Innings got off to a great start with the opening pairing of new boy Darren Brown & James Tierney putting on a super partnership of 75 and setting a sound foundation before Brown fell for an excellent 23. Addison Holland joined Tierney at the crease with the pair soon racking up a 50 partnership thanks to some excellent running between the wickets.

When Holland lost his wicket LBW for 15, Middleton's score had moved on to 128-2. Next to join Tierney in the centre was Stefan Holmes. At this point Tierney had played a faultless innings of 75 & the feeling in the Middleton camp was not only that a win was on the cards, but that Tierney could get a century in the process.

After

a brief intermission for rain, both Middleton's hopes came to fruition with Holmes playing a supporting role as Tierney powered the 3rds over the line finishing with 102 N.O. from the 158-2 final total. An excellent all round team performance in every aspect of the game proving the benefits of a good pre-season.

Special

thanks to Milnrow CC, Umpires Steve Bryan & John Hughes and Scorers Linzi Hughes & Neasan Shipley.

To view the scorecard of this match please [click here](#).