

1st XI keep on winning

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After a few weeks of glorious sunshine the game v St Boswells was played in more familiar conditions and on a older style Livingston wicket. With plenty of grass on the wicket Livingston were put in by the visitors. **Jazim Sohail** continued with the opening partnership of the previous week i.e.

Bobby Bowering and **Navid Asghar**. The aim was to see off the opening bowlers and provide a solid foundation for the bigger hitters down the order to build on. It was a tricky opening spell with a few balls jumping off a length however a solid start was achieved with Navid (18) being the first to go with the score on 42 in the 14th over.

Sohaib Asghar

(14) then took the score onto 77 when he was somewhat controversially given out being caught off a ball that looked very much like a waist high no ball.

This was a good start and the thinking was that 150 was going to be a difficult score to chase down. Bobby was joined by **Andrew Wilcock** and they began to up the scoring rate, although St Boswells did manage to slow things down firstly when they had Bobby caught behind for 50, shortly followed by Captain Jazim (2). The score was now 102-4 after 25 overs. Andrew was then helped by **Greg Murdoch** (13) to take the score onto 128 with 7 overs remaining. Then

Kashif Khalid

(23*) and Andrew Wilcock (35*) saw the home side through to a very competitive 171-5.

At the start of the day, St Boswells were 8th in the table to Livingstons 7th, just 1 percentage point apart, so the expectation was that it would be a close game. **Naveen Subhanaboina** & Kashif opened the bowling with some searching bowling, neither had any luck and the openers took the score onto 33 in the 13th over when

Alan McDonald

started the match winning spell. Alan started with a wicket maiden having Goodman caught and bowled for 13. This was the first of 5 wicket maidens in a spell of 8 overs, 6 maidens, 5 wickets for 5 runs, which ripped the heart out of the St Boswells batting. Before this there was a comedy moment, as Goodman was batting with a runner, they pushed for a second run and the Livingston keeper had the opportunity to run out the runner, but failed to take the bails off believing the batsman to be in his crease and forgetting that he needed to be paying attention to the runner who was sprawling on the ground trying to dive into the crease!

Greg Murdoch (1-23) had the other opener dismissed to a juggling catch from Kashif at mid wicket on the same score and St Boswells found themselves reduced from 33-1 to 50-7, **Ramesh Duvvuri**

taking the other wicket of the first 7 again with a juggling catch this time by Naveen at mid off.

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Whilst the last 3 wickets produced a little more resistance and St Boswells last wicket fell to the last ball of the 40th over, Ramesh (2-18) and Naveen (2-7) ultimately finished them off for 92 and a victory by Livingston by 79 runs.

The victory moves Livingston up one place in the division to 6th and just above next weeks opponents, Fauldhouse, whose game v Largo was cancelled at the weekend.

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