**Club review**

**Basics**

Has to be enjoyable

Has to be competitive (need 8 teams of comparable ability bearing in mind that competitive imbalance is normal)

In the time available no outright decisions will be achieved without declarations. Could the intervals be shortened, may have a problem with the umpires though.

Where should the emphasis be, on 1st innings decisions or on outright results?

Is it necessary to have outrights results to have a competively enjoyable game of cricket?

The third innings will always be seen as setting up the match.

Is it a requirement that it helps develop players for first class cricket? I believe if the Sunday competition is developed to its full potential then that will be the breeding ground and stepping stone to first class cricket along with the other path ways.

Not matter what format is played in the final analysis the cricketers involved make the game enjoyable by their approach.

**Comments.**

I do not believe there is an easy answer.

I am a little uncertain what the main cause for concern is. If it is a meaningless second day then that may always be a problem no matter what format is tried.

There seems to be a wide divergence of ideas so the option chosen will of necessity be a compromise.

Whatever is agreed on you will find that within a few years there will be clamour for another change.

Interesting that the more successful clubs are generally in favour of the status quo.

Some of the comments show little depth of understanding.

If you place more emphasis on first innings points without a restriction on overs then teams will bat on regardless of the number of overs bowled and the second day could in some cases be pointless.

The average 1st innings length last season was 62 overs, the average match lasted 189 overs and the average run rate was 3.5. In 2007/08 the run rate was 3.32

**Option 2**. Compulsory declarations will make the game into two one day matches. It was tried at first class level from 1976/77 to 1981/82 and abandoned.

Will it create defensive tactics and find teams not trying to bowl the opposition out. It could remove much from the captain in terms of tactics?

**Option 3** could produce a situation, particularly for bowlers, where they may get very little cricket over two consecutive Saturdays: depending on who bats first.

**Is it necessary to complete the first two innings on the first day? I wonder whether there could be a compulsory declaration but make the close at 65 overs. In light of the numbers of overs bowled in the first innings over the past two seasons there would be little alteration to the game but at least this would make the match more different to the 50 over game which I believe is a key element to bear in mind. It would also give the batsmen a greater opportunity to score a century. I thought Andrew Ellis point system was worth debate.**