

Penguins Stopped Play: Eleven Village Cricketers Take on the World

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lovers no doubt. I believe that those of us who have played the game at any level, aiming to win, but faced with middle order batting collapses, were left chewing our nails, or tearing hair off our heads, will relate very well to it. Written with dollops of humour, the book covers the journey of the Captain Scott Cricket team on their around the world in 3 weeks. Madcap adventures abound. Most of it outside the Cricket field. All kinds of emotions are laid out for the reader. All real ones. The ending left me reflecting about how good really is a short life lived well. God bless Harry Thompson's soul for sharing this story with us before calling it a day on planet earth. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Must read for club cricketers! By Bhagyesh Dash Lovely book written wt good old British humor and wit. The author is someone all those that run cricket clubs can empathize wt and along the way one learns much about cricket around the world 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Humorous throw-back to colonial club cricket tours. By Brian BWell written but will probably only be enjoyed by those who have played club cricket or been involved in similar amateur tours. Very humorous style of writing - I would recommend it.

It seemed a simple enough idea at the outset: to assemble a team of eleven men to play cricket on each of the seven continents of the globe. Except - hold on a minute - that's not a simple idea at all. And when you throw in incompetent airline officials, amorous Argentine Colonels' wives, cunning Bajan drug dealers, gay Australian waiters, overzealous American anti-terrorist police, idiot Welshmen dressed as Santa Claus, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and whole armies of pitch-invading Antarctic penguins, you quickly arrive at a whole lot more than you bargained for. Harry Thompson's hilarious book tells the story of one of those great idiotic enterprises that only an Englishman could have dreamed up, and only a bunch of Englishmen could possibly have wished to carry out.

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