



## GERRARDS CROSS CRICKET CLUB Match Report

Amersham 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Gerrards Cross 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
Saturday 21st June 2008
Thames Valley League Division 3A
Gerrards Cross won by 4 wickets

### Scorecard

Innings of Amersham					Innings of Gerrards Cross				
N Piper	c Hunt b Peace		50		S Bracey	c McKay b Harmer		26	
D Sidebottom	c Hales b Peace		15		C Cemlyn-Jones	b Ward		24	
S Emsley	B Wildman		3		N Boyce	st Piper b Sidebottom		23	
A Rhodes	lbw b Peace		1		G Hales	c Dixon b Ward		17	
D Ward	lbw b Bruce		2		S Grover	B Sidebottom		1	
A Bridle	c Boyce b Peace		0		R Atkar	c McKay b Ward		10	
J Heslop	lbw b Bruce		0		W Arbi	not out		3	
D McKay	c Hunt b Bruce		10		B Hunt	not out		6	
T Dixon	B Peace		0		N Bruce				
H Gill	c Wildman b Bruce		3		A Peace				
J Harmer	not out		1		M Wildman				
Extras			31		Extras			9	
<b>TOTAL – 44.4 overs</b>			<b>116</b>		<b>TOTAL – for 6 wickets, 31 overs</b>			<b>119</b>	
Bowling					Bowling				
Name	O	M	R	W	Name	O	M	R	W
Wildman	10	2	34	1	Ward	16	4	53	3
Peace	21	11	27	5	Dixon	3	0	19	0
Bruce	12.4	2	22	4	Harmer	3	0	13	1
Hunt	1	0	2	0	Emsley	3	0	19	0
					Sidebottom	6	1	8	2

## Report

With a victory that was more comprehensive than the scorebook showed, the Cross maintained second place in the table on Saturday.

After again winning the toss, on a day with rain about, the Cross decided to insert bottom of the table Amersham. Home captain Piper and Sidebottom opened like a whirlwind and 25 runs were on the board within a matter of four overs. Sidebottom then drove Andy Peace into the safe hands of Gary Hales at point, and the scoring rate began to slow terminally. The technically correct Emsley was bowled by Mark Wildman and then Peace and Nigel Bruce got to work. Vice-captain Peace bowled a marathon spell of 21 overs and was remarkably accurate going for less than one and a half runs per over. On a grey day, he kept the ball up to the bat and managed to swing it consistently, being rewarded with figures of 5-27. At the other end captain Bruce was also very accurate and ended up with 4-22. Aside from McKay (10), batting at number eight, no other Amersham batsman, aside from the two openers, made double figures, and the hosts were bowled out in the 45<sup>th</sup> over for a meagre 116.

In reply, and with rain forecast, the Cross were keen to secure victory and get the job done as quickly as possible. New opening pair Charles Cemlyn-Jones (24) and Sam Bracey (26) posted 50 within the first 9 overs, and although both departed in quick succession, Nick Boyce and Hales kept up the momentum. Amersham changed their attack, taking the pace off the ball, and Cross' scoring rate slowed. Boyce and Hales were both out to injudicious shots, and Sonny Grover and Ranjiv Atkar fell before they were able to take the Cross to the winning post. With just a handful needed, 15 year old Billy Hunt came in and smashed the winning runs, and under darkening skies the Cross had secured their second successive win worth, in this instance, 20 points.

A well merited victory, that the Cross made slightly hard work of, has set things up nicely for the visit to Dukes Wood of table topping Newbury next week.