

# MATCH REPORT

## Basingstoke vs. Gerrards Cross

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> June 2008

**Gerrards Cross 267-8 – Basingstoke 193-10**  
**Gerrards Cross won by 74 runs**

Gerrards Cross produced one of the great comebacks on Saturday to beat Basingstoke by 74 runs in the Home Counties Premier League. After being seven wickets down at lunch, the Cross lower order mounted a superb fight back to set a challenging target which was followed up by some excellent bowling to give the Cross a memorable win.

Basingstoke won the toss and, after inviting the Cross to bat, dominated the morning session. The Cross batsmen struggled to impose themselves against the Basingstoke bowlers who were also gifted a couple of wickets. Only Malky Dhaliwal (21) and Steve Rimmer (25) offered any kind of resistance as the Cross reached lunch on 107-7 and were facing almost certain defeat.

However, the Cross fought back after lunch in dramatic fashion. Sandeep Purewal (95\*) led the cavalry charge and shared an eighth wicket stand of 90 with skipper Jon Newell (26). With the score on 191-8, Ben Ingrey arrived at the crease and smashed 43\* off just 31 balls as the Cross plundered 76 runs off the last eight overs to finish on 267-8.

Basingstoke started their reply in 20-20 mode, blasting 38 runs of the first four overs. The Cross soon hauled themselves back into the game when Alan Duncan (5-79) trapped Russell Droy leg before and Faisal Shahid (2-44) knocked back the off stump of the dangerous Mitchell Stokes for 33. Duncan soon picked up three more wickets and when Newell had Dean Nurse caught behind, Basingstoke were all at sea with the score on 127-6 at tea.

The Cross bowlers dominated the final session, needing just 12 overs to claim the last four wickets for a 74 run win which had seemed only a dream at the lunch interval.

**BASINGSTOKE v GERRARDS CROSS - HCPCL Division 2 (West)**

**Venue:** Mays Bounty, Basingstoke  
**Dates:** 14th June 2008  
**Toss won by:** Basingstoke  
**Umpires:** K Fraser, D Binningsley

**Gerrards Cross Innings**

**FOW**

Dhaliwal M	c Williamson	b Stokes	21	1st	22
Westaway S +	c Droy	b Stokes	9	2nd	40
Duncan A	c Droy	b Thirun	8	3rd	44
Wright M		b Thirun	11	4th	68
Rimmer S	c Govett	b Thirun	25	5th	88
Shahid F	c Stokes	b Govett	13	6th	93
Litchfield S		run out	0	7th	101
Purewal S		not out	95	8th	191
Newell J *		b Stokes	26	9th	
Ingrey B		not out	43	10th	
Bracey S					

**Extras (5 byes, 2 leg byes, 7 wides, 2 no balls):** 16

**Total (8 wickets) :** 267

**Bowling Figures**

	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Mdns</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wkts</b>
Thirun	23.3	3	98	3
Stokes	25	4	120	3
Govett	6.3	3	24	1
Gardiner	5	2	18	0

**Basingstoke Innings**

**FOW**

Stokes M *		b Shahid	33	1st	42
Droy R		lbw b Duncan	14	2nd	52
Foxley B	c Westaway	b Duncan	10	3rd	85
Nurse L		lbw b Duncan	24	4th	90
Nurse D	c Westaway	b Newell	8	5th	104
James M		lbw b Duncan	1	6th	116
Rouse D	c Westaway	b Newell	22	7th	134
Thirun K	c Rimmer	b Duncan	25	8th	170
Govett J	c Westaway	b Shahid	19	9th	184
Williamson N +		run out	9	10th	193
Gardiner C		not out	4		

**Extras (15 byes, 3 leg byes, 2 wides, 4 no balls):** 24

**Total:** 193

**Bowling Figures**

	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Mdns</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wkts</b>
Duncan	18.5	3	79	5
Ingrey	2	0	22	0
Shahid	11	1	44	2
Newell	5	0	30	2

**GERRARDS CROSS WON BY 74 RUNS**