



GERRARDS CROSS CRICKET CLUB Match Report

Gerrards Cross 2 nd XI v Cove 2 nd XI
Saturday 10 th May 2008
Thames Valley League Division 3a
Gerrards Cross won by 72 runs

Scorecard

Innings of Gerrards Cross					Innings of Cove				
G Eykyn	lbw b Sharrod	23	Tomsett	lbw b Bruce	9				
N Bruce	c Tomsett b Finney	44	Carter	lbw b Bruce	0				
W Butterworth	c Finney b McNeil	48	Howells	c Eykyn b Wildman	38				
S Grover	not out	76	Chaudary	b Hunt	10				
R Atkar	lbw b Harvey	23	Swannell	c Eykyn b Hunt	14				
E Montague	not out	13	Rhodes	c Butterworth b Thomas	26				
A Peace			Lynch	c Montague b Bruce	11				
S Bracey			McNeil	run out	23				
B Hunt			Finney	c Butterworth b Thomas	19				
M Wildman			Harvey	not out	1				
R Thomas			Sharrod	lbw b Thomas	0				
Extras		10	Extras		14				
TOTAL – for 4 wickets, 50 overs		237	TOTAL – 37.4 overs		165				
Bowling					Bowling				
Name	O	M	R	W	Name	O	M	R	W
McNeil	13	1	56	1	Bruce	8	2	31	3
Harvey	13	1	63	1	Montague	8	1	41	0
Sharrod	5	0	26	1	Wildman	7	1	16	1
Finney	8	2	29	1	Hunt	5	0	27	2
Lynch	7	1	33	0	Thomas	5.4	1	27	3
Tomsett	4	0	22	0	Peace	4	0	22	0

Report

The league season got under way at Dukes Wood on Saturday with a comprehensive 72 run victory and maximum points for Gerrards Cross 2s against Cove.

Having won the toss Cross skipper Nigel Bruce had no hesitation in choosing to bat and, leading from the front, he and fellow opener George Eykyn gave the hosts a solid start with an opening stand of 65. Eykyn fell for 23 to the last ball before drinks and Bruce went shortly afterwards with the score at 72, trying again to lift off spinner Finney into the pavilion.

Will Butterworth quickly found his stride on a good pitch and was joined by the consistent Sonny Grover. With some fine on-driving, Butterworth fell for 48 after a stand of 102 but Grover (76*) just kept going, and in partnerships with the fluent Ranj Atkar (23) and the experienced Ed Montague (13*) allowed Cross to declare after 50 overs on 237-4. Grover's knock, which included nine boundaries and two sixes, was the type of composed, well constructed innings that the Cross so badly missed last season.

After tea, Cross's strategy of starting with old ball quickly paid dividends with openers Tomsett and Carter both falling cheaply, lbw to Bruce. Cove batsmen were not shy of playing their shots early in their innings and this kept Cross on their toes, with a wicket in site. Although seven visiting batsmen made double figures, Howells top scored with only 38, before falling to Wildman. As has become customary 15 year old Billy Hunt removed the middle order and then Richard Thomas, who is not 15 (!), wrapped up the innings with wickets in consecutive deliveries.

Cross wrapped up a 72 run victory, and 25 points with 12 overs to spare, and this victory will put them in good heart for the rest of their league campaign.