

MATCH REPORT

Finchampstead vs. Gerrards Cross

Sat. 10th May 2008

**Gerrards Cross 267-5 – Finchampstead 253-7
Match Drawn**

Mark Wright and Sam Westaway re-wrote the record books on Saturday as Gerrards Cross drew their opening league game at Finchampstead.

Wright hit a club record score of 172 beating the previous record of 163 by Hamish Marshall against Burnham in 2003. He shared a record third wicket stand of 190 with Westaway who hit his maiden HCPCL fifty at the age of fifteen!! Their stand beat the previous record of 153 by Ian Hodgson and David Smith against High Wycombe in 1988.

However, the Cross were in some disarray early on as they slipped to 8-2. Early cloud cover and a bowler friendly pitch made batting extremely difficult with only 29 runs scored off the first 12 overs. The sun eventually arrived making batting much easier and Wright began to dominate. His innings was a combination of solid defence and controlled hitting to which the Finch bowlers had no answer.

Wickets fell late in the innings as the Cross looked for quick runs, but Wright was immovable. He finished on 172 off just 174 balls and hit 22 fours and 6 sixes in an impressive total of 267-5.

Finch made a rapid start to their reply, rattling up 45 runs in seven overs until Wright showed off his bowling skills. He removed Aussie Scott Patterson and Bucks player Matt Jones in the space of two balls. But Russell Lane (75) and Darron Augustus (46) shared a third wicket stand of 63 in 12 overs and Finch seemed well placed for victory.

The introduction of Steve Rimmer (4-56) and Jon Newell (1-63) slowed the scoring and wickets began to fall, turning the game back in the Cross' favour.

Finch were still in with a chance of victory but some excellent fielding meant they were unable to find the boundary and opted to settle for a draw.

FINCHAMPSTEAD v GERRARDS CROSS - HCPCL Division 2 (West)

Venue: Finchampstead Park, Finchampstead
Dates: 10th May 2008
Toss won by: Finchampstead
Umpires: M Southerton, V Lewis

Gerrards Cross First Innings

FOW

Shahid F	c Hillman	b Augustus	2	1st	7
Westaway S +	c Hillman	b Lane	50	2nd	8
Dhaliwal M	c Lane	b Parson	0	3rd	198
Wright M		not out	172	4th	246
Rimmer S		b Parson	6	5th	250
Packer H	c Bloyce	b Parson	2	6th	
Purewal S		not out	3	7th	
Newell J *				8th	
Knudsen R				9th	
Ingrey B				10th	
Billimore H					

Extras (9 byes, 14 leg byes, 7 wides, 2 no balls): 32

Total (5 wickets) : 267

Bowling Figures	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts		Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Parson	11	3	41	3	Jones	2	0	3	0
Augustus	6	2	18	1	Cheetham	3	0	20	0
Lane	12	4	38	1					
Bloyce	10	0	59	0					
Harper	12	2	44	0					
Taylor	4	1	21	0					

Finchampstead First Innings

FOW

Lane R	c Ingrey	b Rimmer	75	1st	49
Patterson S	c Westaway	b Wright	21	2nd	49
Jones M	c Rimmer	b Wright	0	3rd	112
Augustus D	c Newell	b Rimmer	46	4th	129
Taylor S *	c Wright	b Rimmer	8	5th	190
Woodroffe N		not out	50	6th	218
Cheetham S	c Dhaliwal	b Newell	21	7th	238
Bloyce S	c Westaway	b Rimmer	11	8th	
Harper M		not out	10	9th	
Hillman N +				10th	
Parson S					

Extras (3 byes, 4 leg byes, 4 wides): 11

Total (7 wickets) : 253

Bowling Figures	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Ingrey	8	1	47	0
Packer	3	0	23	0
Wright	6	0	34	2
Newell	17	2	63	1
Rimmer	15	0	56	4
Shahid	4	0	23	0

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