



GERRARDS CROSS CRICKET CLUB Match Report

Gerrards Cross 2 nd XI v Harefield 2 nd XI
Saturday 3 rd May 2008
Friendly
Gerrards Cross won by 57 runs

Scorecard

Innings of Gerrards Cross					Innings of Harefield				
R Graham	c Day b Huyser		8		C Collett	Lbw b Bruce		9	
N Bruce	C & b Quinn		1		R Collett	C Wildman b Hunt		9	
C Cemlyn-Jones	C Day b Lee		18		C Lee	C Atkar b Boyce		40	
S Grover	C Day b Huyser		14		R Evans	C Eykyn b Hunt		1	
R Atkar	C Lee b Huyser		35		M Webb	B Wildman		6	
A Peace	B Lee		41		P Collett	C Peace b Boyce		0	
N Boyce	Run out		11		C Taylor	Not out		47	
G Eykyn	Not out		19		J O'Hara	St Eykyn b Boyce		10	
S Bracey	C Quinn b Webb		0		R Huyser	C Cemlyn-Jones b Bracey		0	
B Hunt	Not out		19		T Day	C Graham b Hunt		4	
M Wildman					S Quinn	B Hunt		4	
Extras			37	Extras				16	
TOTAL – for 8 wickets, 52 overs			203	TOTAL – 37.4 overs				146	
Bowling					Bowling				
Name	O	M	R	W	Name	O	M	R	W
Quinn	10	1	54	1	Bruce	4	1	16	1
Huyser	10	3	24	3	Graham	3	1	9	0
Lee	13	1	48	2	Peace	5	0	15	0
Webb	16	1	50	1	Hunt	8.4	3	20	4
O'Hara	3	0	14	0	Boyce	7	1	33	3
					Wildman	4	1	7	1
					Bracey	6	1	41	1

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Gerrards Cross completed their pre-league season friendly programme with a comfortable 57 run victory over Harefield. In a 100 over game played to league rules. Harefield skipper Chris Lee won the toss and inserted Gerrards Cross on a pitch that was green and damp after midweek rain.

The decision seemed justified when the visitors took quick wickets to reduce Cross to 23-2. But the middle order rebuilt through the efforts of Sonny Grover (14) and veteran Charles Cemlyn-Jones (18). With Ranjiv Atkar finding good early season form, the Cross upped their scoring rate, but when Atkar fell at 101-5, the game was evenly poised.

At this point all-rounders Andy Peace and Nick Boyce stamped their authority on the innings with a stand of 56 in even time. With some good running and outstanding shots particularly from Peace (41), they gave the Cross momentum and a late flurry from George Eykyn (19*) and 15 year old Billy Hunt (19*) allowed the Cross to close their 52 overs on 203-8, a worthy effort on a difficult pitch and slow, lush outfield.

After a brief teatime shower the Collett brothers opened for Harefield to be confronted by the old ball, a strategy that worked when C. Collett was trapped in front by Bruce for 9. This brought Lee to the wicket, who had scored an unbeaten hundred in the corresponding game last season. He batted sensibly but all the time wickets were falling at the other end. When he fell to Boyce for 40 it seemed that the Cross would win and only Taylor, batting low at number 7 held them up further with a cleanly hit 47*.

Cross used seven bowlers, the star of which, and man of the match, was Billy Hunt. The young cricketer bowled an accurate line at good pace and was rewarded with outstanding figures of 4-20, well supported by Nick Boyce (3-33) and some excellent catching, particularly from vice-captain Andy Peace. A good all round performance allowed Cross to emerge victorious by 57 runs, giving them a one hundred per cent victory in their friendly fixtures. The serious business starts next week at Dukes Wood, when Cove are the visitors in the first league game.