



GERRARDS CROSS CRICKET CLUB Match Report

Gerrards Cross 2 nd XI v Harefield 2 nd XI
Saturday 31 st May 2008
Thames Valley League Division 3a
Match Drawn

Scorecard

Innings of Harefield					Innings of Gerrards Cross				
C Collett	c Sweeney b Peace			0	G Eykyn	c Collett C b Huyser			102
S Shiel	B Peace			17	A Peace	c Evans b Cokeley			50
C Lee	st Eykyn b Bruce			49	W Butterworth	C Lee b Huyser			28
C Taylor	lbw b Bruce			31	S Grover	lbw b Huyser			3
P Collett	c Butterworth b Bruce			67	R Atkar	b Lee			2
D Cokeley	C Eykyn b Bruce			68	P Sweeney	c Lench b Huyser			0
D Evans	not out			3	N Boyce	not out			4
M Lench	not out			0	N Bruce	lbw b Huyser			13
R Huyser					R Thomas	not out			1
S Quinn					W Arbi				
A Gandon					B Hunt				
Extras				10	Extras				27
TOTAL – for 6 wickets, 52 overs				244	TOTAL – for 7 wickets, 48 overs				231
Bowling					Bowling				
Name	O	M	R	W	Name	O	M	R	W
Peace	9	1	36	2	Evans	7	0	40	0
Hunt	7	2	27	0	Huyser	14	1	66	5
Thomas	16	2	69	0	Quinn	5	0	27	0
Bruce	12	0	52	4	Lee	14	3	43	1
Arbi	4	0	30	0	Shiel	2	0	16	0
Boyce	4	0	28	0	Cokeley	4	0	18	1
					Gandon	2	0	9	0

Report

On a sunny day at Dukes Wood, Gerrards Cross and Harefield played out a high scoring draw on Saturday, the home team taking eight points and the visitors thirteen. After a damp week, and on looking at a track tinged with green, home skipper Nigel Bruce had no hesitation on inserting Harefield, and when Andy Peace removed C Collett in the first over the decision seemed justified.

Peace then bowled Shiel, and when skipper Chris Lee was adjudged stumped, Harefield were rocking at 103-4. Although the wicket was doing something, it was happening slowly, and this suited P Collett and Cokeley, as they sought to post a challenging total. In a manner eschewed by the MCC coaching manual, but proving highly effective, they added 137 for the fifth wicket, as Cross became increasingly frustrated at their inability to break the partnership. Both finally fell in the last over but their efforts had allowed Harefield to set the Cross a target of 245.

After tea, George Eykyn and Andy Peace set off on the long chase and things started well. Peace, batting sensibly, was quick on anything off line and Eykyn used his pull to good effect, maximising the value of the short leg-side boundary.

After raising three figures, Peace fell for a fine 50, and Eykyn was joined by Will Butterworth. After a slow start the rate required crept to around seven an over, but the pair accelerated well and at 196-1, the Cross seemed warm favourites. Then Butterworth fell for 28, shortly after Eykyn had reached a well-deserved hundred. As so often happens Eykyn himself fell shortly afterwards, and the middle order were unable to continue the momentum.

Two boundaries in the penultimate over, bowled by Chris Lee left the Cross requiring 16 off the last, but they were unable to get Huyser away, and finished a tantalising 14 runs short of victory.

A good game, played in an excellent spirit. Next week, the Cross visit Aldershot.