



GERRARDS CROSS CRICKET CLUB Match Report

High Wycombe 2nd XI v Gerrards Cross 2 nd XI
Saturday 26 th April 2008
Friendly
Gerrards Cross won by 31 runs

Scorecard

Innings of Gerrards Cross					Innings of High Wycombe				
R Graham	B Brightwell			12	R Webster	C Grover b Fyfe			3
N Bruce	Lbw b Thompson			35	D Watkins	C Bruce b Boyce			0
B Deane	B Thompson			24	R Thompson	B Fyfe			10
S Grover	B Hardy			43	M Morgan	C Eykyn b Arbi			35
J Deane	B Brightwell			1	M Ward	Lbw b Mooney			9
N Boyce	Lbw b Thompson			0	L Hardy	C Bracey b Bruce			29
W Arbi	C Watkins b Fish			7	B Scriven	Lbw b Bracey			6
S Bracey	Run out			17	M Smith	C Bracey b Bruce			1
A Mooney	B Fish			7	A Downing	Not out			19
R Fyfe	Not out			10	J Fish	C Boyce b Bracey			0
G Eykyn					G Russell	B Bruce			5
Extras				7	Extras				15
TOTAL – for 9 wickets, 45 overs				163	TOTAL – 35.2 overs				132
Bowling					Bowling				
Name	O	M	R	W	Name	O	M	R	W
Downing	9	3	23	0	Fyfe	6	1	17	2
Hardy	9	1	24	1	Boyce	5	1	15	1
Fish	9	1	48	2	Arbi	7	2	18	1
Thompson	9	0	33	3	Mooney	4	0	20	1
Brightwell	9	1	31	2	Bracey	8	0	30	2
					Bruce	5.2	1	24	3

Report

On a bright blustery April day, the Cross opened their campaign with a comprehensive 31 run victory over local rivals High Wycombe. The captains agreed a 45 over game and Gerrards Cross, having won the toss decided to bat.

A new opening pair of Richard Graham and Nigel Bruce struggled against Downing's swing early on, but survived to add 48 for the first wicket before Bruce fell, playing too early against the spin of Thompson. Graham departed soon after, bringing together Bryan Deane (24) and the evergreen Sonny Grover. With a mixture of shots off his legs and blistering square drives Grover looked set for a fifty, but played across a delivery from Hardy to depart for a well made 43. With the overs running out, a good cameo from Sam Bracey and Ross Fyfe, running purposefully between the wickets, lifted the Cross' total to 163 for 9 from their allocation of overs.

With a slow pitch and lush outfield this score was better than it looked, particularly when the home side were reduced to 6-2 in the early overs of their reply. Boyce, Fyfe and first change Waqas all kept an accurate line and Wycombe were, as a result, losing wickets at regular intervals. Wycombe skipper Morgan unfurled a couple of classy off drives but nicked Waqas to Eykyn for 35, and only Hardy (29) and Downing (19*) threatened the Cross' supremacy.

Spinning pair Bracey (2-30) and Bruce (3-24) came on to mop up the Wycombe lower order and when Russell was bowled for 5, Cross claimed victory by 31 runs.

An encouraging start to the season and with Harefield at home next week Cross will be looking to build on this victory ahead of the league season.