



GERRARDS CROSS CRICKET CLUB Match Report

Gerrards Cross 2 nd XI v Kew 2 nd XI
Saturday 14 th June 2008
Thames Valley League Division 3a
Gerrards Cross won by 80 runs

Scorecard

Innings of Gerrards Cross					Innings of Kew				
G Eykyn	c George b Mehra		51		K Kohli	lbw b Thomas		7	
R Knudsen	B Thomas		4		H George	lbw b Thomas		0	
J Deane	b Thomas		0		G Milne	c Eykyn b Thomas		12	
G Hales	not out		75		S David	c Montague b Bruce		1	
S Grover	c Berry b Mehra		29		H Tobias	c Thomas b Bruce		7	
R Atkar	run out		10		A Buxton	c Grover b Wildman		40	
N Bruce	st Berry b Mehra		9		K Thomas	lbw b Wildman		26	
E Montague	run out		0		G Watson	b Peace		12	
R Thomas	not out		1		A Mehra	b Wildman		2	
A Peace					R Patel	run out		0	
M Wildman					S Berry	not out		8	
Extras			18		Extras			4	
TOTAL – for 7 wickets, 52 overs			201		TOTAL – 42 overs			121	
Bowling					Bowling				
Name	O	M	R	W	Name	O	M	R	W
David	13	3	49	0	Bruce	12	5	22	2
Thomas	8	3	16	2	Thomas	15	1	46	3
Tobias	6	0	22	0	Wildman	9	2	27	3
Watson	13	0	56	0	Peace	6	1	23	1
Mehra	12	2	46	3					

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Gerrards Cross moved into second place in the league table with a comprehensive 80 run victory over Kew at Dukes Wood on Saturday. Visiting skipper Raj Patel won the toss and surprisingly inserted Gerrards Cross on a good looking, dry wicket.

The Cross opened well but Richard Knudsen (4) and Joel Deane for a duck succumbed to the surprising pace of Thomas leaving the Cross at 26-2. Fortunately man of the moment George Eykyn was still there, and in partnership with Gary Hales, this experienced pair rebuilt the Cross innings, adding 96 for the third wicket. Eykyn then succumbed to temptation, hitting Mehra to midwicket where George took a stunning catch. Hales carried on, but in the face of some tight slow bowling he and Sonny Grover (29) were unable to accelerate as they would have liked. With a flurry of cheap wickets at the end, the Cross closed on 201-7 from their 52 overs, with the excellent Gary Hales ('father of Alex') unbeaten on 75.

Kew have already won two games chasing this season but their aspirations were quickly shattered as Cross reduced them to 27-5. Bowling with the old ball, the durable Richard Thomas (3-46) and skipper Nigel Bruce (2-22) asserted a stranglehold on the Kew top order.

For the visitors Buxton and Thomas then restored a semblance of order with some watchful batting. Having lost five wickets the victory seemed out of reach although there were still plenty of overs remaining. Eventually Thomas was trapped plumb in front by Wildman (3-27) and soon after Buxton chipped the same bowler to Grover at midwicket, and the Cross were nearly there.

The tail put up little resistance, and Hales with a run out from silly mid off, and vice-captain Andy Peace secured the 25 points by bowling Watson neck and crop. A vastly improved performance from the hosts saw them jump four places in the table, one point behind table topping Newbury. Next week the Cross go to Shardeloes to play Amersham.