



GERRARDS CROSS CRICKET CLUB Match Report

Gerrards Cross 2 nd XI v Newbury 1 st XI
Saturday 28 th June 2008
Thames Valley League Division 3a
Newbury won by 116 runs

Scorecard

Innings of Newbury					Innings of Gerrards Cross				
C Anstey	c Ward b Knudsen		61	S Bracey	b Mills`		29		
E Uden	c Ward b Bruce		29	C Cemlyn-Jones	b Holland		0		
K Jones	lbw b Bruce		24	R Knudsen	st Ferguson b Mundra		12		
N Fitzwilliam	run out		20	S Grover	b Mundra		0		
M Walker	c Grover b Bruce		22	B Deane	c Ferguson b Holland		7		
M Kumar	st Ward b Bruce		6	N Ward	c Uden b Holland		4		
A Mundra	c Grover b Bruce		10	P Sweeney	C Mundra b Mills		23		
S Holland	run out		6	N Bruce	c Uden b Mills		0		
N Ferguson	not out		12	A Peace	lbw b Anstey		10		
M Rowlands	c Bruce b Knudsen		2	W Arbi	not out		4		
K Mills	b Knudsen		0	N Boyce	b Anstey		0		
Extras			34	Extras			21		
TOTAL – 51.4 overs			226	TOTAL –37.4 overs			110		
Bowling					Bowling				
Name	O	M	R	W	Name	O	M	R	W
Peace	9	0	32	0	Holland	9	0	37	3
Boyce	8	0	38	0	Mundra	7	0	38	2
Knudsen	8.4	1	46	3	Anstey	7.4	5	6	2
Bruce	17	1	52	5	Mills	10	5	15	3
Arbi	9	2	42	0	Walker	4	1	10	0

Report

The top of the table clash at Dukes Wood on Saturday resulted in a comprehensive victory for leaders Newbury after an awful batting display by the hosts.

Visiting skipper Anstey won the toss and had no hesitation in deciding to bat on a hot sunny day, and a good looking wicket. Anstey lead from the front and the Cross were soon on the back foot as he drove well and punished anything loose. The opening pair added 80, before Richard Knudsen tempted Anstey (61) to snick behind to Nigel Ward. After this opening flourish the rate slowed as Knudsen, Nigel Bruce and Waqas Arbi bowled accurately, supported by some good ground fielding.

All the Newbury top order got starts but Bruce (5-52) gradually worked his way through them, and combined with two run outs, Newbury were bowled out for 226 in 51.4 overs; Richard Knudsen mopping up the tail in consecutive balls.

With the way the Cross have been batting this season, this target was thought to be well within their sights, but losing Charles Cemlyn-Jones for 0 in the first over was not part of the plan. Youngsters Sam Bracey and Richard Knudsen set about rebuilding the innings and had added 31 when Knudsen (12) was controversially given out stumped.

Although Bracey (29) batted very sensibly and was rarely troubled, a succession of batsmen came and went at the other end to Newbury's accurate but hardly threatening attack, and only Phil Sweeney, with a sketchy 23, and Andrew Peace (10) made double figures.

When Nicky Boyce was bowled round his legs by Newbury's captain, it summed up the whole day, one best consigned quickly to the memory. Thanks to poor batting, the Cross were beaten by a massive 116 runs - they have an opportunity to redeem themselves with a bat in hand at Hampton Hill next week.