

MATCH REPORT

Gerrards Cross vs. Thame Town

Sat. 17th May 2008

Thame Town 182-6 – Gerrards Cross 183-4
Gerrards Cross won by 6 wickets

A fantastic batting performance by Gerrards Cross secured a remarkable 6-wicket win against Thame Town in a rain-affected Home Counties Premier League match at Dukes Wood on Saturday.

The Cross' stand-in skipper, Mark Wright, had no hesitation in asking Thame to bat after winning the toss and the Cross struck early when Alan Duncan bowled Sam Lachlan with just 13 on the board. Manoj Parmar (34) and Adam Kroll (65) repaired the damage until Parmar top-edged a Hughes bouncer to Richard Thomas at mid-off. Hughes struck again three overs later when Sandeep Purewal took a brilliant diving catch at extra cover to dismiss Thame skipper Rob Brooks without scoring and Thame reached lunch on 93-3 after 38 overs.

Two rain breaks during the post-lunch session reduced the innings to 55 overs and also disrupted the batsmen's concentration. Ben Ingrey bowled Kroll for 65 and Wright removed Michael Beard and Jaydeep Bhatti in the space of 14 balls. But Luke Merry blasted 47 off 39 balls to take Thame to a defendable total of 182-6.

The Cross made a slow but solid start to their reply. Malky Dhaliwal (45) and Sam Westaway (30) shared an opening stand of 62 as the Cross reached 93-1 with 20 overs remaining.

However, an untimely rain interruption seemed to have put an end to a Cross victory. When play did resume, only eleven overs were left to score the 100 runs needed. Duncan immediately declared the Cross' intention by hitting 11 runs off the first over after the resumption. However, he was soon caught by Bhatti off the bowling of Lachlan for 35, but Wright kept the momentum going hitting 20 runs off his first eight balls.

With the Cross needing 46 runs off 28 balls, Hughes arrived at the crease and it signalled the beginning of the end for Thame. He and Wright blasted the 46 runs needed off just 21 balls as the Cross recorded a memorable victory with seven balls to spare.

GERRARDS CROSS v THAME - HCPCL Division 2 (West)

Venue: Dukes Wood, Gerrards Cross
Dates: 17th May 2008
Toss won by: Gerrards Cross
Umpires: D Brooks, A English

Thame Innings

FOW

Lachlan S		b Duncan	1	1st	13
Parmar M	c Thomas	b Hughes	34	2nd	61
Kroll A		b Ingrey	65	3rd	73
Brooks R *	c Purewal	b Hughes	0	4th	114
Beard M	c Westaway	b Wright	13	5th	138
Merry L		not out	47	6th	163
Bhatti J	c Duncan	b Wright	7	7th	
Higgs M		not out	2	8th	
Mitty C +				9th	
Meredith M				10th	
McBrien A					

Extras (1 bye, 11 leg byes, 1 no ball): 13

Total (6 wickets) : 182

Bowling Figures	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Ingrey	12	4	36	1
Duncan	18	6	48	1
Hughes	15	2	57	2
Rimmer	1	0	1	0
Wright	9	0	28	2

Gerrards Cross Innings

FOW

Dhaliwal M	c Parmar	b Bhatti	45	1st	62
Westaway S +		lbw b Bhatti	30	2nd	115
Duncan A	c Bhatti	b Lachlan	35	3rd	129
Wright M *		not out	29	4th	137
Rimmer S		b Lachlan	10	5th	
Hughes J		not out	23	6th	
Montague E				7th	
Purewal S				8th	
Packer H				9th	
Ingrey B				10th	
Thomas R					

Extras (3 byes, 5 leg byes, 3 wides): 11

Total (4 wickets) : 183

Bowling Figures	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Merry	9	3	23	0
Lachlan	17	2	77	2
Bhatti	8.5	1	51	2
Meredith	3	0	24	0

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