



MATCH REPORT

Reading CC 1st XI vs. Gerrards Cross CC 1st XI

Saturday 3rd September 2011

**Reading 197-9 (60 overs) – Gerrards Cross 199-6 (49.2 overs)
Gerrards Cross won by 4 wickets**

Gerrards Cross pulled off a tense, last over victory against Reading on Saturday to preserve their Home Counties League status.

Several weeks ago, the Cross had looked almost certain to be relegated with only one win in twelve games. But things changed following victories against Harefield and Thame Town before the weather interfered during the next two games. The Cross travelled to Reading knowing a win would guarantee their survival. But to add a bit of spice to the contest, Reading were also not yet safe from relegation as one of five teams fighting to avoid the drop.

After winning the toss, the Cross chose to bowl on a well used pitch and backed themselves to chase down whatever target they were set. The game started slowly with neither side giving much away during the early overs. George Greed and Tom Fray stood firm against some excellent pace bowling from Tom Hampton and Paul Muchall as the score crawled to 25 without loss after 12 overs.

The introduction of spin produced immediate rewards for the Cross as Steve Rimmer (2-46) and Matt Watson (2-50) each picked up an early wicket. David Barr (79) and Shelvin Gumbs (35) shared a third wicket stand of 55 which took the score to 98-2 before the Cross hit back.

Izzy Khan (2-37) picked up two wickets in five balls and Rimmer claimed his second wicket to leave Reading reeling at 101-5 when the lunch interval arrived.

Reading attempted to wrestle back the initiative after the break with Barr and Luke Beavan sharing a 50 run stand for the sixth wicket. With overs running out and the pitch difficult to bat on, Reading had to take some risks and lost wickets in the process. Dan Hampton picked up three wickets in quick succession as Reading posted 197-9.

With the pitch now offering a lot of turn and some unpredictable bounce, Reading opted to open with two spinners and Beavan (3-89) picked up a wicket in the first over.

Hamza Taj (32) and Ian Cockbain were forced to battle hard to repair the early damage. They put together a valuable second wicket stand of 90, before Taj fell victim to the unpredictable bounce and was caught behind.

Cockbain was joined by Muchall and they began to increase the scoring rate. With boundaries hard to come by, they were forced to run hard between wickets turning ones into twos and twos into threes. They took the score to 159, before Cockbain became another victim of the variable bounce and was dismissed for a superb 101.

With seven overs to go, the Cross needed 40 runs to win. The loss of another wicket brought Jonny Hughes to the crease and he immediately tore into the Reading bowlers. He and Muchall smashed 27 off 21 balls before Muchall was bowled with two overs remaining and the Cross needing eight to win.

The penultimate over only produced three runs and also another wicket. The last over arrived with Hughes on strike and the Cross needing five to win. Hughes failed to lay a bat on the first ball, but he then connected with the second ball launching it towards the long-off fielder. The ball hung in the air for several heart stopping seconds before landing over the boundary just inches from the fielder's reach.

The Cross had won with four balls to spare and will play in the Home Counties Premier League in 2012.

Home Counties Premier League Reading CC 1st XI v Gerrards Cross CC 1st XI

Saturday, September 03 2011 (11:00) at Reading

Gerrards Cross CC 1st XI Won By 4 wickets

Gerrards Cross CC 1st XI won toss and decided to field

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197 for 9 (60.0 overs) 199 for 6 (49.2 overs)

3 Hours, 16 Minutes. 3 Hours, 10 Minutes.

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| Batsman | | | Runs | Balls | Mins | 4s | 6s | S/r |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------|-------|------|----|----|-------|
| G Greed | lbw | b S Rimmer | 8 | 42 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 19.05 |
| T Fray | c I Cockbain | b M Watson | 29 | 48 | 60 | 4 | 0 | 60.42 |
| D Barr* | c M Watson | b D Hampton | 79 | 147 | 148 | 7 | 0 | 53.74 |
| S Gumbs | c T Hampton | b I Khan | 35 | 39 | 47 | 2 | 1 | 89.74 |
| S Kang+ | c N Mohammed | b I Khan | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| J Hoddle | c J Hughes | b S Rimmer | 0 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| L Beaven | c D Hampton | b M Watson | 18 | 41 | 46 | 1 | 0 | 43.90 |
| S Parsons | c M Watson | b D Hampton | 20 | 23 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 86.96 |
| Z Din | c I Cockbain | b D Hampton | 4 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 66.67 |
| I Slatcher | not out | | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| D Hartley | not out | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Extras | 1b 2lb 1w 0nb 0pen | | 4 | | | | | |
| Provisional Score For Innings | | | 197 | | | | | |
| Penalties awarded following Innings | | | 0 | | | | | |
| Total | | | 197 | for 9 | | | | |

| Bowler | O | M | R | W | Wd | Nb | S/r | Econ |
|-----------|------|---|----|---|-------|-------|-------|------|
| P Muchall | 10.0 | 3 | 30 | 0 | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 0.00 | 3.00 |
| T Hampton | 5.0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 0.00 | 2.00 |
| S Rimmer | 15.0 | 2 | 46 | 2 | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 45.00 | 3.07 |
| M Watson | 13.0 | 1 | 50 | 2 | 1 (1) | 0 (0) | 39.50 | 3.85 |
| I Khan | 13.0 | 2 | 37 | 2 | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 39.00 | 2.85 |
| D Hampton | 4.0 | 0 | 21 | 3 | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 8.00 | 5.25 |

| Batsman | Fall of Wicket | Partnership | Batsmen | Over |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|----------------------------|------|
| G Greed | 1-25 | 25 | G Greed (8) T Fray (15) | 12.1 |
| T Fray | 2-43 | 18 | T Fray (14) D Barr (3) | 17.2 |
| S Gumbs | 3-98 | 55 | S Gumbs (35) D Barr (20) | 32.1 |
| S Kang | 4-98 | 0 | S Kang (0) D Barr (0) | 32.5 |
| J Hoddle | 5-101 | 3 | J Hoddle (0) D Barr (3) | 35.3 |
| L Beaven | 6-151 | 50 | L Beaven (18) D Barr (32) | 51.3 |
| S Parsons | 7-185 | 34 | S Parsons (20) D Barr (13) | 57.4 |
| D Barr | 8-195 | 10 | D Barr (8) Z Din (2) | 59.3 |
| Z Din | 9-197 | 2 | Z Din (2) I Slatcher (0) | 59.5 |

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| Batsman | | | Runs | Balls | Mins | 4s | 6s | S/r |
|------------|---------------------|------------|------|-------|------|----|----|--------|
| H Taj | c S Kang | b J Hoddle | 32 | 76 | 101 | 3 | 0 | 42.11 |
| D Hampton | lbw | b L Beaven | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| I Cockbain | c S Kang | b L Beaven | 101 | 135 | 154 | 8 | 0 | 74.81 |
| P Muchall | | b J Hoddle | 34 | 52 | 81 | 1 | 0 | 65.38 |
| M Watson | run out (S Parsons) | | 0 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| J Hughes | not out | | 24 | 17 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 141.18 |
| J Webster | st S Kang | b L Beaven | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| S Rimmer* | not out | | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |

N Mohammed+

T Hampton

I Khan

Extras 0b 4lb 2w 2nb 0pen 8

Provisional Score For Innings 199

Penalties awarded following Innings 0

Total 199 for 6

| Bowler | O | M | R | W | Wd | Nb | S/r | Econ |
|------------|------|---|----|---|-------|-------|-------|------|
| L Beaven | 24.0 | 2 | 89 | 3 | 1 (1) | 0 (0) | 48.33 | 3.71 |
| D Hartley | 15.0 | 1 | 59 | 0 | 0 (0) | 1 (1) | 0.00 | 3.93 |
| J Hoddle | 7.2 | 1 | 35 | 2 | 1 (1) | 1 (1) | 23.00 | 4.77 |
| I Slatcher | 3.0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 0.00 | 4.00 |

| Batsman | Fall of Wicket | Partnership | Batsmen | Over |
|------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------|
| D Hampton | 1-1 | 1 | D Hampton (0) H Taj (1) | 0.6 |
| H Taj | 2-91 | 90 | H Taj (31) I Cockbain (58) | 29.1 |
| I Cockbain | 3-159 | 68 | I Cockbain (43) P Muchall (21) | 42.2 |
| M Watson | 4-163 | 4 | M Watson (0) P Muchall (2) | 44.2 |
| P Muchall | 5-190 | 27 | P Muchall (11) J Hughes (16) | 47.5 |
| J Webster | 6-193 | 3 | J Webster (0) J Hughes (2) | 48.6 |

Match Report

Weather: Cloudy Pitch: Dry

Umpires: V Lewis G Watkins

Scorers: S Gumbs I Thompson

