

MATCH REPORT

Gerrards Cross vs. Basingstoke

4th August 2007

Gerrards Cross 219-9 (60 overs) – Basingstoke 162-10 (42.1 overs)
Gerrards Cross won by 57 runs

A solid century from run machine Matt Eyles and seven wicket haul for Jon Newell secured Gerrards Cross' fifth win of the season by 57 runs against Basingstoke. But more importantly, it kept them in the race for the Sommers UK Home Counties Premier League Division Two West title.

The Cross opted to bat first after winning the toss on a gloriously sunny day at the Dukes Wood ground. However, the innings started in the worst possible way when Mark Wright was tapped leg before by Mitchell Stokes (4-105) without a run on board. Matt Eyles and Alan Duncan (22) shared a second wicket stand of fifty to repair the early damage. The pitch, however, was offering some assistance to the bowlers with the scoring rate only just reaching two runs per over.

After Duncan ran himself out, Eyles and Malky Dhaliwal (19) put on 58 for the third wicket. Basingstoke were bowling their overs at a phenomenal rate and the Cross reached lunch after 43 overs on 113-3.

The Cross began to accelerate after lunch with Eyles leading the charge and although wickets started to fall regularly, the run rate had increased significantly. Eyles eventually perished for 112 and some lusty blows from Ben Ingrey and Jon Newell took the score to 218-9.

Basingstoke started well, with Richard Vinn (14) and Russell Droy (27) taking the score to 39 without loss after seven overs. However, when Duncan had Droy caught behind and Newell removed Craig Williamson and Darren Rouse in the space of three balls, Basingstoke had slipped to 40-3. Newell soon accounted for Vinn and Dean Nurse and when Stokes (33) top edged an attempted sweep to become Newell's fifth victim, Basingstoke were in dire trouble at 86-6.

The re-introduction of Ben Ingrey (2-29) into the attack paid immediate dividends. He removed Nigel Williamson (22) with the first ball of his second spell and then cleaned up Martyn James in his next over and Basingstoke were 118-8.

The Basingstoke tail wagged, putting on 44 runs for the last two wickets. Cross skipper Newell wrapped the match to finish with excellent figures of 7-68 off 19.1 overs.

The Cross travel to Kidlington next week for a match that will have a massive impact on the title race.

GERRARDS CROSS v BASINGSTOKE - HCPCL Division 2

Venue: Dukes Wood, Gerrards Cross
Dates: 4th August 2007
Toss won by: Basingstoke
Umpires: K Fraser, K Beaumont

Gerrards Cross Innings

FOW

Wright M		lbw b Stokes	0	1st	0
Eyles M	c Williamson N	b Stokes	112	2nd	50
Duncan A		run out	22	3rd	108
Dhaliwal M	c Williamson C	b Harris	19	4th	143
Peglar H	c Koen	b Stokes	9	5th	165
Litchfield S		b Koen	3	6th	173
Hughes J		b Stokes	10	7th	188
Ingrey B		not out	16	8th	218
Newell J *		b Koen	15	9th	218
Hall-Drinkwater L		b Koen	0	10th	
Eykyn G +		not out	1		

Extras (7 leg byes, 5 wides): 12

Total (9 wickets) : 219

Bowling Figures	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Stokes	27	3	105	4
Koen	18	1	58	3
Harris	15	4	49	1

Basingstoke Innings

FOW

Vinn R	c Dhaliwal	b Newell	14	1st	39
Droy R	c Eykyn	b Duncan	27	2nd	40
Williamson C		lbw b Newell	0	3rd	40
Rouse D	c Eykyn	b Newell	0	4th	53
Stokes M *	c Ingrey	b Newell	33	5th	85
Nurse D	c Hall-Drinkwater	b Newell	9	6th	86
Williamson N +		b Ingrey	22	7th	115
James G		b Ingrey	8	8th	118
Froud C	c Hughes	b Newell	22	9th	149
Harris K		c and b Newell	10	10th	162
Koen D		not out	4		

Extras (8 byes, 4 leg byes, 1 no ball): 13

Total: 162

Bowling Figures	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Newell	19	2	68	7
Ingrey	6	0	29	2
Duncan	15	4	40	1
Hughes	2	0	13	0

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