

# MATCH REPORT

## Gerrards Cross 2XI vs. Chenies & Latimer

14<sup>th</sup> July 2007

**Gerrards Cross 200-8 (52 overs) – Chenies & Latimer 191-10 (47.4 overs)  
Gerrards Cross won by 9 runs**

Gerrards Cross followed their success of last week with a thrilling win over Chenies & Latimer on Saturday, clinching victory off the fourth ball of the final over to claim a maximum 25 points.

After winning the toss, the Cross lost Ed Waugh (10) in bizarre circumstances when a fiercely driven full toss deflected off the bowler's forearm to mid on. George Eykyn (15) and Sonny Grover (43) took the score to 71, but a clatter of wickets left the Cross at 95-4 with less than 20 overs left, and the game delicately poised. Phil Sweeney then changed all that with a superb display of clean hitting. He shared partnerships with Richard Graham (25) and 59 with Andy Peace that allowed the Cross to close on 200-8. Sweeney struck three sixes in his 61, and ensured that the Cross gained maximum bonus points.

With 201 needed in 48 overs and both sides needing a win, a tense finish seemed in prospect, and so it proved. The game ebbed and flowed as first Chenies and then the Cross seemed on top. First innings hero Sweeney struck with the ball to take 2-29 and Peace took 2-32. But with the visitors only requiring 42 off the last 8 overs with 4 wickets in hand, it seemed that they held the upper hand. But then Cross skipper Nigel Bruce (3-39) removed Hopkirk and Brown and then caught the adhesive May (65) off Mark Wildman. When the last over commenced Chenies required 13 runs to win with just one wicket left, but the excellent Wildman (3-16) kept his nerve and off the fourth ball induced Ateeq to drive in the air to mid off. Amidst great excitement the catch was safely taken, inevitably by Phil Sweeney, the man of the match, and Cross had triumphed by 9 runs.

This second consecutive win will put the Cross in good heart for their visit to Boyne Hill next week.

Innings of Gerrards Cross					Innings of Chenies					
G Eykyn	lbw b Brown		15		S Bowen	c Graham b Peace		22		
E Waugh	c May b Norwood		10		S Norwood	b Sweeney		4		
S Grover	c Norwood b Ateeq		43		C May	c Bruce b Wildman		65		
N Bruce	run out		14		S Hale	b Peace		17		
R Graham	lbw b Brown		25		W Mead	lbw b Bruce		7		
P Sweeney	c Hale b Brown		61		C King	lbw b Wildman		5		
S Bracey	c King b Brown		0		A Daniels	c Wildman b Sweeney		7		
A Peace	b Brown		12		A Hopkirk	b Bruce		27		
L Grimble	not out		0		D Brown	lbw b Bruce		4		
M Wildman	not out		4		A Edwards	not out		4		
R Warren					M Ateeq	c Sweeney b Wildman		4		
Extras			10		Extras			34		
<b>TOTAL – for 8 wickets, 52 overs</b>				<b>200</b>	<b>TOTAL – all out, 47.4 overs</b>				<b>191</b>	
<b>Bowling</b>					<b>Bowling</b>					
<i>Name</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>W</i>	
Norwood	12	4	42	1	Bruce	14	1	39	3	
Edwards	7	1	26	0	Graham	3	0	25	0	
Ateeq	7	0	30	1	Sweeney	8	0	29	2	
Brown	19	8	59	5	Peace	7	1	32	2	
King	6	0	36	0	Wildman	9.4	4	16	3	
					Warren	3	0	15	0	
					Waugh	3	0	22	0	