MATCH REPORT

High Wycombe 2XI vs. Gerrards Cross 2XI

28th April 2007

Gerrards Cross 160-8 (45 overs)– High Wycombe 94-10 (38.2 overs)
Gerrards Cross won by 66 runs

Disciplined bowling and tight fielding brought Gerrards Cross 2nd team a merited victory over local rivals High Wycombe in an early season friendly at London Road. On a scorching April day, the Cross won the toss and opted to bat in a 45 over per side game.

Early progress was rapid on a good wicket and the Cross reached 36 in the eighth over before an expansive Sonny Grover (17) drive ended in the hands of first slip. Despite the loss of Ranjiv Atkar and Waqas and some good bowling from Wycombe, Guy Ralphs (79) anchored the Cross innings, and with some late support from Brian Deane (17) and Phil Sweeney (14) allowed the visitors to close on 160-8 from 45 overs.

At tea, it seemed that the Cross were some 40-50 short of a challenging score but their performance in the field turned the game on its head. Andy Peace (2-25) struck twice in his first 3 overs to reduce the home side to 18-2, and when Iqbal retired hurt, things were heading in the Cross's favour. Debutant Waqas then removed Ryan with his first ball for the Cross and the visitors were firmly on top.

The experienced Richard Thomas then blew away the middle order taking 4-13 in 10 overs and with the support of some tigerish fielding, and visiting skipper Nigel Bruce (2-5), wrapped up the tail, bowling Wycombe out for 94, leaving the Cross the victors by 66 runs.

Innings of Gerrards Cross		
Ralphs	b Bryan	79
Grover	c Nandos b Downing	17
Waqas	c Humphries b Iqbal	2
Atkar	c Davies b Iqbal	2
Deane	c Watkins b Bryan	17
Thomas	b Bryan	0
Sweeney	c Perry b Bryan	14
Peace	b Downing	0
Bruce	Not out	10
Eykyn	Not out	9
Warren		
Extras		10
TOTAL – for 8 wickets, 45 overs		**160**

Innings of Wycombe		
Watkins	b Peace	4
Davies	b Peace	10
Iqbal	c Peace b Thomas	19
Nandos	c Eykyn b Thomas	9
Ryan	c Eykyn b Waqas	1
Perry	Run out	9
Bryan	Lbw b Bruce	19
Russell	c Bruce b Thomas	7
Downing	Not out	1
Humphries	b Thomas	0
Ottoway	Lbw b Bruce	1
Extras		14
TOTAL – all out, 38.2 overs		**94**

Bowling				
Name	*O*	*M*	*R*	*W*
Downing	11	1	52	2
Humphries	9	2	20	0
Iqbal	12	3	40	3
Ottoway	5	2	14	0
Bryan	8	1	38	2

Bowling				
Name	*O*	*M*	*R*	*W*
Peace	9	0	25	2
Warren	5	0	19	0
Waqas	11	5	27	1
Thomas	10	4	13	4
Bruce	2.2	0	5	2