

# MATCH REPORT

## Gerrards Cross 2XI vs. High Wycombe 2XI

7<sup>th</sup> July 2007

**High Wycombe 121-10 (44 overs) – Gerrards Cross 125-5 (51.5 overs)**  
**Gerrards Cross won by 5 wickets**

On a Saturday at last free from rain interruptions, Gerrards Cross 2s took advantage and beat local rivals Wycombe by five wickets, earning themselves twenty valuable points.

Wycombe were inserted on a pitch still damp from recent rain, and struggled to make much headway against accurate bowling from Andy Peace and Mark Wildman. Stevens was the first to go, soon followed by opening partner Watkins as Wildman (3-42) exploited the conditions. Peace, in an excellent spell of 19 overs then struck twice to reduce Wycombe to 90-5, with only ex-Cross player, Mark Morgan holding the visitors batting together. Thomas removed Morgan for 33, and after Peace 's spell had ended with figures of 3-47, Nigel Bruce (2-9) and Thomas (2-19) wrapped up the tail quickly, with Wycombe capitulating for only 121.

After tea, the Cross soon lost Sonny Grover lbw at 12, and when Hywel Pegler was bowled by Steve Sylvester with the total on 33, it seemed they would have a fight on their hands. Gary Hales changed the tempo of the game, and some sensible batting by old hands George Eykyn (20) and Richard Graham (44\*), saw the Cross to the brink of victory before Eykyn and Sam Litchfield fell. With no more alarms, Graham took 10 off Morgan's bowling and victory was confirmed for the Cross, earning themselves twenty points, and setting things up nicely for the visit of Chenies on Saturday.

| Innings of Wycombe               |                   |   |    |            | Innings of Gerrards Cross                |                          |   |    |            |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---|----|------------|--|--------------------------|---|----|------------|
| J Stevens                        | lbw b Wildman     |   |    | 6          | G Eykyn                                  | c Perry b Downing        |   |    | 20         |
| D Watkins                        | b Wildman         |   |    | 21         | S Grover                                 | lbw b Humphries          |   |    | 6          |
| M Morgan                         | c Bruce b Thomas  |   |    | 33         | H Pegler                                 | b Sylvester              |   |    | 15         |
| S Janed                          | B Wildman         |   |    | 8          | G Hales                                  | c Stevens b Bezoudenhaut |   |    | 13         |
| R Webster                        | c Eykyn b Peace   |   |    | 12         | R Graham                                 | not out                  |   |    | 44         |
| C Derocha                        | st Eykyn b Peace  |   |    | 4          | S Litchfield                             | b Humphries              |   |    | 11         |
| R Bezoudenhaut                   | st Eykyn b Thomas |   |    | 15         | S Bracey                                 | not out                  |   |    | 0          |
| A Browning                       | b Peace           |   |    | 6          | N Bruce                                  |                          |   |    |            |
| G Perry                          | b Bruce           |   |    | 2          | A Peace                                  |                          |   |    |            |
| S Sylvester                      | c Pegler b Bruce  |   |    | 2          | M Wildman                                |                          |   |    |            |
| J Humphries                      | not out           |   |    | 6          | R Thomas                                 |                          |   |    |            |
| Extras                           |                   |   |    | 7          | Extras                                   |                          |   |    | 16         |
| <b>TOTAL – all out, 44 overs</b> |                   |   |    | <b>121</b> | <b>TOTAL – for 5 wickets, 51.5 overs</b> |                          |   |    | <b>125</b> |
| Bowling                          |                   |   |    |            | Bowling                                  |                          |   |    |            |
| Name                             | O                 | M | R  | W          | Name                                     | O                        | M | R  | W          |
| Peace                            | 19                | 4 | 47 | 3          | Downing                                  | 15                       | 4 | 30 | 1          |
| Wildman                          | 13                | 0 | 42 | 3          | Humphries                                | 11                       | 2 | 22 | 2          |
| Thomas                           | 9                 | 2 | 19 | 2          | Sylvester                                | 9                        | 5 | 11 | 1          |
| Bruce                            | 3                 | 0 | 9  | 2          | Bezoudenhaut                             | 15                       | 4 | 30 | 1          |
|                                  |                   |   |    |            | Morgan                                   | 1.5                      | 0 | 13 | 0          |