

MATCH REPORT

Kidlington vs. Gerrards Cross

11th August 2007

**Kidlington 215-8 (60 overs) – Gerrards Cross 217-1 (41.3 overs)
Gerrards Cross won by 9 wickets**

Gerrards Cross have blown the title race wide open with a nine-wicket demolition of title contenders Kidlington in the Sommers UK Home Counties Premier League Division Two.

This win moves the Cross up to second place, 24 points behind leaders Tring Park, who the Cross host on the last weekend of the season, and four points ahead of Kidlington. Victory was set up by skipper Jon Newell who claimed his third five-wicket haul of the season and a superb unbeaten century from Mark Wright.

Kidlington were asked to bat first on a flat pitch and took control of the match immediately. Nawaz Ali (40) and Richard Howitt (51) raced to 40 without loss after just seven overs. Newell (5-69) then introduced himself into the attack and the run-rate slowed to a snail's pace with only 53 runs scored off the next 26 overs. Newell's first 15 overs cost a miserly 16 runs and he also removed both openers as Kidlington reached 103-2 at lunch.

Kidlington began to accelerate after lunch with Dave Taylor (46) leading the way. However, Newell claimed another three wickets to finish with figures of 5-69 off a marathon spell of 26 overs. Jonny Hughes (2-24) took two late wickets as Kidlington finished on a below par 215-8.

The Cross batsmen made light work of some very ordinary Kidlington bowling. Mark Wright (121*) and Matt Eyles (32) put on 81 for the first wicket in 17 overs. Wright was then joined by Alan Duncan (44*) and they shared an unbroken second wicket stand of 136 as the Cross galloped home with eight overs to spare.

KIDLINGTON v GERRARDS CROSS - HCPCL Division 2

Venue: Stratfield Brake Sports Ground, Kidlington
Dates: 11th August 2007
Toss won by: Gerrards Cross
Umpires: V Lewis, I Royle

Kidlington Innings

FOW

Ali N	c Eyles	b Newell	40	1st	93
Howitt R	c Eyles	b Newell	51	2nd	102
Buckingham A		c and b Newell	7	3rd	117
Taylor D *		b Newell	46	4th	121
Ali S	st Westaway	b Newell	0	5th	148
Lalor J		b Duncan	19	6th	181
Woods C		b Hughes	8	7th	183
Faruq J		not out	10	8th	194
Rana S +		lbw b Hughes	10	9th	
Liyanarachchi B		not out	10	10th	
Hegarty D					

Extras (5 byes, 5 leg byes, 2 wides, 2 no balls): 14

Total (8 wickets) : 215

Bowling Figures	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Ingrey	4	0	26	0
Duncan	13	2	46	1
Newell	26	7	69	5
Wright	13	1	40	0
Hughes	4	0	24	2

Gerrards Cross Innings

FOW

Wright M		not out	121	1st	81
Eyles M		b Lalor	32	2nd	
Duncan A		not out	44	3rd	
Dhaliwal M				4th	
Cooper S				5th	
Litchfield S				6th	
Hughes J				7th	
Ingrey B				8th	
Newell J *				9th	
Webster J				10th	
Westaway S +					

Extras (1 bye, 9 leg byes, 2 wides, 8 no balls): 20

Total (1 wicket) : 217

Bowling Figures	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Liyanarachchi	6	1	24	0	Hegarty	4.3	0	33
Ali S	2	0	11	0				
Howitt	5	0	23	0				
Lalor	12	0	53	1				
Taylor	7	0	38	0				
Faruq	5	0	25	0				

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