

MATCH REPORT

Gerrards Cross 2XI vs. Kidmore End

18th August 2007

**Gerrards Cross 125-10 (50.3 overs) – Kidmore End 8-0 (2 overs)
Match Abandoned**

After nearly a month free of 2007's all too frequent rain, an interesting contest between Gerrards Cross and title chasing Kidmore End was ruined by the elements on Saturday, forcing an abandonment at 5 o'clock.

With a damp track and further rain forecast, the visitors had no hesitation in inserting the Cross on winning the toss, and gained a reward immediately, when Hywel Pegler departed to the first ball of the match. Nigel Bruce followed for 9, Sonny Grover for 17, and after batting for 23 overs, Ed Waugh was caught for 14.

His departure brought together Waqas Arbi and 15 year old debutant, Richard Knudsen. Batting sensibly and running well, the pair added 50, before Knudsen, having shown great composure, was stumped for 31. Haroon Mohammed followed lbw first ball, and then Arbi, with five boundaries in his 28, was very unlucky as a ball from Whitty (6-34) hit his thigh pad and then trickled onto leg stump.

A weakened Cross team folded quickly despite the efforts of Mike Knudsen (18) and were bowled out for 125 in 50.2 overs. Given the nature of the wicket and the incessant drizzle, this was still a challenging target for the visitors to chase.

After tea, the rain increased in strength, and two overs into the innings with Kidmore End on 8 for no wicket, the umpires took the players off, never to return. Both sides gained 7 points for the abandonment, and the Cross will now hope for better weather for next week's local derby against Chalfont St Peter.

Innings of Gerrards Cross					Innings of Kidmore End				
H Pegler	c & b Sinclair			0	J Waldron	not out			0
E Waugh	c Butler b Sinclair			14	T Sheldon	not out			8
N Bruce	c Sheldon T b Sheldon J			9	J Sheldon				
S Grover	c Orme b Sheldon J			7	J Farshan				
R Knudsen	st Harper b Whitty			31	P Butler				
W Arbi	b Whitty			28	L Sinclair				
H Mohammed	lbw b Whitty			0	P Harper				
M Wildman	c Butler b Whitty			5	J Ormer				
M Knudsen	c Sinclair b Whitty			18	I Cuthbertson				
R Thomas	b Whitty			3	A Holland				
G Graham	not out			0	S Whitty				
Extras				7	Extras				0
TOTAL – all out, 50.3 overs				125	TOTAL – for 0 wicket, 2 overs				8
Bowling					Bowling				
<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>
Sinclair	13	2	29	2	Mohammed	1	1	0	0
Sheldon J	16	4	40	2	Wildman	1	0	8	0
Whitty	12.3	0	34	6					
Farshan	9	2	20	0					