

MATCH REPORT

Gerrards Cross 2XI vs. Slough 2XI

11th August 2007

Slough 250-10 (51.2 overs) – Gerrards Cross 181-10 (40.2 overs)
Slough won by 69 runs

Gerrards Cross 2nd XI went down to their second consecutive defeat on Saturday, when they were beaten by a big-hitting Slough side by 69 runs at Dukes Wood.

On a hot day, and with a good wicket, Slough had no hesitation in batting when they won the toss. The openers came out and played their shots from the off, rattling up 39 in the first four overs before Richard Thomas (2-58) removed Gumbs. This enabled Gerrards Cross to regain a little control, and with 20 overs gone, the rate had been slowed to only four an over.

However with a short boundary on one side to defend and a fast outfield, a further onslaught was inevitable, and despite the efforts of Haroon Mohammed (4-75) and Nigel Bruce (3-64), Slough's batsmen blazed away before being bowled out in the final over for exactly 250. The Cross did not help themselves with a curate's egg of a fielding performance, the brilliance of Hall-Drinkwater's catch to remove Chaggar being offset by a total of six chances being missed.

In reply, Ed Waugh and Hywel Pegler were quickly removed by Nawaz, leaving Charles Cemlyn-Jones and Ranj Atkar to rebuild the innings. Atkar did this in great style, timing the ball well from the off, and as long as he remained the Cross stood a good chance.

His magnificent 72 ended when he chipped Taj to long-on, and with him went most of Cross's hopes of victory. The lower middle order were not able to contribute much and only the efforts of vice-captain Mark Wildman (20) secured Cross a fourth batting point.

Thomas succumbed to Nawaz and the Cross were all out for 181, leaving the visitors the victors by 69 runs. With the situation in League 2B so tight, the Cross will be looking to bounce back next weekend, when they entertain Kidmore End.

Innings of Slough					Innings of Gerrards Cross				
S Khan	c Sweeney b Wildman		28		E Waugh	c Chaggar b Nawaz		2	
S Gumbs	lbw b Thomas		15		C Cemlyn-Jones	b Nawaz		33	
O Siddique	lbw b Bruce		42		H Pegler	b Nawaz		7	
H Taj	b Thomas		15		R Atkar	c Taj b Begg		72	
P Chaggar	c Hall-Drinkwater b Mohammed		36		L Hall-Drinkwater	lbw b Begg		12	
A Begg	c Sweeney b Mohammed		14		R Graham	lbw b Begg		0	
I Nawaz	lbw b Bruce		44		P Sweeney	b Begg		9	
S Ahmed	c Pegler b Mohammed		7		N Bruce	b Gumbs		1	
O Farooq	b Mohammed		29		H Mohammed	not out		5	
A Khan	st Atkar b Bruce		7		M Wildman	c Gumbs b Begg		20	
W Gumbs	not out		3		R Thomas	b Nawaz		1	
Extras			10		Extras			19	
TOTAL – all out, 51.2 overs			250		TOTAL – all out, 40.2 overs			181	
Bowling					Bowling				
Name	O	M	R	W	Name	O	M	R	W
Thomas	13	3	58	2	Nawaz	17.2	3	73	4
Wildman	11	1	47	1	Khan	7	0	33	0
Mohammed	14.2	1	75	4	Farooq	3	0	16	0
Bruce	13	0	64	3	Begg	9	1	30	5
					Gumbs	4	1	12	1