



GERRARDS CROSS CRICKET CLUB Match Report

Gerrards Cross 2 nd XI v Purley on Thames 1st XI
Saturday 20 th June 2009
Thames Valley League Division 3A
Purley on Thames won by 6 wickets

Scorecard

Innings of Gerrards Cross					Innings of				
S. Bracey	Run Out		20	Allen	Bowled Easter		111		
C. Cemlyn-Jones	Bowled Maycock		17	Denton	LBW Bruce		40		
M. Dahliwal	Ct Denton B. Wheeler		0	Measham	Ct. Dahliwal		19		
R. Knudsen	Ct. Schofield B. Maycock		0	Wheeler	LBW Bruce		17		
J. Easter	Ct. Measham B. Wheeler		0	Schofield	NOT OUT		0		
B. Hunt	Ct. Rackley B. Maycock		0	Rackley	NOT OUT		7		
E. Montague	Bowled Maycock		75	C. Maycock					
N. Bruce	LBW Maycock		4	L. Maycock					
R. Graham	Bowled Maycock		4	Newall					
H. Mohammed	NOT OUT		56	A. Wheeler					
R. Thomas	NOT OUT		21	L. Harris					
Extras									
TOTAL 212 for 9					TOTAL 214 for 4				
Bowling					Bowling				
Name	O	M	R	W	Name	O	M	R	W
Maycock	18	4	74	6	Hunt	4.5	0	38	0
Wheeler	13	4	33	2	Thomas	6	2	18	0
Harris	7	3	19	0	Mohammed	3	0	36	0
Schofield	4	0	25	0	Bruce	13	2	53	3
Allen	9	1	46	0	Montague	7	1	25	1
					Easter	4	0	27	1

Report

With high hopes after last week's win, the 2nd team travelled to newly promoted Purley on Thames.

With the side strengthened by 1st teamers Malky Dahliwal and Billy Hunt, and with what looked like a hard flat wicket and a bone hard outfield, the toss was won and the Cross batted.

Sam Bracey made his usual start, striking the ball cleanly and Charles Cemlyn Jones played some trade mark cuts and pulls. With both players looking comfortable and the bowlers running out of ideas Cemlyn Jones was bowled driving loosely at one that came back. Bracey, after hitting 2 sixes and a four, ran himself out. Yet again Gerrards Cross had let a bowling side get back into the game.

The Purley on Thames bowlers now found their length and the wicket suddenly came to life. Spurred on by two new batsmen at the crease, the bowlers hit the wicket hard and found bounce and movement.

In a remarkable six overs, six wickets were lost for 12 runs with 4 of the middle order caught behind for 0. The innings was in tatters at 54 for 8. Clearly the Captains Churchillian pre match oration about showing some guts and making sure that the bowlers earn your wicket had fallen on deaf ears.

With Purley thinking they might be able to watch the British Lions after all, Ed Montague, showing some of the guts required, staged a fight back.

With the opening bowlers starting to tire and the wicket settling down, Montague and number ten Haroon Mohammed put the innings back together. Montague was particularly savage on anything loose and Mohammed played well square of the wicket. They put on 124 for the eighth wicket.

Once Montague was out for an excellent 75, Richard Thomas and Mohammed put on a further 33 for the tenth wicket. Mohammed was finally left not out on 56.

With ten batting points in the bag and 212 on the board, the momentum had completely swung towards Gerrards Cross.

Sadly the Cross bowlers had a rare off day and immediately handed momentum back to the Purley batsmen. With the wicket now bearing no resemblance to the one that had provided such bounce and movement, batting was made to look easy.

As the Cross 2s play a number of 1st teams in this league they occasionally play against a player who is playing below his standard and today was one of those days. The impressive Allen was particularly savage on anything pitched up and is clearly used to making big scores.

The vital wicket of Allen went begging as he was dropped at mid off when on 30 and his partner was dropped at gully on 20. The Cross were handing the game to Purley.

The spin of Nigel Bruce and Montague was introduced and this slowed the scoring rate. At 140 Bruce took the first wicket to a collective sigh of relief. Allen continued on his way to an impressive hundred finally falling to Jame Easter when the game was virtually won.

Two more from Bruce gave the Cross two more points, but Purley cruised to the win in 38 overs for the loss of four wickets.

Both Captains were left scratching their heads about the change in the nature of the wicket. But both agreed that to reach 212 for 9 after being 54 for 8 was amazing.

Well done Monty, Haroon with the bat and Nigel for toiling with the ball.