

# MATCH REPORT

## Thame Town vs. Gerrards Cross

27<sup>th</sup> June 2009

**Gerrards Cross 271-3 (60 overs) – Thame Town 202-7 (45 overs)  
Match Drawn**

Gerrards Cross closed the gap on HCPCL Division 2 West Leaders Beaconsfield on Saturday as they dominated a drawn game against Thame Town.

Thame won the toss and asked the Cross to bat on a very flat track. Openers Sam Westaway and Hywel Pegler dominated the Thame bowlers throughout the morning session as the Cross reached lunch without loss, after 33 overs, on 117.

The Cross' dominance continued after lunch, but wickets started to fall as they looked for quick runs. After Westaway was caught on the fine leg boundary off a top-edged hook for a well made 52, Pegler and Hamza Taj (69\*) kept the momentum going until Pegler was bowled by Jaydeep Bhati for 80 – his maiden league fifty.

Taj and Matt Bowden (26) shared a third wicket stand of 59 in nine overs and the Cross innings closed on 271-3.

The Cross made early inroads into the Thame batting with Alan Duncan removing the experienced Manoj Parmar for six and three wickets in four overs from Richard Knudsen (3-29) reduced Thame to 75-4.

Michael Beard (58) and Rob Brooks began to repair the damage until Brooks was caught in the deep by Knudsen off the bowling of Jon Newell.

Beard and Michael Higgs (50\*) shored up the defences as the Cross pressed for victory. Two wickets in two balls from Tom Hampton gave the Cross hope, but the rain arrived with five overs to go to bring an early end to the match.

The Cross claimed 14 points from the match and Beaconsfield 10 points from their match against Falkland. The gap has closed to six points and the Cross host Beaconsfield next week at Dukes Wood in a top of the table clash.

**THAME v GERRARDS CROSS - HCPCL Division 2 (West)**

**Venue:** Church Meadow, Thame  
**Dates:** 27th June 2009  
**Toss won by:** Thame  
**Umpires:** D Brooks, J Spring

<b>Gerrards Cross</b>	<b>Innings</b>				<b>FOW</b>
Westaway S +	c Beard	b Merry	52	1st	135
Peglar H		b Bhatti	80	2nd	170
Taj H		not out	69	3rd	229
Bowden M	c Brooks	b Higgs	26	4th	
Duncan A		not out	14	5th	
Rimmer S *				6th	
Litchfield S				7th	
Newell J				8th	
Knudsen R				9th	
Graham R				10th	
Hampton T					

**Extras (13 byes, 3 leg byes, 13 wides, 1 no ball):** 30

**Total (3 wickets declared) :** 271

<b>Bowling Figures</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Mdns</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wkts</b>
Merry	16	1	62	1
Patel S	7	3	21	0
Beard	7	2	18	0
Bhatti	22	4	111	1
Higgs	8	0	43	1

<b>Thame Innings</b>					<b>FOW</b>
Patel P	c Duncan	b Knudsen	33	1st	19
Parmar M	c Westaway	b Duncan	6	2nd	51
Beard M	c Peglar	b Hampton	58	3rd	69
Merry L		b Knudsen	10	4th	75
Bhatti J		b Knudsen	2	5th	106
Brooks R *+	c Knudsen	b Newell	18	6th	160
Higgs M		not out	50	7th	160
Barnett E		lbw b Hampton	0	8th	
Patel S		not out	11	9th	
Murray R				10th	
Jeffcock C					

**Extras (6 byes, 6 leg byes, 1 wide, 1 no ball):** 14

**Total (7 wickets) :** 202

<b>Bowling Figures</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Mdns</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wkts</b>
Hampton	13	1	56	2
Duncan	8	2	38	1
Knudsen	6	1	29	3
Newell	11	1	40	1
Rimmer	3	0	13	0
Bowden	4	0	14	0

**MATCH DRAWN**