

MATCH REPORT

Gerrards Cross vs. Thame

26th August 2006

**Gerrards Cross 177-9 – Thame 111-10
Gerrards Cross won by 66 runs**

Gerrards Cross produced another fabulous bowling display to beat Thame by 66 runs.

This victory has kept the pressure on leaders Farnham Royal, who also won. The gap between the two sides remains at 35 points and victory for Farnham Royal next week would clinch title.

The Cross were asked to bat on a green pitch in overcast conditions, which favoured the bowlers. Batting was difficult early on, but openers Stuart Welch (36) and Alex Hales (64) batted sensibly and the Cross reached 82 without loss after 24 overs.

After lunch, Hales and Alan Duncan (32) took the score to 133-1 after 40 overs. The Cross then collapsed in search of quick runs losing eight wickets for 41 runs, on a pitch that was not conducive to big hitting. Steve Merry claimed 6-33 and the Cross finished on a slightly disappointing 177-9.

The Cross bowlers, Jon Coles (2-26) and Stefan Read (3-31), ripped apart the Thame batting reducing them to 48-5 with Read bowling some ferocious bouncers.

Andy Wynd (37) and Haresh Dahbi (20) offered some brief resistance, but Owen Dawkins (3-30) and Duncan (2-17) cleaned up the tail and Thame were all out for 111.

GERRARDS CROSS v THAME - HCPCL Division 2

Venue: Dukes Wood, Gerrards Cross
Dates: 26th August 2006
Toss won by: Thame

Gerrards Cross Innings

				FOW		
Welch S	c Barnett		b Merry L	36	1st	82
Hales A	c Lachlan		b Dabhi	64	2nd	133
Duncan A	c Kroll		b Merry S	32	3rd	134
Cranfield-Thompson D +	c Wynd A		b Merry S	0	4th	140
Read S	c Barnett		b Merry S	1	5th	154
Dawkins O *	c Dabhi		b Merry S	12	6th	155
Watson M		not out		14	7th	165
Webster J	c Kroll		b Merry S	5	8th	165
Hall-Drinkwater L		lbw	b Merry S	0	9th	174
Litchfield S	st Wynd A		b Dabhi	1	10th	
Coles J		not out		2		
Extras (7 byes, 1 leg bye, 2 wides):				10		
Total (9 wickets) :				177		

Bowling Figures	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Merry L	17	4	51	1
Lachlan	8	3	26	0
Dabhi	21	1	59	2
Merry S	14	1	33	6

Thame Innings

				FOW		
Wynd C			b Read	6	1st	9
Lachlan S	c Welch		b Coles	5	2nd	13
Brooks R			b Coles	11	3rd	32
Parmar M	c Cranfield-Thompson		b Read	6	4th	34
Wynd A +	c Watson		b Dawkins	37	5th	48
Merry L	c Dawkins		b Read	6	6th	77
Dabhi H	c Duncan		b Dawkins	20	7th	84
Kroll A *	c Webster		b Duncan	2	8th	99
Barnett E	c Webster		b Dawkins	7	9th	108
Heath O			b Duncan	2	10th	111
Merry S		not out		2		
Extras (4 byes, 3 leg byes):				7		
Total:				111		

Bowling Figures	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Coles	9	4	26	2
Read	11	2	31	3
Dawkins	9	2	30	3
Duncan	6.2	1	17	2

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