



Gentlemen of West London CC v St Anne's Allstars CC

Fairfield Recreation Ground, Kingston, Sunday 27th April 2008.

Toss: Allstars.

Weather: overcast, light rain.

Debut: A. Iqbal.

Format: 35 overs a side, 7 maximum per bowler; 12 players a side.

REPORT

A match of few notable incidents highlighted our general rustiness in contrast to efficient all-round performances on the Gents' part. The toss took place just as a sustained shower was clearing, and with all evidence pointing to significant further rain. Hence my decision, on winning the toss, to bat first, on the basis that if you have to play in the rain, it's better to be batting than fielding. In fact, the weather went on to improve as the afternoon progressed – with the pitch drying out and becoming much easier to bat on. It must be stressed that this factor did not determine the result, but it probably broadened the margin of our defeat.

The combination of sustainably accurate Gents bowling, tentative batting, and a very tacky wicket, prevented our innings from ever gaining momentum. Tristan and Scratch both worked hard, for 32 and 21 respectively, but no one else was able to take root. I got out to Scibo again, for what seems like the 500th year in a row. Our total of 103 would always have been very difficult to defend on a pitch becoming ever truer, even without the surfeit of four-balls we proceeded to serve up to the Gents' openers, of whom Khan prospered the more fluently. Gus Grant was the sole wicket taker, eliciting from Peter Denton a semi-skier which Chadders safely pocketed.

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St Anne's Allstars

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| TAR Haddow-Allen | c Khan | b S Patel | 32 |
| A Crawford | | b Snelling | 4 |
| AH Grant | c Denton | b Sciberras | 1 |
| SG Begley | | b H Patel | 21 |
| PT Nicol | lbw | b H Patel | 3 |
| AM Grant | | b Inkollu | 0 |
| †CR Gould | c Toft | b Inkollu | 5 |
| A Iqbal | st Denton | b H Patel | 5 |
| GA Duncan | c Khan | b Sciberras | 6 |
| RJ Stephenson | | b H Patel | 0 |
| N Chadwick | not out | | 2 |
| *MJC Haddow-Allen | | b Sciberras | 0 |

Extras (21w, 3b) 24

Total (30.4 overs) 103

Fall: 1-32 (2), 2-52 (1), 3-57 (3), 4-58 (5), 5-74 (6), 6-86 (4), 7-86 (7), 8-99 (8), 9-99 (10), 10-103 (9), 11-103 (12)

| Bowling | O | M | R | W |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Snelling | 7 | 0 | 31 | 1 |
| Inkollu | 7 | 1 | 25 | 2 |
| S Patel | 5 | 1 | 11 | 1 |
| Sciberras | 4.4 | 0 | 11 | 3 |
| H Patel | 7 | 0 | 14 | 4 |

Gents of West London

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| Khan | not out | | 66 |
| †P Denton | c Chadwick | b AM Grant | 24 |
| S Snelling | not out | | 4 |

Extras (6w, 3pen, 1b) 10

Total (19.4 overs) 104-1

Fall: 1-87 (2).

DNB: Chayyn, *S Patel, Gilkes, Turpin, M Sciberras, Inkollu, H Patel, K Toft, A Burman.

| Bowling | O | M | R | W |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Chadwick | 6 | 1 | 19 | 0 |
| T Haddow-Allen | 4 | 2 | 14 | 0 |
| Iqbal | 3 | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Duncan | 3 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| AM Grant | 2.4 | 0 | 27 | 1 |
| Nicol | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 |

Result: Gentlemen of West London won by 10 wickets, and retained the *42-11 Trophy*.