

# 18/07/2017 Oxfordshire County Council

Venue: Home Format: 20/20

**Result: Lost**

by 5 wickets

<u>Batsmen</u>	<u>How Out</u>	<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Bowler</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 O. Walter	Not Out			64
2 L. Blatchford	Bowled		Ghani	70
3 A. Bevan	Not Out			1
4 R. Phibbs				0
5 M. Stanbury				0
6 P. Jacobs				0
7 K.H. Whiter				0
8 J. Walter				0
9 N.H.R. Wyatt				0
10 A. East				0
11 K. Ponsford				0
			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>135</b>
			Byes	8
			Leg Byes	0
			Wides	2
			No Balls	3
			<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>148</b>

for 1 wicket

<u>Bowler</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Mdns</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Av.</u>	<u>Econ.</u>	<u>S.R.</u>
1 K.H. Whiter	4	0	18	2	9.00	4.50	12.00
2 N.H.R. Wyatt	3.3	0	23	3	7.67	6.97	7.00
3 K. Ponsford	4	0	24	0	0.00	6.00	0.00
4 A. East	2	0	23	0	0.00	11.50	0.00
5 M. Stanbury	4	0	38	0	0.00	9.50	0.00
6 J. Walter	2	0	22	0	0.00	11.00	0.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>148</b>				
	Byes		0				
	Leg Byes		1				
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>149</b>				

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<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Catches</u>
A. Bevan	1
L. Blatchford	1
A. East	1

## Match Report

Another cracking midweek encounter saw Oxfordshire County Council pit their wits against a determined Isis, who lost narrowly in a batting fest that saw 297 runs scored for the loss of only 6 wickets. Isis batted first, with Olly Walter (64\*) and Luke Blatchford (70) going at it against the seasoned attack of Umar Mehmood and Imran Shoukat and scoring at 5 per over. With the bowling changes, the rate increased and at the half-way mark Isis were 60 for 0 and, sitting pretty with wickets in hand, were projecting a score of around 150. Walter rode his luck to carry his bat and survive a handful of dropped catches, while Blatchford batted assuredly until the pace of Ghani did for him in the final over. In the end the home side set 148 for 1, including a haul of 17 fours and 13 extras. Whiter and Wyatt started well, picking up 3 early wickets against a top-order that looked remarkably similar to the OCC bowling order which put Isis in the driving seat, but crucially opener Hajee Ghani (63\*) carried his bat through the innings. When he was joined by big-hitting Mehmood (66) and pace was taken out of the Isis bowling attack, the visitors made hay and punished anything short of a length. There indeed was the difference, and what OCC lacked in 4's they made up for in 6's to thwart the efforts of a fielding side that did little wrong. Blatchford stood out as he patrolled the on-side boundary, putting his body on the line and saving 20+ runs to keep Isis hopes alive. There was an agonising moment when Olly Walter held a skyer on the mid-off boundary, but can be applauded for sportsmanship in immediately declaring it a six with his feet over the line. Whiter was brought back early for his final over to stem the flow of runs, and when Wyatt also returned for his second spell, and castled Mehmood first ball, Isis were in the game with 121 runs on the board and just under 4 overs remaining. While every effort was made to keep Ghani off of strike, the score crept inexorably towards the target, and at the death OCC needed just 7 runs from the final over to win. There was little drama in that over as the opener picked off 3 runs from the first two balls and Muhammad Saqib played a delicious on-drive to the boundary to see OCC across the line with 3 balls to spare. Hats off to OCC, whose all-rounders played magnificently in fading light on a belting batting wicket to overcome a very credible score, and for that they earned the applause and respect of the beaten Isis team.