

26/07/2017 St Clements Strollers

Venue: Home Format: 20/20

Result: Lost

by 6 wickets

<u>Batsmen</u>	<u>How Out</u>	<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Bowler</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 O. Walter	Run Out			67
2 R. Kella	Bowled		Warry	14
3 S. Cooper	Caught		Fallah	53
4 M. Rathinasabapathi	Not Out			3
5 R. Phibbs	Not Out			0
6 K.H. Whiter				0
7 E. Hyde				0
8 D. Valsan				0
9 N. Sankaravel				0
10 N.H.R. Wyatt				0
11 J. Hazel				0
			Subtotal	137
			Byes	2
			Leg Byes	2
			Wides	1
			No Balls	1
			Grand Total	143

for 3 wickets

<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	22	1	22.00	5.50	24.00
2 J. Hazel	4	0	32	1	32.00	8.00	24.00
3 N.H.R. Wyatt	4	0	31	1	31.00	7.75	24.00
4 N. Sankaravel	2	0	15	0	0.00	7.50	0.00
5 D. Valsan	3	0	29	1	29.00	9.67	18.00
6 S. Cooper	2.3	0	13	0	0.00	5.65	0.00
	Subtotal		142				
	Byes		4				
	Leg Byes		1				
	Grand Total		147				

for 4 wickets

<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Catches</u>
R. Phibbs	1

<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Stumpings</u>
E. Hyde	2

Match Report

Given rain during the day, it was a minor miracle that our first ever game against the gentlemen of St Clements Strollers was played, and all thanks to the ground staff of Eynsham for making a very interesting game possible. Now, the Strollers have a lot in common with Isis C.C. in that they are about 30 years old, half the team are over 50 and there's a few energetic youngsters too. Unfortunately on this occasion, their youngsters included first-class cricketer Samad Fallah, who was knocking on the door of a test place for India a couple of seasons ago, and his mate Kasim Nawaz who he plays with at Oxford C.C. right now. What's more, the older boys included Graham Savin, who played minor counties cricket for Oxfordshire for 16 years, and county over-50's regular Ross Buchanan. And so, there was a bit of a challenge on for an Isis side boosted by the return from India of Divvy Valsan, who looked as keen as ever to get involved. The Isis innings was dominated by an excellent second wicket partnership between Olly Walter (67) and Steve Cooper (53), who played the ball around the field very nicely, exploited a somewhat pedestrian field and showed little respect for the bowling of the opening older gentlemen, the younger middle order or the youngest death over bowlers. In particular, they gave Graham Savin a bit of a tap including a beautiful on-drive over the bowlers head from Walter and a clubbed six to cow from Cooper. Earlier, Ravi Kella (14) had shown patience for 5 overs before trying to hit everything out of the ground in the sixth, and was castled by a 70+-year-old Warry with the score on 35. Fallah arrived late in the innings, brought to the ground by Isis friend Shaz Khan after a county representative engagement, and luckily for Walter and Cooper he bowled spin off a couple of paces, rather than the devastating pace and swing he is known for (take a look on You Tube!). But he was still able to slow the run rate, pick up the wicket of Cooper, who was caught well from a drive to the long-off boundary, and finish the run-out of Olly Walter. At the turn Isis posted a credible 143, but would it be enough? The Strollers intent was clear from the start, with Buchanan and Fallah in the middle. Buchanan skied one from Whiter's bowling and as five players converged it was a slightly ashen Rory Phibbs who held on to give Isis hope. Nick Wyatt came on as first change for Hazel, and found genuine pace to keep Fallah under some control and to bowl Nawaz (37), but by then there was free scoring of anything short and Sankaravel and Valsan felt some pain. But Fallah (74) was eventually stumped by Hyde, charging the bowling of Valsan, who forever will surely hold a first-class wicket in his spank bank. But that just brought Savin (17*) to the middle and he played his shots with class. Cooper bowled aggressively, but with the scores level at the start of the final over, Savin drove the fourth ball straight to the boundary to seal victory for the visitors. This was a good effort from the Isismen, and another memorable fixture in this fantastic 2017 season. Great stuff.