

15/08/2017 Iffley Village

Venue: Home Format: 20/20

Result: Won

by 5 wickets

<u>Batsmen</u>	<u>How Out</u>	<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Bowler</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 M. Naqvi	Bowled			2
2 S. Sivalingam	Bowled			13
3 A. East	Bowled			8
4 O. Walter	Not Out			45
5 P. Jacobs	Bowled			11
6 M. Stanbury	Run Out			16
7 K.H. Whiter	Not Out			0
8 A. Symons				0
9 N. Sankaravel				0
10 K. Malcolm				0
11 K. Ponsford				0
			Subtotal	95
			Byes	7
			Leg Byes	7
			Wides	18
			No Balls	3
			Grand Total	130
				for 5 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. Ponsford	2	2	0	3	0.00	0.00	4.00
2 K. Malcolm	3	0	17	1	17.00	5.67	18.00
3 N. Sankaravel	3	0	18	0	0.00	6.00	0.00
4 A. Symons	4	0	39	1	39.00	9.75	24.00
5 K.H. Whiter	4	0	25	0	0.00	6.25	0.00
6 M. Stanbury	4	0	26	0	0.00	6.50	0.00
	Subtotal		125				
			Byes	0			
			Leg Byes	4			
	Grand Total		129				
							for 6 wickets

<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Catches</u>
O. Walter	1
K.H. Whiter	1
<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Run Outs</u>
K. Malcolm	1

Note: The scorebook for the Isis innings does not add up. While I am sure the overall score is correct, and that the gap of 13(!) runs is down to missed entries, it did rather mar for me what was otherwise a brilliant game of cricket. I rather guiltily added extras to byes, leg-byes and wides to compensate, and apologise to Iffley if they read this. Scorer please note!

Match Report

Another nail-biter of a mid-week match ended in Isis's favour after another brilliant innings by skipper on the night Olly Walter (45*). Losing the toss, and being sent into bat, Olly made a surprising (ahem) decision to open the attack with a Ponsford-Malcolm combination. But it proved to be a masterful choice, when Ponsford had one opener caught at slip to a Keith Whiter catch in his first over, and then bowled numbers 2 and 4, all for no runs. Meanwhile, Malcolm had the other opener caught low down at mid-off by Olly Walter, and Iffley were 9 for 4 after four overs. At that point Walter made his second surprising decision to take Ponsford out of the attack, never to return, to the bewilderment of his teammates. Nevertheless, a bit of a landslide looked on the cards, and it may be that Walter wanted to share some love along the rest of his bowlers. Unfortunately, that did not happen much. Sankaravel, Symons, Whiter and Standbury all threw their hat into the ring as the middle order fought back, but apart from a fourth ball wicket from Symons, the wickets dried up and the Iffley score grew to credible proportions as the field started to leak runs. A real game changer was the run out of Iffley's Bill Smith for 40, after Whiter had brought Malcolm in to the wicket to defend simple runs to mid-on and the two combined to take the wicket after an over-eager Smith misread the chance of a quick single. But Harding at 7 and Morton at 8 continued to score with relative ease, and by the close the visitors had recorded a respectable total of 129. After the early clatter of wickets saw Isis in a spot of poo, it was Olly Walter, in partnerships with Suresh, Jakey and Matt Stanbury, that turned the tables, and as the pressure got to the bowlers Isis were helped by a hatful of extras and some telling boundaries in the last 5 overs. Needing 53 from 5 overs, the batsmen worked the field and miraculous finding themselves needing to win at the final over. After three balls they needed 6 and after four they needed 5, at the cost of a Matt Stanbury (16) run out. But perhaps that was tactical as Walter smashed the penultimate ball over the bowlers's head for 4 to bring the scores level, and then placed the final ball over the now close-in field for the winning run.