

# 16/08/2017 Wolvercote

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 D. Valsan	Run Out			0
2 A. Bevan	LBW			6
3 S. Cooper	Bowled			16
4 H. Stoneman	Caught			36
5 P. Jacobs	LBW			4
6 K. Malcolm	Caught			0
7 K.H. Whiter	Bowled			4
8 A. East	Run Out			0
9 N. Sankaravel	Not Out			8
10 E. Hyde	Not Out			0
11 K. Ponsford				0
			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>74</b>
			Byes	7
			Leg Byes	0
			Wides	4
			No Balls	1
			<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>86</b>
				for 8 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	12	0	0.00	3.00	0.00
2 K. Ponsford	4	1	17	2	8.50	4.25	12.00
3 N. Sankaravel	4	1	9	1	9.00	2.25	24.00
4 S. Cooper	3	4	19	2	9.50	6.33	9.00
5 A. East	2	0	16	0	0.00	8.00	0.00
6 K. Malcolm	1	0	9	0	0.00	9.00	0.00
7 D. Valsan	1	0	4	0	0.00	4.00	0.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>86</b>				
	Byes		1				
	Leg Byes		0				
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>87</b>				
							for 5 wickets

<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Catches</u>
H. Stoneman	1

<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Stumpings</u>
E. Hyde	1

### Match Report

My old ticker may not be able to stand this. In a low-scoring game, Isis came within two balls of defending 86 in another thriller, although Wolvercote deserved their victory after batting in a near darkness for the final overs. Stand-in captain Keith Whiter proved a bloody good tosser, and Isis had the luxury of batting in daylight. But the Wolvercote attack combined well to bowl length, line and variable pace to confound the batsmen. Steve Cooper (16) and Harry Stoneman (36) were the pick of the batsmen, although the former scored most of those runs in one over and was bowled second-ball of the next. But Stoneman showed maturity beyond his norm to hold the innings together and was unfortunate to be caught late on valiantly trying to get his side to three figures. So, an easy target one would think, but a stodgy wicket proved to be the same for both sides, and after some early economy from the Whiter-Ponsford attack, and an excellent change spell from Sankaravel and Cooper, Wolvercote were far from comfortable at 51-3 after 14. When Ponsford (disobeying the captain's orders and smelling the blood of the only weak batsmen in the line-up) took his first wicket, and then a second to another very good Hyde stumping, Wolvercote needed 36 from the last 5 overs to win. In the dimmest of light, they gave East a bit of tap to reduce the target to 26 and while Malcolm and Valsan combined to try and stifle the scoring from one end, Steve Cooper returned for the death overs from the other, and picked up the fifth wicket to a Harry Stoneman catch. At the last the visitors needed 7 to win, and with Cooper sportingly bowling an appropriate pace for the light, they edged closer needing 3 from two balls. The batsman flashed and edged to third-man and a desperate chase to the boundary by the youngest man on the field ended in vain. Given that Isis were fielding with a couple of injured crocks (Bevan, Jacobs), a trio of old crocks (Whiter, East, Ponsford) and a hatful of leaky hands (Valsan, Sankaravel and Bevan) they did well. But catches win matches, and we will never know if an unlikely victory might have been won had the opener with nine lives perished instead of carrying his bat for 28. Well done Harry Stoneman though, for holding on to one!