

09/08/2020 Clapham In C.C.

Venue: Home Format: Limited Overs

Result: Won

by 3 wickets

<u>Batsmen</u>	<u>How Out</u>	<u>Sixes</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 D. Penhallurick	LBW	0	20
2 J. Walter	Caught	0	0
3 R. Kella	Bowled	0	1
4 P. Jacobs	Not Out	0	60
5 J. Ponsford	Caught	0	27
6 K.H. Whiter	Bowled	0	9
7 A. East	Run Out	0	4
8 K. Malcolm	Run Out	0	4
9 L. Malcolm	Not Out	0	2
10 R. Blatchford		0	0
11 K. Ponsford		0	0
	Subtotal		127
	Byes		3
	Leg Byes		6
	Wides		6
	No Balls		6
	Grand Total		148

for 7 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 J. Ponsford	8	2	16	3	5.33	2.00	16.00
2 K.H. Whiter	1	0	13	0	0.00	13.00	0.00
3 R. Blatchford	8	0	35	1	35.00	4.38	48.00
4 K. Malcolm	7	0	35	3	11.67	5.00	14.00
5 A. East	3	0	22	0	0.00	7.33	0.00
6 J. Walter	6	1	13	1	13.00	2.17	36.00
7 K. Ponsford	2.5	0	11	1	11.00	4.40	17.00
	Subtotal		145				
	Byes		0				
	Leg Byes		2				
	Grand Total		147				

for 9 wickets

<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Catches</u>
A. East	1
P. Jacobs	1
J. Ponsford	1

Club Records Against Clapham In C.C. since 2004

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Abandoned</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>
3	1	0	2	0	0

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Result</u>
07/07/2018	Queens	Limited Overs	Lost by 129 runs
06/07/2019	Home	Limited Overs	Lost by 162 runs
09/08/2020	Home	Limited Overs	Won by 3 wickets

Match Report – The Perfect Match

Simply terrific! This was one of those games you want to cuddle up to in the dark days of winter. In hot and humid conditions the Stanton St John pitch looked majestic (almost Queens-like) with a well-cut outfield and a pretty good wicket (but one that occasionally still gave a surprising bounce). As is synonymous with this fixture the pre-match greetings were cordial before winning the toss, the visitors elected to bat first. In two previous encounters Isis suffered >100 run losses against Clapham, and it was right that they should bat first anyway against an Isis team that on paper looked to be lacking batting depth. But as proved the case it was one with lots of heart.

Clapham were given a bit of a head start when Keith Whiter again found his shoulder prevented proper bowling and in the early exchanges things looked ominous for Isis on a pitch that is notoriously hard to defend. But with Jonners Ponsford (8-2-16-3) and Roy Blatchford (8-0-35-1) bowling good opening spells their endeavours were matched with a steady fall of wickets. When the bowling changes had to be made Isis were still in the game and the replacements did not disappoint. Young Kieron Malcolm (7-0-35-3) took an over to settle, but when he got his length and line right picked up another 3-wicket haul. Joe Walter economically held up the other end giving the ball air and picking up a wicket, while Allan East and Keith Ponsford shared the remaining overs, the latter partnering with his son to capture the final wicket (Clapham were down to 10 men) with 5 overs to spare. While Clapham punished any bad balls, to a man the Isismen had bowled and fielded well, with a stunning one-handed catch from East and a good grab from behind the stumps from the sylph-like Paul Jacobs being the highlights. 148 required to win.

The players found some much needed shelter to enjoy their picnic teas for 20-minutes or so, before taking to the field again, the sun still beating down and the game nicely poised. Now ordinarily, Isis would fancy themselves to chase down 148 runs, but (without offence to anybody) a weakened batting line up against a good bowling attack were likely to find it a tall order. But like England on the day before, there was lots of hope.

The innings started poorly though, with both stand-in opener Joe Walter and the enigmatic Ravi Kella at 3 both falling cheaply. But Dave Penhallurick and no.4 Paul Jacobs got the innings going, defending when necessary but also picking up good runs from the inevitable bad balls. Steady progress was made until the partnership was sadly broken in the 17th over with the score on 54, when Mr. P (20) was given out LBW by Kieran "Trigger" Malcolm under some pressure from the baying Clapham fielders for the second time in two balls. "Going down leg-side" was the verdict from the side-lines, but to no consequence – the finger was up and he was out. That brought Jonathan Ponsford to the middle and a Butler&Woakes-style partnership ensued, the two confidently adding 48 runs to the total in about 11 overs, before Clapham's Smith brothers combined to prize out Ponsford for 27, caught behind. That then set up a nervy end-game, with 46 runs still needed and the long Isis tail exposed. Keith Whiter found the boundary a couple of times in a mini-partnership of 17 before being bowled, and Allan East and Kieron Malcolm added 6 and 4 respectively but were both run out in different but slightly bizarre fashions. With Blatchford and Ponsford-senior in their customary 10 and 11 that meant U15 Luke Malcolm, making his Isis debut, was sent in to the fray. He went in a boy and came back a man, having held up his end while Paul Jacobs, who had batted quite heroically since the sixth over, shepherded Isis to victory with a ball to spare. The last few overs saw an increasingly tense Clapham add a few extras, one an expensive no-ball which Jacobs clipped to the boundary, and the champagne moment could well have been a defensive push from Malcolm which Jacobs ran for the single before Clapham shied at the young man's target but missed to add a bungler and get Jacobs back on strike. The winning run, a typical Jacobs' clip to third-man, was scored from the penultimate ball of the innings and both sides stood to applaud the hero of the hour as he raised his carried bat with 60 unbeaten runs to his name. It may not have been his biggest score ever, but it was surely his best and with Clapham gracious in defeat and smiles plastered across the Isis faces, both sides enjoyed a well-earned beer to celebrate what was for everybody who took part a perfect match.

Keith Whiter