

# 30/06/2021 Oxfordshire County

Venue: Home Format: 20/20

**Result: Won**

by 9 wickets

<u>Batsmen</u>	<u>How Out</u>	<u>Sixes</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 L. Blatchford	Not Out	0	46
2 A. Beavan	Caught	0	3
3 M. Stanbury	Not Out	0	50
4 L. Bowles		0	0
5 P. Jacobs		0	0
6 J. Ponsford		0	0
7 K.H. Whiter		0	0
8 N.H.R. Wyatt		0	0
9 J. Walter		0	0
10 R. Blatchford		0	0
11 K. Ponsford		0	0
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>99</b>
	Byes		2
	Leg Byes		0
	Wides		2
	No Balls		2
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>105</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. Ponsford	4	0	10	3	3.33	2.50	8.00
2 R. Blatchford	4	0	17	1	17.00	4.25	24.00
3 N.H.R. Wyatt	4	1	18	2	9.00	4.50	12.00
4 J. Ponsford	4	0	33	0	0.00	8.25	0.00
5 J. Walter	4	0	26	2	13.00	6.50	12.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>104</b>				
	Byes		0				
	Leg Byes		0				
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>104</b>				

for 8 wickets

<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Catches</u>
P. Jacobs	1
J. Ponsford	1
N.H.R. Wyatt	1

<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Stumpings</u>
P. Jacobs	1

A fantastic team performance saw Isis defeat Oxfordshire County Council in this Wednesday evening cup encounter. OCC had kindly provided a non-playing minor counties umpire and it was agreed that he would umpire both ends throughout the match. There was a really sense of competition as the teams took the field, with the visitors electing to bat after winning the toss. KP and Roy were again asked to open the bowling and it was soon clear that pace-off was a good strategy on a wicket that offered good bounce and an outfield that was perhaps a little longer than we are used to. All through, Isis did a great job in the field to contain runs and restrict the scoring. Two of Roy's overs were saved for the death, and Nick Wyatt was deployed to bowl a couple of very good overs worth only four runs. Meanwhile wicket-machine KP finished his spell and finished with fantastic figures of 4-0-10-3, bagging dangerous batsmen along the way for not many. Jonners, who was still nursing a calf injury and bowled off of a short run-up, replaced him. Isis had restricted the score to only 40 from 10 overs and there was a real buzz in the field. Nevertheless with Wyatt and the younger Ponsford running in, the OCC batsmen began to enjoy the added pace, and Joe Walter was instead brought on to bowl his spell, leaving two Wyatt overs in reserve. Most importantly Joe broke the middle-order partnerships through a fantastic running catch from Jonners and a smart stumping from keeper Paul Jacobs. The last four overs went for 22 runs, but the earlier good work and zero extras (well done bowlers and keeper) meant that the target set by OCC was restricted to only 104. With Isis confident, OCC skipper Umar Mehmood had clearly been watching earlier and he too elected for pace-off from the start. The early overs saw very few runs scored and Alex Beavan lost his wicket trying to accelerate. Had there been more pace on the ball, his shot to the square-leg boundary would have surely carried the boundary, but as it was he was caught in the deep for 3. Matt Stanbury joined Luke Blatchford in the middle and for several overs the two of them were bogged down by slowish length and line bowling and the OCC in-out field. With the score at 39 from 11 overs the watching Isismen were definitely getting twitchy. But with the bowling changes and a sudden show of intent, the two batsmen started to score freely. As they found gaps in the field, so OCC retreated further back towards the boundary and a feature of the successful chase was excellent strike rotation, picking off singles and twos with relative ease, interspersed with a few 4's each as they settled into their work and found the gaps. So absorbing was the chase and so well paced, that the scorers failed to realise that Matt reached an unbeaten 50 and Luke fell just short with a well-made 46 as they passed the finishing post with two full overs remaining. Isis can take great satisfaction from a most complete and satisfying victory. Having shared the points with Aldworth in the cancelled round 2 match, Isis can now look forward to their third-round clash with Ipsden on 11th July. Win that one, and Isis are in the final!