

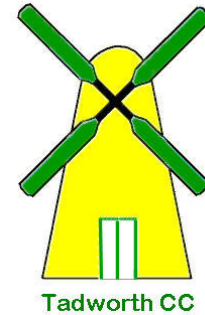
SURREY DOWNS LEAGUE - 2008

DIVISION 4 - Week 17 of 18

23rd August 2008

CAPEL v TADWORTH

TADWORTH 2 nd Xi	207 FOR 3 dec
CAPEL 2 nd Xi	142 FOR 9



RESULT: Tadworth winning draw.

Credit to Capel for their stout resistance but this was a game where the best side definitely did not win, with the spin of the coin having a considerable bearing on the end result. Had Tadworth been chasing rather than setting, the outcome would most certainly have been different.

Hosts Capel put Tadworth in with Mark Davison (64) and Peter Cullen(57) giving the visitors a perfect start putting on 129 for the first wicket. Davison was the first to go, run out when failing to make his ground, and having sat in the pavilion for nearly an hour and a half Gary Mason then came to the crease. With plenty of runs on the board Mason decided to take the initiative only to find a safe pair of hands on the boundary and he was on his way back without troubling the scorer.

Cullen went only 10 runs later but by now Tadworth were on a comfortable 144 for 3. Craig Stevenson, needing a confidence booster having lost his place in the 1st X1, was then joined by skipper Gary Sewell who nursed him through another run scoring partnership the pair putting on another 63 before Sewell closed the innings after 43 overs the visitors having made 207 for 3. Gary Sewell with 30 not out and Craig Stevenson 18 not out, a big step towards getting his place back in the ones.

Tadworth juggled the early bowling attack and apart from Jacques none of the Capel batsmen really settled. The early introduction of spinner Saffras Ahamed brought about the fall of the first wicket when he had Lee caught behind by Ian Napier with only 17 runs on the board.

A brief spell of resistance saw the introduction of the new ball and another breakthrough with Ward, Mitchell and Drage all going cheaply, Mason picking up two of the wickets and Gareth Wallis the other, the score now 84 for 4 with Capel in trouble but mainstay Jacques still there. Capel captain Grove was next man in and starting to look a threat to the Tadworth bowlers but a brilliant catch at point off a fierce square cut held on to by Gary Sewell brought about his departure.

The next man to go was the one the visitors wanted and it was another superb catch this time by Paul Griffiths out at deep long on that saw the end of Jacques his fighting 51 having given his side's score respectability.

With 7 wickets down for only 106 it was shut up shop time for Capel and although Tadworth did take two further wickets the last pair held firm and at close forced the draw, their total at the close 142 for 9.

Gary Mason was again the the best of the bowlers with 4 for 25 ably supported by Saffras Ahamed with 3 for 34.

This weeks report by a little Scottish lass.

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