

SURREY DOWNS LEAGUE – DIVISION 4

OCKLEY CC v TADWORTH CC

SATURDAY 14th JUNE 2008

OCKLEY 2ND X1 - 84 ALL OUT

TADWORTH 2ND X1 - 85 FOR 1

Tadworth won by 9 wickets

Tadworth visited lowly positioned Ockley and although not firing on all cylinders themselves polished off the opposition with the least amount of effort.

The hosts batting first lost early wickets with Chalkly and Griffiths sharing 4 wickets, each taking 2 for 23. Chalkly put so much 'sole' into his early overs that the bottom of his boot came adrift and while he was off the field having repairs, skipper Gary Sewell decided to have his arm over, to which vice captain Peter Cullen remarked 'that makes a change'. It was however a wise decision as Sewell (1 for 4) in his only over bowled the early mainstay Holt for 14.

At 24 for 5 it looked like another before tea finish but Hague and Hopkins had other ideas taking the score on to 72 before Tadworth's change bowlers England and Mason made the breakthrough. Hague went for 36 and Hopkins 9 but after that Ockley collapsed being all out for 84, England finished with 3 for 13 and Mason 2 for 17.

Although chasing a small target and to avoid middle order nerves it was important to get a solid start and this was provided by Mark Robinson, and this time with his batting hat on, Gary Mason. The pair put on 59 for the first wicket before Mason (41) returned a catch to bowler Patel.

Robinson was then joined by Cullen and the pair carried Tadworth through to victory. Cullen scored 16 not out and Robbo the Resistor (not to be confused with Dora the Explorer or when someone upsets him Conan the Barbarian) carried his bat through a stalwart patient innings scoring the same unbeaten 16.

A nine wicket win and four points short of a maximum.

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