

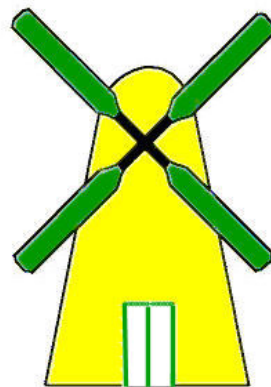
SURREY DOWNS LEAGUE – DIVISION 4

TADWORTH v CAPEL
SATURDAY 21 JUNE 2008

CAPEL 2ND X1 155 FOR 8
TADWORTH 2ND X1 127 FOR 9 (6 Points)

Winning draw for Capel

Another match where Tadworth had the capabilities and the opportunities to win, the bowlers taking 8 opposition wickets with the batsmen again failing to reach the set target.



Tadworth CC

Capel batting first had an early escape with the openers then going on to score 54, a total that Tadworth did not want to see up on the scoreboard on a day where the wicket was damp and the outfield was wet and holding

The first wicket did however fall following bowling changes at both ends when Gary Mason sent back Lee caught and bowled for 17. At the other end bowler in form Paul Griffiths made another breakthrough bowling Thurgood who went for 33, the wickets then starting to fall.

Mason and Griffiths had bowled Tadworth back into the game and at 88 for 5 the hosts were at last starting to look comfortable. Some brief middle order resistance did take the score on to 101 before the 6th visiting batsman was back in the pavillion the hard work seemingly done. It was at this point however that Tadworth seemed to lose their way, whether it was loss of concentration, job done, or maybe the Capel lower order were under estimated, but the last two wickets put on a priceless 54 enabling the innings to close on 155 for 8 which under the conditions was a more than reasonable total.

Paul Griffiths being again the most successful of the Tadworth bowlers picking up 4 more wickets for 21, Gary Mason doing his share and proving what an asset he is becoming by taking 3 for 28.

During the tea interval drizzle made the outfield even more damp and it became obvious that boundaries were going to be hard to come by, but the target of just over three an over still seemed achievable.

Out of form and short of confidence has been the order of the day for many of the Tadworth run getters and today was unfortunately no exception, wickets started to fall and at 50 for 4 the home side were struggling.

As with two weeks ago Mark Davison and Gary Mason stopped the rot the pair taking the score on to 91 before Mason lost his leg stump, he had though hit a valuable 26. The run rate required was falling behind and with wickets going down at the other end Davison decided to take the initiative but he fell to Jacques while going for a big hit, his battling 45 not quite enough.

Very few more runs were added by the Tadworth tail and it was left to the last pair Goldstein and Napier to play out the draw. The overs ran out with Tadworth on 129 for 9 and best of the Capel bowlers was Jacques with 4 for 32.

Ian 'Capel'able ? (time will tell)

aka – Brian Chalkly

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