

SURREY DOWNS LEAGUE - DIVISION 4
TADWORTH CC v EAST HORSLEY CC
SATURDAY 7 JUNE 2008

EAST HORSLEY 176 FOR 9
TADWORTH 156 FOR 5

WINNING DRAW FOR EAST HORSLEY

Batting first and despite losing an early wicket visitors East Horsley looked comfortable against the home side's opening bowling attack.

At 31for1 bowling changes at both ends had an immediate affect with Gary Mason taking a wicket with his very first delivery. At the other end Paul Griffiths also had early successes and at 80 for 4 East Horsley were in some trouble. Although he had given two or three chances the East Horsley captain Brown was still there and when joined by Fox the pair stabilised the situation taking the score to 121 when Brown skied a Griffiths delivery to Ross Dodsworth and was on his way back to the pavillion having made a vital 52.

Griffiths and Mason were now into the visitors middle order and another wicket fell to Griffiths only 10 runs later. At 162 Fox also went having hit an aggressive 41, caught deep on the mid wicket boundary by Paul Matthews.

A late flourish took East Horsley on to 176 for 9 with the innings closing after 46 overs. Paul Griffiths was the key Tadworth bowler with figures of 5 for 71 ably supported by Gary Mason's 3 for 48.

Tadworth also had an early setback losing Barrett with only 10 runs on the board, co opener Sewells new partner was Mark Davison and they put on another 35 before Sewell was bowled off his pads. Gary Mason made his way to the crease looking comfortable until he received from Golder probably the best ball of the match which spread eagled his stumps, now at 53 for 3 Tadworth were in trouble.

Dodsworth then joined Davison and between them they added 64 more runs when Dodsworth was out for a valuable 27, the score then 117 for 4. By now though Tadworth had dropped considerably behind the run rate required and with spin at both ends and the field out a big hitter was needed. The likely contender had to be Paul Matthews but when just starting to open up he was run out failing by inches to make his ground. Paul Griffiths was next in but by then the cause was lost and at 156 for 5 Tadworth ran out of overs.

East Horsleys best bowling Golder with 2 for 32.

A game Tadworth not necessarily should have won, but a game they could have won. The opportunity was there, the bowlers had kept up the sequence by taking 9 wickets but the target of 176 in 44 overs at a rate of 4 an over once again proved a bridge too far.

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