



Grace's Cricket Club

Match Report

Grace's CC v Bharat Olympians CC

20th July 2008

Graces returned to winning ways in their Middlesex Sunday League Division 1 fixture against Bharat Olympians on the lush surroundings of the Metropolitan Police Sports Ground, spoiled only by a persistent chill wind blowing across the ground. On winning the toss Graces invited the home side to bat but then skipper Dean Stockinger sprang a surprise by opening his attack with a combination of the pace of Shofiq and the leg spin of Shorrocks. Both bowlers limited the scoring opportunities and when Shofiq made the breakthrough in the seventh over the score had only reached sixteen. The scoring rate did increase but a total of 180 for 8 wickets on a good pitch never looked enough runs. All of Graces bowlers performed well with Shofiq claiming three wickets, Ainsworth two and Modi and S. Mendis one each with one run out.

In reply Graces got off to a stuttering start, losing both Shorrocks and Whitmore with only eighteen runs on the board but after a steady start a fine stand of seventy-eight between Stockinger and S. Mendis put graces in charge before the former misjudged one and was bowled for forty-six. Mendis went on to make a fine sixty-nine only to be caught with just two runs required for victory. along the way he received from Modi with eleven and Shofiq with thirty not out. Graces winning by five wickets with five overs to spare.

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