



Grace's Cricket Club

Match Report

Grace's CC v Washington CC

27th July 2008

After the chill winds of the previous week, Graces were delighted to have won the toss and chose to bat on what was perhaps the hottest day of the year. As this was a friendly match, skipper Stockinger was able to juggle both his batting and bowling line up, thus giving players, who perhaps don't always get the opportunity, a chance to shine. Graces got off to a slow start against an accurate Washington attack and when the second wicket fell in the ninth over there were only twenty-one on the board. Enter Grant Mappin, enjoying a great season with both bat and ball. When he departed after top edging a catch to long leg he had faced just twenty-seven balls for his fifty-one. S.Mendis continued to take the fight to the opposition, with good support from Benjamin and Whitmore but it was two superb catches by Washington skipper Hill, that was to prevent Graces from posting a really big score. First a diving catch at mid wicket to dismiss Mendis for forty when in full flow and later another diving catch at long on to end Shofiq's innings just as he was looking dangerous. Graces finished on one hundred and ninety-four all out in the thirty-fifth over.

Washington got off to a poor start losing a wicket to Bielby's first ball but their progress was steady and it was Bielby again with a great caught and bowled who claimed the second wicket on fifty-nine. Then came a fine stand between Holt and Irons and when the one-fifty came up without further loss Washington appeared to be cruising to victory but a double bowling change brought on Mappin and Mendis and from cruising Washington were sunk. In the next twelve overs they lost their last eight wickets for thirty runs with Mappin taking six for eighteen and Mendis two for ten, giving Graces victory by thirteen runs.