



Grace's Cricket Club

Match Report

Grace's CC v Harrow St. Mary's CC

3rd August 2008

The vagaries of the English Summer were once again very much to the fore, after chill winds and heat waves, last Sunday's damp rainy weather in the end proved to be Graces savior. Batting first in the damp conditions the home side got away to a fine start and were soon scoring at a rate of six an over. A rate that was only to increase. The opening partnership was into the seventies before Graces had their first success and it was only with the introduction of Mappin that brought some relief to the visitors. His spell of eight overs produced three wickets for forty-two. Graces fielding in the past few games has seen a drop in standard in both ground fielding and catching but the three chances that eluded them in this game were all extremely difficult though they might have influenced the outcome. As it was Harrow finished their forty overs on 277 for 6

Graces innings began badly with the early loss on While soon followed by skipper Stockinger. The Aussie pairing of Shorrocks and Mappin looked as though the damage would be repaired but they flattered to deceive, both departing in their twenties. S. Mendis and Shofiq looked confident, turning down an offer of bad light, before the latter holed out in the deep. With seven wickets down for just one hundred and nineteen and defeat staring them in the face, the rain that had been falling, worsened bringing the players off and the abandonment of the game with just nine balls to bowl to complete twenty overs. At which stage a result could have been arrived at. As it was the match was abandoned as a draw, a result that flattered Graces.