



Grace's Cricket Club

Match Report

Metropolitan Police CC v Grace's CC

24th May 2009

Grace's 182 for 9 wickets in 45 overs. Met Police 172 all out in 44.1 overs. Grace's won by 10 runs.

Grace's travelled to Imber Court to take on the Metropolitan Police in a friendly match. Grace's won the toss and elected to bat on the flattest of surfaces that until recently was hosting county cricket. However, Grace's upper order failed to capitalise on the batsman-friendly conditions and the team slumped to 65 for six. Enter Grace's all-rounder Nadeem Shofiq, who turned the innings around, clubbing an undefeated 104 (his eighth century for the club). During his innings, Shofiq passed 4,000 career runs for Grace's. Tail ender Mark Radford provided dogged support for Shofiq in the final overs and ensured Grace's posted a respectable total.

In reply, Met Police appeared to be on course for victory throughout their innings. But wickets fell at regular intervals and no batsman was really able to settle. Grace's stuck to their task, bowling and fielding tenaciously. Shofiq followed up his century with top bowling figures of 4-23. A nail biting finish ensued with Met Police needing just eleven off the final over. But the home side ultimately ran out of wickets and fell ten runs short of their target, handing Grace's their second victory of the season.