

## 02/06/2024 Stonor

Venue: Away Format: Limited Overs

**Result: Won**

by 1 run

<u>Batsmen</u>	<u>How Out</u>	<u>Sixes</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 H. Rees	LBW	0	0
2 M. Abi	LBW	1	63
3 O. Walter	Caught	0	30
4 R. Stephenson	Bowled	0	19
5 P. Jacobs	Caught	0	13
6 J. Walter	Not Out	0	14
7 A. Symons	Not Out	0	0
8 K.H. Whiter		0	0
9 N.H.R. Wyatt		0	0
10 A. East		0	0
11 W. Wyatt		0	0
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>139</b>
	Byes		5
	Leg Byes		1
	Wides		6
	No Balls		1
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>152</b>

for 5 wickets

<u>Bowler</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Mdns</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Av.</u>	<u>Econ.</u>	<u>S.R.</u>
1 A. Symons	5	2	15	0	0.00	3.00	0.00
2 N.H.R. Wyatt	7	1	27	2	13.50	3.86	21.00
3 K.H. Whiter	7	0	23	0	0.00	3.29	0.00
4 A. East	7	0	36	0	0.00	5.14	0.00
5 W. Wyatt	6	0	26	2	13.00	4.33	18.00
6 J. Walter	1	0	10	0	0.00	10.00	0.00
7 R. Stephenson	2	0	13	2	6.50	6.50	6.00
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>150</b>				
	Byes		1				
	Leg Byes		0				
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>151</b>				

for 7 wickets

<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Catches</u>	<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Run Outs</u>
M. Abi	1	A. East	1
P. Jacobs	1		
R. Stephenson	1		
N.H.R. Wyatt	1		

A beautiful afternoon, bathed in sunshine but with a lovely cooling breeze, saw Isis arrive at a quintessentially beautiful ground set in a valley in the Chiltern Hills, about 4 miles north of Henley-on-Thames. While a timed game was discussed, the captains agreed a 35-over format, and winning the toss for once, Isis elected to bat first. The early overs saw Isis pegged back a bit, with pace at one end and off-spin at the other, new man Hugh Rees losing his wicket in the opening salvo with only 1 run on the board. But the young paceman withdrew after a set of only 3 overs and with Olly Walter (30) and Abi B together a fine partnership of 83 runs ensued, broken only when the former man played a drive to deep mid-off in the 20<sup>th</sup> over and was out to a well-taken catch. Rich Stephenson joined the fray, but it was Abi who was in and playing the more aggressive, punishing anything short or over pitched with some lusty blows down the hill to the on or cow-corner boundary. A fine knock of 63 ended for Abi only when he was adjudged LBW, following a desperate and guttural appeal, with the score on 109 and eleven overs to go. The young paceman was restored to the attack and while Stephenson (19) and Paul Jacobs (13) played solidly, the run rate slowed and Stephenson was bowled in the 28<sup>th</sup> over after only 17 runs had been added to the total. Captain Joe (14\*) joined Jacobs (13) in the middle and defended well while finding the boundary on a couple of occasions. The latter lost his wicket, caught in the penultimate over, the innings finishing with Isis on 152 and a definitely gettable target. A delightful tea in the sunshine was spoiled only when the players had to return to the pitch some 30 minutes later, and Isis knew they were going to have to field well if they were going to defend their opening score. The Stonor reply followed an almost identical pattern to the Isis score, with Nick Wyatt and Alf Symons opening the attack and the former gaining a caught and bowled with only 9 on the board. Stonor then put on a stand of 91 for the second wicket. Keith Whiter and Allan East bowled tight spells in the middle overs without success, but contained the scores sufficiently to get past the drinks break and leave Stonor with some 60-odd to get in 11 overs. William Wyatt replaced Whiter at one end, and Joe bowled an over at the other that the more aggressive number 3 took a shine to. Joe made a good decision to bring Stephenson in for a couple of overs to stop the rot and remove both set batsmen, bowled and caught smartly behind respectively. A telling spell for sure, but just as impressive was the six over spell from young Wyatt at the other end, repaying the captain's faith with six economic overs and a hat-trick chance, after claiming two wickets in successive balls to an LBW appeal and a catch from Alf Symons. With his Dad returning for the death overs, picking up a second wicket to a Stephenson catch, the final over was awarded to Alf Symons, restored to the attack with 11 runs needed. Thankfully, a nervous full-bunger was lobbed to the keeper rather than flying to the boundary, and despite that being no-balled the final ball of the innings was bowled with four runs needed for a Stonor win. Seen almost in slow motion, this was fielded at square leg, relayed via Allan East at mid-wicket and a run out was secured by the bowler as the batsman failed to make his ground for the third run. And so Isis escaped with the narrowest of victories after a fantastic afternoon's entertainment, and the players withdrew to the nearby Rainbow Inn for a well-deserved after-match beer. One of those delightful games that is sure to live in the memory, perfectly hosted by the friendly and sporting Stonor at a truly stunning venue.