

04/06/2024 United Oxford Hospitals

Result: Abandoned

Venue: Home Format: 20/20

| <u>Batsmen</u> | <u>How Out</u> | <u>Sixes</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 R. Stephenson | Not Out | 1 | 63 |
| 2 M. Abi | Bowled | 0 | 32 |
| 3 O. Walter | Caught | 0 | 18 |
| 4 V. Kumar | LBW | 0 | 0 |
| 5 J. Ponsford | Bowled | 0 | 15 |
| 6 J. Walter | Run Out | 0 | 6 |
| 7 K.H. Whiter | Not Out | 0 | 1 |
| 8 N.H.R. Wyatt | Not Out | 0 | 1 |
| 9 J. Asplet | | 0 | 0 |
| 10 R. Blatchford | | 0 | 0 |
| 11 A. Wyatt | | 0 | 0 |
| | Subtotal | | 136 |
| | Byes | | 3 |
| | Leg Byes | | 2 |
| | Wides | | 7 |
| | No Balls | | 3 |
| | Grand Total | | 151 |

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 N.H.R. Wyatt | 3 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 17.00 | 5.67 | 18.00 |
| 2 J. Asplet | 2 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 J. Ponsford | 3.4 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0.00 | 6.82 | 0.00 |
| 4 K.H. Whiter | 4 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 0.00 | 8.75 | 0.00 |
| 5 R. Blatchford | 3 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 8.50 | 5.67 | 9.00 |
| | Subtotal | | 114 | | | | |
| | Byes | | 2 | | | | |
| | Leg Byes | | 3 | | | | |
| | Grand Total | | 119 | | | | |

for 3 wickets

| <u>Fielder</u> | <u>Catches</u> |
|----------------|----------------|
| V. Kumar | 1 |
| R. Stephenson | 1 |

Yet another midweek game when eyes were turned to the skies and the forecast. The captains agreed to bowl 10 overs from one end then switch ends, in anticipation of rain having a say at some point. That it did, ruining what was turning out to be an intriguing run chase by Hospitals.

Earlier, Joe won the toss and elected to bat, sending in class batsman Rich Stephenson and in form Abi Badmanji. Cue an increasingly explosive opening partnership of 110 in 12 overs, with anything leg side in particular being punished by either batsman. Rich's selfless decision to retire after reaching 50 was a bit of a turning point, Abi unlucky to get bowled straight after to a ball that fell on the stumps via his pads. Hospitals sniffed the chance to halt momentum and give themselves a gettable target, their confidence increased when Vishnu Kumar was adjudged lbw first ball. 110 for 0 became effectively 110-3. Isis batters in the pavilion were furiously strapping up, umpires were swapped as hell broke loose for a while. Things calmed for a while with Olly and Jonners, and when the latter was bowled, Olly and skipper Joe aimed for a 150 score. The last over saw 2 wickets fall, first Joe in a runout by Olly 20 years in the making, Joe not even reaching halfway to the far end, followed by Olly being caught as he tried to eke out last minute runs for Isis.

151 is a very good midweek score, but Isis were well aware of the strength of the Hospitals batting. The opening salvo was from Nick Wyatt and Joe Asplet, though Captain Joe was keen to rotate the bowling regularly to not allow Hospitals to settle. With long off and long on set to counter the big hitting Chowdhrey, Jonners' dropped catch was not costly as the talented batter was dismissed soon after to an excellent long off catch by Stephenson. Hospitals kept up the momentum however, in spite of Roy Blatchford's tidy spell bringing 2 wickets, by this time danger man James Venables and Halfhead Sr were at the crease, requiring (and getting) 8 runs per over. With 35 needed from the last 4.1 overs, the skies turned black and a deluge started falling, forcing the players off and sadly an abandonment to what would surely have been a nail biting finish that could have gone either way. In the end both sides were happy to settle for the draw.

Joe Walter