

06/06/2024 Oxfam

Venue: Home Format: 20/20

Result: Lost

by 46 runs

<u>Batsmen</u>	<u>How Out</u>	<u>Sixes</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 W. Green	Bowled	1	18
2 H. Stoneman	Caught	0	17
3 J. Ponsford	Caught	0	28
4 H. Singh	LBW	0	1
5 S. Gregan	Bowled	0	0
6 M. Abi	Caught	0	9
7 P. Jacobs	Caught	0	0
8 J. Walter	Caught	0	0
9 J. Asplet	Not Out	0	8
10 K.H. Whiter	Caught	0	5
11 A. East	Not Out	0	12
Subtotal			98
Byes			0
Leg Byes			3
Wides			4
No Balls			0
Grand Total			105

for 9 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 J. Ponsford	4	0	35	2	17.50	8.75	12.00
2 H. Singh	3	0	23	0	0.00	7.67	0.00
3 K.H. Whiter	3	0	28	1	28.00	9.33	18.00
4 J. Asplet	4	0	23	2	11.50	5.75	12.00
5 A. East	4	0	21	3	7.00	5.25	8.00
6 J. Walter	2	0	20	0	0.00	10.00	0.00
Subtotal			150				
Byes			1				
Leg Byes			0				
Grand Total			151				

for 8 wickets

<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Catches</u>
W. Green	1
H. Singh	1

<u>Fielder</u>	<u>Stumpings</u>
P. Jacobs	2

A bit of a tonking this! Our first game against Oxfam, played at Stanton St John, started a little chaotically, Keith Whiter made captain-elect before the start, some late-arrivals and a no-show made the decision to field first a naïve one, although all that transpired after the toss. Back in 2012, we lost a cheeky little chap and a great teammate named Will Green to the land down under, and to joy of some of us old guard we learned he's back in Blighty for a spell and was guesting in this one. Well, a barrel-chested, bearded brute of a man, who spoke with a funny accent, emerged from one of the late cars and after borrowing kit from his good mate Jonners, took to the field just in time for play to start. Despite the bodily transformation, after the hugs and banter, there was no doubting that the old Will was back! And so, 10 men of Isis took to the field, and when the Oxfam batsman hooked, pulled and hit just about everything big to the boundary, a massive total seemed likely and bowling economies were going to surely suffer. Isis spent a fair bit of time in the trees, to be fair, but nevertheless four out of five bowlers took wickets and in particular Allan East got his tactics right for a three-for, Joe Asplet bagged his first couple of wickets of the season and John Ponsford took a couple too, bowling with typical flair. A 151 target was always going to be difficult, but Isis-interest was kept alive when that man Green hooked and pulled the first few overs, with Harry Stoneman keeping a watchful guard and rotating well. After pissing off the bowler with some of those big hits, Will wore one before then attempting to pull a good Yorker, which he missed and sadly his inning came to an end. Jonners entered the fray though and kept momentum going, but just as it looked like Isis might threaten the target he was caught, and with him hope faded. Middle-order bastmen then fell like nine-pins, hitting slow loopy bowlers to waiting catchers all around the wicket. The tail-end wagged a bit though and Asplet and East, brought some respectability to the proceedings ensuring Isis used all 20 overs and were able to get past the 100-run mark. And so we shut up shop, adjourned to the Talk House and blew the froth off a few tinnies with Mr Green as a good end to a bad day at the office. I do hope he is enticed back for another game or two before he returns to Aus in late July though.

Footnote: well done and thank you to the in-form Abi, who blanked that he was supposed to be playing, but answered the half-time call to come and strengthen our numbers, took to the field in the number 6 berth and at least had a go. All credit to you Abi, although you are still now the holder-elect of the 2024 duck award !!

See <http://www.isiscc.org.uk/2011%20Wyder%20Cup.pdf> for a photo of Will Green as he was, on Rich's right-hand shoulder

Keith Whiter