

**31/07/11: Ashford Kings Vs Cuddington Casuals; Cuddington win by 28 runs. Report by David Sattaur.**

Cuddington arrived for this fixture at the scene of their websites home page photos eager to make amends for the narrow defeat of last season, and confident of doing so after such a successful first half to the season. In the absence of Scott and Claude, Pete Sattaur took the captains duties and started well, winning the toss and deciding to bat first with a strong looking line-up.

**Cuddington Innings**

Adam Sat and Joe Knight opened the batting and the innings got off to a good start as Adam dispatched the first ball imperiously to the cover boundary. Adam looked in good form but was unfortunately dismissed in peculiar fashion as he left a ball he thought to be sliding down the legside, only for it to clip the leg stump bail. Joe meanwhile was looking fluent at the other end and was punishing the bad ball well. Mark Johnson was in at 3 but unfortunately didn't last as long as we have come to expect as he was strangled down the legside for just 9. Joe and Aman followed soon after, constituting something of a collapse and leaving the score on 71/4 approaching 20 overs.

Cuddington needed a partnership and many would have been glad to see the in-form Darren at the crease. He was joined by Rob and together they began to rebuild the innings amidst a fair amount of bizarre chat from the fielding side, which at times bordered on confrontational. They both batted very well and kept the runs ticking against some decent bowling, building a good platform for the last 6/7 overs. The two put on a vital 92 run partnership in good time. Once the partnership was broken, however, the innings tailed away. Just 12 runs were scored from the last 4 overs, and we finished our 40 overs on 183/8, a defensible score but probably a few below par.

**Ashford Kings Innings**

The bowling effort began with Pete Sat and Regan Heath and it was Regan who made the early breakthrough we needed, having their dangerous looking opener caught well by Darren at mid-off. Pete was then quick to remove their no.3, who top-edged a full toss to Regan at square leg, and was eager to let us know how crap the ball was as he walked off, without seeming to realise what this implied about his shot.

David Sat was then introduced into the attack along with Varu, and both bowled a tight line and length and kept the pressure on the batsmen. David bowled the other opener after having a close lbw turned down and the batsmen were struggling to score off either bowler. Feeling the pressure to score, the no.6 was soon brilliantly run out by Dave Cox without scoring, attempting a single that just wasn't there. We now looked on top with the score 62/4 from 20. The no.6, Pipe, came in and imposed himself straight away, batting outside of his crease and advancing down the pitch.

Varu continued his consistent spell and Aman entered the attack for a bit of extra pace. Varu was rewarded for his patience when he broke through a partnership that had the potential to put the game back in the balance. Aman and Varu were both beating the bat regularly and Varu soon picked up another, bowling their no.7 to cap an excellent spell of 2-25 from his 8. Regan then returned and picked up another well deserved wicket, leaving Ashford 7 wickets down and in trouble.

Ashford then began to fight back with their no.9 (aka the nutcase) hitting out and Pipe remaining solid at the other end. The partnership progressed to 40-odd in quick time before David was brought back. He speared in 5 consecutive yorkers, the last of which snuck through the defences of the no.9 and bowled him for 25. Cuddington remained in control from that point and after another economical over from Pete, David took the ninth wicket with some more full and straight bowling.

This left David three balls to bowl at the no.11 bat. He flung down another yorker which struck the batsman on the toe in front of middle. The whole team were up in unison for a big appeal but, somewhat predictably, the decision was not out. When asking the umpire to justify this, we were informed that he had turned down the appeal because "it pitched outside off stump". Hmm. Luckily it made no difference in the end; Pete bowled the no.6 who was by now swinging wildly looking for the 10 runs per over required, and Cuddington completed a very satisfying win by 28 runs.

### Cuddington Innings

BATSMAN	HOW OUT	BOWLER	SCORE
A Sattaur	B	Pipe	8 [12]
J Knight	Ct	Davis	30 [51]
M Johnson	Ct	Pipe	9 [30]
A Dhillon	Ct	Daye	9 [16]
D Axtell	St	Moore	42 [46]
R Brunton	B	Mears	43 [60]
D Cox	LBW	Moore	2 [5]
R Heath	RUN OUT		4 [10]
<b>D Sattaur</b>	<b>NOT OUT</b>		<b>1 [2]</b>
<b>Varu</b>	<b>NOT OUT</b>		<b>1 [2]</b>
P Sattaur			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>40 overs</b>	<b>183/8</b>

BOWLER	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS
Pipe	8	1	29	2
Wright	8	1	35	0
Daye	8	0	31	1
Davis	8	1	42	1
Moore	4	0	13	2
Mears	4	0	22	1

### Ashford Kings Innings

BATSMAN	HOW OUT	BOWLER	SCORE
Miller	B	D Sattaur	18
Perry	Ct Axtell	R Heath	10
Miah	Ct Heath	P Sattaur	0
Davies	B	Varu	15
Mumford	RUN OUT (D Cox)		0
Pipe	B	P Sattaur	54
Mears	B	Varu	4
Wright	Ct Johnson	Heath	0
Daye	B	D Sattaur	25
Moore	B	D Sattaur	1
<b>Young</b>	<b>NOT OUT</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>37.4 overs</b>	<b>155</b>

BOWLER	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS
R Heath	8	0	40	2
P Sattaur	7.4	0	25	2
D Sattaur	7	1	16	3
Varu	8	0	25	2
A Dhillon	4	0	16	0
D Axtell	3	0	15	0