

Wisborough Green C.C.

East Preston Vs Wisborough Green – 7/05/11

Wisborough Green 234 all out

East Preston 219 all out

Wisborough Green won by 15 runs

Wisborough Green travelled to the South Coast on Saturday to face East Preston. Tim Monday lost the toss, again, and was asked to bat first on a damp wicket, where early movement was predicted.

Sadler and Dodd opened the batting for Wisborough and what a start!!! Sadler with some elegant controlled straight driving and Tim “The Sledgehammer” Dodd who pummelled the bowling attack into submission. After 11 over's Dodd finally holed out, he had scored 53 off 29 balls and Wisborough were 74 for 1. Sadler (15) went pretty much straight away but now the Aussie Grant was at the wicket and kept the scoring rate moving at great pace. He hit the boundary with regularity and soon the score was over the hundred mark. Unfortunately wickets were falling at regular intervals and putting more and more pressure on him to keep the scoring rate moving. Grant finally fell for a superb 68 with still plenty of over's to use.

At 185/9 after only 28 over's, things looked rather awkward for Wisborough, this was still a good score but it would also give East Preston so much time to get the runs required to win. Enter 15 year old Eddie Wells who came out firing, he hammered 36 quick fire runs with Jamie Hopkins holding up one end and using the over's up who finished with 13 not out off 51 deliveries. The innings finished on a more healthy 234 all out and only giving East Preston 56 over's to get the winning runs.

East Preston's reply started slow but sure as they knew they had plenty of time to get the runs required, however on the drying wicket it was always going to be a challenging total. Williams (11) eventually skied one and was well caught by the young Wells, Miles (11) fell shortly after to the stamina man Thatcher. A change of bowling brought Grant into the attack and he bowled very tightly, but for 2 dropped catches in the slips would have had better figures than 1/18. Carter (27) was next to fall and things were looking good for Wisborough, however Sunderland and Smith, the Two batsmen now at the wicket had other ideas and proceeded to hit back with a partnership off 102 putting the pressure back on the Green. Sunderland fell for a well made 41 but Smith carried on carving and scooping all over the ground and when he fell for a little lucky 68 East Preston needed just 40 to win with 5 wickets remaining.

The reintroduction of Travena and Thatcher, however, shattered the lower order, the last 5 wickets fell for just 25 runs and left the jubilant Wisborough Green with the spoils of the day, another 30 points.

Monday said afterwards that “it was fantastic to get another 30 pts but dropping three catches wasn't good enough at this level, but let's enjoy the win and look forward to the arrival of Serendib next week”.



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