

Pagham C.C. V Wisborough Green C.C.

Venue: - Pagham C.C.

A warm, sunny afternoon awaited Wisborough Green for their first outing of 2011.

Wisborough were without their two superstars Ben Thatcher and Justin Grant so it would prove a tough challenge for the side.

Following closely in ex captain Jim Sadler's footsteps, Tim Monday lost the toss and was asked to field. New acquisition, Matt Travena, opened the bowling and after a stuttery first over found his line and length and major movement to return figures of 3/33 off 12 overs. From the start he had the keeper Hopkins Hopping behind the stumps, but he did keep very tidily. Dave Pleasants opened at the other end and again after a wayward start beat the outside edge on numerous occasions. Jamie Self, Tim Monday and Jack Elliott-Monday all bowled good line and length to finish with 1/31, 1/25 and 1/26 respectively. Overall a very pleasing fielding performance restricting Pagham to 171-7, only Finlayson (48) and Fuente (41) really contributed.

A good start was needed by Wisborough, bring on the Vickery's!! Ken and Frank opened the batting, with Ken hitting some lovely boundaries. Frank was first to depart for 19 closely followed by Self for 2.

Pleasants now joined Ken and a steady partnership followed, Pleasants cracking a confidence boosting 39. Ken was next to go for a lovely 37 leaving Wisborough needing 100 off 20 overs. Travena now joined in the fun, he and Pleasants started too set about the Pagham attack. Two massive sixes by Pleasants before he was bowled pushing the run rate. Travena continued to punish the attack with some well placed boundaries but fell within sight of the win, having scored 34. Hopkins came and went and with the overs running out it was left to Rob Rough (4), Elliott-Monday (9*) and skipper Monday (1*) to get over the finish line and a victory by 3 wickets.

Well done "The Green"

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