

# Dunstable Cricket Club vs Grayswood

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With last week's defeat fresh in our minds we are hopeful of repeating last year's victory over Grayswood. DCC superstar Matthew Richardson pulls up lame on the day. Luckily I have a reserve up my sleeve in the form of Tom MacFarlane a blowin suffering from "AfriKiwi". I'm sure you can get a cream from the chemist for that and it will clear up in

a day or so. Either that or he's South African who has been spending some time in the land of the long white cloud.

Nice tidy start from Adam, Peter however gets thrashed first two balls. He needs to wait till his second over to exact revenge bowling the aggressor. Their skipper is the other opener and he is slow and steady, his new partner makes the running and they accumulate a partnership as the bowling turns to Ross and new boy Tom.

Ross gets hammered for six first ball, to be fair the six wasn't as big as the six last week, you remember don't you Ross? Your first ball of the season wasn't it... Just saying. He gets hit for four next ball, not a happy bunny! Ross pulls it back and concedes 10 runs in his next six overs compared to the 11 in his first over

I take over from Tom and have the aggressor caught by Rob at mid-wicket in my first over. "It was the pace wot dun him" ... Or lack of it??

It takes a dead eye shy at the stumps from Peter at square leg to break the next partnership. Only one stump to aim at... Very Viv Richards! Meanwhile they have moved onto 3-97.

Conrad makes his debut for the season taking over from the luckless Ross. He bowls the new boy for a duck. We take aim at the stubborn skipper who has been usefully dotting his merry way but has finally decided to up the

aggression. Duly noted a few hand signals to Tom 🤞👉👊 and I silently push him ten years deeper at mid-wicket. CAUGHT straight down Tom's throat, I loved it when a plan comes together!! And people even saw it

as a 🙌 from Mike confirms. I don't just make this stuff up 😊



Hindsight tells me however maybe I should have left Conrad on finishing with figures of 2 wickets 6 runs off 2 overs!

Tom and Adam pick up one a piece to finish 40 overs. Grayswood finishing with 7-151

A lovely tea is followed by...

OF DUNSFORD		BY GRAYSWOOD		MATCH 40 OVERS		NO.			
BATSMAN	TIME/OVER	IN	OUT	4'S	6'S	BALLS/MTS	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1 P. PETERSEN			11				CT	T. MAC	2
2 M. BERRY			22, 12, 14				LBW	HIND	13
3 W. WIGMORE			1				BOWLED	KENT	1
4 R. WATKINS			2				BOWLED	HIND	2
5 P. COUENEY			14				CT	HIND	5
6 R. NASH							BOWLED	KENT	0
7 T. MAC			2				CT	HIND	2

Oops!

We had chosen to lend Grayswood a fielder so I even had the indignity of being caught by Tom my teammate on his first outing for the club! Time to start mentioning how far Japanese Rugby has come. Also a nice leave from Wigmore, hit the straight ones Wiggy. Poor Rogers return to cricket and the Dunsfold pitch has missed you mate. It reminds you of what it's capable of, it bounces mid-wicket only to hover all the way to the base of the stumps, welcome back!



Luckily Whitney is grumpy from being put down to number 8 and does his best to rectify the situation. Last year's Austrian European song contestant also puts in an appearance on the sun inn... Well maybe he/she didn't but with a picture like this in the archives I have to think of reasons to get it out again

Conrad joins him for his first bat of the season, clearly being coached by his kids in the cul-de-sac he starts knocking it about like it's the end of the season

When Whitney departs then Ross strolls to the middle. "What do you think, first ball or second?" "First ball". But Ross is having none of it. He too starts clipping it around. Even spanking a six through the trees. But he too comes a cropper



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So its left to Adam and Conrad to drag us back to an unlikely victory. We show our faith by packing up the clubhouse so we can get to the pub quickly. It's so exciting we channel our nervous energy into tidying up the clubhouse, we have no need to for seats anyway. Adam shows more fight than most of the top order, spanking a four and helping Conrad with singles. But alas some 30 runs short Conrad gets bowled by a doozie. Top scoring with 37, Conrad are your kids available as coaches? Oh look the club house is tidy lets go to the pub!



Why do they call you "two burgers" Petersen? Best check I haven't ordered one first, cheers Wiggy!

Australia came second in the European song contest and we came second against Grayswood. Hopefully one better on both counts next year.

So how does it work if there is a #BrExit can we take your place in the European song contest permanently, #AusEntry?