

# Dunsfold Cricket Club vs Kensington

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Ollie and Roo Slater start us having won the toss with enough moisture around to think there will be a few surprises in the pitch.

Roo Slater who has been planted in the greenhouse since we last saw him play for Dunsfold, has grown about a foot. This has helped his bowling with a bit of extra bounce troubling the batsman. They negotiate the dots till Roos third when he bowls their #1

Next ball Will Wigmore scrambles on top of a push to the off side by the new bat. The new guy is off like Kevin Pietersen trying to get off the mark. Wiggy has it in hand and hurls it toward Whitney. "Get back!" is the order from the non striker, the ball ROLLS towards Whitney. The batsman turns to retreat, the ball continues to roll toward Whitney, the batsman gains speed, the ball loses speed but continues towards Paul. Just when the batsman reaches max velocity the ball just reaches Whitney who whips the bails off for a rather agonising run out. 2-18

Luckless Ollie and Roo make way for Ross and I. The aggression levels aren't really there or it's just good bowling either way by the 18 other they are trying to up the run rate from just north of 2 an over! This lets me extract a top edge well held by Roo and then Ross bowls the other opener a few overs later so that when we have bowled our 7 each it's now 4-66 off 24

Seb and Peter Coveney take over. Peter gives them a bit of leg side and I'm after a pull shot that's too quick for Rob. Just when I'm thinking "that ball is traveling" I put my foot out to stop it only to tread on the ball and roll my ankle and go down like a sack of spuds, Ouch!

Helped off by Will and Rob that's the game done for me, just hoping it's not the season! Thanks Jane for getting me the ice from the pub and Louise for some neurophen, Mike had a choice of ankle straps.

Well Ollie takes charge but then the batsman take over from him looking to get a total to defend. Coveney gets one caught in his third over and their Italian is looking good til Seb

bowled him in his fourth over. That just brings more aggressive batsmen to the crease and the boundaries are sprayed. A run out helps us to break up their rhythm. Seb has been punished but finds his zone trying them down with a maiden. A tight last over from Peter is spoiled by a six on his last ball. Seb gets two wickets but can't get hatrick with the least ball of the innings.

Kensington 9-127 off 35 overs

A couple of maidens for the openers to have a look then Mike is bowled so its three overs and we haven't scored a run yet. Steve shows us the way bosh! 4. He is joined by Will Wigmore who is a sensible chap who will... Caught behind 1. Rob has been in great form so he can... Caught 3. Ah never fear here comes Coveney... LBW duck! Steve gets another boshing boundary before setting the score to beat LBW 9

I think it hit him on the toe!



Ouch

So on a flat dry track we can notch up a massive total (last week), add grey skies moisture in the pitch and we are 5-25 after twelve overs... Reminds me of another cricket team I know.

Whitney is in a hurry and as has well surpassed Steves score punishing their number three bowler but falling to their # 4 bowled for 19.

It's down to Ollie and Ross, oops Ollie and Seb, Ross caught for three. To salvage us from 7-41 off 15 needing nearly ninety runs.

A single here a boundary there, the partnership builds. A quiet over, an expensive over. A two a single a four til Ollie sees a juicy one and lands it on a plate for mid on to gobble up, caught for 31.



Now its down to the juniors as Roo joins Seb, but he can't help either bowled for a duck.



Enter Sam, plucked from the crowd to make his debut for the club in place of the fallen skipper, the thought of trying to help score the nearly fifty runs we need on one leg did cross my mind but thankfully, I defer to the Sam.



Sam gets a rearing delivery up around his chest which he does well to leave alone. Seb thinks its time for hime to attack but is stumped going for the big heave



Seb picks up Man of the Match and a nice bottle of orange squash for his effort with the bat and 3 wickets with the ball

