

## Hounslow Hurricanes v. Gentlemen of West London

Sunday 29 April, Perivale Park. Gents won toss. Cloudy, 9C

Lost by 8 wickets

Gentlemen of West London		Hounslow Hurricanes			
H Patel	b Prabakhar	3	Prashant	b Bandla	12
Basker	b Vikas	20	Darshan	lbw	2
Kumar	b Prabakhar	4	Sachin	not out	32
Kota	c Manik	17	†Amit	not out	24
Bocha	b Vikas	0	Raj, Manik, Antony, Aravind, Prabakhar, Jinno and *Vikas dnb		
Bandla	c Prabakhar	0			
Pentakota	run out	19			
†Namilikonda	b Prabakhar	6			
*S Patel	b Prabakhar	2			
Chatharaju	not out	1			
Allamneni	lbw	0			
Extras	b3 w2 nb2	7	Extras	w9 nb2	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>29 overs</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2 wickets</b>	<b>17.5 overs</b>
<b>FoW:</b> 23, 29, 29, 29, 36, 66, 75, 75, 79, 79			<b>FoW:</b> 10, 39		
<b>Bowling:</b> Prabakhar 6-2-13-5, Vikas 5-1-19-2, Antony 5-3-2-1, Jinno 7-3-11-0, Manik 4-0-21-0, Aravind 2-0-10-1			<b>Bowling:</b> Pentakota 4-1-4-1, S Patel 2-0-9-0, Chatharaju 1-0-12-0, Bandla 4-0-13-1, Kota 1-0-12-0, Kumar 2-0-8-0, Bocha 1-0-12-0, H Patel 1.2-0-12-0, Allamneni 1-1-0-0		

On a cold day at Perivale Park Hounslow Hurricanes dealt a torrid early season hammering to the Gents. A solid-looking batting side was skittled in 29 overs with only three in double figures, the hosts winning with 8 wickets and 17 overs in hand. The wicket attracted some comment but the truth is the hosts used it far better, bowling with more accuracy and striking nine fours to the Gents' three, in half the overs. Groundsmen Jesse Loveridge and John Carpenter had borrowed covers from Hayes CC to ensure that the game went ahead and thanks are due to them, but this venue does not score highly for facilities with no seating for players and scorer.

The Gents welcomed back their favourite Kakinada boy Pavan Kota, fresh from cup glory in India with the Avengers Cricket Fraternity. He will play the first three before flying back. After a number of withdrawals, guest Raghu Allamneni made up the eleven. Everyone was on time and Gents supporters were entitled to think "All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well", as anchoress theologian Julian of Norwich so aptly put it previewing the 1395 Ashes tour. The Gents also welcomed teen scoring sensation David Bender for fun and frolics.

The captain had stressed the need for crease occupation and sensible batting in his engaging pep talk but only Basker, Kota and Pentakota were able to take the message on board, the latter pair adding 30 in 13 overs that included only two runs in their first eight overs together, the first five being maidens. This was a grim but high quality clash of bat and ball. They were beginning to play with freedom when Pentakota was run out after being called for a sharp single. Kota holed out nine runs later. That was it really, the captain driving over a straight one from Prabakhar, who ended with a rare five-wicket haul. Basker had looked likely early on while Hemin Patel and Kumar had applied themselves for a few overs.

The second innings was a trial for the visitors. Pentakota struck early and Bandla deserved his wicket but Sachin and Amit gave only half-chances. The captain was ruthless with his bowling changes, replacing three after a single over. This at least gave an opportunity for nine to turn their arm over but the game had long gone and runs came freely in the final overs. There was no social interaction between the teams after the game. Nor indeed during it.



The Fashion Police were summoned and cited several Gents for fielding in civilian clothing. Sanjay Patel and Bocha respectively wore fleeces of mauve and black while Kumar sported a blue sleeveless pullover over his white shirt which resembled a retro Sheffield Wednesday home top from 1965-1973. There is nothing wrong with losing a game of cricket, but at least look like cricketers. A thing called a pullover, often available in white, may be bought for chilly Sundays.