

## Gentlemen of West London v. Eastside

Sunday 17 June, Old Tenisonians. Eastside won toss. Cloudy, 18C

Lost by 120 runs

Eastside		Gentlemen of West London				
Sameer	c S. Patel	b H. Patel	37	†Dubey	b Rezwan	0
Aftab	c and	b J. Snelling	26	Basker	c and	69
Ashfaq	lbw	b S. Snelling	68	Chatharaju	c Yahaah	4
*Farkhan		b S. Desai	37	S. Desai	c Sameer	4
Smit		b S. Snelling	1	Gilkes	c Sayaad	0
Jawaad	not out		13	*S. Patel	b Zaheer	0
†Sayaad	not out		5	Caveney	c Sameer	1
Yahaah, Aswad, Rezwan and Zaheer	dnb			Allamenni	b Farkhan	0
				Karan Patel	b Zaheer	0
				J. Snelling	not out	6
				S. Snelling	c Rezvan	1
				H. Patel	dnb	
<b>Extras</b>	b3 lb2 w22 nb1		28	<b>Extras</b>	b2 lb3 w3 nb2	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 wickets</b>	<b>35 overs</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>20.4 overs</b>
<b>FoW:</b> 59, 112, 187, 195, 197				<b>FoW:</b> 1, 23, 44, 67, 67, 81, 87, 89, 89, 95		
<b>Bowling:</b> S. Snelling 6-0-36-2, S. Desai 6-0-41-1, Karan Patel 2-0-14-0, H. Patel 5-0-28-1, J. Snelling 7-1-36-1, S. Patel 6-0-35-0, Chatharaju 3-0-20-0				<b>Bowling:</b> Aswad 5-2-20-0, Rezwan 6-0-40-3, Farkhan 5-0-21-3, Zaheer 4-1-8-3, Yahaah 0.4-0-1-1		

There can have been few more talented teams to have played the Gents than Eastside. Bigger drubbings have been inflicted, but often on the back of an individual innings. What distinguished their display was team work. They were a well differentiated side. Each of their top four scored heavily, their bowlers, only one of whom batted, were accurate. They bowled to their fields and they caught everything. It was good fun against good people, but a huge defeat, the second such in seven days.

This was a late notice (Friday) internet fixture after Hale and an annoying, uncommunicative outfit called Southfields had bailed, but Eastside did not misrepresent their strength. A brief perv on their scorebook revealed a win by 7 wickets at Millfields in May. Gents were missing a few regulars but bowled pretty well and caught two of their three chances. The first was by long on Sanjay Patel to see off Sameer in the 11th over. Joel Snelling, 15 now and bowling at a good pace, got a low c&b, unleashed a corking bouncer and with his father was the pick of the bowlers. Ashfaq with eight 4s and a 6 batted 21 overs with high class. There were a few late blips in the field and too many wides but a commendable level of energy. Farkhan batted powerfully and Eastside closed just two runs shy of Hurricanes' 217 for 3 a week before.

The Gents then delivered a classic scorecard unequalled in its lopsidedness in the club's 30 years. Not since 2003 when Sanjay Patel scored 50 out of 85 all out against 12 Angry Men has a 50 scored in a two-digit all-out Gents total, though three opponents have since done so, including Gregg Cloete's famous 57 of Enterprise's 77 all out in 2008. Basker was excellent, batting for 19 overs for his twelfth 50, hitting 13 4s and a 6, as the bowlers caused carnage at the other end. He survived being bowled by a no ball in the tenth over. No other batsman made double-figures.



### Gents' Top 10 defeats by runs

- 2010 lost to Village by 168 runs
- 2017 lost to Stanmore Warriors by 161 runs
- 2001 lost to Exiles by 159 runs
- 1992 lost to West XI by 144 runs
- 2016 lost to Bengal Troopers by 144 runs
- 2006 lost to Village XI by 143 runs
- 2010 lost to Old Tenisonians by 133 runs
- 2017 lost to Wimbledon United by 123 runs
- 2001 lost to 12 Angry Men by 120 runs
- 2018 lost to Eastside by 120 runs

There also seven defeats by margins of 100 to 116 runs, including two more by West XI which makes them the only side to inflict more than one defeat by 100 or more runs.