

## Gubbays v. Gentlemen of West London

**Sunday 1 July, Cavendish RG. Gubbays won toss. Sunny, 31C**

**Lost by 53 runs**

Gubbays			Gentlemen of West London				
*Aryuat	c Dubey	b H. Patel	29	H. Patel	st Ravi	b Manish	11
Deepak		b Pentakota	5	Basker	c Neal	b Shyam	14
†Ravi	c Dubey	b Kumar	8	Kota	c Aryuat	b Shyam	1
Vishal		b Kumar	56	Kumar	c Deepak	b Manish	13
Neal		b Pentakota	25	*S. Patel		b Neal	6
Arjun	not out		34	Pentakota	not out		33
Manish	st Dubey	b H. Patel	3	†Dubey	c Raju	b Manish	0
Bharat	not out		3	Caveney		b Neal	4
Vijay, Raju and Shyam	dnb			Chatharaju	c Neal	b Aryuat	29
				Solomon		b Neal	0
				Ruti		b Neal	0
<b>Extras</b>	b5 lb5 w7 nb1		18	<b>Extras</b>	b8 w2 nb5		15
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 wickets</b>	<b>35 overs</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>27.4 overs</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>FoW:</b>	5, 15, 98, 131, 148, 158			<b>FoW:</b>	19, 20, 50, 57, 57, 62, 124, 126, 126		
<b>Bowling:</b>	Kumar 7-1-27-2, Pentakota 7-1-25-2, Chatharaju 3-0-22-0, S. Patel 5-0-20-0, H. Patel 7-0-36-2, Ruti 2-0-16-0, Kota 4-0-23-0			<b>Bowling:</b>	Shyam 5-0-25-2, Aryuat 7-2-16-1, Neal 6.4-0-24-4, Manish 3-1-14-3, Arjun 3-0-20-0, Raju 3-0-19-0		



Gubbays keep cool in the shade

Gubbays went 5-2 ahead in this long-running series having played the more composed cricket all day. They batted more solidly and dropped only one chance. In contrast the visitors delivered six drops, a refusal and some manic batting cameos, with only Hemin Patel, Pentakota and Chatharaju showing the necessary composure. While the last two were together, the Gents had hopes of an unlikely victory but Gubbays held their fifth excellent catch to see off Chatharaju and it was soon game over with 44 balls unused.

The Gents again relied on guests to field XI, Solomon and Ruti becoming the 37th and 38th players of 2018. Thanks are due to them and Caveney and Kumar, who introduced them. They had plenty to do. Kota and Pentakota returned. Deepak was bowled Pentakota in the second over and Ravi gloved a lifter from Kumar in the fifth. Aryuat and Vishal then turned the innings round in a stand of 18 overs. They were both gifted several lives by filthy catching. Keen appeals for a run out and an lbw were declined but the two deserve credit for their resolve. Thirty-five overs felt like 50 in the searing heat but the Gents improved in the last knockings, Dubey taking two more victims and three bowlers taking two wickets.

Gents took 15 off the first over of their reply, Basker hitting a four and an enormous straight six. Going for a repeat in the third, he was well taken at long-off. He returned to the shade and, unusually for him, uttered some unparliamentary language before promising to bat more sensibly in future. Kota was caught at slip but Kumar and H. Patel weathered the storm, bringing up 50 in the twelfth over. Five wickets then tumbled for 12 runs and it was a comedy 62 for seven after 16 overs. A three-figure drubbing loomed but Pentakota and Chatharaju (a club personal best) had other ideas. In a super stand, they added 62 off 67 balls with powerful strokes all round the ground and exemplary running. After 26 overs, Gents were 124 for seven, needing 56 off 9. Chatharaju then took on Aryuat, drilling him to long-off where Neal took another fine catch. Inspired, Neal wrapped up the innings by bowling the two guests for ducks.

Controversy reared with Kota's dismissal. The ball was caught at slip and Shyam appealed. Umpire Chatharaju did not see the ball deflect off the bat and gave not out. He was regrettably surrounded by a Gubbays delegation, spoke to Kota who admitted he had touched it. An appeal covers all modes of dismissals. Out then, if bizarrely and in defiance of the Section 5 of the Spirit of the Game which states that an umpire's decision must not be disputed by word, action or gesture. Heatwaves trigger irascible behaviour. Who'd be an umpire? We should applaud all who are brave enough to do it.