

# THE GENT

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**Tales from the corridor of uncertainty**

## **Gents or United Titans? Players decide**



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## Naveed Khan resigns as Chairman

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you I will be standing down as Chairman at the end of this season. It was an honour to have been elected in the first place and a privilege to served you all for so long. I wish that it could continue but the raw facts are that my work and family commitments no longer allow me to devote the required time and effort that the role, and of course you the members, deserve.

I will throughout this season be continuing to fulfil my duties to the best of my ability and will of course attempt to join you on the field as often as possible. Beyond 2015 I fully intend to remain a member of the Club and participate in as many games as I can manage. Whilst I'm sad to be leaving a post that I genuinely enjoy, I'm equally pleased that it opens up a position on the Committee for somebody else to step in and take on the role with a fresh and new perspective. Here's wishing us all a wonderful 2015, both on and off the field.

Kind regards, Naveed

Richard Gilkes replied: You have definitely done an excellent job as Chairman of the Club. I know that some seasons can work like clockwork but I also know the amount of work and mails and also internal politics you sometimes have to sort out.

We are so lucky to have people like you involved with the Gents. I know the hours that have to be put in to sort all the issues in getting that team on the pitch and ensuring everything is in place and organised both off season and when the season is live.

I know we don't talk as much as we used to, but you have been a star and an extremely good friend to me over the years. You are now going through that young child phase that I am still going through. We will all have more time for each other in the future. See you soon.

Cheers, Rich

Naveed, a leader of vision and compassion, drove the Club forward in many ways, notably organising tours to Winchester, Malta, the Cotswolds and the Netherlands. There is talk of a trip to Croatia in 2015. He improved the web-site and was instrumental in improving the Club's outreach through social media sites. He is in the process of clothing the Club at good prices. The latter Reign of Three Treasurers, which echoed the late 14th. Century Papacy and comprised the elected chap, the chap who collected the subs and the chap who had access to the bank account, had its stressful (and in retrospect amusing) moments but the outcome was a club in a better financial position than for some time. It will be good when his time permits to see him back wearing the shirt.

## FBI to investigate dodgy cricket accounting



Let it be recorded here that the Northfields opener and organiser John Elmes is a cad and a chiseller. When it came to commercial settlement time, the Gents' acting Deputy Treasurer tendered to him the agreed £80. "It's £90," he said, "you bought a ball from us."

Technically true, what he had failed to mention is that he deposited the Gents' County Special irretrievably into a Swyncombe Avenue back garden in the second over of the innings off a Pingili long-hop. Wishing to retain the fixture the Gents paid up but these events caused no little consternation to the financial markets and will have to be recorded as a Note to the Accounts. Blooming cheek!

The wonderful 2015 on the field wished for by Naveed Khan above has been delayed. "Northfields was always a high-scoring ground" consoled Steve Bignell when the match report was shared with him on a need to know basis. Feeling exceptionally frisky after a stout 8-0-12-2 against Graces on the same day, a fair contribution to Tigers' first win of the season, he continued "West XI's runfest in 2010 was 270-6 v. 213-8. Four West XI batsmen scored fifties and poor Dave Bender went for 26 in his second over after conceding just one in his first. I feel that may have been the beginning of the end." The only consolation is that it isn't just us. Bricklayer's Arms posted a formidable 237-3 on 10 May against Kingstonian, only to lose by 6 wickets. As Justin Norcott's dad would have said "Another defeat, eh? Dear oh dear oh dear. How many wickets have you lot taken this season? Nineteen? Losers."

## Dandy Livingstone



Lancashire all-rounder Liam Livingstone scored 350 off only 138 balls in a cup game for Cheshire side Nantwich on 18 April. The 21 year-old hit 34 fours and 27 sixes in a National Club Championship match against Caldý. It is one of the highest one-day scores in history. "From 100 onwards, I was just trying to whack every ball for six," he told BBC Sport. "When I got into the high 200s and into the 300s, I realised something quite special could happen."

Nantwich made 579-7 before bowling out Caldý for 79 to win by 500 runs. Livingstone, who is on Lancashire's staff but is yet to play a first-team match, was almost bowled third ball but hit the next delivery for six. "The wicket was a bit slow and after the fourth ball disappeared I thought I might as well just give it a crack," he said. "I was just trying to hit almost every ball for six and luckily a few came out of the middle. It is all a bit surreal. It hasn't sunk in yet but it is a very proud day and luckily my mum and dad were there to see it." Livingstone, who made 204 off 242 balls in Lancashire's final second XI game last season against Yorkshire, added: "I have got training with Lancashire at 10 o'clock in the morning, so I will be having an early night." Mike Gatting, in his capacity as ECB Cricket Partnerships Ambassador, wrote a letter to Caldý's Chairman congratulating their young side on their dignity in defeat and wishing them well for the season.

## Spurs are on their way to Ware?



Who's this, looking down at the grass where Tottenham Hotspur traditionally play their football? Why, it's Jenna Schillaci, captain of THFC's ladies team and booking officer for the London Playing Fields Federation, whose Boston Manor ground we have booked this season. Jenny is a consummate professional who put aside the disappointment of Cup Final defeat to Charlton Athletic (Ware FC. Att: 400) to post back the playing permits promptly. We salute you, Jenny.

## Cricket terms (courtesy of Wanderers CC, Queensland, W.A.)

**Front foot, But he was on the** - expression of the bizarre but abundant supposition that a batsman cannot be out lbw when playing forward.

**Skier, skyer** - A ball hit so high in the air that it descends almost vertically. Especially dangerous if it comes down close to the wicket, giving several fielders the chance to assume that someone else will catch it.

**Slip** - Fielder in catching position, behind the wicket on the off side. At Test level, this is the position for the sharpest-eyed, surest-handed men in the team; in a club side, the two 50-year-old, sixteen-stone endomorphs are usually parked there because they don't often have to run far.

**Trapped** - Lazy commentator's or journalist's automatic description of a batsman being out lbw, so much so that it may appear three or four times in an account of a single innings (*Ahem, Find Replace All immediately invoked in 2015 match reports. Ed.*).

## In Memoriam

We are sad to report the death in April of James Pettifer, teacher and cricketer, aged 31. The Gents knew him as captain of Brentham CC who hosted us in August 2010. Sanjay Patel also played under him during their centenary celebrations a few days before. James was a geography teacher at the Sacred Heart Language College in Wealdstone, north London. While at school on 17 April he collapsed and died. He was a season ticket holder at Griffin Park and there was a minute's applause after 31 minutes of Brentford v. Bolton Wanderers. Only two days before he passed, the Editor had a delightful conversation with James about how nets had gone and hopes for the new season. That conversation will forever be cherished. Over a thousand people attended his funeral. James will be sorely missed.

## Gentlemen of West London v. United Titans

Sunday 3 May, Boston Manor PF. Gents won toss. Sunny, 19C

Lost by 29 runs

United Titans				Gentlemen of West London			
*Basker	c Turpin	b Desai	30	H Patel	c Surureddy	b Pawan	29
Pawan		b S Patel	15	Kumar	c Kiran	b Pawan	23
R Patel	c S Patel	b Desai	4	Desai	c R Patel	b Kiran	25
Kiran	c and	b Hibbert	10	Dubey	c and	b Pawan	0
†Pradip	c Turpin	b Krishna	8	Caveney	c Sub.	b Kiran	7
Katragadda	c S Patel	b Krishna	56	S Patel		b R Patel	6
Pingili	c Turpin	b Krishna	0	†Turpin	c and	b Katragadda	1
Surureddy	lbw	b H Patel	0	Oruganti	not out		6
Jampala	lbw	b H Patel	1	Krishna	c Pingili	b R Patel	4
Bharat	not out		10	*Hibbert	c Pradip	b Katragadda	1
Extras		w10	10	Extras		w8 b5	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>29.5 overs</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>27 overs</b>		<b>115</b>
FoW: 40, 47, 65, 65, 104, 104, 119, 128, 144				FoW: 59, 68, 74, 95, 97, 100, 109, 113, 115			
<b>Bowler</b>				<b>Bowler</b>			
S Patel	4-0-23-1			Pingili	3-1-13-0		
Kumar	5-2-17-0			Bharat	4-1-23-0		
Desai	5-1-21-2			Katragadda	6-2-13-2		
Hibbert	5-1-13-1			Jampala	2-0-10-0		
Oruganti	3-0-20-0			Pawan	5-0-21-3		
Krishna	4.5-1-28-3			R Patel	3-0-10-2		
H Patel	3-0-22-2			Kiran	4-0-20-2		

What a cracking day out this was, if one where the result was a disappointment to the Gents. Aravind Katragadda's imperious 56 (eight fours and a lost-ball six launched over the fence into TfL territory) was the match-winner on a day otherwise dominated by the bowlers, the Gents collapsing like an Under 12s team from 59-0 to 115 all out as Pawan and Rakesh Patel found grip and turn. The Gents top three batted well, Krishna took three wickets, two in successive balls and the returning Paul Turpin kept wicket masterfully, taking three catches and conceding no byes. His club career now yields an impressive 24 catches in 25 games. Fourteen of the 18 wickets (this was a ten a side match after late withdrawals) fell to catches, shot selection by many batsmen not being precisely aligned to the highest standards of the MCC Cricket Coaching Book.

In keeping with the friendly feel of the day was a welcome visit by R. Gilkes and Sons. There were, however, a few glitches which should not be ignored. First, the game started 47 minutes late. This was not a big problem because the optimistic double Twenty20 format had wisely been abandoned after a passionate if unilateral risk assessment by Hemin Patel, a single 35 overs game being substituted. Secondly, two Gents umpires were then kept in the middle for the first 17 overs of the innings, which was careless. Thirdly, you have more chance of obtaining the minutes of the last Bilderberg meeting than finding out the Gents' batting order.

Overnight rain caused the cancellation of many Sunday matches but the top pitch here dried quickly and conditions were good. Hibbert possibly regretted his insertion when Titans sped to 39-0 off six overs before Sanjay Patel clipped Pawan's leg stump. Desai found swing and had the dangerous Patel well held low by his namesake at cover. When Kiran's top-edged pull was well held by bowler Hibbert and Basker edged behind for a solid 30, Titans were 65-4. Katragadda began carefully with seven singles but took a shine to Krishna and Hemin Patel, bludgeoning a six and a four, and three fours and a two off their first overs. After that, the bowlers came alike to him. Sanjay Patel, in his 298th. game, ended both his and his team's innings with his 99th. catch while Hemin Patel drew level with Dhruv Patel on 231 wickets with a pair of lbws. Krishna was penetrative after his early tap. Titans closed on a par 144.

The first 14 overs saw Gents progress to 59-0, up with the required run rate. This period represented the high water mark of the innings, Hemin Patel, slicing several fours over the densely-populated but porous slip cordon and Kumar, solid and orthodox, batting well in their contrasting styles. Things then fell apart quickly and even a stylish 25 from Desai could not rescue the day. Leg-spinner Pawan took three quick wickets including both openers and it tumbled from there in a wobbly mess. Apart from Dubey, who drilled back to Pawan for a duck, all the batsmen got a start but were undone by a combination of rashness, skilful bowling and sound catching. Katragadda, not content with his fifty, bowled his usual frugal spell and Patel fizzed through his off-breaks. There were 102 runs from the bat, 77 contributed by just three batsmen. Eight overs were unused when Hibbert edged to Pradip at 6.15pm to give Titans a deserved win.

## Gentlemen of West London v. Wimbledon United

Sunday 10 May, Old Tenisons. Wimbledon United won toss. Sunny, 21C

Lost by 29 runs

Wimbledon United			Gentlemen of West London			
*D Hitchman	Lbw	b S Patel	15	†Cloete	b Brown	11
Patel	c Cloete	b Oruganti	26	Small	b Shacklock	35
Herbert	c Small	b Newcombe	83	Basker	c Patel	0
Shacklock	c and	b Small	32	Katragadda	run out	19
Ahmed	not out		11	Oruganti	c Brown	2
Saxby	not out		9	Bocha	run out	13
Suraj, Brown, Ansari, †J Hitchman and Dean did not bat				Jampala	not out	39
				Newcombe	b Shacklock	0
				Jones	b Patel	0
				S Patel	c J Hitchman	21
				*Hibbert	lbw	8
Extras		w9 nb9 b5	23	Extras	w20 nb1 b1	22
Total	4 wickets	35 overs	199	All out	32.4 overs	170
FoW: 28, 62, 173, 179			FoW: 18, 26, 56, 69, 85, 111, 111, 114, 156, 170			
Bowler			Bowler			
Katragadda	7-1-27-0			Brown	5.4-1-20-2	
Jampala	4-0-19-0			Herbert	6-2-19-1	
S Patel	4-0-17-1			Dean	7-1-25-2	
Oruganti	3-0-22-1			Ansari	5-0-36-0	
Bocha	5-0-33-0			Shacklock	4-1-21-2	
Hibbert	5-1-25-0			Patel	5-0-48-1	
Small	4-0-36-1					
Newcombe	3-0-15-1					

New opponents Wimbledon United inflicted the second successive defeat on the Gents by 29 runs in a game played in a good spirit on a slow pitch. They were good value for the win. The Gents engaged well with tough opposition but never quite had their noses in front, although they fought hard and even induced mild disarray in the final overs as Jampala, Patel and Hibbert closed the gap with some flourishing batting. This was the Gents' fourth successive defeat batting second on their home ground, following defeats in 2014 by Gubbays (139-8 v. 104), Cairns Fudge (212-8 v. 209-6) and United Titans (125 v. 120). Something must be done.

Wimbledon United's knock was well composed. Their batsmen have a strong reputation, none more than the captain Dave Hitchman, who scored 922 runs in 2014 at 70.92. Sanjay Patel pinned him leg-before for 15. Oruganti had Patel caught at the wicket but Herbert and Shacklock added a fluent 111 in 15.1 overs as Hibbert spread the bowling, trying to find the elusive combination to trouble the batsmen. Small held Shacklock off his own bowling then plucked a sharp one-handed catch at point off Newcombe to dismiss Herbert for a stylish 83 (12 fours). Ahmed and Saxby took the visitors to one shy of 200. The bowlers persevered and were well supported by the fielders but students of Gents history knew what a challenging score this was, a score of two hundred (231 in fact) only having been chased down once in 27 years of history. Tea was cheese doorsteps and lucky to get 'em.

For much of the Gents' innings 120-130 looked to be the maximum they would achieve. There was a succession of promising partnerships which were ended prematurely, one by a mix up and one by an outstanding catch. Cloete was bowled by an inswinger and a frustrated Basker was caught. Small and Katragadda then added 30 in quick time before the latter was needlessly run out. Gully misfielded, he took off, Small stayed put and the 'keeper did the needful from a simple throw, the umpire correctly observing that Katragadda was 20 yards short of his destination. Oruganti blasted Dean to deep mid-wicket Brown who dived to his left to pull off a fine catch upon which the club scorer apologised to his counterpart for unparliamentary language.

Wickets then tumbled at an alarming rate, Small (a gutsy 35), Bocha (another run out), Newcombe and Jones soon following, but unlike the previous week the tail was assertive. With nothing to lose, Jampala and the crooked Patel hit out. From an unpromising 114-8 off 27 overs, 42 came in just four for the ninth wicket. Another 44 were therefore needed in the last four with a tense finish possible when Patel edged behind, a catch by Hitchman senior scandalously uncredited at the time by the scorers, who inferred from a missing bail that it was bowled. Hibbert and Jampala continued the assault until Brown pinned the captain at 170, leaving Jampala beached on an accomplished 39\*, an eye-catching club personal best. United's bowlers bowled to their fields and the well-positioned boundary scouts downgraded several fours to twos. Wimbledon United are an organised, friendly and well led team whom the Gents look forward to meeting again in 2016.



## Gentlemen of West London v. Gubbays

Sunday 17 May, Old Tenisons. Gubbays won toss. Sunny, 16C

Lost by 8 wickets

Gentlemen of West London				Gubbays			
Newcombe		b Shyam	0	Harsh	not out		50
Denton	lbw	b Ali	11	*S Patel		b Pingili	0
†Small	c Ashish	b Vandu	11	Vijay		b Pingili	0
Basker	c Ashish	b Harsh	31	Ashish	not out		46
Katragadda	c and	b Harsh	8	Vineet, Vishu, Vandu, †Neal, Khaz, Ali and Shyam did not bat			
S Patel		b Vandu	0				
Pingili		b Harsh	0				
*Kumar	not out		16				
Jones		b Vandu	0				
H Patel		b Vandu	0				
Surureddy		b Harsh	9				
Extras		w5 nb1 b8 lb1	15	Extras		w6 b1	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>29.4 overs</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2 wickets</b>	<b>19 overs</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>FoW:</b> 11, 19, 59, 71, 72, 72, 73, 76, 76, 103				<b>FoW:</b> 0, 2			
<b>Bowler</b>				<b>Bowler</b>			
Ali	7-2-7-1			Katragadda	4-1-14-0		
Shyam	8-0-25-1			Pingili	4-0-12-2		
Vandu	8-1-29-4			S Patel	3-0-23-0		
Harsh	6.4-1-31-4			Kumar	3-0-25-0		
				H Patel	3-0-13-0		
				Newcombe	2-0-15-0		

Gubbays continued their winning run against the Gents with a win by eight wickets after the hosts' batting subsided, six wickets falling for five runs on a low, slow but far from unplayable wicket. Old Tenisonians and their Surrey League opponents are also struggling to score runs here this season but the Gents' opponents are having no such difficulty, having taken the bowling for 302-6 off just 54 overs bowled in the last two matches. In June 2014, Gubbays skittled a strong batting side for 104 in under 30 overs, a star-studded top five of Jampala, Pentakota, Dubey, Lall and Sanjay Patel contributing 11 between them. One season on, the personnel on both sides had changed but the outcome was within a few balls and runs the same.

This was a chastening defeat and one that will provide much material to students of batting collapses. This was a classic of the genre, offering a proper wicket (any side can collapse on an ill-prepared Council pitch), a period of equality or even advantage before the collapse and each wicket that falls managing to be at the same time both more predictable yet more unbelievable than the last. For 16 overs the inserted Gents competed on more or less equal terms. Newcombe and Denton, who looked good, had departed, but Small and Basker were fighting the good fight and batting well together when the demons struck.

Small edged to slip Ashish who, moved to short mid-wicket, caught Basker three overs later from a top edge. Katragadda drilled back to the bowler and Pingili fell first ball. Sanjay Patel, a quiet 300th. game for him, became the third of five ducks, Jones and Hemin Patel the fourth and fifth. Captain Kumar and Surureddy on debut were then untroubled, the captain lofting the day's only six off Harsh. Their stand of 27 made the Gents smile for a brief period and was the second highest of the innings, but 11.2 overs were unused when Surureddy was bowled. Vandu and Harsh wielded the wrecking ball, sharing eight wickets. Nor was the latter's day over.

"We've won from this position before" encouraged the tea interval texts and when Pingili struck with his first and eighth balls a close game seemed a possibility. Harsh and Ashish were, however, batsmen out of the top drawer and no further wickets fell, runs coming at a canter as the temperature fell and wind got up. Harsh went to his fifty with his eighth four, becoming the first opponent since Robin Hood's Rafiq in 1999 (59\* and 6-16) to achieve this milestone and take four wickets. Only ten players have done this in the Gents' 495 matches. Ashish scored seven fours. Pingili's fine spell gave the Gents brief hope but the game had been won and lost much earlier.

This was the third successive defeat of 2015 and the fifth in seven games. You have to go back to 1998 to find a worse start to the season (four successive defeats) and 1999 for an equally bad one. The 1998 losing run was ended by a Sanjay Patel fifty against FC Chad while things were turned around in 1999 by one of the club's greatest individual performances, Stuart Snelling's 8-33 against Twelve Angry Men. The question of who would kick-start the Gents' 2015 season understandably dominated the after match conversation.

## Northfields v. Gentlemen of West London

Sunday 24 May, Durston House. Gents won toss. Cloudy, 18C

Lost by 7 wickets

Gentlemen of West London				Northfields			
†Chantam	c Sangster	b Fawkes	9	*Elmes	not out		165
Denton	lbw	b Fawkes	9	†Thompson		b Pingili	1
Dubey		b Murray	18	Murray	c Chalamalasetti	b Pingili	56
Katragadda	c Collins	b Egan	1	Mitchell	lbw	b Katragadda	0
Basker		b Fawkes	68	Collins	not out		7
*Kumar	not out		79	Oruganti, Fawkes, Egan, Devalia and Sangster did not bat			
Chalamalasetti	lbw	b Fawkes	11				
†Krishna		b Elmes	9				
S Patel	not out		31				
Pingili and Surureddy did not bat							
<b>Extras</b>		w20 nb4 b1	25	<b>Extras</b>		w22 nb1b4 lb5	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 wickets</b>	<b>40 overs</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3 wickets</b>	<b>34.1 overs</b>	<b>261</b>
<b>FoW:</b> 15, 21, 23, 64, 147, 193, 218				<b>FoW:</b> 32, 218, 228			
<b>Bowler</b>				<b>Bowler</b>			
Egan	8-2-24-1			Katragadda	7-0-40-1		
Fawkes	8-0-79-4			Pingili	7-0-45-2		
Murray	8-0-42-1			Dubey	6.1-0-47-0		
Oruganti	6-0-29-0			Kumar	7-0-55-0		
Elmes	7-0-43-1			S Patel	4-0-25-0		
Devalia	3-0-42-0			Chalamalasetti	1-0-11-0		
				Surureddy	2-0-29-0		

An earthquake struck this peaceful ground on a muggy Sunday afternoon. John Elmes, opening batsman for Uxbridge CC on Saturdays and captain of Northfields CC on Sundays, struck 19 fours and six sixes in scoring 165\*, the highest-ever innings in a Gents match. Helped by Murray (ten fours), with whom he added a record third-wicket stand in Gents matches of 186, he propelled his side to a remarkable victory. Yet at tea the Gents were satisfied, having recovered from 23-3 to 260-7 with big hitting by Kumar, Basker and Sanjay Patel, who struck a six each and respectively 12, 13 and four fours.

There were late changes to the team as Hibbert and the unwell Small withdrew. Chantam debuted and Oruganti kindly volunteered for Northfields, who had only nine men. Fielders were lent in rotation. Basker, deputising at the toss for the delayed Kumar, won the toss and batted. Fawkes and Egan soon reduced the Gents to 23-3. Dubey struck boldly before playing on via his pads but Basker and Kumar steadied the ship, taking the Gents to 92-4 at 20 overs drinks. They and latterly Sanjay Patel, batting at No.9, hit boldly thereafter as runs came freely. Fawkes had commenced with 3-0-13-2, took his sweater with 5-0-37-2 to his name but was savaged in his second spell, carding the remarkable analysis of 8-0-79-4. Oruganti troubled the batsmen on occasion but there was little help for the bowlers from the pitch. The final total represented a job well done by the experienced middle order and Sumit Kumar, whose 79 not out was a personal best, got his batting order right.

In May 2014, a Gents total of 256 proved enough by 186 runs and Elmes was bowled Katragadda for a duck. Only four players from that day played here. Elmes was off the mark with two fours and a single off Katragadda's first over and a six off his second, weighing in with a six off Pingili's first. Pingili bowled Thompson on 32 which heralded the monstrous second-wicket stand. The bowlers struggled to bowl the right line to the left-hander Elmes and tended to feed his on-drive and pull but once he was set there was little they could do. Murray's support was crucial. Northfields were always up with the required run rate, taking 73 from the first ten overs, 76 from the second and 81 from the third. There were a couple of tough chances in the deep and the Gents were confident that they had Murray caught behind but it was otherwise a metronomic and occasionally brilliant display of batting dominance. There were late, deserved successes for Pingili and Katragadda but there were still 39 balls in hand when Elmes clipped the winning single, having eclipsed Steve Jones's 158 not out for Gents against West XI in 2002 as the highest score in a Gents match.

It is quite difficult to evaluate this performance. The batting was back to form but doom-mongers would draw attention to the paltry total of nine wickets taken by Gents bowlers in three games, during which 563 runs have been conceded in 88.1 overs. The fielding was no better than average here but did not lack effort. Certainly with many changes in personnel there has been a lack of continuity, partly a self-inflicted wound in a month of squad rotation intended to give all members a fair crack. Several players have yet to replicate their form of 2014. While these issues are being pondered, let the name of John Elmes be lit large.

## Records set on 24 May 2015

Painful though it was, we salute Mr. Elmes. The scorecard above will no doubt give carnal pleasure to the Club's enemies, chiefly resident in Camden, for many years to come. Records fell in a heap and the new ones are shown below.

### Most runs in a game

<b>521</b>	Gents 260-7 v. Northfields 261-3 (Durstun House, 24 May 2015)
<b>509</b>	Gents 325-5 v. London Saints 184-9 (Old Tenisonians, 3 June 2007)
<b>508</b>	Gents 290-3 v. London Rams 218 (Old Tenisonians, 26 June 2006)
<b>501</b>	Gents 279-7 v. Clapham In 222-3 (Chiswick House, 1 September 2013)
<b>480</b>	Gents 250-9 v. Judd Street Tigers 230-8 (Paulin Ground, 27 July 2014)

### Highest totals by opponents

<b>284-3</b>	12 Angry Men (Victoria RG, 29 July 2001) <sup>40</sup> overs Batting first, game won
<b>263-6</b>	West XI (Victoria RG, 24 May 1992) <sup>40</sup> Batting first, game won
<b>261-3</b>	Northfields (Durstun House, 24 May 2015) <sup>40</sup> Batting second, game won
<b>256-5</b>	Village XI (Old Hamptonians, 30 July 2006) <sup>35</sup> Batting first, game won
<b>252-5</b>	Village (Fairfield RG, 5 September 2010) <sup>40</sup> Batting first, game won

### Highest totals in a Gents match batting second

24/5/15	Durstun House	<b>Gents 260-7</b> (Kumar 79*, Basker 68, Fawkes 4-79) <b>Northfields 261-3</b> (Elmes 165*, Murray 56)	<b>Lost</b> 7 wckts
5/9/93	Victoria RG	<b>Gents 235-9 dec.</b> (Hubbuck 45, Ashton 40, Burville 39, Boddington 29, Richmond 22, Burman 21, Heathcote 4-53) <b>London Owls 239-0</b> (Bulmer 140*, Maddocks 87*)	<b>Lost</b> 10 wckts

### Highest partnerships in a Gents match (\* = unbroken)

<b>1</b>	<b>239*</b>	Bulmer (140*) and Maddock (87*) (London Owls) <sup>Record wicket stand against</sup>	Victoria RG	5 September 1993
<b>3</b>	<b>215</b>	Heyman (132) and Jones (89) (Village XI) <sup>Record wicket stand against</sup>	Old Hamptonians	30 July 2006
<b>2</b>	<b>186</b>	Elmes (165*) and Murray (56) (Northfields) <sup>Record wicket stand against</sup>	Durstun House	24 May 2015
<b>3</b>	<b>169</b>	Giles (34) and Griffiths (113) (Hale)	Hale Common	27 September 2009
<b>3</b>	<b>166</b>	Husain (100*) and Kain (87) v. London Saints <sup>Record wicket stand for</sup>	Old Tenisonians	3 June 2007

### Highest partnerships for each wicket by opponents (\* = unbroken)

<b>1</b>	<b>239*</b>	Bulmer (140*) and Maddock (87*) (London Owls)	Victoria RG	5 September 1993
<b>2</b>	<b>186</b>	Elmes (165*) and Murray (56) (Northfields)	Durstun House	24 May 2015
<b>3</b>	<b>215</b>	Heyman (132) and Jones (89) (Village XI)	Old Hamptonians	30 July 2006
<b>4</b>	<b>138</b>	Jaques (107) and Torbe (65) (East Harrow Cheetahs)	Beverley Park	4 August 1996
<b>5</b>	<b>90</b>	Junani (74) and Ahluwalia (49) (Gubbays)	Cavendish RG	2 September 2007
<b>6</b>	<b>100</b>	Dane (73) and Walton (53) (West XI)	KGF Morden	10 September 2000
<b>7</b>	<b>82</b>	Wildman (76*) and Thomson (14) (Clapham In)	Old Tenisons	3 July 2011
<b>8</b>	<b>64</b>	Nicol (31) and Evans (56) (St. Anne's Allstars)	Barnes Common	29 April 2006
<b>9</b>	<b>68</b>	Heafield (40) and Wall (19) (London Rams)	Belair Park	28 July 2001
<b>10</b>	<b>52</b>	Dimond (37) and Heap (11*) (Enterprise)	Victoria RG	31 August 1997

### Highest individual scores in a Gents match

<b>165*</b>	Elmes (Northfields) (Durstun House, 24 May 2015)
<b>158*</b>	Jones v. West XI (Gunnersbury Park, 21 July 2002)
<b>150*</b>	Walker (Rotherham SC) (Battersea Park, 7 May 1995)
<b>143*</b>	Husain v. New Barbarian Weasels (Fairfield RG, 7 July 2007)
<b>140*</b>	Bulmer (London Owls) (Victoria RG, 5 September 1993)



Elmes takes his bat out for 165...



...while the Gents conduct a post mortem



## 2015 fixtures

Date	Gents	Result	Judd Street Tigers	Result
Sun 26 April	-	-	Southgate Compton	Lost by 9 runs
Sun 3 May	United Titans	Lost by 29 runs	Potter Street	Cancelled (rain)
Sun 10 May	Wimbledon United	Lost by 29 runs	Old Grumblers	Lost by 5 wickets
Sat 16 May	-	-	Porto (tour)	Lost by 5 wickets
Sun 17 May	Gubbays	Lost by 8 wickets	Porto (tour)	Lost by 1 wicket
Sun 24 May	Northfields	Lost by 7 wickets	Graces	Won by 11 runs
Sun 31 May	Judd Street Tigers	Cancelled (rain)	Gents	Cancelled (rain)
<b>Record</b>	P4 L4		P5 W1 L4	
<b>Runs</b>	Kumar <b>117</b> Basker <b>99</b>		Allerton <b>172</b>	
<b>Wickets</b>	Pingili <b>4</b> Krishna <b>3</b>		Not available	
<b>Catches/Stumpings</b>	Turpin <b>3</b> Small, S Patel <b>2</b>		Not available	

## 2015 scorecards

3/5	Boston Manor PF	<b>United Titans 144</b> (Katragadda 56, Basker 30, Krishna 3-28) <b>Gents 115</b> (H Patel 29, Desai 25, Kumar 23, Pawan 3-21)	<b>Lost by 29 runs</b>
10/5	Old Tenisons	<b>Wimbledon United 199-4</b> (Herbert 83, Shacklock 32, Patel 26) <b>Gents 170</b> (Jampala 39*, Small 35, S Patel 21)	<b>Lost by 29 runs</b>
17/5	Old Tenisons	<b>Gents 101</b> (Basker 31, Vandu 4-29, Harsh 4-31) <b>Gubbays 103-2</b> (Harsh 50*, Ashish 46*)	<b>Lost by 8 wickets</b>
24/5	Durston House	<b>Gents 260-7</b> (Kumar 79*, Basker 68, Fawkes 4-79) <b>Northfields 261-3</b> (Elmes 165*, Murray 56)	<b>Lost by 7 wickets</b>

## 2015 averages



	M.	Inn.	NO	Runs	Avg.	Ct./St.	O	M	Runs	Wck.	Avg.
Basker	3	3	0	99	33.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bocha	1	1	0	13	13.00	-	5	0	33	0	-
Caveney	1	1	0	7	7.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chalamalasetti	1	1	0	11	11.00	1	1	0	11	0	-
Chantam	1	1	0	9	9.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cloete	1	1	0	11	11.00	1	-	-	-	-	-
Denton	2	2	0	20	10.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Desai	1	1	0	25	25.00	-	5	1	21	2	10.50
Dubey	2	2	0	18	9.00	-	6.1	0	47	0	-
Hibbert	2	2	0	9	4.50	1	10	2	38	1	38.00
Jampala	1	1	1	39	-	-	4	0	19	0	-
Jones	2	2	0	0	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Katragadda	3	3	0	28	9.33	-	18	2	81	1	81.00
Krishna	2	2	0	13	6.50	-	4.8	1	28	3	9.33
Kumar	3	3	2	118	118.00	-	15	2	97	0	-
Newcombe	2	2	0	0	0.00	-	5	0	30	1	30.00
Oruganti	2	2	1	8	8.00	-	6	0	42	1	42.00
H Patel	2	2	0	29	14.50	-	6	0	35	2	17.50
S Patel	4	4	1	58	19.33	2	15	0	88	2	44.00
Pingili	2	1	0	0	0.00	-	11	0	57	4	14.25
Small	2	2	0	46	23.00	2	4	0	36	1	36.00
Surureddy	2	1	0	9	9.00	-	2	0	29	0	-
Turpin	1	1	0	1	0.00	3	-	-	-	-	-

**Highest score for: 260-7** v. Northfields **Highest score against: 261-3** by Northfields

**Lowest score for: 101** v. Gubbays **Lowest score against: 144** by United Titans

**Hundred partnerships against: 186** 2nd. wicket (Northfields) (wicket record in Gents games), **111** 3rd. wicket Herbert/Shacklock (Wimbledon United)

**Fifties for (2): 79\*** Kumar v. Northfields, **68** Basker v. Northfields, **Fifties against (5): 165\*** Elmes (Northfields), **83** Herbert (Wimbledon United), **56** Katragadda (United Titans), **55** Murray (Northfields), **50** Harsh (Gubbays)

**Four-wicket hauls against (3): 4-29** Vandu (Gubbays), **4-31** Harsh (Gubbays), **4-79** Fawkes (Northfields)

**Sixes (4): 2** Kumar, **1** Basker, S Patel

**Duck trophy (9): 2** Jones, Newcombe **1** Basker, Dubey, H Patel, S Patel, Pingili