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John Black – In Memoriam

I am writing to confirm the sad and untimely passing at 63 of John Black - one of the Gents players from the early days, and a good friend of mine for 30 years, writes **Nick Boddington**.

He was taking part in a polo triathlon, and had a fall from his horse. He seemed to be fine afterwards, but within a couple of hours he was taken ill, and died before he could be taken to the hospital. It was sad in many ways, but at least he was taking part in active sport, something he had done for most of his life.

He had a fairly short career with the Gents, one distinguished by his keenness, if not by his punctuality, which was legendarily lacking in all aspects of his life. He was a brisk medium bowler, and his zeal extended to chasing after any shots played off his bowling, regardless of whether there were other fielders better positioned. Shouts of "John, get behind the stumps!" were often heard. His fielding position seldom varied – it was where he thought he should be rather than anywhere the captain or bowler asked him to go.

For all his eccentricities John was a warm and loyal friend, and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

John Black – the statistics

John Black was something the Gents have little of these days, a bowler who simply could not bat, although he had fun, gleefully trying to cart everything to leg. With a qualification of 20 games, he stands proud as the worst batsman in the club's history, with 12 runs in 11 innings at an average of 1.2. Only Ketan Patel (1.4) and James Lewis (2.4) come close. If one eases the qualification to ten games, a namby-pamby move which would have incurred his wrath, then Graham Butt (ten games, 4 runs at 0.8) would shade him. Of those 12 runs, 9 were scored in one game. Milton Jolin, another leg-side biffer, was in attendance at the other end and the stand of 21 was briefly a club record for the wicket.

With the ball in his hand he was a different proposition, taking 17 wickets at 24.0 and paying 4.6 runs per over. He took 3 for 19 against West XI at Gunnersbury Park in 1991, although he went for 0 for 62 off 6 overs in this fixture a year later and 4 for 14 against NELPS in Hackney in 1993.

His finest hour as a Gent was the pivotal West XI game in July 1994, when he had the dangerous John Waddell caught Ashton for 11, ran out Padd Harrington and fielded tirelessly on the railway boundary, the game closely won by a team missing several star players.

His sense of direction and timekeeping, as Nick says above, were infamous. After the aforementioned match, he was somewhat delayed finding the pub (the Victoria, Victoria Road, adjacent to the ground at Victoria Rec), his tardiness due to an old codger who stung him for a drink and then gave false directions. Yet to general amazement he was first on the ground at Victoria Park, Hackney in 1993.

AGM update



Horace Hibbert wants to be Captain again. Sumit Kumar wants to be Vice-Captain again and he will contest the position with Vijay Basker. Andrew Burman wants to be Secretary again and Peter Denton wants to be Chairman. The Treasurer position is currently vacant. The club covered its costs in 2015, thank you everybody.

Saturday 14 November at Club 182, 182-184 Preston Road, Wembley, London HA9 8PA starting at 7.30pm

Apart from the usual procedure and awards, we will need to discuss opponents (who to keep and who to drop) and where we are going to play. If it is to be Old Tenisonians, then we will need public liability insurance.

PLI is a new thing for the Gents but Old Tenisonians are insistent upon it, as are London Borough of Merton, who run Raynes Park SG, which also impressed the Gents in 2015. The likely cost is under £100. It is not something we can compromise on. A sudden outbreak of salmonella poisoning against litigious opposition, in defiance of Old Tens' 5-star hygiene rating, will not come cheap.

2015 Played 21 Won 12 Lost 8 Abandoned 1

Ins Aguirre, Chintam, Kota, Sudireddy
Outs Clark, Lall, Mishra, Pentakota, Thoms

Runs Small 478, Basker 265, Kumar 251, S Patel 207, Jampala 204, Desai 202, Katragadda 142, Oruganti 131, Dubey 126, Kota 105, Bocha 103

Wickets S Patel 14, Small 13, Jampala 10

Catches Denton 6 (and 3 stumpings), Small 6, Jampala 5

The Gents improved in the second half of a varied season. They failed to defend, thanks to two stupendous innings, totals of 260 for seven and 203 for two, were skittled for 78 and 101 yet produced some confident performances against strong teams. After May comprised four defeats, results improved in June before July was pretty well washed out. A run of seven wins in August and September ensured a winning season. Cricket was played on 18 weekends, three more than in 2014, when five fewer games were played. One match was curtailed by rain and two cancelled. The call over the winter was for stronger teams to be introduced. Since quality can vary from year to year this is easier said than done, but there were no complaints about cheap victories in 2015.

Some notable records were set. Elmes of Northfields (165 not out) and Ahmed of Close PF (164 not out) beat the previous highest score in Gents matches, held by Steve Jones with 158 not out against West XI in 2002. The unbeaten stand of 212 between Small (131 not out) and Kumar (74 not out) for the sixth wicket against St. Anne's Allstars, from a flimsy inherited position of 56 for five, was an all-wicket record for the Gents.

The Gents were again dependent on Vijay Basker and his talented, reliable friends to supplement the stalwarts and, in the opening match, to provide opposition. His United Titans then Wimbledon United inflicted close defeats in May, Gubbays and Northfields (Elmes avenging a 186 run battering in 2014) severe ones, the last game despite fifties from Kumar and Basker. The superb stand between Small and Kumar got the Gents off the mark against St. Anne's Allstars. Fifties from Kumar and Sanjay Patel saw off Hale (Patel also took four wickets) before London Rams were shaded in a rare Saturday game, when Buck, Gilkes, Laing, Dhruv Patel and Sciberras made welcome returns. Sciberras scored a masterful 46 on a spiteful wicket. Ahmed's fireworks for Close PF proved too much a week later, despite Desai's 114 not out, his maiden century and the first by a Gent in defeat. Only one game was completed in July, Oruganti (70) and Jampala (49) overcoming Bricklayer's Arms. Once cricket resumed, the competitive Blue Marlins caught the Gents on an off day, winning easily.

Some impressive performances followed. The game rather than the result was celebrated in a marvellous day with Pak, Bocha batting well before injury ended his season. It was wonderful to see Dhruv Patel help steer the Gents home in the first match. Clapham In then visited, the game the best of the season with Small, who had an excellent campaign, taking out his bat for 88. Dubey and Kumar took three wickets each in a close win. Dubey's brutal 51 helped the Gents to a second win over Bricklayer's Arms before Battersea Imperials were beaten by devastating bowling from Oruganti and Pingili. Rakesh Patel's 56 saw off Salix before the Gents showed fortitude to run Gubbays close, thanks to Kota's 65 not out, Sudireddy's 30 and the guts of Denton, who returned having retired hurt to help add 42 for the last wicket. The final game at Hale saw a return to form.

The Gents missed the ability and focussed commitment of Pentakota, who had moved to Southampton, while Clark (newly a father), Lall (playing league cricket), Mishra (returned to the United States) and Thoms (work) were also absent from the team sheets. However, Desai returned and Denton and Hemin Patel doubled their 2014 appearances. Jampala, Kota, Krishna, Oruganti, Pingili and Sudireddy added youthful energy and talent to the squad, as did Aguirre, who joined mid-season, introduced by his Cheltenham friends Jones and Newcombe.

Small's 478 runs was the highest since 2008. Five others passed 200 with Kumar's fluent 251 a personal best, and five 100. Eleven Gents and eight opponents passed fifty, Basker, Kumar, Small and Harsh of Gubbays doing so twice. Desai, Small and opponents Ahmed and Elmes scored centuries. Wickets were spread about, with only Sanjay Patel (14), Small (13) and Jampala (10) in double figures. Patel bowled the most overs, 54, a lighter workload than the hundred plus overs asked of Hemin Patel (albeit off a shorter run up) as recently as 2011. Three took nine and one eight. Of the regular bowlers, only Krishna (3.5) conceded fewer than four runs per over, with Oruganti (4.0), probably the fastest, Katragadda (4.1) and captain Hibbert (4.2) just above. The rejuvenated Denton took six catches and three stumpings to head the fielding dismissals. The question of involvement of stalwarts and newcomers was generally well handled by the captains. There was usually a positive atmosphere in the matches and the support of Ken Toft, who regularly travelled from Milton Keynes for the games, with pencils and not coloured pens about his person, was greatly appreciated.

2015 scorecards and results

3/5	Boston Manor PF	United Titans 144 (Katragadda 56, Basker 30, Krishna 3-28) Gents 115 (H Patel 29, Desai 25, Kumar 23, Kota 3-21)	Lost by 29 runs
10/5	Old Tenisonians	Wimbledon United 199-4 (Herbert 83, Shacklock 32, Patel 26) Gents 170 (Jampala 39*, Small 35, S Patel 21)	Lost by 29 runs
17/5	Old Tenisonians	Gents 101 (Basker 31, Vandu 4-29, Harsh 4-31) Gubbays 103-2 (Harsh 50*, Ashish 46*)	Lost by 8 wickets
24/5	Durstun House	Gents 260-7 (Kumar 79*, Basker 68, Fawkes 4-79) Northfields 261-3 (Elmes 165*, Murray 56)	Lost by 7 wickets
7/6	Boston Manor PF	Gents 268-5 (Small 131*, Kumar 74*, Bowman 3-32) St. Anne's Allstars 127-8 (Chadwick 30, Murray 28, S Patel 3-20)	Won by 141 runs
14/6	Crown Taverners	Gents 199 (Basker 73, S Patel 65, Oruganti 29, Rajesh 4-15, Giles 3-17) Hale 161-9 (Giles 52*, Rajesh 44, Kamran 30, S Patel 4-34)	Won by 38 runs
20/6	Fairfield RG	Gents 130 (Sciberas 46, D Patel 28, S Patel 22, Severn 3-27, Fisher 3-29) London Rams 115 (McLeod 27, Rothwell 23, Desai 3-24)	Won by 15 runs
28/6	Old Tenisonians	Gents 203-2 (S Desai 114*, Cloete 40, Jones 26) Close PF 206-4 (Ahmed 164*)	Lost by 6 wickets
12/7	Boston Manor PF	Gents 257 (Katragadda 58, Aguirre 56*, Basker 42, Dubey 36, Jampala 24, Ware 3-40, Neighbour 3-63) Baker Street Irregulars 25-1	Abandoned
19/7	Old Tenisonians	Gents 264-5 (Oruganti 70, Jampala 49, Hibbert 30, Newcombe 30*, Pingili 25*, H Patel 20) Bricklayer's Arms 140-9 (Ottley 31, O'Keeffe 23, Meek 22)	Won by 124 runs
2/8	Northwick Park	Gents 78 (Small 20, Basker 18, Prem 3-4, Niraj 3-9) Blue Marlins 79-2 (Vamsee 32*)	Lost by 8 wickets
2/8	Northwick Park	Blue Marlins 134-8 (Mandar 31, Yogi 27, Ashish 23, Jampala 3-16) Gents 116-4 (Small 46, Jampala 30)	Lost by 18 runs
9/8	Old Tenisonians	Pak 121-8 (S Khan 37, Small 4-11) Gents 125-9 (Bocha 41, Manni 5-23)	Won by 1 wicket
9/8	Old Tenisonians	Gents 121-5 (Desai 33, Bocha 32) Pak 90-8 (Ahmed 34, Small 3-15)	Won by 31 runs
16/8	Old Tenisonians	Gents 200-7 (Small 88*, Jampala 30, Khan 25) Clapham In 179-9 (Carman 54, Frecknall 44, Kumar 3-27, Dubey 3-33)	Won by 21 runs
23/8	Raynes Park SG	Gents 219 (Dubey 51, H Patel 34, Laing 3-25) Bricklayer's Arms 117-6 (Pasolla 40, Ottley 21)	Won by 102 runs
30/8	Old Tenisonians	Battersea Imperials 93 (A Khan 32, Oruganti 3-18, Pingili 3-25) Gents 94-7 (Small 39, A Khan 4-20)	Won by 3 wickets
30/8	Old Tenisonians	Gents 129-6 (Krishna 36*, Chintam 27, Katragadda 23) Battersea Imperials 116 (A Khan 42, Small 3-19)	Won by 13 runs
6/9	Imperial College	Salix 116 (Kulasingam 38, Padmore 35) Gents 118-3 (R Patel 56*, Small 39)	Won by 7 wickets
13/9	Cavendish RG	Gents 159-9 (Kota 65*, Sudireddy 30, Shyam 4-13) Gubbays 160-5 (Harsh 59, Ashish 25, Vishal 23*, Kota 3-24)	Lost by 5 wickets
27/9	Hale Common	Gents 136 (Charatla 35, Kota 29, Small 26, Davies 3-37) Hale 72 (Charatla 3-9)	Won by 64 runs

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)
Sun 7 June	St. Anne's Allstars	Won by 141 runs	N2 Casuals	Drawn
Sun 14 June	Hale	Won by 38 runs	Acme	Lost by 58 runs
Sat 20 June	London Rams	Won by 15 runs	Sampfords	Lost by 42 runs
Sun 21 June	-	-	Eastons	Drawn
Sun 28 June	Close PF	Lost by 6 wickets	Haringey Libraries	Lost by 4 wickets
Sun 5 July	-	-	Fives	Won by 2 wickets
Sun 12 July	Baker Street Irregulars	Abandoned	Octopus	Lost by 4 wickets
Sun 19 July	Bricklayer's Arms	Won by 124 runs	Little Berkhamsted Sahibs	Lost by 8 runs
Sun 26 July	Pak	Cancelled (rain)	CAMRA	Cancelled (rain)
Sun 2 August	Blue Marlins	Lost by 8 wickets	Cincinnati	Lost by 8 wickets
Sun 2 August	Blue Marlins	Lost by 18 runs	-	-
Sun 9 August	Pak	Won by 1 wicket	Highgate	Won by 57 runs
Sun 9 August	Pak	Won by 31 runs	-	-
Sun 16 August	Clapham In	Won by 21 runs	Harrowdene	Won by 6 wickets
Sun 23 August	Bricklayer's Arms	Won by 102 runs	Whalers	Lost by 30 runs
Sun 30 August	Battersea Imperials	Won by 3 wickets	-	-
Sun 30 August	Battersea Imperials	Won by 13 runs	-	-
Sun 6 September	Salix	Won by 7 wickets	Railway Taverners	Won by 162 runs
Sun 13 September	Gubbays	Lost by 5 wickets	Deadbeats	Won by 2 runs
Sun 20 September	-	-	Railway Taverners	Won by 17 runs
Sun 27 September	Hale	Won by 64 runs	-	-
Record Runs	P21 W12 L8 Abandoned 1		P20 W7 D2 L11	
Wickets	Small 478 Basker 265 Kumar 251 S Patel 207		Hale 331 Taylor 296 Delanian 295 Boden 235	
Catches/Stumpings	S Patel 14 Small 13 Jampala 10 Denton 6/3 Small 6 Jampala 5		Webster 21 Taylor 14 Delanian 12 Dafern 11 Allerton 11 Taylor 7 Boden 6 Ward 6	

London Saints then and now



The date of Sunday, 21 June 1981 is of interest to students of both Test and social cricket. It saw the first Sunday's play in an English Test match and also the first game for London Saints. At Trent Bridge, a sickly England second innings overnight score of 94 for six quickly became 125 all out against Australia, the Aussies going on to score 132 for 6 to win by 4 wickets and go one up in what would become known as Botham's Ashes. This writer may or may not have unleashed a Brearley Out rant that very evening.

Elsewhere, London Saints played their first match. Students of club history noticed with sadness their absence for the first time since the inaugural fixture in 1992. They are currently struggling a little for numbers as the old guard get injured or retire but are trying to recruit more players. Wish them every success. We reprint an excerpt from Dave Thomas's club history and offer firm hope that fixtures will resume in 2016. Their sporting play and charitable work define them as a great club.

Along with the fledgling football, darts, pool and quiz teams the London Saints decided to start a cricket team with our first match 21 June 1981 v. Bridon CC at King George's Fields, which we lost by 7 wickets, having been bowled out for 35 (and a top individual score of 6!) – something that was going to be a recurring theme for much of the cricket team's existence. Unlike the other teams which were all in APFSCIL run leagues, the cricket team have only played friendly social matches which leave more onus onto the organiser(s). We have played 10 different APFSCIL clubs but as we improved our standard (or they got worse or couldn't get enough numbers up) one by one they dropped off the circuit to an extent that now we only play one other football supporters club, Sunderland. As well as the 10 APFSCIL clubs, we have played an additional 59 other clubs all over the south of England plus our more adventurous trips north of the border and our overseas jaunts to Luxembourg, Belgium, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago.

We embarked on fundraising, initially as we were travelling to Sri Lanka post-Tsunami, and have raised almost £25,000 for good causes both abroad and at home. The Sri Lankan beneficiaries included funds for an orphanage, a children's day centre and a fishing boat for a village devastated by the Tsunami. In Trinidad and Tobago the funds went to schools for the blind and with developmental disabilities as well as the national visually-impaired cricket team.

Cricketing heroes of our time – Dave Laing

This from the Bricklayer's Arms website. Laing has previous. This is an unplugged reprise of his 100 unbeaten, winning tenth-wicket stand with Chris Wright for West XI against Menorca in 2008 (Laing a stout 0 not out):

That put us 18 for nine with David Laing facing the hat-trick ball. He survived it, and with Eddie Evans the last wicket proved our longest and highest partnership. Eddie was unlucky several times not to register a boundary in the lush outfield and David was lucky an appeal was withdrawn after he thought we had got our first four and dawdled a second run. That reprieve enabled Eddie to get the single that took us past the all-time worst of 32, though as that was when we were the Queen Adelaide, 33 still represents a nadir for the Brick.

CAMRA knocked the runs off in 37 balls notable only for a maiden by Dave Pasola. Since it was not yet 4pm, we then divided into two sides picked schoolyard-fashion from both teams for a 20-over thrash that turned out much more enjoyable than the main match.

2015 averages

	M.	Inn.	NO	Runs	Avg.	Ct./St.	O	M	Runs	Wck.	Avg.
Aguirre	5	4	2	75	37.50	1	10	0	72	3	24.00
Basker	11	10	0	265	26.50	-/2	-	-	-	-	-
Bocha	6	6	0	103	17.17	-	18	1	116	0	-
Buck	1	1	0	0	0.00	-	2	0	6	0	-
Caveney	5	4	0	29	7.25	1	2	0	11	0	-
Chalamalasetti	1	1	0	11	11.00	1	1	0	11	0	-
Charantla	1	1	0	35	35.00	-	5	0	9	3	3.00
Chintam	4	4	1	43	14.33	-/1	-	-	-	-	-
Cloete	3	3	0	57	19.00	3	7	0	34	2	17.00
Comfort	1	1	0	2	2.00	2	5	0	15	2	7.50
Denton	14	10	1	62	6.89	6/3	-	-	-	-	-
Desai	11	10	2	202	25.25	2	40.1	2	193	9	21.44
Dubey	8	8	0	126	15.75	1	30.1	2	156	7	22.29
Gilkes	1	1	0	5	5.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gorantla	2	0	0	0	-	-	13	3	38	3	12.67
Hibbert	10	8	0	58	7.25	4	35.2	4	147	4	36.75
Jampala	12	10	1	204	22.67	5	30.5	3	138	10	13.80
Jones	5	4	0	38	9.50	-	1	0	5	1	5.00
Katragadda	9	8	0	142	17.75	4	39.2	6	161	3	53.67
Khan	4	2	0	26	13.00	-	6	1	20	4	5.00
Kolla	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	0	6	1	6.00
Kota	4	4	2	105	52.50	-	15.4	12	50	8	6.25
Krishna	10	5	2	57	19.00	1	24.5	5	88	6	14.67
R Kumar	1	1	0	0	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
S Kumar	11	11	5	251	41.83	1	39.0	2	205	5	41.00
Laing	1	1	0	0	0.00	-	2	0	16	1	16.00
Mamidi	1	1	0	0	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newcombe	6	6	2	51	12.75	-	10	0	65	2	32.50
Oruganti	11	9	3	131	21.83	3	32	4	129	9	14.33
D Patel	3	2	1	35	35.00	1	4	0	22	2	11.00
H Patel	10	8	3	86	17.20	3	30.4	5	147	9	16.33
R Patel	1	1	1	56	-	-	6	1	19	1	19.00
S Patel	14	12	2	207	20.70	4	54	2	268	14	19.14
Pingili	8	6	1	43	8.60	1	28	2	123	8	15.38
Reddy	1	1	0	3	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sciberras	1	1	0	46	46.00	-	2	0	15	0	-
Small	15	14	2	478	39.83	6	29	2	201	13	15.46
Sudireddy	14	8	1	78	11.14	2	23	2	154	5	30.80
Turpin	1	1	0	1	1.00	3	-	-	-	-	-

2015 individual and team performances

Highest score for: 268-5 v. St. Anne's Allstars, **Highest score against: 261-3** by Northfields

Lowest score for: 78 v. Blue Marlins, **Lowest score against: 72** by Hale

Hundred partnerships for (2): 212* 6th. wicket Small/Kumar v. St. Anne's Allstars (Gents record for any wicket, 132 3rd. wicket Oruganti/Jampala v. Bricklayer's Arms

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

Highest partnerships by wicket; 1. 106 Desai/Jones v. Close PF, **2. 43** Basker/Jampala v. BSI, **3. 132** Oruganti/Jampala v. Bricklayer's Arms, **4. 80** Basker/S Patel v. Hale, **5. 83** Basker/Kumar v. Northfields, **6. 212*** Small/Kumar v. St. Anne's Allstars, **7. 34** Hibbert/Small v. Pak, **8. 50** Sudireddy/Kota v. Gubbays, **9. 42** Jampala/S Patel v. Wimbledon United, **10. 42*** Kota/Denton v. Gubbays

Fifties/hundreds for (14): 131* Small v. St. Anne's Allstars, **114*** S Desai v. Close PF, **88*** Small v. Clapham In, **79*** Kumar v. Northfields, **74*** Kumar v. St. Anne's Allstars, **73** Basker v. Hale, **70** Oruganti v. Bricklayer's Arms, **68** Basker v. Northfields, **65** S Patel v. Hale, **65*** Kota v. Gubbays, **58** Katragadda v. BSI, **56*** Aguirre v. BSI, **56*** R Patel v. Salix, **51** Dubey v. Bricklayer's Arms

Fifties/hundreds against (9): 165* Elmes (Northfields), **164*** Ahmed (Close PF), **83** Herbert (Wimbledon United), **59** Harsh (Gubbays), **56** Katragadda (United Titans), **55** Murray (Northfields), **54** Carman (Clapham In), **52** Giles (Hale), **50** Harsh (Gubbays)

Four-wicket hauls for (2): 4-11 Small v. Pak, **4-34** S Patel v. Hale

Four-wicket hauls against (6): 5-23 Manni (Pak), **4-13** Shyam (Gubbays), **4-15** Rajesh (Hale), **4-29** Vandu (Gubbays), **4-31** Harsh (Gubbays), **4-79** Fawkes (Northfields)

Sixes (37): 6 S Patel **5** Dubey **4** Kumar, Small **3** Katragadda, Kota **2** Basker, Chirantla, Desai, R Patel **1** Bocha, Cloete, Khan, Oruganti
Duck trophy (33): 3 Denton, S Patel, Pingili **2** Desai, Dubey, Jones, Newcombe, H Patel, Sudireddy **1** Basker, Bocha, Buck, Hibbert, Jampala, Krishna, R Kumar, S Kumar, Laing, Mamidi, Oruganti, Small

Salix v. Gentlemen of West London

Sunday 6 September, Imperial College SC. Salix won toss. Sunny, 18C

Won by 7 wickets

Salix				Gentlemen of West London			
Kulasingam		b Krisna	38	Small	c B Shaw	b Unadkat	39
Henig		b Pingili	1	Basker		b Heaton	2
Thangarajah	c Katragadda	b Desai	5	†Cloete		b Mascarenhas	6
†B Shaw	c Cloete	b R Patel	2	R Patel	not out		56
O Shaw		b Kolla	3	Desai	not out		9
Darling	run out		5	Katragadda, Jampala, Sudireddy, Pingili, Krishna and Kolla did not bat			
*Padmore		b Sudireddy	35				
Mascarenhas	c Desai	b Jampala	9				
Heaton	c Small	b Jampala	4				
Fletcher	run out		1				
Unadkat	not out		0				
Extras		w7 nb3 b3	13	Extras		w5 nb1	6
Total	All out	34.5 overs	116	Total	3 wickets	15.4 overs	118
FoW: 2, 25, 54, 57, 60, 78, 93, 109, 113, 115				FoW: 4, 11, 99			
Bowler				Bowler			
Katragadda	5-1-13-0			Mascarenhas	4-0-23-1		
Pingili	5-2-7-1			Heaton	4-0-20-1		
Krishna	4-0-17-1			Padmore	3-0-25-0		
Desai	4-0-18-1			Unadkat	3,4-0-37-1		
R Patel	6-1-19-1			O Shaw	1-0-13-0		
Kolla	4-0-6-1						
Sudireddy	4-0-20-1						
Jampala	2.5-0-13-2						

This was a convincing win for the Gents after Salix, who won the toss, struggled against high-quality bowlers who used a helpful pitch well. Rakesh Patel on debut, with six fours and three enormous sixes, together with the ever-steady Jonny Small, then sped the Gents to victory at 5.15pm after the fall of two early wickets.

This was the seventh win on the bounce, albeit one achieved with considerable input from guest Mr. Patel, the backstory of whose presence is worth recording. Anil Oruganti was down to play but an emergency meant that he couldn't. Without bidding, he arranged a replacement. Thanks are due to him, not for the first time, for taking responsibility. Rakesh thereby became the 19th. Patel to play for the club and certainly the tallest. The veteran Gents organiser remembers rather more cavalier behaviour from former players as recently as 2008.

Imperial College was a busy place before the match, with QPR Under 10s playing, watched by their scary parents. English association football is in good hands, judging by a bone-jarring reducer put in early doors by one tenacious midfield mite, who left an opponent writhing in agony. Once the childer, parents and wild dogs had exited the grounds, the game started promptly as a result of exemplary timekeeping by both sides.

The Gents' seamers found their line and length immediately and Pingili soon bowled Henig. Thangarajah has a ton and a fifty to his name this season, but nothing loose came his way before, frustrated, he chipped Desai to cover. Kulasingam, powerful to leg and captain Padmore batted well but wickets fell regularly at the other end. A feature of the innings was the successful bowling changes, Desai, Rakesh Patel, Kolla and Jampala each striking in their first over. Cloete put in an outstanding display with the gloves, taking a tricky catch off Patel standing up to the wicket.

Eight bowlers were used, six seamers with Patel and Sudireddy providing the spin. There were two smart direct hit run outs by Jampala and Basker, Darling having made his ground but failing to ground his bat. Four catches were taken, none dropped and there was one refusal.

Salix needed early wickets in the reply and got them when Basker and Cloete were bowled, 11 for two. But Small and Patel resisted all that Salix could throw at them and prospered. The captain walked after finely edging behind (2015 aggregate 452 runs) but by then Patel was smiting as mightily as an Old Testament tribal chief, his first six carrying ten yards over the straight boundary. Desai provided a dapper cameo and victory was the Gents'. The irrepressible Vijay Basker was by now lobbying for a second T20 game but did not push matters too far after realising that it got dark at 7.30pm. Sachin Desai graciously suggested after that the pitch eased under the sun and that the Gents would have struggled had they batted first. There was possibly some truth in this for the seaming conditions of the first innings had disappeared by four o'clock.

Gubbays v. Gentlemen of West London

Sunday 13 September, Cavendish RG. Gents won toss. Sunny, 20C

Lost by 5 wickets

Gentlemen of West London			Gubbays		
Kumar		b Shyam	8	†Ashish	b Kota
Denton	not out		13	Sandeep	run out
Dubey	lbw	b Neal	0	Harsh	lbw
†Basker	lbw	b Manish	10	Neal	c Jampala
Katragadda	c Neal	b Shyam	19	*Aryuat	c Sudireddy
Desai	c Ashish	b Shyam	0	Vishal	not out
Jampala	lbw	b Harsh	4	Shyam	not out
*Hibbert	c Bharat	b Shyam	1	Vijay, Manish, Arjun and Bharat did not bat	
Sudireddy		b Aryuat	30		
Kota	not out		65		
Pingili		b Aryuat	0		
Extras		w9	9	Extras	w21 nb1 b5 lb3
Total	9 wickets	35 overs	159	Total	5 wickets
FoW: 14, 30, 52, 52, 52, 57, 67, 117, 117			FoW: 19, 69, 75, 91, 146		
Bowler			Bowler		
Aryuat	7-1-29-2		Katragadda	6.2-0-31-0	
Neal	7-1-38-1		Desai	7-0-34-1	
Shyam	7-3-13-4		Kumar	1-0-4-0	
Manish	7-1-28-1		Pingli	4-0-24-0	
Harsh	4-0-23-1		Jampala	3-0-13-0	
Arjun	3-0-28-0		Kota	7-1-24-3	
			Dubey	5-0-22-0	
					33.2 overs
					160

A remarkable day's cricket saw Gubbays maintain their winning record in this series, but it was a close run thing. When the Gents collapsed to 67 for seven (or eight as was thought at the time) a sub-hundred score and the usual battering looked probable, but superb batsmanship by Kota (65 with six fours and two sixes) and Sudireddy, bravely supported by the crooked Denton, took them to 159 for nine. Gubbays paced their reply well, helped by dropped catches and too many extras, and had five wickets and eight balls in hand at the end.

As the captain and several others were delayed, Kumar fashioned a batting order out of those available. He was also persuaded to agree to the home captain's demand that anything down leg-side would be called wide. This had the advantage of clarity but also helped the home bowlers, who were used to the pronounced slope. After a steady start, the retired hurt of Denton, injured in the foot, set in place a bizarre train of events. Dubey was leg-before next ball and although Kumar and Basker added 22 the wheels then fell off when five wickets fell for 15 runs. The wicket was a little two-paced and Desai was undone by a flier from Shyam, one of four in a testing spell, that spat and took the edge behind.

Gubbays were on top so credit Sudireddy and Kota who put up 50 in eight overs before Sudireddy was bowled. They had come together with only 12 overs left and after Pingili was bowled first ball Denton hobbled back to the middle to join Kota, the score 117 for nine off 31 overs. Kota then farmed the strike smartly, although not the final ball of the innings, which Denton gleefully clipped for four through mid-wicket. Kota soared past his fifty as 42 came off the last four overs, the Gents' mood shifting from sullen acceptance to joyful celebration.

Momentum is a precise term of classical mechanics but is often misused by those sports journalists, possibly not graduates, who opine that a shift in fortune will irreversibly continue, in other words once something has happened it will continue to happen. So, let us be clear, the Gents did not have momentum other than that allowed by the laws of physics, but they did enjoy the final 12 overs and were quite chirpy at tea.

A calm piece of cricket by Desai after confusion between the batsmen ran out Sandeep but no further wicket fell until Kota weaved his magic or, to be precise, bowled a full toss that Ashish played around. This period of play belonged to the Gents as Neal edged another full toss to slip and captain Aryuat was well held by cult hero Sudireddy diving to his right at square-leg

Gubbays were scoring if not freely then at or beyond the required rate throughout their innings. A series of catches was shelled, some easy, some less so and extras began to mount. Harsh fell on 59 but the free-scoring Vishal and Shyam took them to a deserved victory. They hosted well, providing a good tea and deserve the accolade of the best team played this season. Blue Marlins inflicted a heavy defeat, but the Gents were below their best in all areas that day.

Hale v. Gentlemen of West London

Sunday 27 September, Hale Common. Gents won toss. Sunny, 18C

Won by 64 runs

Gentlemen of West London			Hale				
Small	st Abdul	b Davies	26	Kamran	b Comfort	0	
†Denton	c Davies	b Giles	1	†Abdul	b Comfort	5	
Basker	c Rao	b Davies	11	Khrich	c Small	1	
Kota	lbw	b Umar	29	Sanjay	c Comfort	11	
Charatla	c Raj	b Davies	35	Umar	c Oruganti	4	
Comfort	c Rajesh	b Rao	2	*†Giles	b Small	12	
Jampala	c Giles	b Umar	10	Punchard	c Comfort	2	
Oruganti	run out		6	Rao	b Charatla	2	
*Hibbert	c Abdul	b Rajesh	2	Rajesh	lbw	12	
R Kumar		b Rajesh	0	Raj	b Kota	6	
Krishna	not out		8	Davies (2)	not out	0	
Extras		w6	6	Extras	w7 nb5 b5	17	
Total	All out	35 overs	136	Total	All out	28.3 overs	72
FoW: 10, 32, 40, 83, 85, 116, 117, 120, 120, 136			FoW: 10, 16, 16, 32, 32, 35, 38, 62, 71, 72				
Bowler			Bowler				
Umar	7-1-22-2		Hibbert	5-1-13-1			
Giles	5-1-15-1		Comfort	5-0-15-2			
Raj	4-0-13-0		Charatla	5-0-9-3			
Davies (1)	7-0-37-3		Jampala	4-2-4-1			
Rao	7-1-31-1		Small	4-1-15-1			
Rajesh	5-0-18-2		Kota	4.3-1-11-2			
			Krishna	1-1-0-0			

The Gents won their twelfth game of 2015 at breezy Hale after skittling the hosts on a seaming, turning green pitch that helped bowlers all day. Both sides bowled well, but the resolution with the bat of Small, Kota and Charatla proved crucial as the visitors compiled a defendable total. Captain Hibbert had earlier assembled his punctual men and impressed upon them the need for crease occupation and batting out the 35 overs, which was duly, if unspectacularly done. This was a good way to end the season.

All season Vijay Basker has organised spare players. On the Monday morning, the Gents looked to have more than enough but eight withdrawals, including most of the car drivers, took the squad below critical mass. A limp attempt at cancellation by the secretary proceeded before Basker got to work, arranging the services of debutants Raj Kumar and Bhuvan Charatla, who lived up to his billing as an exceptional all-rounder. Old friend Johnny Comfort, formerly of Crown Taverners and Hale, and now batsman for Fleet Firsts, completed the eleven.

It is always a pleasure to visit this beautiful ground. A brisk wind gusted across the Surrey Downs but the weather was more clement than usual for the Gents' autumn visit. Umar was bowling short and fast and Small soon called for the helmet. Miscalculating Giles's canny off-spin as an easier scoring option, Denton drove to long-off in the sixth over. Small was playing well and it was a surprise when Davies deceived him, the batsman drawn forward and Abdul completing a sharp stumping. Basker was circumspect before holing out off his first aggressive shot, a fine catch at gully. Kota was watchful while Charatla went for his shots, pulling two sixes over the longest boundary down the hill. Wickets fell regularly after their dismissals, but Oruganti and Krishna fashioned a sensible last-wicket stand. Hale had a good day in the field and caught some well-judged catches.

The parentheses of Davies (1) and (2) require explanation. Davies (1) is Jack Davies the veteran spinner who always takes wickets against the Gents. Davies (2) is the other Jack Davies and a fine man he is too. Davies (1) had his bowl then, suffering from a dodgy tummy caused, he believed, by some contaminated Tacos consumed in a Wetherspoons, went off to the pub to recuperate. Davies (2) batted in his place. Mindful of his pre-departure responsibilities, he warned the Gents to mind their valuables, lest they be taken by local youths.

After much-needed vegetable curry, rice and naan the Gents' bowlers were on the money. Comfort, denied a bowl by Fleet for whom he keeps wicket, bowled Kamran, who had scored 111 few weeks back with eight sixes, and Abdul. Khrich cut to cover running back to reward Hibbert's fine spell. Charatla was moving the ball off the pitch and deserved his three wickets. Denton kept well to him and Kota, bowling off-breaks that achieved considerable turn. Jampala was accuracy itself and Small bowled as well as he has all season. Giles was unlucky, bowled by a Small shoulder-high full-toss, the ball coming out of the setting sun and unplayable. The No ball Law might have been invoked had the ball been a few inches higher. Rajesh and Rao batted happily but Hale's innings tumbled to 72 all out, way short of their capabilities, but it was a bowler's day.

Gunnersbury Park news



Mindless, thoughtless vandals burnt down the cricket pavilion at Gunnersbury Park on 8 October. Thus perished another part of the history of the Gents, who played their home games there in 1991 and were hosted there eight times by West XI between 1999 and 2007.

Neither West XI nor their visitors saw the pavilion at its best in the latter epoch, for it fell into desuetude from 1999 and was no longer fit for purpose when West XI abandoned the ground.

Gunnersbury Park was purchased for the nation from the Rothschild family and was opened to the public by Neville Chamberlain, then Minister of Health and Prime Minister 1937-40, on 21 May 1926. Giants of literature Harold Pinter and Steve Bignell played cricket there.

Its sporting glory reached a crescendo in the 1980s. The 1984 Hounslow Borough Guide listed a wider range of facilities at Gunnersbury Park than any other park in the borough. Besides the Museum, the children's playgrounds and the café, the Guide listed two bowling greens, the boating lake, fishing, pitch and putt golf, 15 tennis courts and a range of sports pitches: 31 for football, nine for cricket, three for rugby, one each for hockey and lacrosse.

All is not lost, however. Friends of Gunnersbury Park are working with the Boroughs of Hounslow and Ealing to redevelop the sports facilities. There are various options, but each has provision for three adult cricket pitches. Perhaps the Gents will return there one day.

There are some people on the square



Who's this having a friendly game of cricket? Why, it's the England football team, busy training for the 1966 World Cup finals with Harold Shepherdson fielding at gully in civilian clothing. The final itself, unlike every subsequent one, was played on a Saturday not a Sunday, as the 1780 Sunday Observance Act, which banned "publick entertainment or amusement" on the Lord's Day, was still in force.

Right, which England player from that glorious side played first class County Cricket, albeit only one game, in 1962? It certainly wasn't R Charlton with that legside hoik.

Opponents Select XI 2015



1. Elmes (Northfields)
2. Herbert (Wimbledon United)
3. Harsh (Gubbays)
4. Ahmed (Close PF)
5. A Khan (Battersea Imperials)
6. Carman (Clapham In)
7. Kulasingam (Salix)
8. *†Severn (London Rams)
9. Chadwick (St. Anne's Allstars)
10. Manni (Pak)
11. Ottley (Bricklayer's Arms)
12. Rajesh (Hale)

The usual rule applies, a maximum of one player per team. The wise Mike Severn will captain and he'll need all his wisdom with some of the egos in his side. However, if he wins the toss and it's a flat wicket he can put his feet up for two hours with that top six, with plenty of potential from No.7 to No.11. That greedy little bastard John Elmes, cavorting above in a purple shirt with Mr. Murray (186 flipping runs for the second wicket if you please) scored a ridiculous 1,400 runs for Northfields in 2015, including seven centuries, so it wasn't just us.

The beautifully balanced attack covers all bases with left-arm and right-arm seam (Chadwick, Manni, Kulasingam and Khan) and off-spin from Ottley and Rajesh. If it is a turning pitch, both will play.

The Denton Report



Well may Peter Denton look content. When not reconstructing with chums Pawan Kota and Ratnakar Sudireddy the 1966 Class Sketch from the satirical programme The Frost Report, he grimly hung on to 13th. place in the list of all-time Gents run scorers. In a Benny Hill cricketing romp, he was pursued up to the end and actually overtaken by Sachin Desai before Gubbays, but Desai's duck in that game combined with Denton's epic 13 not out meant that both were tied on 1,112 runs. Denton's scampered single against Hale moments before he holed out took him clear. Small (1,031), Dubey (1,026) and Hemin Patel (1,019) also joined the Thousand Club in 2015 and Khan (984), Cloete (964) and Kumar (952) are within reach.

Sanjay Patel, with 386 wickets, is now sniffing Stuart Snelling's 391. He overtook the big fellow in terms of overs bowled 1,603.2 to 1,572.0, though to his chagrin none came against Battersea Imperials. Another change of note came from the endeavours of Hemin Patel, whose wickets total of 238 is now fourth highest, ahead of Dhruv Patel (233). Hemin also wriggled one ahead of Mark Sciberras's 171 appearances to go fifth and Stuart Snelling's 47 catches by one to go fourth. Betfair's has Sciberras 4/6 to regain fifth pace on appearances as Hemin's pre-nup agreement kicks in.

The total of Gents now stand at 332, of whom 118 have played just once and 47 twice, close on 50%. There have been 19 Patels, six Khans, four Kumars and four Wrights. One has an unverifiable surname, Mark ? and one languishes in prison (not a Patel, Khan, Kumar or Wright we are pleased to say), for perverting the course of justice.

Top 20s

The qualification is 15 innings for batting and 50 overs for bowling. C Wright, who tops Bowling Average and Strike Rate is Chris, West XI and Judd Street Tigers stalwart and occasional Gent. Wright is legend Jim. Note the inclusion of Burman, the retired terror bowler (at least to close fielders) at No.8 in Strike Rate, just ahead of fellow pacemen Iqbal and Inkollu. A statistic not shown is catches per game, in which Paul Turpin is the nonpareil, with 24 in 25 games at 0.96.

Appearances		Runs		Wickets	
S Patel	311	S Patel	5,838	Snelling	391
Snelling	238	Ashton	3,848	S Patel	386
Buck	217	D Patel	3,219	H Patel	238
Burman	211	Wright	3,020	D Patel	233
D Patel	197	Husain	2,270	Ashton	222
H Patel	172	Gilkes	1,851	Sciberras	150
Sciberras	171	Buck	1,808	Todd	148
Ashton	153	Sciberras	1,490	Wright	135
Wright	149	Boddington	1,416	Buck	114
Todd	147	Snelling	1,327	Boddington	98
Toft	137	Maughan	1,131	Husain	76
Gilkes	135	Hughes	1,121	Dolan	74
Denton	127	Denton	1,113	Hill	66
Richmond	112	S Desai	1,112	Hibbert	59
S Desai	82	Hubbicks	1,094	Inkollu	54
Boddington	82	Todd	1,091	Bignell	51
Bignell	76	Small	1,031	Kumar	50
Dolan	67	Dubey	1,026	Lall	43
Hibbert	67	Bignell	1,025	Iqbal	41
Kumar	67	H Patel	1,019	S Desai	39
Catches		Batting Average		Number of 50s and 100s	
S Patel	101	Husain	49.3	S Patel	28
Sciberras	60	Cloete	43.8	Ashton	25
Ashton	59	Small	38.2	Husain	20
H Patel	48	Lall	37.0	Wright	17
Snelling	47	Ashton	30.5	D Patel	9
Buck	44	Basker	28.3	Hubbicks	8
D Patel	42	Wahed	28.2	Lall	8
Maughan	40	Pentakota	27.9	Cloete	7
H Desai	33	Iqbal	27.8	Gilkes	7
Wright	33	Rudru	27.2	Maughan	7
Gilkes	32	Inkollu	27.2	Small	7
S Desai	28	Minhas	26.1	Basker	6
Denton	27	S Patel	25.6	Dubey	6
Toft	25	Bocha	24.7	Hughes	6
Husain	24	Wright	24.0	Kumar	6
Hughes	24	Maughan	23.1	Bocha	5
Turpin	24	Hubbicks	21.9	Inkollu	5
Boddington	23	Hughes	21.6	Khan	5
Newcombe	23	Khan	21.4	Boddington	4
Todd	22	Dubey	21.4	S Desai, Rudru	4
Bowling Average		Bowling Economy Rate		Bowling Strike Rate	
C Wright	9.9	Thompson	2.5	C Wright	16.2
Ashton	11.2	Snelling	2.9	Small	16.3
Iqbal	11.7	M Ashton	3.0	Lall	16.9
Snelling	11.8	Fitch	3.0	S Desai	18.6
Inkollu	11.8	Katragadda	3.2	Husain	19.2
Lall	12.7	Inkollu	3.2	H Patel	19.2
Thompson	13.1	Iqbal	3.3	Newcombe	19.6
Husain	13.4	Hill	3.5	Burman	20.3
Rudru	13.7	Rudru	3.5	Iqbal	20.9
S Desai	14.0	C Wright	3.7	Alderman	21.1
Bignell	15.1	Wright	3.7	Buck	21.6
Small	15.3	Dolan	3.7	Bocha	21.6
S Patel	15.3	S Patel	3.7	Inkollu	22.1
H Patel	15.4	Boddington	3.8	Bignell	22.2
Thornicroft	15.9	R Ashton	3.9	Hibber	22.3
Wright	16.0	Todd	4.0	Ashton	22.4
Hill	16.3	Babar	4.0	Wilman	22.5
D Patel	16.3	Thornicroft	4.0	K Patel	23.1
Shanvare	16.5	Shanvare	4.1	Rudru	23.2
Bocha	16.7	Bignell	4.1	D Patel	23.6

Records created in 2015

Most runs in a game

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

Highest totals by opponents

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

Highest totals batting second

24/5/15	Durstun House	Gents 260 Northfields 261-3	Lost 7 wickets
5/9/93	Victoria RG	Gents 235-9 dec. London Owls 239-0	Lost 10 wickets
3/9/00	Victoria RG	12 Angry Men 231-3 Gents 235-9	Won 1 wicket
14/7/13	Old Tenisonians	Gents 231-9 Judd Street Tigers 231-10) ¹² a side	Tied
27/7/14	Paulin Ground	Gents 250-9 Judd Street Tigers 230-8	Won 20 runs

Highest partnerships for each wicket by Gents (* = unbroken)

1	121	Bignell (34) and Hubbucks (78) v. Enterprise	Victoria RG	2 May 1993
2	127	H Desai (34) and Lall (61) v. Ham and Petersham	Crown Taverners	7 August 2011
3	166	Husain (100*) and Kain (87) v. London Saints	Old Tenisonians	3 June 2007
4	162	H Desai (46) and Lall (128) v. London Saints	Old Haberdashers	14 August 2011
5	152	Ashton (102) and Hughes (57*) v. London Saints	Victoria RG	15 August 1993
6	212*	Small (131*) and Kumar (74*) v. St. Anne's Allstars	Boston Manor PF	7 June 2015
7	110*	Thompson (66*) and Derriman (47*) v. London Rams	Belair Park	3 July 2004
8	109	H Desai (37) and Bocha (76) v. London Saints	LMPF Greenford	12 August 2012
9	108	Hibbert (81) and Sciberras (22) v. Virgin Casuals	Shepherd's Bush	17 September 2000
10	79*	S Patel (73*) and Pentakota (31*) v. Salix	Imperial College	9 September 2012

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

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

Most runs in a season

756	Wright 2000	493	Ashton 1995
680	Husain 2007	490	Ashton 1993
586	Husain 2005	478	Small 2015
514	Hubbucks 1994	461	Husain 2006
503	Ashton 1995	459	Inkollu 2008

Highest individual scores in Gents matches

165*	Elmes (Northfields) (Durstun House, 24 May 2015)
164*	Ahmed (Close PF) (Old Tenisonians, 28 June 2015)
158*	Jones v. West XI (Gunnersbury Park, 21 July 2002)
150*	Walker (Rotherham SC) (Battersea Park, 7 May 1995)
143*	Husain v. New Barbarian Weasels (Fairfield RG, 7 July 2007)
140*	Bulmer (London Owls) (Victoria RG, 5 September 1993)
137*	Ashton v. Enterprise (Victoria RG, 10 May 1992)
132	Heyman (Village XI) (Old Hamptonians, 30 July 2006)
131*	Small v. St. Anne's Allstars (Boston Manor PF, 7 June 2015)