



# Decade 4

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Gentlemen of West London CC 2018-2027

## 2018 Played 19 Won 11 Lost 8

<b>Debuts</b>	Gulati, Puli
<b>Runs</b>	Kota 562, Basker 334, H. Patel 214, Namilikonda 196, Kumar 142, Dubey 139, A. Ahmed 123, Chatharaju 113, Krishna 102
<b>Wickets</b>	Namilikonda 15, Dubey 14, H. Patel 13, Kumar 12, Krishna 11, Gulati 10
<b>Ct./St.</b>	Namilikonda 8/1, Dubey 6/2, Kota 6
<b>Notes</b>	Record tenth-wicket stand by opponents: 57 R. Bendall (28) and T. Treen (27*) (Crossbats)

29/4	Perivale Park	<b>Gents 79</b> (Basker 20, Prabakhar 5-13) <b>Hounslow Hurricanes 82-2</b> (Sachin 32*, Wagh 24*)	<b>Lost 8 wickets</b>
6/5	Hilly Fields	<b>Millfields 253-1</b> (Collis 150*, Street 44, Cordell 41)	<b>Lost 27 runs</b>
		<b>Gents 226</b> (Kota 63, Kataru 51, Francis 40, Pingili 22, Street 3-41)	
13/5	Old Tenisonians	<b>Wimbledon United 128-8</b> (Saxby 21, Phillip 20, Gulati 3-18)	<b>Won 8 wickets</b>
		<b>Gents 133-2</b> (Kota 59*, Basker 37, Namilikonda 26*)	
20/5	Old Tenisonians	<b>Putney 96-8</b> (S. Bendre 23*, Dubey 3-19) <b>Gents 97-9</b> (A. Ahmed 41*, Rea 4-19, Seaman 3-20)	<b>Won 1 wicket</b>
27/5	Durston House	<b>Gents 259-9</b> (Shaikh 55, Namilikonda 48, M. Khan 37, H. Patel 35, A. Ahmed 33, Francis 22*, Garner 3-41) <b>Northfields 206</b> (Derrick Redhead 91*, J. Singh 49, Namilikonda 3-8, Krishna 3-32)	<b>Won 53 runs</b>
3/6	Crown Taverners	<b>Gents 212</b> (H. Patel 50, Gulati 29*, Namilikonda 22, Chalamalasetti 21, Kumar 21, Dale 3-36)	<b>Won 37 runs</b>
		<b>Crown Taverners 175</b> (Huntingford 34, D. Day 32*, Grannell 30)	
10/6	Old Tenisonians	<b>Hounslow Hurricanes 217-3</b> (Wagh 85*, Nahush 50*, Prasanth 40)	<b>Lost 88 runs</b>
		<b>Gents 129</b> (S. Patel 26, S. Desai 24, Chatharaju 20)	
17/6	Old Tenisonians	<b>Eastside 215-5</b> (Ashfaq 68, Farkhan 37, Sameer 37, Aftab 26)	<b>Lost 120 runs</b>
		<b>Gents 95</b> (Basker 69, Zaheer 3-8, Farkhan 3-21, Rezwan 3-40)	
23/6	Barnes Common	<b>St Anne's Allstars 106</b> (Begley 25) <b>Gents 108-6</b> (Krishna 25, H. Patel 25)	<b>Won 4 wickets</b>
1/7	Cavendish RG	<b>Gubbays 179-6</b> (Vishal 56, Arjun 34*, Aryuat 29, Neal 25)	<b>Lost 53 runs</b>
		<b>Gents 126</b> (Pentakota 33*, Chatharaju 29, Neal 4-24, Manish 3-14)	
8/7	Old Tenisonians	<b>Gents 134</b> (Kota 31, Basker 27, Namilikonda 22, Walters 3-11, Sediqi 3-25, Morrison 3-31)	<b>Lost 7 wickets</b>
		<b>Viscount 138-3</b> (Clarke 78*, Sobers 24)	
15/7	Cottenham Park	<b>Wimbledon United 222-8</b> (Flannery 113*, D. Hitchman 28, Kota 3-36)	<b>Lost 110 runs</b>
		<b>Gents 112</b> (N. Khan 33, Dubey 23, Dean 3-4)	
22/7	Old Tenisonians	<b>Battersea Eagles 216-8</b> (S. Khan 40*, Harris 37, M. Singh 35, F. Khan 22, Mangineni 3-17)	<b>Won 1 wicket</b>
		<b>Gents 217-10</b> (Kota 110, Basker 41, Francis 21, Harris 4-26)	
5/8	LMPF Greenford	<b>Pak 190-7</b> (H. Khan 99*, S. Ahmed 25, H. Patel 3-34) <b>Gents 191-5</b> (Kota 83*, Namilikonda 30)	<b>Won 4 wickets</b>
12/8	Old Tenisonians	<b>Squirrels 193-9</b> (Glavina 54, Carey 52, Holmes 26*, Dubey 3-26, Namilikonda 3-30)	<b>Won 2 wickets</b>
		<b>Gents 196-8</b> (Kota 51, Kumar 30, A. Ahmed 26, Basker 25, Chatharaju 20*)	
19/8	Old Tenisonians	<b>Clapham In 152-7</b> (Cheetham 42*, Plaja 32, Robbins 27)	<b>Won 5 wickets</b>
		<b>Gents 156-5</b> (Kota 60, Basker 31, Gulati 24*, Caveney 21)	
2/9	Paulin Ground	<b>Judd Street Tigers 169-7</b> (Dane 36*, Greenham 33, Delanian 29, Namilikonda 3-20)	<b>Won 6 wickets</b>
		<b>Gents 173-5</b> (Kota 55*, Basker 32, Gulati 25)	
9/9	Raynes Park SG	<b>Crossbats 153</b> (Masini 35, Bendall 28, Treen 27*, Namilikonda 3-20, H. Patel 3-25)	<b>Won 6 wickets</b>
		<b>Gents 154-4</b> (Dubey 67, H. Patel 50 ret. hurt)	
16/9	Chiswick House	<b>Gents 184-7</b> (Kumar 45, Kota 24, Caveney 21*, Chatharaju 20)	<b>Lost 5 wickets</b>
		<b>Salix 188-5</b> (Ilangakoon 56 ret. hurt, Juma 35, Padmore 29*, Henig 26)	

The Gents ended their 31st season strongly with six wins in the last seven games. There were some exciting victories, usually chasing, and some humbling defeats. Captain S. Patel sacrificed his merited place centre stage in order to give others opportunities, bowling only 35 overs and batting either low down or not at all. Forty-three played, ten in twelve or more matches. A feature of 2018 was scurrying around for opponents after Gubbays, Hale, Judd Street Tigers, Northfields and Wycombe House bailed. There was time to secure alternatives but chancers lurk on the dark web who are pleased to confirm a short-notice fixture then weasel out, or heinously to misrepresent their ability as weak-medium when several classes stronger. Blind dates provide variable pleasure.

There was no Hibbert, who had made at least one appearance every season since 2008, Sampath or the prolific Small. Bocha played only twice and Bandla left in June to play league cricket for Pinkneys Green. Injury restricted the appearances of Francis, Khan and Newcombe. However, Kota returned impressively with six fifties and his first century, while powerful bowling all-rounder Gulati joined to great effect.

Between 3.37pm on 29 April and 1.55pm on 13 May, 14 Gents bowlers sent down 69.2 overs, took three wickets and conceded 385 runs. When Street of Millfields was out opposing batsmen had added 198-0 in 34.5 overs. Four games were then won. Wimbledon United and Putney were overcome simply (Kota 59\*) and narrowly (Ahmed a gutsy 41\* in 20 overs) before Northfields (Wycombe House guest Shaikh 55) and Crown Taverners (H. Patel 50) were batted out of the game. Only one of the next six was won as Gents bowlers struggled, the nadir being a demolition after a shocking fielding performance in the Wimbledon United return.

More settled sides could now be fielded, based around the returning rock Kota, and fortunes turned round. He scored his maiden century (110) against Battersea Eagles after an inspirational visit by club founder Mark Ashton, and fifties against QMC Pak (83\*), Squirrels (51, Chatharaju's astonishing winning six off the day's final ball one for the ages), Clapham In (60) and Judd Street Tigers (55\*). That was 359 runs in five innings. Dubey (56) and H. Patel (50) notched the sixth successive winning chase, against Crossbats before a vibrant Salix beat the Gents in the last match of the season with perfect game management.

## 2019 Played 24 Won 19 Lost 5

<b>Debuts</b>	Z. Ahmed, Corbett, Sirikonda
<b>Runs</b>	Kota 674, Namilikonda 597, Gulati 367, Sudireddy 339, Kumar 262, Chatharaju 228, S. Patel 167, Dubey 164, H. Patel 163, Basker 148, Francis 139, A. Ahmed 120, Pentakota 100
<b>Wickets</b>	Chatharaju 25, Namilikonda 25, H. Patel 25, Kota 18, Kumar 18, Krishna 12, Dubey 11
<b>Ct./St.</b>	Namilikonda 16/3, Sudireddy 12/4, Dubey 8, Kota 8, S. Patel 7, Gulati 6

13/4	Marble Hill Park	<b>Crossbats 167-4</b> (McAlpine 68, S. Skinner 51, Wright 20) <b>Gents 170-5</b> (Kota 57, Basker 55, Sudireddy 33*, Ross 4-18)	<b>Won 5 wickets</b>
21/4	Byfleet	<b>Byfleet 161-9</b> (Akhtar 57, Fahey 28, Mangineni 4-16) <b>Gents 164-6</b> (Namilikonda 56, Sudireddy 28*, Kota 20)	<b>Won 4 wickets</b>
28/4	Cavendish RG	<b>Gents 138</b> (Dubey 45, Neal 3-22) <b>Gubbays 109</b> (Aryuat 25, Namilikonda 4-17, Pentakota 3-10)	<b>Won 29 runs</b>
5/5	Hilly Fields	<b>Millfields 103</b> (Collis 66*, Cordell 20, H. Patel 4-29, Kumar 3-31) <b>Gents 82</b> (C. Cooper 3-8)	<b>Lost 21 runs</b>
12/5	Old Tenisonians	<b>Gents 201-7</b> (Kota 93*, Namilikonda 28, Dubey 20, Hasan 3-41) <b>Wimbledon United 131</b> (Patel 40)	<b>Won 70 runs</b>
19/5	Old Tenisonians	<b>Gents 182-9</b> (Gulati 43*, Pentakota 41, S. Patel 20, Walsh 4-19) <b>Kempton 186-6</b> (Little 108*, Newman 31)	<b>Lost 4 wickets</b>
26/5	*King's House	<b>Northfields 152-9</b> (Ismail 42, Paynter 28, H. Patel 3-20, Namilikonda 3-25) <b>Gents 156-2</b> (Rakesh Patel 50*, Basker 34, Namilikonda 32, Kota 26*)	<b>Won 8 wickets</b>
2/6	Wycombe House	<b>Gents 313-6</b> (Gulati 102*, Z. Ahmed 53*, Shaikh 44, Kumar 34, Nadeem 3-43) <b>Brentham 124-8</b> (Khetia 43, Hirani 29, H. Patel 3-10)	<b>Won 189 runs</b>
9/6	Old Tenisonians	<b>Gents 242-5</b> (Kota 88*, Sudireddy 52*, Gulati 48) <b>Plastics 90</b> (Morgan-Grenville 46, Namilikonda 4-4, Chatharaju 3-11)	<b>Won 152 runs</b>
16/6	Crown Taverners	<b>Gents 179-7</b> (Kota 79, Namilikonda 35, Sudireddy 30, Duffy 3-20) <b>Crown Taverners 63</b> (Hayhoe 25, Namilikonda 3-17)	<b>Won 116 runs</b>
22/6	Ealing Central SG	<b>St Anne's Allstars 178-3</b> (Pereira 66*, Chaudhry 61, Rattan 24*) <b>Gents 153</b> (H. Patel 46, Sudireddy 29, Rattan 4-16, Silmon 3-24)	<b>Lost 25 runs</b>
30/6	Teddington Town	<b>Gents 181</b> (S. Patel 57*, Namilikonda 50, Poulter 42, Naseri 4-26, Walsh 3-44) <b>Teddington Town 111</b> (Dobani 39, Poulter 3-18)	<b>Won 70 runs</b>
7/7	Wycombe House	<b>Gents 207</b> (A. Ahmed 40, Z. Ahmed 32, Kota 28, Francis 24, Chatharaju 21, Nick 3-37, Daniel 3-38) <b>Whalers 138</b> (Humphreys 32, Kieran 31, Dillen 24, Kota 5-8, Dubey 3-25)	<b>Won 69 runs</b>
14/7	Cottenham Park	<b>Gents 233-6</b> (A. Ahmed 72*, Francis 38, Kumar 20*) <b>West London 125</b> (Shelby 36, Kumar 5-20)	<b>Won 108 runs</b>
21/7	Old Tenisonians	<b>Gents 199-8</b> (Kumar 60, Namilikonda 53, Cooper 4-39) <b>Battersea Eagles 180</b> (Karan 60, Harris 43, Chatharaju 4-42, Kumar 3-3)	<b>Won 19 runs</b>
4/8	Old Tenisonians	<b>Gents 185-5</b> (Chatharaju 57*, H. Patel 28, Namilikonda 26, Gulati 21*, D. Khan 3-32) <b>Pak 160</b> (H. Khan 70, D. Khan 20, H. Patel 4-28)	<b>Won 25 runs</b>
11/8	Wycombe House	<b>Gents 246</b> (Gulati 59, Reddy 42, Chatharaju 38, Kumar 36, Kent 3-27) <b>Northfields 179-7</b> (David Redhead 67*, Derrick Redhead 28, Garner 20*)	<b>Won 67 runs</b>
18/8	Old Tenisonians	<b>Clapham In 177-6</b> (Ferreira 59, Plaja 57, Curtis 22, Shinner 20) <b>Gents 128</b> (Sudireddy 36, Namilikonda 24, Bage 3-17)	<b>Lost 49 runs</b>
25/8	Abbey RG	<b>Gents 247-6</b> (Namilikonda 109*, Kumar 68, Kota 20, Poonwasie 3-36) <b>Bricklayer's Arms 170-5</b> (Thapa 72*, Poonwasie 38, Basnet 32)	<b>Won 77 runs</b>
1/9	Paulin Ground	<b>Gents 198-9</b> (Gulati 52, Namilikonda 33, Caveney 23*, Warren 3-41) <b>Winchmore Hill Tigers 199-7</b> (Greenham 43, C. Wright 30*, Nawagamuwa 28, Boden 25)	<b>Lost 3 wickets</b>
7/9	Haydons Road RG	<b>Gents 180-6</b> (Small 61, Krishna 27, Newcombe 26*, Basker 20) <b>Squirrels 139</b> (Carey 56, Moore 56, H. Patel 4-22)	<b>Won 41 runs</b>
15/9	Chiswick House	<b>Salix 145</b> (Juma 78, Ilangakoon 27, Pentakota 4-15, H. Patel 4-26) <b>Gents 149-1</b> (Kota 81*, Francis 33*, Namilikonda 24)	<b>Won 9 wickets</b>
21/9	Marble Hill Park	<b>Gents 303-7</b> (S. Patel 70, Namilikonda 61*, H. Patel 40, Newcombe 37, Kota 25) <b>Crossbats 189-6</b> (Masini 45, Venkatapalopathy 41*, Snowball 32, A. Skinner 21)	<b>Won 114 runs</b>
22/9	Hale Common	<b>Gents 187-9</b> (Kota 72, Pentakota 29*, Francis 28, Gourav 3-28) <b>Hale 111-3</b> (Knowles 54, Giles 22)	<b>Won 76 runs</b>

\*Formerly CSSC Chiswick

The Gents played a long season with good spirit. The dignity of members was impugned in social media less often than feared, nobody flounced off during a game and there was only one brawl. Several players had their best seasons. A long campaign started in brisk temperatures of 9C at Marble Hill Park and ended 23 weeks and one day later as autumn closed in on the North Downs at Hale. Longer seasons are a modern trend, to early October in some clubs. Twenty years before, the season ran from the last weekend in April to early September.

Seven new teams were played including the rebranded Tigers. There were visits to three wonderful new grounds; Byfleet, Teddington Town and prospective landlords Wycombe House. The Tigers match was played on their first XI pitch, a sign of how far both sides have come in recent years. Baker Street Irregulars, in total disarray, Gubbays and Wimbledon United cancelled but replacements were found, the Gents subletting United's Cottenham RG for the visit of the chaotic West London. Namilikonda scored his maiden century and for the first time since 2009, and only the second time ever, four batsmen made 300 runs. He took the All-Rounder and fielder awards, Kota retaining Batsman and Chatharaju winning Bowler, with three tied on 25 wickets after last-day drama.

It took a good side to down the Gents. Millfields bowled cannily to defend 103; Kempton were indebted to their talented overseas professional Australian, Jarod Little; St Anne's spinners were a revelation; Clapham In had the best-balanced bowling attack faced for years; and Winchmore Hill Tigers took risks with their batting order, chasing with acumen and conviction. Battersea Eagles and QMC Pak were only closed out by narrow margins.

## 2020 Played 11 Won 9 Lost 2

<b>Debuts</b>	Karnekanthi, T. Snelling
<b>Runs</b>	Kota 325, Gulati 232, Sudireddy 204, Namilikonda 187, S. Patel 122, Francis 116
<b>Wickets</b>	H. Patel 16, Namilikonda 14, Gulati 12
<b>Ct./St.</b>	Sudireddy 9/2
<b>Notes</b>	Record seventh-wicket stand by Gents: 140 Sudireddy (96) and Gulati (66*) <i>v.</i> Kempton

19/7	Old Tenisonians	<b>Gents 184</b> (A. Ahmed 36, Kota 35, S. Patel 24, Chatharaju 21*, Siddiq 3-17) <b>Battersea Eagles 164</b> (Shoib Khan 38, Naseem 23, Atta 22, Gulati 3-8, Mandava 3-21)	<b>Won 20 runs</b>
26/7	Abbey RG	<b>Gents 200-9</b> (Gulati 38, Francis 32, Kota 30, Chatharaju 20, Newcombe 20*, Sudireddy 30, Sah 3-42) <b>Bricklayer's Arms 201-4</b> (Waqas 48*, Gul 46, Tremain 40, Thapa 39)	<b>Lost 6 wickets</b>
2/8	Old Tenisonians	<b>Gents 252-7</b> (Sudireddy 96, Gulati 66*, Kota 35, Mather 3-47, Burson 3-48) <b>Kempton 213</b> (Pipe 68, Axten 45, Armstrong 43, H. Patel 5-41)	<b>Won 39 runs</b>
9/8	Durston House	<b>Gents 98</b> (Sudireddy 29, Namilikonda 20, Egan 5-50, Derrick Redhead 3-19) <b>Northfields 82</b> (Darren Redhead 29, Dubey 3-8)	<b>Won 16 runs</b>
16/8	Old Tenisonians	<b>Gents 246-5</b> (Namilikonda 91, Kota 49, Kumar 35*) <b>Clapham In 148-7</b> (Cheetham 46, Ferreira 20)	<b>Won 98 runs</b>
23/8	Old Tenisonians	<b>Bricklayer's Arms 110</b> (Thapa 35, Tremain 24, H. Patel 5-26) <b>Gents 116-5</b> (S. Patel 43*, Kota 29)	<b>Won 5 wickets</b>
30/8	Paulin Ground	<b>Gents 187-10</b> (Kumar 32*, Pentakota 28, Webster 3-33) <b>Winchmore Hill Tigers 145</b> (Hodges 52*, Sikander 33, Gulati 4-15)	<b>Won 42 runs</b>
5/9	Long Ditton RG	<b>Gents 132</b> (Kota 44, Small 41, Sweeting 4-23) <b>Squirrels 135-9</b> (Chase 45*, Aldridge 32, Scott 26)	<b>Lost 1 wicket</b>
6/9	Wycombe House	<b>Gents 225-8</b> (Rakesh Patel 45, Gulati 44, Kota 32*, A. Ahmed 28, Krishna 22, Pingili 20*, Jackson 4-27) <b>Millfields 88</b> (Jackson 21, Namilikonda 3-1)	<b>Won 137 runs</b>
13/9	Holtwhites Hill	<b>Holtwhites Trinibis 194-4</b> (Popat 89, Smith 47, Evans 24) <b>Gents 198-7</b> (Kota 49, Gulati 26, Namilikonda 23*, Francis 21, Mahachi 3-31)	<b>Won 3 wickets</b>
20/9	Haydons Road RG	<b>Salix 140</b> (Holloway 39*, Webster 20, H. Patel 3-14) <b>Gents 141-7</b> (Gulati 37*, Francis 31, Newcombe 26, Holloway 3-23)	<b>Won 4 wickets</b>

When on 23 June the Prime Minister described a cricket ball as 'a natural vector of disease' it seemed catastrophic. Would no cricket be played in 2020? But glory be, 12 days later the Gents enjoyed the first of two hard, structured outdoor nets at Wycombe House and 26 days later embarked on a thrilling campaign uninterrupted by the weather. Eleven weekends of play was a blessed holiday from the horrors of the outside world. Coronavirus played havoc with some pitches but Old Tenisonians and, for one game, Wycombe House hosted well amid the chaos.

The Gents scored at 5.4 runs per over and conceded at 4.2, the fewest since 2008. They took 4.6 fielding dismissals (caught, stumped and run out) per game, the highest since 2016, many catches being made possible by the captains' excellent field placement. Though the sample size was small, these dry statistics confirmed an improvement in outcricket noted by the club's most experienced player S. Patel.

Guests played no little part, supporting a well-rounded, confident squad of members. In two memorable recoveries the Gents were skittled for 98 at Northfields and were struggling at 101-7 at Winchmore Hill Tigers. They won both with astonishing bowling and fielding: it was as hard to defend 187 on the benign Paulin Ground pitch as 98 on the Durston House minefield. However, the best performance was not reflected in the scorebook; a past and present Gents team and Squirrels raised £500 for the Snellings' nominated charity, the Sue Ryder Hospices. This relaxed gathering of the clans, with veterans and their children appearing alongside newer players is now an established annual event.

Bricklayer's Arms and Squirrels deservedly beat the Gents. Brick's talented batsmen chased a large total with vigour and intelligence, while Squirrels showed guts and determination to overcome a moderate score on a troublesome pitch. Only one new ground was visited, the splendid Holtwhites Hill.

Two partnership records were broken, one since superseded, Sudireddy's 96 being a personal best. Only three fifties were scored, though there were seven forties, the consistent Kota twice notching 49. He scored most runs (325), Gulati in a strong season and Sudireddy ticked off 200, and Namilikonda, S. Patel and Francis 100. The Ahmeds, Kumar, Newcombe and Pentakota each had his moment in the sun. Dubey captained nine times, vice-captain Kumar and Sudireddy once each. Their ethos was to involve everyone.

The Cricket Clubmark framework describes leadership in terms of governance, policies and stakeholder engagement. But that isn't leadership, or it isn't all of leadership. Keeping interest high with a reduced fixture card, trying to accommodate players keen to bat and bowl every time, is. The captains, and other senior players who sacrificially stood down from time to time, rose to the challenge. Twenty-five played, 16 fewer than in 2019. Four debuted, taking the roster to 392. H. Patel (247) overtook Snelling (246) to go second in the appearances list behind S. Patel (379). Kota overtook Gilkes to go sixth in the career runs list, in which Kumar jumped two places to seventh, overtaking Gilkes and Buck.

## 2021 Played 22 Won 14 Abandoned 3 Lost 5

<b>Debuts</b>	J. Patel, R. Patel
<b>Runs</b>	Kota 581, Karnekanti 257, Puli 200, S. Patel 197, Chatharaju 173, Dubey 168, A. Ahmed 125, Sudireddy 123, Gulati 121, Namilikonda 117, Krishna 110, Kumar 109
<b>Wickets</b>	Krishna 25, Kumar 14, H. Patel 12, Namilikonda 10
<b>Ct/St.</b>	Sudireddy 11/4, Kota 10/1, Puli 7, Gulati 5
<b>Notes</b>	Record seventh-wicket stand by opponents: 102* Mitha (77*) and Azhar (32*) (Mpingwe)

10/4	Marble Hill Park	<b>Gents 202-7</b> (Rakesh Patel 75, Bocha 49, Chatharaju 35*) <b>Crossbats 194-7</b> (S. Skinner 40, Winch 38, Carter 22)	<b>Won 8 runs</b>
25/4	Byfleet	<b>Byfleet 184-6</b> (Clough 51, M. Hockin 50, S. Hockin 29) <b>Gents 185-6</b> (Kota 55*, S. Patel 42*, Puli 34)	<b>Won 4 wickets</b>
2/5	F.W.E. Goates MG	<b>Binfield 187-7</b> (Humphrey 52, Edgington 37*, Krishna 3-36) <b>Gents 188-7</b> (Karnekanti 65, Bocha 42, Krishna 38, Docherty 3-37)	<b>Won 3 wickets</b>
30/5	Wycombe House	<b>St Anne's Allstars 171</b> (Waddicor 36*, Bowman 31, Singh 30, Rizvi 24) <b>Gents 172-6</b> (Kota 74, Z. Ahmed 22*, Sudireddy 20)	<b>Won 4 wickets</b>
6/6	Old Tenisonians	<b>Plastics 179</b> (Anderson 71, Webster 48, Davies 22, Kumar 5-4) <b>Gents 98</b> (Kota 30, Jamieson 5-18)	<b>Lost 81 runs</b>
13/6	Teddington Town	<b>Gents 148</b> (Kumar 42, Karnekanti 36, Potdar 3-18) <b>Teddington Town 151-6</b> (Singh 44, Potdar 26, Namilikonda 3-20)	<b>Lost 4 wickets</b>
20/6	Chiswick House	<b>Gents 143-8</b> (Puli 34*, Kumar 32, Namilikonda 29, Sadhra 3-21) <b>Salix 145-4</b> (Ilankoon 60*, Kulasingam 27*, Henig 20, Sadhra 20)	<b>Lost 6 wickets</b>
27/6	Old Tenisonians	<b>Ottershaw 76-4</b> (Singh 46, Charlton 25*) <b>Gents 77-6</b> (Namilikonda 29, Gulati 20*)	<b>Won 4 wickets</b>
27/6	Old Tenisonians	<b>Ottershaw 85-5</b> (Park 24, McMahon 22*, Krishna 4-14) <b>Gents 86-2</b> (Dubey 29, Gulati 24*)	<b>Won 8 wickets</b>
4/7	King's House	<b>Whalers 101</b> (Johnston 28, Dubey 3-12) <b>Gents 102-8</b> (Namilikonda 27, Bramley 4-18)	<b>Won 2 wickets</b>
11/7	Cottenham Park	<b>Gents 151-9</b> (Dubey 40, Chatharaju 36, Puli 26, O. Watson 4-17) <b>Wimbledon United 52</b> (Kumar 4-6)	<b>Won 99 runs</b>
18/7	Normandy	<b>Gents 193-9</b> (S. Patel 31, Karnekanti 26, Dubey 25*, Chatharaju 23, Rees 3-40) <b>Mpingwe 176-6</b> (Mitha 77*, Azhar 32*, Junaid 28)	<b>Won 17 runs</b>
25/7	Abbey RG	<b>Bricklayer's Arms 8-0 Gents dnb</b>	<b>Abandoned</b>
15/8	Wycombe House	<b>Gents 205-8</b> (Kulasingam 38, Ilankoon 33, Chatharaju 28, S. Patel 26*, Kakan 3-28, Rumbold 3-49) <b>Clapham In 206-5</b> (Ferreira 97, Williams 43, O'Connell 24)	<b>Lost 5 wickets</b>
22/8	Old Tenisonians	<b>Bricklayer's Arms 131-8</b> (Foister 25) <b>Gents 102-2</b> (Kota 31, Karnekanti 22, Puli 21*)	<b>Abandoned</b>
29/8	Old Tenisonians	<b>Mpingwe 154-7</b> (Nayeem 38, Ilyas 33) <b>Gents 155-7</b> (A. Ahmed 77*, S. Patel 29, Kota 20)	<b>Won 3 wickets</b>
4/9	Long Ditton RG	<b>Squirrels 191-9</b> (Glavina 36, Scott 28, Alexander 27, Hues 24, H. Patel 3-37) <b>Gents 127</b> (Puli 27, Hues 5-15)	<b>Lost 64 runs</b>
5/9	Wycombe House	<b>Millfields 201</b> (C. Cooper 74, Prowse 35, Collis 26, Krishna 4-32) <b>Gents 204-4</b> (Kota 84*, Sudireddy 55*)	<b>Won 6 wickets</b>
12/9	Holtwhites Hill	<b>Gents 275-8</b> (Kota 122*, Pingili 27, S. Patel 23, Jones 3-19, D. Wilkes-Green 3-40) <b>Holtwhites Trinibis 185-7</b> (Smith 46*, Evans 32, J. Wilkes-Green 28, Ebbs 23)	<b>Won 90 runs</b>
19/9	Nursery Road RG	<b>Gents 22-0 Salix dnb</b>	<b>Abandoned</b>
26/9	Lampton School	<b>Gents 183</b> (Pentakota 43, Puli 32, S. Patel 22) <b>Chiswick 141</b> (Fry 62, Thakar 21, R. Patel 4-28, Krishna 3-19)	<b>Won 42 runs</b>
3/10	New Romney	<b>New Romney and Littlestone 203-10</b> (Payton 84, Harding 60, S. Lawrence 21, R. Patel 3-31) <b>Gents 206-5</b> (Kota 84*, Dubey 32, Gulati 21)	<b>Won 5 wickets</b>

The rain caused five games to be cancelled and three more to be abandoned (the first in six years), but on the dry weekends some exciting cricket was played. It was a bowler's summer played out on often damp pitches.

Kota conjured 581 runs at 48.42, including a century and two unbeaten scores of 84, 308 coming in his last four innings for once out, with Karnekanti and Puli over 200 and S. Patel and Chatharaju just shy. There were four thrilling batting recoveries: from 14-3 to 202-8 (Crossbats), 50-5 to 193 (Mpingwe), 69-5 to 205 (Clapham In) and 37-4 to 275-8 (Holtwhites Trinibis). To set alongside his ton, Kota struck four fifties, A. Ahmed, Karnekanti, Rakesh Patel and Sudireddy one apiece.

Krishna took most wickets (25), his best return, with Kumar, H. Patel and Namilikonda in double figures and Dubey and R. Patel one shy. Krishna and Kumar delivered two hauls of four or more wickets and R. Patel, whose bowling improved as he got back into cricket after a long absence, one. Sudireddy caught 11, Kota ten, Puli seven and Gulati five. The glovesmen took a quarter of the catches, 15 out of 60. Adding back to Sudireddy's haul of catches his four stumpings, one arrives at an impressive 15 fielding dismissals, nearly a quarter of the total of 74.

On the hottest day of the season at Normandy, Mpingwe's Mitha and Azhar set a new opponents' record stand of 102 for the seventh wicket. Eleven weeks later, New Romney's Payton and Harding put up 121 for the fifth wicket, another record at the time, though it would be broken in 2022. The fusillade of sixes emanating from these batsmen will stay long in the memory.

Home pitches at Old Tenisonians and Wycombe House were improved and the facilities were excellent. House hosted good nets and kindly rescheduled two cup games to accommodate the Gents.

## 2022 Played 26 Won 19 Abandoned 1 Lost 6

<b>Debuts</b>	Nagpal, Parvathaneni, A. Singh
<b>Runs</b>	Kota 1,185, Namilikonda 820, Puli 337, Gulati 332, Sudireddy 314, Chatharaju 308, Dubey 227, Kumar 224, Parvathaneni 233, S. Patel 190, Krishna 155, Pentakota 124
<b>Wickets</b>	Chatharaju 30, H. Patel 24, R. Patel 24, Kota 15, Gulati 13, Dubey 12, Parvathaneni 12, S. Patel 12, Kulasingam 10
<b>Ct/St.</b>	Sudireddy 14/10, Puli 11, Gulati 10, Kota 9, Dubey 6, R. Patel 6, Namilikonda 5, Parvathaneni 5
<b>Notes</b>	Record third-wicket stand by Gents: 168 Kota (160*) and Namilikonda (76) <i>v.</i> Squirrels Record fifth-wicket stand by opponents: 139* Taylor (76*) and S. Smith (62*) (Clapham In) Record ninth-wicket stand by opponents: 72* Farooq (45*) and Mehmood (36*) (Fighting Stars) Record successful chasing score by opponents: 271-3 (Millfields) HS by a Gent: 160* Kota <i>v.</i> Squirrels Most fielding dismissals in a season: 24 by Sudireddy

9/4	Marble Hill Park	<b>Crossbats 181-7</b> (S. Skinner 56, Shirley 38, Winch 24) <b>Gents 109</b> (S. Patel 29, Shirley 4-30)	<b>Lost 72 runs</b>
17/4	Hollyfield School	<b>Gents 170</b> (Kota 53, Chatharaju 50, S. Patel 23*, Kulasingam 22, Moseley 3-26) <b>Hook and Southborough 80</b> (Sadiq 22)	<b>Won 90 runs</b>
24/4	Hayes	<b>Hayes 221</b> (Sam 46, Jyoti 30, G. Singh 30, Bittu 25, B. Singh 25, Varasala 4-40) <b>Gents 180</b> (Kota 49, Kumar 29, Chalal 5-40)	<b>Lost 41 runs</b>
1/5	F.W.E. Goates MG	<b>Gents 215-4</b> (Kota 107*, Gulati 52) <b>Binfield 134-9</b> (Sugumar 24, Hesketh 23, Chatharaju 3-26)	<b>Won 81 runs</b>
8/5	Old Tenisonians	<b>Gents 217-8</b> (Kota 76, Parvathaneni 63, Prytherch 3-51) <b>Wimbledon United 90</b> (Khan 39)	<b>Won 127 runs</b>
22/5	Durston House	<b>Gents 189</b> (Gulati 60, Krishna 31, Mithal 25, Sudireddy 25, Akhtar 3-27) <b>Northfields 193-6</b> (David Redhead 84*, Derrick Redhead 37, Chatharaju 3-40)	<b>Lost 4 wickets</b>
29/5	Wycombe House	<b>Gents 224-5</b> (Kota 111*, Sudireddy 38, S. Patel 28*, A. Ahmed 23) <b>St Anne's Allstars 136-9</b> (Arnott 40*, Kanwal 22)	<b>Won 88 runs</b>
5/6	Raynes Park SG	<b>Gents 206</b> (Chatharaju 47, Dubey 29, Namilikonda 28, Sudireddy 28, Parvathaneni 26, Najeeb 3-34, Kashif 3-44) <b>Mpingwe 122</b> (Kashif 37, Asif 32, Kamida 5-29)	<b>Won 84 runs</b>
12/6	Teddington Town	<b>Teddington Town 216-3</b> (Hunt 100*, Pereira 62*, Hilmy 21) <b>Gents 220-3</b> (Kota 72*, Dubey 54, Sudireddy 43*, Chatharaju 22)	<b>Won 7 wickets</b>
19/6	Chiswick House	<b>Gents 200-5</b> (Gulati 49, Kota 37, Namilikonda 32, Krishna 22*, Kumar 21) <b>Salix 46</b> (Chatharaju 3-4, Dubey 3-16)	<b>Won 154 runs</b>
26/6	Old Tenisonians	<b>Gents 250-9</b> (Kota 123, Namilikonda 40, R. Patel 33, T. Chaudhry 3-60) <b>Ottershaw 135</b> (O. Timizi 43, Halstead 31, Ahmed 20, H. Patel 5-8)	<b>Won 115 runs</b>
3/7	King's House	<b>Whalers 178-5</b> (Humphreys 50*, R. Singh 40) <b>Gents 182-3</b> (Kota 82*, Namilikonda 52)	<b>Won 7 wickets</b>
10/7	Cottenham Park	<b>Gents 312-9</b> (Namilikonda 151, Gulati 39, Dubey 26, Kota 24, Kumar 20, Taylor 4-54) <b>Putney 201</b> (Sorger 39, Burney 28, Bedson 22, Kota 3-27)	<b>Won 111 runs</b>
17/7	Old Tenisonians	<b>Gents 324-6</b> (Kota 160*, Namilikonda 76, Sudireddy 24, Holmes 3-37) <b>Squirrels 166</b> (Aldridge 106, Singh 4-22, H. Patel 3-48)	<b>Won 158 runs</b>
24/7	Redbourn	<b>Redbourn 232-8</b> (McKay 82, Smith 62, Cook 20) <b>Gents 74-2</b> (Kumar 29*, Namilikonda 23)	<b>Abandoned</b>
31/7	Wycombe House	<b>Wycombe House 216-7</b> (Shaikh 82, Osman 25, Khan 25, A. Ahmed 22) <b>Gents 219-5</b> (Kota 62, Gulati 39, Puli 34*, Namilikonda 25, S. Patel 23*)	<b>Won 5 wickets</b>
7/8	Old Tenisonians	<b>Gents 212-9</b> (Namilikonda 101, Pentakota 28*, Akhtar 3-35) <b>Northfields 138</b> (David Redhead 35, Yash 24, Kent 20*, Gulati 3-18, Pentakota 3-30)	<b>Won 74 runs</b>
14/8	Old Tenisonians	<b>Clapham In 190-4</b> (Taylor 76*, S. Smith 62*, Ferreira 25, Cheetham 20, Chatharaju 4-23) <b>Gents 175</b> (Gulati 54, Namilikonda 39, Bage 5-35, Crowley 4-23)	<b>Lost 15 runs</b>
20/8	Richmond Green	<b>Gents 260</b> (A. Singh 77, Parvathaneni 40, Kota 35, Puli 35, Namilikonda 32, Saad 5-34) <b>Prince's Head 117</b> (Thamil 30, Parvathaneni 3-17)	<b>Won 147 runs</b>
21/8	Old Tenisonians	<b>Plastics 200</b> (Webster 110*, P. Bishop 25, Kulasingam 4-33, Puli 3-19) <b>Gents 204-5</b> (Namilikonda 66, Puli 38, Kulasingam 28, Kamida 26)	<b>Won 5 wickets</b>
28/8	Wycombe House	<b>Gents 265-8</b> (Kota 57, Namilikonda 50, Chatharaju 34, Parvathaneni 31, Sudireddy 27, Krishna 23, Mehmood 3-37) <b>Fighting Stars 267-8</b> (Javed 57, Gilani 52, Farooq 45*, Mehmood 36*, D'Cunha 33, Kulasingam 5-50)	<b>Lost 2 wickets</b>
4/9	Wycombe House	<b>Gents 268-7</b> (Kota 74, Kumar 56, Pentakota 39*, Puli 34, Namilikonda 26, C. Cooper 3-29) <b>Millfields 271-3</b> (Wilson 97, Collis 62*, C. Cooper 39*, Baxter 38)	<b>Lost 7 wickets</b>
10/9	The Banks	<b>Lydd 180-8</b> (Wood 81, Anderson 44, Unwin 38, Kota 3-28) <b>Gents 183-5</b> (Namilikonda 43, Sudireddy 36*, Parvathaneni 35*, S. Patel 27)	<b>Won 5 wickets</b>
11/9	New Romney	<b>New Romney and Littlestone 106</b> (Payton 96*, R. Patel 4-7, Kumar 3-23) <b>Gents 109-9</b> (Dubey 29, Chatharaju 28*, Symonds 4-15, T. Harding 3-13)	<b>Won 1 wicket</b>
18/9	Nursery Road RG	<b>Salix 140</b> (Ali 30*, Waddington 27, Chatharaju 3-21, R. Patel 3-30) <b>Gents 144-8</b> (Pentakota 53*, Darling 3-9)	<b>Won 2 wickets</b>
25/9	Lyne RG	<b>Gents 200-6</b> (Puli 86*, Sudireddy 32, Chatharaju 22, Sami 3-46) <b>Western International Market 174</b> (Ajaz 44, Babar 36, Sami 25, R. Patel 3-35)	<b>Won 26 runs</b>

An excellent mid-season run comprising ten victories and a draw ensured a winning season under H. Patel and Sudireddy, who grew into their leadership roles as the season progressed. It was a batsman's summer which saw the most runs scored and conceded ever and an average Gents' score over 200. Three record stands were set, one by Gents (Kota and Namilikonda appropriately at the crease) and two by opponents. A patchy start saw three defeats in six before results perked up.

The losses were instructive: Crossbats bowled well on their artificial, the bowlers were unable to contain the Hayes top order and Northfields used their challenging pitch better. Runs then flowed including 312 against Putney and 324 against Squirrels in successive weeks. It took a well-balanced Clapham In to break the run and the chases from Fighting Stars and Millfields were sensational. Gents then closed strongly with four tight victories in enthralling games.

## 2023 Played 22 Won 12 Abandoned 2 Lost 8

<b>Debuts</b>	Dhatric, Dutta, Rajana, D. Reddy
<b>Runs</b>	Kota 792, Gulati 445, Sudireddy 317, Dubey 263, Puli 250, Parvathaneni 204, Chatharaju 188, S. Patel 183, R. Patel 178, Nagpal 160, Kumar 130
<b>Wickets</b>	H. Patel 26, Chatharaju 21, Kota 17, Dubey 14, Gulati 13, Nagpal 13, Kumar 11
<b>Ct/St.</b>	Sudireddy 18/5, Gulati 9, R. Patel 8, Puli 7, Kota 5
<b>Notes</b>	Most runs in game: 620 Gents 317-5, Fighting Stars 303-8 Record second-wicket stand by Gents: 156 Dubey (62*) and Kota (86*) <i>v.</i> Salix Record eighth-wicket stand by Gents: 120 Sudireddy (52) and Chatharaju (82*) <i>v.</i> New Romney and Littlestone Record aggregate of runs in a game: 620 (Gents 317-5, Fighting Stars 303-8) HS by opponents: 303-8 (Fighting Stars) HS batting second by Gents: 239-9 <i>v.</i> New Romney and Littlestone

8/4	Marble Hill Park	<b>Gents 90</b> (Sudireddy 36, Lawrence 4-14, A. Skinner 3-10) <b>Crossbats 91-6</b> (S. Skinner 40, A. Skinner 29*, Chatharaju 3-20)	<b>Lost 4 wickets</b>
30/4	Haydons Road RG	<b>Merton Hawks 129</b> (Imran 50, Meredith 28*, H. Patel 5-25) <b>Gents 72</b> (A. Ahmed 23, Romalojoseph 3-6, Khan 3-20)	<b>Lost 57 runs</b>
7/5	Dundonald RG	<b>London Itinerants 140-9</b> (Khemka 26, Kundu 24, H. Patel 4-34) <b>Gents 136</b> (Gulati 43*, Kota 26, Fisher 4-25)	<b>Lost 4 runs</b>
14/5	Joseph Hood RG	<b>John Buckner XI 84</b> (Robertson 23, Krishna 3-11) <b>Gents 85-5</b> (Gulati 29*, Dubey 24, Haynes 3-14)	<b>Won 5 wickets</b>
21/5	Durston House	<b>Gents 231-8</b> (Gulati 55, Sudireddy 39, Kota 33, Kumar 32, Chatharaju 27, R. Patel 20*) <b>Northfields 193-9</b> (Derrick Redhead 92, Abz 26, Afridi 24)	<b>Won 38 runs</b>
28/5	Redbourn	<b>Redbourn 195-5</b> (D. Roe 70*, Bradley 45, McKay 25) <b>Gents 196-5</b> (Gulati 91, Sudireddy 38, Kumar 28)	<b>Won 5 wickets</b>
4/6	Barn Elms SC	<b>Putney 212</b> (Lloyd 56, Wishart 47, Puntton 46*, Sorger 21, Kota 4-31) <b>Gents 213-5</b> (Kota 126*, S. Patel 28*, Chatharaju 20)	<b>Won 5 wickets</b>
11/6	Teddington Town	<b>Teddington Town 146-7</b> (Musgrave 45, Dolbani 37) <b>Gents dnb</b>	<b>Abandoned</b>
18/6	Barn Elms ST	<b>Salix 154-5</b> (Kulasingam 54*, Sadhra 46, Kota 3-23) <b>Gents 156-1</b> (Kota 86*, Dubey 62*)	<b>Won 9 wickets</b>
25/6	Wycombe House	<b>Gents 317-5</b> (Kota 143*, A. Ahmed 59, Sudireddy 30) <b>Fighting Stars 303-8</b> (Hussain 94, Hassan 55, Navaid 55, Adnaan 25, Julius 22, R. Patel 4-75)	<b>Won 14 runs</b>
2/7	Wycombe House	<b>Hampstead 139</b> (Harrison 32, Gardezi 23, Moiz 20, Povey 20, Nagpal 4-19) <b>Gents 143-2</b> (Gulati 81*, Nagpal 34*)	<b>Won 8 wickets</b>
9/7	King's House	<b>Gents 126</b> (Puli 30*) <b>Whalers 129-8</b> (Rohan 39*, Johnston 25, Judd 21, H. Patel 4-27, Gulati 3-15)	<b>Lost 2 wickets</b>
16/7	Mill Hill Village	<b>St Anne's Allstars 182-9</b> (Raghavendra 66, Grobler 48, Dindyal 20) <b>Gents 183-8</b> (Puli 57*, S. Patel 28, H. Patel 25, Parvathaneni 24, Chatharaju 21, Deverathippa 3-36, Deveraj 3-37)	<b>Won 1 wicket</b>
30/7	Wycombe House	<b>Wycombe House 103-6</b> (Asad 22, Mehta 22*, Chatharaju 3-24) <b>Gents dnb</b>	<b>Abandoned</b>
6/8	Dundonald RG	<b>Northfields 161</b> (David Redhead 91, Derrick Redhead 48, Gulati 4-18, Kumar 3-4) <b>Gents 163-7</b> (Sudireddy 45, Kota 43, Gulati 25)	<b>Won 3 wickets</b>
13/8	Joseph Hood RG	<b>Gents 277-7</b> (Kota 80*, Puli 46, Gulati 44, Nagpal 43, Kumar 35, J. Pandya 4-56) <b>Clapham In 130</b> (S. Smith 30, Shannon 25, H. Patel 3-32)	<b>Won 147 runs</b>
20/8	Dundonald RG	<b>Gents 203</b> (Kota 49, Dubey 29, Parvathaneni 29, S. Patel 22, Sudireddy 21*, Saril 4-46) <b>Plastics 122</b> (P. Bishop 41, Anderson 27, Kumar 3-15)	<b>Won 81 runs</b>
27/8	Wycombe House	<b>Gents 264-6</b> (Kota 91, Parvathaneni 62, R. Patel 61*, Ifty 3-30) <b>Mpingwe 268-4</b> (N. Patel 151, Aftab 47, Daar 20)	<b>Lost 6 wickets</b>
3/9	Wycombe House	<b>Millfields 260-4</b> (Lachlan 108*, Prowse 65, C. Cooper 40, Chatharaju 3-50) <b>Gents 237-8</b> (Kota 74, Puli 55, Dubey 31, Nagpal 25, D'Souza 4-40)	<b>Lost 23 runs</b>
9/9	The Banks	<b>Gents 232-6</b> (R. Patel 74*, Parvathaneni 49*, Gulati 33, S. Patel 30) <b>Lydd 113</b> (Fletcher 33, Anderson 24, Dhatric 3-11)	<b>Won 119 runs</b>
10/9	New Romney	<b>New Romney and Littlestone 254-9</b> (Payton 114*, Symonds 67) <b>Gents 239-9</b> (Chatharaju 82*, Sudireddy 52, Gulati 29, Symonds 3-20, Channon 3-29)	<b>Lost 15 runs</b>
17/9	Dundonald RG	<b>Gents 165-8</b> (Dubey 55) <b>Salix 169-3</b> (Ilankakoon 113*, Henig 27)	<b>Lost 7 wickets</b>

An enjoyable season of mixed fortunes saw bad weather intervening with three cancellations, and two abandonments in which the Gents did not face a single ball. Under the new leadership team of Sudireddy and Chatharaju 20 games were completed. Between 14 May and 27 August only one game out of 14 was lost, but the campaign was topped and tailed with seven defeats and one victory.

Eight losses was the highest since 2015, attributable more perhaps to stronger opponents than to bad play. The support was splendid, Doshi and Francis (sadly injured in the first game and out after that) among others making frequent, very welcome appearances. Thanks go to all who came whether they played or not.

The player rota was 25, compared to 33 in 2022 and 40 in 2021. To see fewer, one goes back to the club's second year, 1989, when only seven games were played. This lent a consistency to selection that enabled the captain to experiment in fairly accommodating many all-rounders. One mysterious no show aside, full teams were fielded every time thanks to the efficiency of match secretary Dubey and A. Ahmed kindly supplied guests to several opponents. The end of cricket at Old Tenisonians required the club to move its home games and pitches in LB Merton were well prepared and cheaper. Administration was good too, with phone access to the groundsman in the event of rain. Wycombe House remained a batting paradise, though bowlers muttered about it, the last two games there yielding 1,029 runs for just 22 wickets.

## 2024 Played 23 Won 18 Lost 5

<b>Debuts</b>	Arikatla, Bhaja, Ratnapuri
<b>Runs</b>	Gulati 591, Kota 458, Parvathaneni 446, A. Ahmed 340, Dubey 258, Chatharaju 244, R. Patel 227, S. Patel 113, Puli 109, Sudireddy 103, Nagpal 100
<b>Wickets</b>	H. Patel 31, S. Patel 24, Krishna 22, Gulati 18, Chatharaju 17, R. Patel 15
<b>Ct/St.</b>	Puli 12, Sudireddy 11/6, Gulati 8, Parvathaneni 8, S. Patel 8, R. Patel 7, Kota 5/1, Dubey 5
<b>Notes</b>	Record first-wicket stand by Gents: 173 A. Ahmed (88*) and Gulati (80) <i>v.</i> Whalers Record eighth-wicket stand by opponents: 82* M. Rajasansir (65*) and Hadi (53) of Salix

13/4	Marble Hill Park	<b>Crossbats 172</b> (Masini 63, Dubey 62, Krishna 5-28) <b>Gents 173-5</b> (Parvathaneni 56*, Bhaja 54*)	<b>Won 5 wickets</b>
14/4	Dulwich SG	<b>South Bank 123</b> (Murphy 26, Peak 23) <b>Gents 115</b> (Parvathaneni 47*, Faisal 4-31, Murphy 3-16)	<b>Lost 8 runs</b>
21/4	Byfleet	<b>Byfleet 131</b> (Coyne 40, Harrison 46, Gulati 3-9) <b>Gents 132-8</b> (Kota 31, Parvathaneni 22, S. Patel 20*)	<b>Won 2 wickets</b>
5/5	Dundonald RG	<b>Putney 122</b> (S. Bendre 54) <b>Gents 123-4</b> (Kota 41*, Dubey 28, Parvathaneni 23)	<b>Won 6 wickets</b>
12/5	Dundonald RG	<b>Gents 100</b> (Gulati 39, Sanghai 4-28, Pandey 3-27) <b>Hounslow Hurricanes 40</b> (Gulati 6-12)	<b>Won 60 runs</b>
19/5	Durston House	<b>Gents 194</b> (Kota 43, Dubey 37, Gulati 21, Puli 21, Chatharaju 20)	<b>Won 134 runs</b>
26/5	Wycombe House	<b>Northfields 60</b> (Z. Rahim 21, S. Patel 3-2) <b>Gents 168-8</b> (A. Ahmed 44*, Gulati 29)	<b>Won 56 runs</b>
2/6	Barn Elms SC	<b>Hook and Southborough 112</b> (McFarlane 22, Tobias 21) <b>Putney 138</b> (Taylor 28, Bentley 25, S. Patel 3-10, Ratnapuri 3-15) <b>Gents 140-2</b> (Parvathaneni 87, R. Patel 28*)	<b>Won 8 wickets</b>
9/6	Teddington Town	<b>Gents 228</b> (Dubey 94, Chatharaju 26, Kota 24, R. Singh 3-39) <b>Teddington Town 131-6</b> (Hunt 22, Hinde 20)	<b>Won 97 runs</b>
16/6	Boston Manor PF	<b>Salix 132-9</b> (Sadhra 44, Kulasingam 40, Krishna 3-15) <b>Gents 135-7</b> (Parvathaneni 40, Gulati 38, Sayed 4-17)	<b>Won 3 wickets</b>
23/6	Wycombe House	<b>Phoenix 164</b> (Chohan 33, Hayat 33, Vegdani 30, H. Patel 6-23) <b>Gents 165-7</b> (Kota 69, S. Patel 25*, Bhatti 3-27)	<b>Won 3 wickets</b>
30/6	King's House	<b>Gladiators 221</b> (Bhudia 58, Khanderwhal 29, Mehta 20, F. Shah 20, H. Patel 3-49) <b>Gents 223-8</b> (Gulati 75*, Parvathaneni 64, Mehta 4-41)	<b>Won 2 wickets</b>
7/7	Barn Elms ST	<b>Whalers 175-5</b> (Johnston 116*, Kulasingam 3-23) <b>Gents 179-1</b> (A. Ahmed 88*, Gulati 80)	<b>Won 9 wickets</b>
14/7	Dundonald RG	<b>Gents 255-5</b> (Gulati 116, Chatharaju 79*) <b>St Anne's Allstars 200</b> (Raghaavendra 86, Bose 29, Rout 21, H. Patel 5-31)	<b>Won 55 runs</b>
21/7	Chaddleworth	<b>Gents 277-9</b> (A. Ahmed 97, Gulati 76*, Dubey 22, Lucas 3-24, Eneva -3-83) <b>Chaddleworth 90</b> (J. Barrett 33, R. Patel 3-25)	<b>Won 187 runs</b>
28/7	Milford	<b>Gents 137</b> (A. Ahmed 57*, Nagpal 29, Haworth 4-30, Miller 3-8) <b>John Buckner XI 140-2</b> (Goddard 58, Bugg 56*)	<b>Lost 8 wickets</b>
4/8	Dundonald RG	<b>Northfields 156-6</b> (Derrick Redhead 48*, Afridi 42, Upcraft 22*, Krishna 4-15) <b>Gents 110</b> (Puli 34, Ratnapuri 21, Afridi 4-7, David Redhead 4-29)	<b>Lost 46 runs</b>
11/8	Dundonald RG	<b>Gents 266-4</b> (Kota 110*, Parvathaneni 51, A. Ahmed 48*) <b>Clapham In 192-9</b> (Rathod 38, O'Connell 35, Maitra 23, H. Patel 3-47)	<b>Won 74 runs</b>
18/8	KGF Richmond	<b>Isleworth 242-8</b> (A. Singh 101, Shiv 30, Rakesh 26, Krishnan 21, Chatharaju 4-40) <b>Gents 206</b> (R. Patel 41, Chatharaju 37, Joshi 28*, Kota 27, Abhishek 4-40)	<b>Lost 36 runs</b>
25/8	Dundonald RG	<b>Plastics 162-6</b> (Schofield 44, P. Bishop 30, Wade 30) <b>Gents 164-5</b> (Kota 76*, Nagpal 38, Vallamreddy 22)	<b>Won 5 wickets</b>
1/9	Wycombe House	<b>Millfields 127-7</b> (Lachlan 54, S. Patel 3-9) <b>Gents 128-4</b> (Gulati 61, R. Patel 3-9)	<b>Won 6 wickets</b>
7/9	Hull Park	<b>Walmer 122</b> (Holden 52, Woods-Libby 24, Oruganti 3-15, Dubey 3-20) <b>Gents 123-6</b> (R. Patel 31, Gulati 27, Woods-Libby 4-40)	<b>Won 4 wickets</b>
15/9	Dundonald RG	<b>Salix 247-7</b> (H. Rajasansir 85, M. Rajasansir 65*, Hadi 53*) <b>Gents 133</b> (Parvathaneni 28, Dubey 27, Hadi 5-12)	<b>Lost 114 runs</b>

The most impressive statistic of a chaotic season in which opponents or venues changed most weeks was the fact that full sides were fielded every week. In a cool summer there were only two rain cancellations, though the final game was disappointingly pulled through lack of numbers. There were six new opponents: South Bank, Phoenix, Gladiators, Chaddleworth (rained off in 2023), Isleworth and Walmer on the Kent coast. Only two of these had been scheduled in March.

Thirty-four men played including 10 debutants, of whom Arikatla and Ratnapuri had most impact. There were 18 wins (13 on the bounce between 21 April and 21 July), 11 of them chasing, and five losses. Let this be celebrated heartily, for it took five special efforts by opponents to topple a well-led, balanced and motivated side. The performances against Hounslow Hurricanes, Northfields (first game), Phoenix, Gladiators and Whalers, the final three batting second, were exemplary.

Three of the main four batters achieved personal bests: Gulati (591 runs @ 42.21, a century and three fifties), Parvathaneni (446 @ 40.55, four fifties) and A. Ahmed (340 @ 113.33, three fifties including a 97). The consistent Kota (458 @ 45.80, a century and two fifties) played less than in recent years but was always a force. There were two centuries, 16 fifties and two century partnerships, including the second-highest stand in club history, a magnificent first-wicket record of 173 against Whalers by A. Ahmed (his personal highest score) and Gulati in just 21.5 overs. Bhaja, Chatharaju and Dubey notched a fifty, Dubey unluckily falling only six runs shy of a maiden ton. He, Chatharaju and R. Patel were as ever consistent all-rounders. Puli, fighting injury, and Sudireddy took some great catches and stumpings but did not quite deliver the runs of previous years. Kumar played only twice which was a pity. Nagpal shone on occasion. J. Patel gave stout support when called upon.



