



Decade 4



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Gentlemen of West London CC 2018-2027

2018 Played 19 Won 11 Lost 8

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

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

The Gents ended their 30th season strongly with six wins in their 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

Debuts	Z. Ahmed, Corbett
Runs	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
Wickets	Chatharaju 25, Namilikonda 25, H. Patel 25, Kota 18, Kumar 18, Krishna 12, Dubey 11
Ct./St.	Namilikonda 16/3, Sudireddy 12/4, Dubey 8, Kota 8, S. Patel 7, Gulati 6
Notes	Most catches and most dismissals in a season: 16/19 by Namilikonda

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

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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.

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

Debuts	Karnekonti, T. Snelling
Runs	Kota 325, Gulati 232, Sudireddy 204, Namilikonda 187, S. Patel 122, Francis 116
Wickets	H. Patel 16, Namilikonda 14, Gulati 12
Ct./St.	Sudireddy 9/2
Notes	Record second-wicket stand by Gents: 144 Namilikonda (91) and Kota (49) <i>v.</i> Clapham In Record seventh-wicket stand by Gents: 140 Sudireddy (96) and Gulati (66*) <i>v.</i> Kempton

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

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, 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

Debuts	J. Patel, Raj Patel
Runs	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
Wickets	Krishna 25, Kumar 14, H. Patel 12, Namilikonda 10
Ct/St.	Sudireddy 11/4, Kota 10/1, Puli 7, Gulati 5
Notes	Record seventh-wicket stand by opponents: 102* Mitha (77*) and Azhar (32*) (Mpingwe) Record fifth-wicket stand by opponents: 121 Payton (84) and Harding (60) (New Romney and Littlestone)

10/4	Marble Hill Park	Gents 202-7 (R. Patel 75, Bocha 49, Chatharaju 35*) Crossbats 194-7 (S. Skinner 40, Winch 38, Carter 22)	Won 8 runs
25/4	Byfleet	Byfleet 184-6 (Clough 51, M. Hockin 50, S. Hockin 29) Gents 185-6 (Kota 55*, S. Patel 42*, Puli 34)	Won 4 wickets
2/5	F.W.E. Goates MG	Binfield 187-7 (Humphrey 52, Edgington 37*, Krishna 3-36) Gents 188-7 (Karnekanti 65, Bocha 42, Krishna 38, Docherty 3-37)	Won 3 wickets
30/5	Wycombe House	St Anne's Allstars 171 (Waddicor 36*, Bowman 31, Singh 30, Rizvi 24) Gents 172-6 (Kota 74, Z. Ahmed 22*, Sudireddy 20)	Won 4 wickets
6/6	Old Tenisonians	Plastics 179 (Anderson 71, Webster 48, Davies 22, Kumar 5-4) Gents 98 (Kota 30, Jamieson 5-18)	Lost 81 runs
13/6	Teddington Town	Gents 148 (Kumar 42, Karnekanti 36, Potdar 3-18) Teddington Town 151-6 (Singh 44, Potdar 26, Namilikonda 3-20)	Lost 4 wickets
20/6	Chiswick House	Gents 143-8 (Puli 34*, Kumar 32, Namilikonda 29, Sadhra 3-21) Salix 145-4 (Ilankoon 60*, Kulasingam 27*, Henig 20, Sadhra 20)	Lost 6 wickets
27/6	Old Tenisonians	Ottershaw 76-4 (Singh 46, Charlton 25*) Gents 77-6 (Namilikonda 29, Gulati 20*)	Won 4 wickets
27/6	Old Tenisonians	Ottershaw 85-5 (Park 24, McMahon 22*, Krishna 4-14) Gents 86-2 (Dubey 29, Gulati 24*)	Won 8 wickets
4/7	King's House	Whalers 101 (Johnstone 28, Dubey 3-12) Gents 102-8 (Namilikonda 27, Bramley 4-18)	Won 2 wickets
11/7	Cottenham Park	Gents 151-9 (Dubey 40, Chatharaju 36, Puli 26, O. Watson 4-17) Wimbledon United 52 (Kumar 4-6)	Won 99 runs
18/7	Normandy	Gents 193-9 (S. Patel 31, Karnekanti 26, Dubey 25*, Chatharaju 23, Rees 3-40) Mpingwe 176-6 (Mitha 77*, Azhar 32*, Junaid 28)	Won 17 runs
25/7	Abbey RG	Bricklayer's Arms 8-0 Gents did not bat	Abandoned
15/8	Wycombe House	Gents 205-8 (Kulasingam 38, Ilankoon 33, Chatharaju 28, S. Patel 26*, Kakan 3-28, Rumbold 3-49) Clapham In 206-5 (Ferreira 97, Williams 43, O'Connell 24) Bricklayer's Arms 131-8 (Foister 25) Gents 102-2 (Kota 31, Karnekanti 22, Puli 21*)	Lost 5 wickets
22/8	Old Tenisonians	Mpingwe 154-7 (Nayeem 38, Ilyas 33) Gents 155-7 (A. Ahmed 77*, S. Patel 29, Kota 20)	Abandoned
29/8	Old Tenisonians	Squirrels 191-9 (Glavina 36, Scott 28, Alexander 27, Hues 24, H. Patel 3-37) Gents 127 (Puli 27, Hues 5-15)	Won 3 wickets
4/9	Long Ditton RG	Gents 127 (Puli 27, Hues 5-15)	Lost 64 runs
5/9	Wycombe House	Millfields 201 (C. Cooper 74, Prowse 35, Collis 26, Krishna 4-32) Gents 204-4 (Kota 84*, Sudireddy 55*)	Won 6 wickets
12/9	Holtwhites Hill	Gents 275-8 (Kota 122*, Pingili 27, S. Patel 23, Jones 3-19, D. Wilkes-Green 3-40) Holtwhites Trinibis 185-7 (Smith 46*, Evans 32, J. Wilkes-Green 28, Ebbs 23)	Won 90 runs
19/9	Nursery Road RG	Gents 22-0 Salix did not bat	Abandoned
26/9	Lampton School	Gents 183 (Pentakota 43, Puli 32, S. Patel 22) Chiswick 141 (Fry 62, Thakar 21, Raj Patel 4-28, Krishna 3-19)	Won 42 runs
3/10	New Romney	New Romney and Littlestone 203-10 (Payton 84, Harding 60, S. Lawrence 21, Raj Patel 3-31) Gents 206-5 (Kota 84*, Dubey 32, Gulati 21)	Won 5 wickets

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 Raj Patel one shy. Krishna and Kumar delivered two hauls of four or more wickets and Raj 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. 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.