

## Teddington Town v. Gentlemen of West London

Sunday 12 June, Teddington Town. Teddington Town won toss. Sunny, 21C

Won by 7 wickets

Teddington Town			Gentlemen of West London			
Hunt	ret. not out	100	Dubey	lbw	b Singh	54
Hilmy	run out (Wagharalkar)	21	Chatharaju		b Meyer	22
D. Kanwalkar	c Kumar	4	Kota	not out		72
S. Kanwalkar		1	R. Patel		b Singh	0
Pereira	ret. not out	62	†Sudireddy	not out		43
Hussain	not out	9	Namilikonda, Wagharalkar, Puli, Krishna, Kumar and *H. Patel			
†Tusher	not out	2				
*Thomas, Meyer, Young and Singh dnb						
Extras	w6 nb4 b7	17	Extras	w14 nb2 b12 lb1		29
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 wickets</b>	<b>40 overs</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3 wickets</b>	<b>31.2 overs</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>FoW:</b> 73, 79, 83			<b>FoW:</b> 65, 105, 105			
<b>Bowling:</b> Krishna 8-1-28-0, Puli 4-2-10-0, Kumar 8-0-54-0, Namilikonda 3-0-21-0, H. Patel 8-0-44-2, Chatharaju 3-0-11-0, Dubey 5-0-38-0, R. Patel 1-0-3-0			<b>Bowling:</b> Thomas 5-0-43-0, Meyer 5-0-24-1, Singh 4-0-24-2, Hilmy 5-0-34-0, Hussain 7-0-42-0, D. Kanwalkar 3-0-22-0, Hunt 2.2-0-18-0			

The Gents beat their friendly hosts on a successful day on and off the field. Symmetrical innings each comprised a large opening stand, a fourth-wicket partnership of more than 100 and only three dismissals. On a pitch that remains perfect, it is better to chase and so it proved here. Sixteen-year-old Town opener Freddie Hunt scored his maiden century, adding 133 with their 1s player Pereira. It was steady going against a persevering attack who enjoyed their few successes, including a direct hit run out by Wagharalkar on debut and the day's only catch, by Sumit Kumar at silly mid-off. At 62-0 off 20 both sides were satisfied but though 154 came in the second half Gents were not downcast. The bowling was generally accurate and the fielding a competent 7/10.

### Teddington Town CC Sunday 1st XI Innings

14.6 1st Wicket: 50 runs in 93 balls, 54 minutes, Freddie Hunt 32 (48), Nik Hilmy 13 (45), 7 extras  
 14.6 Teddington Town CC Sunday 1st XI: 50 runs in 15.0 overs, 54 minutes, 7 extras  
 21.2 Freddie Hunt: 50 runs in 68 balls, 82 minutes (2x4)  
 24.5 Teddington Town CC Sunday 1st XI: 100 runs in 24.5 overs, 97 minutes, 7 extras  
 28.5 4th Wicket: 50 runs in 39 balls, 25 minutes, Freddie Hunt 29 (25), Jackson Pereira 19 (14), 2 extras  
 32.5 Teddington Town CC Sunday 1st XI: 150 runs in 32.5 overs, 128 minutes, 11 extras  
 36.1 4th Wicket: 100 runs in 83 balls, 52 minutes, Freddie Hunt 45 (48), Jackson Pereira 46 (35), 10 extras  
 36.3 Jackson Pereira: 50 runs in 37 balls, 53 minutes (3x4, 2x6)  
 37.2 Teddington Town CC Sunday 1st XI: 200 runs in 37.2 overs, 145 minutes, 17 extras  
 37.6 Freddie Hunt: 100 runs in 120 balls, 148 minutes (7x4)

Captain Patel and his batsmen were undaunted at tea. A score of 216 can seem intimidating but 40 overs were available, on a flat, true pitch and 65 off 58 balls by the retained opening pair of Nilesh Dubey and Ranjith Chatharaju was a dream start. After they went Pavan Kota and Ratnakar Sudireddy were in no mood to hang about and struck 10 and four fours in adding 115 off 102 balls. Dubey scored his tenth 50 and his first since 2018 in just 40 balls and Kota his third of 2022 to set aside his two centuries, poor Raj Patel notched a golden duck and Sudireddy, forever captured on Twitter, survived a first-ball drop that would have given Singh a hat-trick to smash 43. It was pleasant to get to know a few of the hosts after the match and share tales of the circuit's criminals and eccentrics.

### Gentlemen of West London CC 1st XI Innings

8.3 1st Wicket: 50 runs in 51 balls, 34 minutes, N Dubey 24 (24), Chatharaju Gents 22 (27), 7 extras  
 8.3 Gentlemen of West London CC 1st XI: 50 runs in 8.3 overs, 34 minutes, 7 extras  
 13.2 N Dubey: 50 runs in 40 balls, 52 minutes (7x4)  
 13.2 Gentlemen of West London CC 1st XI: 100 runs in 13.2 overs, 54 minutes, 14 extras  
 21.1 Gentlemen of West London CC 1st XI: 150 runs in 21.1 overs, 89 minutes, 25 extras  
 21.5 4th Wicket: 50 runs in 46 balls, 32 minutes, Kota Gents 22 (27), R Sudireddy 18 (19), 10 extras  
 25.5 Kota Gents: 50 runs in 55 balls, 65 minutes (8x4)  
 28.5 Gentlemen of West London CC 1st XI: 200 runs in 28.5 overs, 114 minutes, 29 extras  
 29.3 4th Wicket: 100 runs in 92 balls, 57 minutes, Kota Gents 49 (52), R Sudireddy 37 (40), 14 extras

There is the question of retirements. At New Romney and Littlestone in 2021 Payton and Harding, having hit 29 off the 29th. over to take their stand to 121, both retired. Their mates added 11 in the final six overs and Gents hunted down the 203 needed. Here Hunt and Pereira, having by coincidence also added 121, walked off to give their pals a bat, 11 runs coming in the final two overs off a tiring attack. Town believed they had enough credit in the bank to see out the game. They hadn't. This is Sunday cricket with no points at stake, and it is good for the captains to try to involve everyone, but Hemin Patel was correct in both matches to insist on no retirements. This is now club policy.

*The Gent* recorded Payton and Harding as retired out though they later resumed their innings for a few balls. The Law states:

*A batsman retires out if he retires without the umpire's permission and does not have the permission of the opposing captain to resume his innings. If such a return does not occur, the batsman is marked as 'retired out' and this is considered a dismissal for the purposes of calculating a batting average.*

Though the catching by both sides in Bushy Park was, shall we say, imperfect, it was remarkable that only six wickets fell all day. Excluding abandoned and short-format games, this has only happened once before (2015, Gents 201-4, Close PF 206-2). Only against 12 Angry Men in 2000 have Gents overhauled a bigger total than Town's 216.

There were two firsts for dark side technocrats . Singh's hat-trick ball was captured on Twitter and went viral, and the whole game was scored live on PlayCricket, Gents' innings by Vamsee Krishna to whom thanks are due. Teddington Town kindly invited Gents to return in 2023 and the wise ones will make themselves available.