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It's been a long season...



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Gents must answer some important questions

Where we play and who we play are the most important matters facing the club. The player base and finances are sound though a couple more regulars would help. Gents were forced to move from Old Tenisonians and LB Merton did well but some felt Wimbledon was a bit remote. Any ideas on future home venues when Wycombe House is unavailable will be acted on. Binfield need to be reinstated (a date could not be agreed) but the other six sides not renewed in 2023 are unlikely to return. The increase in match fees in 2023 was based on the pricing at Old Tens: Merton pitches were c. £70 cheaper. All this and more will be discussed at the AGM to be held on **Saturday 25 November at Déjà Vu Restaurant, Preston Road, Wembley HA9 8PA starting 7pm.**

Cotswolds and Kent 2024



There is much work to do (thank you in advance Greg) but please reserve the weekend of 22/23 June 2024 for a tour of the Cotswolds. It is possible that Stanway, with their thatched roof pavilion (left), will host. Gents went there in 2012 and were made very welcome. There's a local Travel Lodge and Cheltenham is a beautiful town.

Subject to demand, we would also like to return to Kent in September. These relationships take a long time to build and should be nurtured. Everybody is under pressure financially so it was a great effort to take 16 down there.

Congratulations and thanks



It was a brilliant season for Wycombe House, whose 1s under Hamzah Khan were promoted after going unbeaten in their final 11 matches. They played hard but with a smile on their face and always within the spirit of the game, and will compete in Div.1 in 2024 for the first time.

The 3s under our good friend Aamir Ahmed smashed their league, the 2s narrowly missed out and the 4s in only their second league season held their own.

The club would like to thank club secretary Denis Gilgannon, who acted promptly when Anir Dutta suffered his terrible injury against Mpingwe, working with the club's leadership team to ensure that the ambulance had access to the pitch where the stricken Anir lay. Good work.

2023 Played 22 Won 12 Abandoned 2 Lost 8

Debuts	Dhatric, Dutta, Rajana, D. Reddy
Runs	Kota 792, Gulati 445, Sudireddy 317, Dubey 263, Puli 250, Parvathaneni 204, Chatharaju 188, S. Patel 183, R. Patel 178, Nagpal 160, Kumar 130
Wickets	H. Patel 26, Chatharaju 21, Kota 17, Dubey 14, Gulati 13, Nagpal 13, Kumar 11
Ct/St.	Sudireddy 18/5, Gulati 9, R. Patel 8, Puli 7, Kota 5

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.

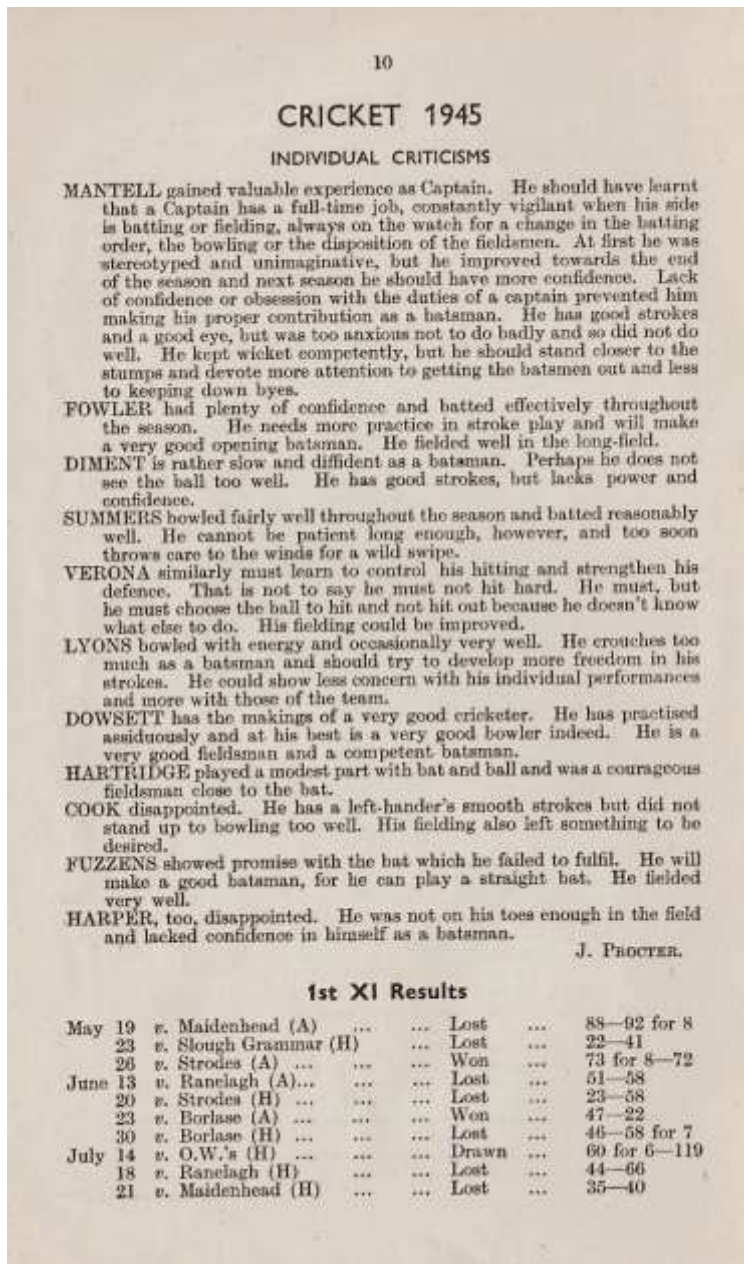
Kota was superb. His 792 runs (two centuries and four fifties) stands third in the all-time annals and took his career batting average to over 50. Gulati (three fifties) and R. Patel (his first two) had their best batting seasons, Sudireddy missing out by two runs. Puli pushed on with two fifties, Dubey equalled that and A. Ahmed, Chatharaju, Parvathaneni and the captain (one each) scored quickly once they got their eye in. Newcomer Nagpal, Kumar and S. Patel scored vital runs. There were two record stands: 156* Dubey/Kota (second wicket *v.* Salix) and 120 Sudireddy/Chatharaju (eighth wicket *v.* New Romney). Opponents matched Gents' six century partnerships and notched four individual tons.

H. Patel struggled with injury but 26 wickets was his best return since 2011. Chatharaju, 15 of whose 21 wickets were top three batsmen, Dubey (never has he bowled more overs or played as many games), Kota and Nagpal went for under five and Gulati 3.91. Kumar, Parvathenini, R. Patel, S. Patel and Puli delivered some excellent spells. Dhatric showed promise and was the best bowler on the Kent tour. Krishna began well but did not play after 2 July. Dutta showed promise before suffering terrible injury. The bowlers sometimes struggled on true wickets and could not discover a piece of magic to make the breakthrough. Sudireddy's 18 catches is the highest ever, but the standard of outfielding was down a notch on 2022. Effort was never lacking, as exemplified by J. Patel who despite injury covered every blade of grass in the cause. Parvathaneni and Puli both executed three fine run outs.

Four new opponents were welcomed: Merton Hawks, London Itinerants, John Buckner XI and Hampstead, while a fifth, Chaddleworth, was rained off, as were Byfleet and Hook and Southborough. These fixtures will be renewed in 2024. The wins against Fighting Stars and St Anne's Allstars, and the loss to New Romney were classics, a happy conjunction of well-matched teams at the top of their form. Gents held off a brave chase from Fighting Stars, the game swinging on a wonderful Nagpal catch in front of the sight screen by the tennis courts, just as New Romney kept their nerve to shade the Gents after the heroism of captain and vice-captain. The tense St Anne's clash waxed and waned all afternoon.

The season began with three disappointing batting performances and three losses, the worst start since 2015. The arrival of warmer weather heralded improvement with seven wins and one abandonment. A narrow defeat to Whalers and it was back on the winning trail with four further victories, including a rare double over Northfields, and a further abandonment. The batting of Mpingwe and Millfields then proved too strong. A win against Lydd and an epic loss against New Romney, both games played in draining heat, constituted a relaxing weekend in Kent, the generous welcome being an experience to savour over the winter. There was just time for Salix in a T20 to avenge their earlier defeat.

School cricket in 1945



The Gent House archive reveals this review of school cricket at Mr Burman's alma mater, Windsor Grammar School. It's from the school magazine *Windsorian*. Many years later when Burman attended, Mr Procter, a stout Yorkshireman, was still teaching there.

There is much to say. Look at the scores. The highest was 88, the lowest 22 in the bitter local derby with Slough GS. There was also a 23. What were they, five over games?

Second, we imagine today's parents would instruct solicitors if their beloved offspring were denounced in such a frank manner. The captain is 'stereotyped and unimaginative' and 'too anxious not to do badly'. Other players are 'slow and diffident', 'disappointing', 'failing to fulfil promise', 'lacking confidence', 'did not stand up to bowling too well' and 'not on his toes enough'. Lyons is denounced for caring only about his personal performance.

For good or ill feelings were not spared. One isn't supposed to be judgemental these days: Mr Procter was. He later became Mayor of Windsor, as did young Fuzzens. The editor recalls him as a dignified Yorkshireman still teaching physics in the late 1960s. The cricket team was still useless.

Oppo XI of 2024

The usual rules apply: one player per team and no repeat appearances. Millfields always nick a place and this year it's Desousa and her wicked inswing edging out their centurion Lachlan. Derrick Redhead shades brother David and keeps wicket. He opens with Nikhit Patel of Mpingwe which won't be placid. Robertson (John Buckner XI) is first drop. The brilliant Ragavendra (St. Anne's Allstars) is No. 4., Lloyd of Putney No. 5. The brave and let's be honest violent Rohan (Whalers) occupies the No. 6 berth; good luck to anyone bowling width to him. The Gents didn't need the speedy Romalojoseph (Merton Hawks' astute skipper) coming on as fifth bowler.

He will take the new ball with Lawrence from Crossbats, a strong side who had a very sound 2024. J. Pandya (Clapham In) and Fisher (London Itinerants) complete the attack. A strong XI we're sure you'll agree.

†Derrick Redhead (Northfields)
Nikhit Patel (Mpingwe)
Robertson (John Buckner XI)
Ragavendra (St Anne's Allstars)
Lloyd (Putney)
Rohan (Whalers)
Lawrence (Crossbats)
*Romalojoseph (Merton Hawks)
J. Pandya (Clapham In)
Fisher (London Itinerants)
Desousa (Millfields)

Gentlemen of West London v. Clapham In

Sunday 13 August, Joseph Hood RG. Gents won toss. Cloudy, 23C

Won by 147 runs

Gentlemen of West London		Clapham In				
Kumar	run out	35	†Smith run out (R. Patel)	30		
H. Patel	c Royal	9	Ferreira	b Kota	6	
*†Sudireddy		4	Shinner	b Dubey	25	
Puli		46	Stern	b Parvathaneni	1	
Kota	not out	80	Frecknall	c Dubey	b Parvathaneni	13
Nagpal	c N. Patel	43	B. Pandya	lbw	b H. Patel	0
Gulati	c Smith	44	N. Patel	st Sudireddy	b H. Patel	13
J. Patel	st Smith	0	Royal		b H. Patel	4
R. Patel	not out	1	Tanuku	c Gulati	b R. Patel	7
Parvathaneni and Dubey dnb			*Goodman	not out		16
			J. Pandya	c Kota	b Puli	0
Extras	w8 nb4 b3	15	Extras	w3 nb1 b9 lb2	15	
Total	7 wickets	40 overs	Total	All out	31 overs	130
FoW: 14, 18, 90, 142, 213, 274, 274			FoW: 10, 45, 47, 73, 74, 78, 96, 103, 125, 130			
Bowling: Goodman 8-0-54-0, J. Pandya 7-0-56-4, Tanuku 5-0-41-1, N. Patel 8-2-26-0, Frecknall 5-0-37-0, B. Pandya 4-0-25-1, Royal 3-0-35-1			Bowling: Kota 5-0-28-1, Dubey 6-1-10-1, H. Patel 8-0-32-3, Parvathaneni 6-0-32-2, R. Patel 3-1-12-1, Puli 3-0-5-1			

Contrasting knocks from Kumar and a rejigged middle order ensured the Gents' tenth win of the campaign on a blustery afternoon. After early collywobbles, Kumar and Puli put up 72 in 14 overs which gave the middle order the right to have a blast, 45 runs coming in overs 31-35 and, as if in vindication of Sudireddy's decision to play 40 overs, 69 in the last five. Clapham In, a much-loved oppo who have been on the fixture card since 2011 (and won in 2021 and 2022), bowled and fielded well but their batsmen were unable to threaten the hefty target.

It was a good toss to win and play began ten minutes late, not we are pleased to report because of a repetition of the wrong ground fiasco of 2022, but because of general Sunday shenanigans, road closures and the like. J. Pandya set the cat among the pigeons by inducing a false shot from H. Patel, who had begun brightly, and castling Sudireddy second ball for a most impressive if abortive strike rate of 2.00. Puli was off like a rocket and with the wise Kumar Gents began to turn the screw.

Four stands of fifty-plus was the result. Quite an acceleration then and a pleasure to watch, but do not underestimate the hard yards put in by Kumar and Puli. Nagpal certainly grasps his opportunities with the bat and was unlucky not to cross 50 after a sublime innings; Gulati essayed a Cloete level of carnage; and Kota anchored it together, batting spectacularly well for 22 overs to bring up his 500 runs for the season for the fifth time. To win, Clapham In would have to enter uncharted waters.

Riaan Ferreira had previously scored 54, 55 and 97 against the Gents before so it was with justified whoops of delight that Kota celebrated an off-break that turned, clipped the left-hander's right pad, and cannoned into the stumps. ECB Level 2-qualified coach Steve Smith, who with Taylor had put the match beyond the Gents in 2022 with a record fifth-wicket partnership, is an obdurate batsman and defied the bowlers for 22 overs before R. Patel ran him out, but Shinner, Stern, Frecknall and B. Pandya were already back in the hutch by this point, and that was the end of the batting. The tail did what they could and fought the good fight, but H. Patel bowled with guile and Parvathaneni with menace. The innings closed after 31 overs, R. Patel and Puli applying the death blows. The visitors took the defeat in good part and will no doubt come back hard in 2023.

After the match, the secretary came in for a good slagging from a senior player for the heinous offence of including in the averages the achievements of Mr Sudireddy, who in 2023 has soared from No. 5 to No. 2 in the all-time catching list, thereby overtaking the plaintiff. 'I spent 25 years getting to No. 2,' he noted. Nor, it seems, should stumpings be included 'because only one player can take them.'

Joseph Hood RG is growing on us. Though desolate and windswept, the wickets are benign (only one ball misbehaved all day, rearing up to strike Kumar on the noggin) and the facilities are clean and decent.

Gentlemen of West London v. Plastics

Sunday 20 August, Dundonald RG. Plastics won toss. Sunny, 25C

Won by 81 runs

Gentlemen of West London		Plastics				
Kota	c Byrne	b Srikanth	49	Webster	b Chatharaju	12
R. Patel	c P. Bishop	b Saril	0	Anderson	c Sudireddy	27
Dubey		b Booth	29	*Scott-Combes		1
Parvathaneni		b Saril	29	†P. Bishop	c H. Patel	41
Kumar		b Charlie	9	Murtaza		1
Nagpal	c Byrne	b Saril	10	Booth		3
S. Patel	c Murtaza	b Saril	22	Charlie	c Dubey	19
*†Sudireddy	not out		21	Byrne		6
Gulati	run out (P. Bishop)		14	Srikanth		3
Chatharaju		b Gordon	5	Saril	not out	1
H. Patel		b Gordon	0	Gordon		0
Extras	w6 nb9		15	Extras	w6 nb4 b1	8
Total	All out	31 overs	203	Total	All out	31.4 overs
FoW: 5, 84, 86, 128, 128, 159, 168, 198, 203, 203				FoW: 25, 32, 42, 44, 63, 101, 108, 116, 122, 122		
Bowling: Saril 7-0-46-4, Byrne 4-0-43-0, Gordon 6-0-44-2, Srikanth 6-1-21-1, Booth 3-0-12-1, Charlie 4-0-21-1, Murtaza 1-0-16-0				Bowling: S. Patel 4-0-18-1, Chatharaju 6-0-23-2, Nagpal 5-1-14-1, Gulati 5-0-21-1, R. Patel 4-0-19-0, Kumar 4.4-0-15-3, H. Patel 3-0-11-2		

On a breezy but warm afternoon Gents blasted their way to 203, racing to 84-1 off 10 overs before losing nine wickets in 21, failing to bat their last nine on a benign pitch. The bowlers then produced a disciplined display to force the win. With a little more self-belief and support for Bishop this competitive and friendly oppo might have edged it. Certainly the margin of defeat was harsh on them.

The two teams were much changed from 2022, only seven returning. Arrivals were punctual and Sudireddy rightly went for a 40/40 format. Inserted, Gents lost R. Patel fifth ball following the outswinger but Kota, unusually given the No. 1 slot, and Dubey were on fire. They fell in quick succession, Kota for his fourth score of 49, but Parvathaneni and Kumar got their heads down, adding 42 in 10.1 with sound and sensible batting.

Their dismissals heralded a period of madness in which batsmen swished at everything, hit a few boundaries then fell on their swords. It was entertaining enough and the guilty men could argue that the result justified such a cavalier approach but orthodox Sunday cricket it was not. There was even a bizarre run out when the captain sprinted up the pitch stranding Gulati. At least the dismissal of No. 11 H. Patel was old school, taking guard, prodding forward, missing the off break and walking off with bat tucked under his arm as if it were 1953. In all 31 fours and four sixes were scored, boundaries accounting for 79% of the runs off the bat.

After this breathless period of play we had something of a throwback second innings in which Plastics had to overcome the steady line and length of the Gents' seam battery supported by H. Patel's flight and guile. The first six overs were Plastics' but their captain risked nemesis by asking the Gents' scorer 'Is all your bowling like this, from the lower end of Sunday cricket?' Six overs later 25-0 had become 44-4, two for Chatharaju, including 2022's centurion Webster three balls after he had driven a venomous six, and one each for S. Patel and Nagpal. Sudireddy's catch off Anderson was his 17th of the season, a club record and hats off to him.

After a Gulati strike we saw good batting from Bishop and Charlie who added 38 in nine overs, the best stand of the innings. H. Patel broke it, inducing a top-edged sweep to short fine leg Dubey. Bishop soldiered on and looked good for a fifty but H. Patel and Kumar were in no mood to give it up and he fell to a skier well pouched at cover. The end came quickly, two for H. Patel and three for Kumar who is making his overs count with a strike rate under 10.

Regarding individual performances, H. Patel needs two wickets for his 400 – what a celebration that will be – and Chatharaju two for his 100. The team is having fun and the captain is managing involvement issues well, there being no perfect solution when as here the Gents field ten bowlers. Finally, LB Merton's subcontractor idverde should be congratulated for preparing a true wicket and clean, decent facilities.

Gentlemen of West London v. Mpingwe

Sunday 27 August, Wycombe House. Mpingwe won toss. Sunny, 19C

Lost by 6 wickets

Gentlemen of West London			Mpingwe			
*†Sudireddy	c Aftab	b Ifty	13	Hameed	lbw b Kumar	7
Parvathaneni	c Daar	b Ifty	62	N. Patel	retired out	151
Gulati	c Aftab	b Kashid	1	U. Patel	b Kumar	4
Kumar	c Aftab	b Kashid	0	†Aftab	b Parvathaneni	47
J. Patel		b Ifty	4	Daar	not out	20
R. Patel	not out		61	Kashid	not out	8
Kota	c Kashid	b S. Patel	91	*Gaffar, Mitha, Ifty, Obaid and S. Patel	dnb	
S. Patel	not out		9			
Dubey, Dutta and H. Patel	dnb					
Extras	w8 nb1 b12 lb2		23	Extras	w11 nb3 b16 lb1	31
Total	6 wickets	40 overs	264	Total	4 wickets	27.3 overs
FoW:	79, 80, 84, 84, 88, 220			FoW:	70, 89, 214, 242	
Bowling:	Mitha 6-0-47-0, S. Patel 6-0-50-1, Kashid 8-1-30-2, Ifty 8-0-30-3, Obaid 7-0-42-0, Gaffar 3-0-28-0, N. Patel 2-0-23-0			Bowling:	Kota 6-0-34-0, Dubey 3-0-36-0, Gulati 6-0-51-0, Kumar 4-0-41-2, H. Patel 4-0-40-0, Parvathaneni 3-0-30-1, R. Patel 1.3-0-19-0	

A spectacular game for batsmen saw a crushing Mpingwe win and a terrible injury to Anir Dutta, who while fielding broke his leg after falling awkwardly and had to be taken to West Middlesex hospital. Gents piled up 264 but such a score here is no guarantee of victory and the visitors had six wickets and 75 balls in hand when they passed the Gents' total at ten past seven. Three Gents scored fifties, Raj Patel for the first time. This had never happened before in a losing cause. Nickith Patel scored 151 off 71 balls (22 fours, five sixes) and did not give a chance.

The captain and Parvathaneni batted briskly to score 79 off 10.5 overs before five wickets fell in a flash, the quick Kashid and the off-spinner Ifty bowling well in tandem. Parvathaneni faced only 41 balls (nine fours, two sixes). R. Patel was dropped first ball but then batted beautifully with Kota, 132 coming up in 19.3 overs. It was a great knock by Patel (75 balls, eight fours), reaping the rewards of his coaching sessions. Kota's 91 off 63 (13 fours, one six) was faultless and Gents were satisfied when they closed, despite having lost some momentum with the early tumble of wickets.

Patel took an immediate fancy to Dubey's seamers and the fours flowed. One evaded Dutta on the third man boundary, he fell and it was clear that the injury was serious. First aider Dubey took control and a paramedic van quickly attended after remote triage via WhatsApp. The inevitable delay frustrated Mpingwe, who feared light issues but were not without blame themselves having arrived half an hour late. A player's safety is paramount. Dubey, a qualified First Aider, drove his pal to A&E, Mpingwe lending a fielder which took Gents back up to ten.

After this upsetting interlude, Kumar struck twice which brought the busy Aftab to the crease and runs came freely; 125 of them in just 11.2 overs. The bowlers, perhaps tired perhaps frustrated by events and disconsolate for their wounded brother, bowled poorly, though Parvathaneni castled Aftab with a corker. Byes and wides flowed. The end of the game was unsatisfactory. With the scores level, Daar turned down several easy singles, wanting to win the match with a boundary. He achieved his goal, but not without some righteous chunter from the fielders. What did he expect?

Mpingwe were worthy winners and the Gents must now regroup for the tough end of season matches.

Highest individual scores by opponents

165*	J. Elmes, Northfields (Durstons House 24.5.15)
164*	F. Ahmed, Close PF (Old Tenisonians CC 28.6.15)
151	N. Patel, Mpingwe (Wycombe House CC 27.8.23)

Highest winning chases

Gents 268-7, Millfields 271-3 (Wycombe House CC 4.9.22)
Gents 265-8, Fighting Stars 267-8 (Wycombe House CC 28.8.22)
Gents 264-6, Mpingwe 268-4 (Wycombe House CC 27.8.23)

Gentlemen of West London v. Millfields

Sunday 3 September, Wycombe House. Millfields won toss. Sunny, 26C

Lost by 23 runs

Millfields			Gentlemen of West London				
Lascelles		b Chatharaju	11	Dubey	c Lachlan	b Raza	31
Baxter	c Puli	b Chatharaju	16	A. Ahmed	c Lachlan	b Gardener	4
*Lachlan	not out		108	Kota	c Gibbs	b Desousa	74
Prowse	run out (Parvathaneni)		65	Chatharaju		b Raza	6
C. Cooper		b Chatharaju	40	Puli	c Jackson	b Gardener	55
†Gibbs	dnb			*†Sudireddy		b Desousa	4
Smith	dnb			Parvathaneni		b Desousa	7
Gardener	dnb			Nagpal		b Desousa	25
Jackson	dnb			S. Patel	not out		15
Raja	dnb			J. Patel	not out		0
Desousa	dnb			H. Patel	dnb		
Extras	w2 nb10 b2 lb6		20	Extras	w3 b6 lb7		16
Total	4 wickets	35 overs	260	Total	8 wickets	35 overs	237
FoW: 33, 36, 203, 260				FoW: 6, 85, 106, 125, 155, 173, 219, 228			
Bowling: Chatharaju 7-1-50-3, Nagpal 3-0-30-0, Dubey 7-1-45-0, S. Patel 6-0-31-0, H. Patel 3-0-24-0, Parvathaneni 4-0-12-0, Kota 2-0-32-0, Puli 3-0-28-0				Bowling: C. Cooper 7-0-41-0, Gardener 3-1-21-2, Jackson 7-0-47-0, Raza 7-0-35-2, Desousa 7-0-40-4, Baxter 4-0-40-0			

Two-hundred and 37 batting second was a record for the Gents, but it was not quite enough, Millfields' powerful 260-4 earning them a narrow but deserved win on a scorching, airless afternoon to put them 5-3 up in the series. The previous record had been set exactly 23 years before in Surbiton against 12 Angry Men in a 40/40 game that finished in pitch darkness.

This performance was much improved on that of a week before and the hosts had no complaints about the result. Indeed, they were in the game till the last five overs but Olivia Desousa's inswing won the day despite noble efforts from Dubey, Kota and Puli with the bat and Chatharaju with the ball. The captain described Millfields as 'talented, disciplined and friendly' and they were welcome visitors. Desousa's father umpired in full regalia. Thus was the Gents' leadership team introduced to concepts such as team sheets. He initially wanted to do both ends but it is not really possible to prise S. Patel away from his sacrosanct first ten-over spell.

Captain Sam Lachlan is well known to the Gents. He cartwheeled Aamir Ahmed here in 2020 but dislocated his shoulder in the field and that was it for his bowling. Having fully recovered, he batted here for 31.2 overs (14 fours and a six). An extremely good judge of a run, he and Prowse put up the small matter of 167, fifth in the all-time oppo list, though not a record for the wicket. On a wicket which saw over the weekend 1,038 runs scored in 154.3 overs a big Millfields total was expected, and achieved. They complemented their 33 boundaries with exemplary running between the wickets. Chatharaju deserved his wickets, including two early ones in his first spell, but Cooper's bludgeoned 40 off 18 balls gave Millfields the edge at tea. Dubey and Parvathaneni maintained good control but the spinners went for 56 off their five overs.

It was a strong batting order that had to answer the call but Ahmed, having edged a four first ball, was caught by mid-on off the second. Misfortune began to follow him about for while umpiring later he would deny Kota a two by inadvertently stopping the ball. Dubey and Kota added 79 in 11, sterling work, before Dubey fell, to be followed by Chatharaju last ball before drinks, 125-3 off 17 with 136 needed off 18, a gettable 7.56 per over.

The introduction of Desousa from the south end turned the game. Kota (74 off 64 with 12 fours) was in complete control but she induced an edge behind and did not let the pressure drop once after that. Sudireddy and Parvathaneni stayed for a while but it was Puli who caught the eye with a brisk 55 off 38 (five fours and a six). He and Nagpal gave Gents a glimmer of hope but Desousa got her fourth. Puli was by now batting gloriously but he holed out to deep square leg after which the run rate became too high. S. Patel swished merrily and Gents closed on 237. Well done Millfields and roll on another hard but fair contest in 2024.

Lydd v. Gentlemen of West London

Saturday 9 September, The Banks. Gents won toss. Sunny, 26C

Won by 119 runs

Gentlemen of West London			Lydd			
Kumar	c Wood	b Pyott	12	*†Wood	b Chatharaju	0
†Sudireddy		b Campbell	0	Addy	b Gulati	6
Gulati	c Anderson	b B. Everitt	33	Greene	c Kumar	6
Nagpal		b Pyott	7	Anderson	c Parvathaneni	24
R. Patel	not out		74	Lindsey	c Nagpal	0
S. Patel	c Anderson	b Lindsey	30	Fletcher		33
Dhatric	lbw	b Campbell	6	Campbell		4
Parvathaneni	not out		49	Sparrow	c Sudireddy	5
Puli	dnb			A. Everitt	c Dhatric	11
*Chatharaju	dnb			R. Everett		0
Dubey	dnb			Yeomans		4
				Pyott	not out	8
Extras	w12 nb4 b4 lb1		21	Extras	w3 b1 lb8	12
Total	6 wickets	35 overs	232	Total	All out	33.1 overs
FoW:	4, 20, 32, 75, 135, 159			FoW:	1, 7, 38, 39, 41, 53, 63, 87, 88, 100, 113	
Bowling:	Pyott 4-1-22-2, Campbell 5-0-35-2, Sparrow 5-1-40-0, B. Everitt 3-0-22-1, Fletcher 4-0-27-0, A. Everitt 3-0-10-0, Lindsey 4-0-17-1, Yeomans 3-0-23-0, Anderson 4-0-31-0			Bowling:	Dubey 6.1-3-11-0, Chatharaju 5-0-17-2, Gulati 4.5-0-18-1, Dhatric 4-0-11-3, Nagpal 4.1-0-19-1, Puli 4-1-17-2, Kumar 3-1-5-2, R. Patel 2-0-7-0	

A touring party of 16 (twelve playing, four supporting) was picked by Chairman of Selectors Nilesh Dubey and all fetched up at Lydd's beautiful home. Chatharaju would make his captaincy debut on the Saturday and Sudireddy resume his duties on the Sunday. Lydd had 13 for their last game and the captains agreed they could rotate in the field and bat 11, though in the event 12 batted, the key note to strike on tour being flexibility.

We were away, impressively, on time at 1.30pm. Gulati hit eight quick fours but was one of four back in the hutch before 13 overs were out, Lydd using the pitch well. But with a fast outfield runs came quickly and provided someone could bat long a healthy total was likely on a humid late summer's day.

The man who stood up was R. Patel, who became the second Patel to notch fifties in successive games. D. Patel came close but never did it, but S. Patel scored 66* against St Anne's Allstars and 60 against Kingston Left Handers in the first two games of 2009. S. Patel here provided excellent support as Raj glued the innings together, facing 81 balls in a remarkable feat of concentration, hitting eight fours and two sixes. His improvement in recent weeks has been astonishing. S. Patel fell in the 25th. over and Dhatric in the 28th. Enter Parvathaneni who put the affair beyond the hosts. He faced only 25 balls, smiting six fours and two sixes for 49*. The innings closed at 3.42pm which, with two drinks breaks, bespoke a healthy over rate of 18.

Lydd know how to host – no visitor will ever go hungry or thirsty here. The tea was spectacular and play resumed with no remission of the searing heat and humidity, though the thermometer would peak four degrees C higher a day later. Where were the famous Dungeness sea breezes when you needed them?

Gents have been inconsistent with the ball in 2023 but this has to be accounted as one of their better days. Dubey conceded only three runs in his first spell of five overs while Chatharaju struck twice, bowling Wood and having Greene well held by cover Kumar. After 11 overs from the opening pair, Lydd were 29-2, a point from which they were unable to recover. With runs to play with, Chatharaju was able to use eight bowlers and each was up to the mark, Dhatric and Kumar being particularly impressive.

Anderson and Fletcher battled gamely but five good catches were taken: the catching would be even better a day later, the bowling not so. Gents gained the victory and both clubs enjoyed the post-match social outside the clubhouse, whereupon it was back to hotels in Ashford, Camber Sands and New Romney. The eerie views over the marshes as the sun set were magnificent – Lydd have a club and location to be proud of. It had been a memorable start to the tour. Lydd warned Gents that on the morrow New Romney would field a very strong team.

New Romney and Littlestone v. Gentlemen of West London

Sunday 10 September, New Romney. New Romney won toss. Sunny, 30C

Lost by 15 runs

New Romney and Littlestone		Gentlemen of West London			
Payton	not out	114	Dubey	b Channon	6
Adams	c Dhatric	0	Puli	b Channon	18
Liddell	c R. Patel	3	Parvathaneni	c Channon	19
*Symonds	c Dhatric	67	Gulati	b Symonds	29
Simpson		0	Kumar	b Channon	4
Knight	c Gulati	1	R. Patel	b Symonds	0
Channon	c Puli	27	J. Patel	lbw	0
Lee	c R. Patel	6	*†Sudireddy	c Lee	52
Lawrence	c Gulati	4	Chatharaju	not out	82
Kaufman		10	Nagpal		6
White	not out	1	Dhatric	not out	5
Extras	w9 nb1 b11	21	Extras	w9 nb7 b2	16
Total	9 wickets	254	Total	9 wickets	239
FoW: 2, 24, 149, 171, 214, 220, 224, 224, 231		FoW: 16, 43, 45, 64, 72, 73, 84, 204, 219			
Bowling: Gulati 4-0-16-0, Chatharaju 4-0-22-2, Kumar 5-0-59-0,		Bowling: Knight 7-0-50-2, Channon 7-0-29-3, Liddell 8-0-48-1,			
R. Patel 4-0-44-0, Puli 4-0-33-0, Dhatric 3-0-9-2, Parvathaneni 6-1-27-2,		Symonds 4-1-20-3, White 3-0-31-0, Lee 3-0-38-0, Payton 3-0-21-0			
Nagpal 3-0-22-2, Dubey 2-1-11-1					

Cricket at Lydd is quiet and restrained. At New Romney it is vibrant, with a loud sound system playing at every boundary or wicket, at least until the internet failed whereupon PlayCricket and the FrogBox stream died. In his last game before flying to Melbourne, Victoria on a cricket scholarship, the brilliant Luke Payton destroyed the Gents, though, inspired by a record eighth-wicket partnership between captain and vice-captain, they made a jolly good attempt at a huge ask. For the third successive Sunday they suffered a ton third-wicket stand and they beat their own chasing record set seven days before.

Chatharaju's early brace gave Gents heart and though Payton and his captain were batting well Gents bowled and fielded with gusto for 14 overs at which point the hosts were 96-2. Payton on 46 was facing R. Patel, whose over went for 6 4 6 . 4 1. He savaged Kumar's next over for 6 4 4 6 6 6 to reach 99. He thought he had his ton, retired, hadn't and anti-climatically trudged back out to the crease to complete the job. He retired again and the Gents steamed in, allying improved bowling to excellent deep catching, and wickets began to fall, seven to catches, the best haul of 2023.

At 231 it seemed job done, but Payton got approval from Sudireddy to return, this time batting left-handed, to smash a few more including a one-handed six, 254-9 off 35. His 114 took 73 balls (13 fours and eight sixes): Symonds's 67 took 70 balls (10 fours and one six). Their stand was of the highest calibre and could only be admired.

Determined that the Gents would not be a mere sideshow on Payton's big day, Sudireddy configured a batting order that no jury would convict him on. There were in theory runs from No. 1 to No. 11. Alas, New Romney's fine attack had other ideas and Gents tumbled gloomily to 84-7. On a baking day, a sub-100 total and an early finish loomed. In an unsavoury incident, the Gents' scorer accused a senior player, H. Patel, of treason, for which he is pleased to publicly apologise. The scorer needs to recognise that there are different ways to show support.

Sudireddy and Chatharaju galvanised the innings. Coming together after 17.5 overs, they added 120 in 83 balls combining well-judged ones and twos with plentiful boundaries. Chatharaju, who loves batting here, drove three sixes in an over from Lee. He would clobber five in all to go with his eight fours: the captain's tally was two sixes and five fours. This stand was a record and uniquely in Gents' record stands it was set in a losing cause. Sudireddy faced 42 balls and Chatharaju 59.

Sudireddy holed out but Nagpal and Dhatric biffed a few to keep Chatharaju company and the innings closed just short after a valiant effort. Having served a BBQ at tea, New Romney served a curry to round off a superb tour. Gents have never dismissed Payton and his name will be whispered in reverential awe whenever Gents meet.

Gentlemen of West London v. Salix

Sunday 17 September, Dundonald RG. Salix won toss. Showery, 21C

Lost by 7 wickets

Gentlemen of West London		Salix				
Dubey	run out	55	*Sadhra	c Chatharaju	b H. Patel	19
Kumar		0	†Ilangakoon	not out		113
*†Sudireddy	run out	4	Henig	run out (Parvathaneni)		27
R. Patel	c Kulasingam	12	R. Dodd		b Dubey	2
Puli		18	Kulasingam	not out		0
S. Patel		17	S. Dodd, Somani, †Unadkat, Collins, Bhai and Ali	dnb		
Parvathaneni	c Unadkat	5				
Nagpal	not out	16				
Chatharaju		1				
H. Patel	not out	12				
J. Patel	dnb					
Extras	w8 b11 lb1 p5	25	Extras	w6 nb1 lb1		8
Total	8 wickets	20 overs	Total	3 wickets	19.3 overs	169
FoW:	10, 20, 42, 79, 122, 131, 139, 141		FoW:	33, 146, 160		
Bowling:	Ali 4-0-30-0, S. Dodd 2-0-15-1, Unadkat 4-0-29-2, Bhai 2-0-21-0, Kulasingam 4-0-20-2, R. Dodd 2-0-15-1, Sadhra 2-0-18-0		Bowling:	Chatharaju 2.3-0-26-0, Parvathaneni 1-0-11-0, H. Patel 4-0-37-1, Kumar 3-0-21-0, Puli 2-0-17-0, S. Patel 4-0-30-0, Dubey 3-0-26-1		

On a cool, showery afternoon Salix concluded a brilliant run chase with three balls to spare. Led by Yovaan Ilangakoon in his only appearance of the season, his 113* took just 60 balls and included 16 fours and three sixes. He gave two chances but he and his team deserved their success which they enjoyed with gusto. The century, his fifth for Salix, was the fourth by opponents in 2023, the most ever. Earlier, Dubey had scored his second fifty of 2023, both in this rubber. It was Gents' fourth defeat in five matches, a muted end to a mixed but enjoyable campaign that has all in all to be regarded as a qualified success.

The captains, mindful of the weather forecast that guaranteed apocalyptic hurricanes and floods by 3.30pm, opted for a T20, Gents' first such game since Ottershaw in 2021, and great entertainment was had on a placid wicket. Dubey (38 balls, nine fours and a six – well, a two upgraded by four buzzers) led the charge. He received assertive support throughout the order but wickets fell regularly and it needed a late blast from Nagpal and H. Patel to bring up a par score of 165, or 8.25 runs per over. The days of the old President's Cup, when 130 was a guarantor of victory, are long gone.

Kumar provided an umpiring moment for the ages by barging square leg out of the way as he shaped to take a catch. The penalty runs exacted when the ball trundled into the 'keeper's helmet added to the gaiety of the occasion. Salix were not helped by a sharp shower that drove the players off for half an hour; the 20 overs took two hours to bowl.

More rain arrived 2.1 overs in to the reply, Salix 16-0. There was ominous chunter about an abandonment but there only needed to be a clear hour to see the thing through. The low cloud lifted and everybody went out again, this time till the game was settled. Sadhra drove Chatharaju for successive fours off the first three balls after the resumption and Salix were, if not in control, ahead of the required rate. H. Patel then had Sadhra neatly held by cover point Chatharaju running in, wicket No. 399 for the off-spinner.

Enter Henig, the perfect foil for Ilangakoon, who was now blasting away merrily. Our old friend Scoreboard Pressure was nowhere to be seen. He has been useless for a month. The stand of 113 in 13 overs won the game. There were chances; two catches spilled and a run out botched, but, inspired by tremendous support from behind the boundary, the pair went on and on. Ilangakoon drove and cut powerfully while Henig, initially the quieter of the two, began to match him stroke for stroke.

A smart throw by Parvathaneni broke the stand with 20 runs needed and the task was duly accomplished soon after with Ilangakoon's final two fours. Every meteorological site was wrong; the game ended in bright sunshine at 4.16pm so a longer game would have been possible but no matter – Salix won fair and square and Gents were pleased to join them in their celebrations. One-all it was then which was entirely correct.

2023 averages

Player (debut*)	M.	Inn.	NO	Runs	Avg.	Ct./St.	O	M	Runs	Wck.	Avg.	Econ.	SR.
Ahmed A	5	3	-	86	28.67	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chatharaju	19	14	1	188	14.46	3	88.3	5	441	21	21.00	4.98	25.29
Dhatric *	5	4	3	30	30.00	3	18	3	52	7	7.43	2.89	15.43
Dubey	21	14	2	263	21.92	3	98.5	11	455	14	32.50	4.60	42.36
Dutta *	8	3	-	12	4.00	1	15.2	1	76	4	19.00	4.96	23.00
Gulati	14	13	3	445	44.50	9	59.5	4	234	13	18.00	3.91	27.62
Kota	16	13	4	792	88.00	5	65	5	320	17	18.82	4.92	22.94
Krishna	8	5	1	42	10.50	1	18.1	2	82	5	16.40	4.51	21.80
Kulasingam	3	3	1	46	23.00	1	17	2	45	1	45.00	2.65	102.00
Kumar	11	9	1	130	16.25	1	26.2	1	178	11	16.18	6.76	14.36
Nagpal	15	10	2	160	20.00	4	59	3	280	13	21.54	4.75	27.23
Parvathaneni	9	8	2	204	34.00	1	25	1	133	7	19.00	5.32	21.43
Patel H	14	9	1	67	8.38	3	74	1	382	26	14.69	5.16	17.08
Patel J	10	6	1	5	1.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Patel R	16	12	5	178	25.43	8	56	3	341	9	37.89	6.09	37.33
Patel S	18	15	6	183	20.33	-	52	2	263	6	43.83	5.06	52.00
Puli	19	13	3	250	25.00	8	28.1	1	190	7	27.14	6.75	24.14
Rajana *	2	1	-	10	10.00	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reddy D *	3	-	-	-	-	1	10	0	70	1	70.00	7.00	60.00
Sudireddy	22	18	2	317	19.81	18/5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

One match only: Francis 1/1/1/2, Garige R * 1/1/-/18, 4-0-10-0, Ismail * 1/-/-/-, Joshi 1/-/-/-, Soni 1/1/-/-

2023 in numbers

Highest score for 317-5 *n.* Fighting Stars, **Highest score against** 303-8 by Fighting Stars

Lowest score for 72 *n.* Merton Hawks, **Lowest score against** 84 by John Buckner

100 partnerships for (R = wicket record)	100 partnerships against
156* Dubey (62*) and Kota (86*) <i>n.</i> Salix (2 nd) R	167 Lachlan (108*) and Prowse (65) (Millfields) (3 rd)
138 Kota (143*) and A. Ahmed (59) <i>n.</i> Fighting Stars (4 th)	125 N. Patel (151) and Aftab (47) (Mpingwe) (3 rd)
132 R. Patel (61*) and Kota (91) <i>n.</i> Mpingwe (6 th)	125 Payton (114*) and Symonds (67) (New Romney) (3 rd)
120 Sudireddy (52) and Chatharaju (82*) <i>n.</i> New Romney (8 th) R	116 Hasan (55) and Navaid (55) (Fighting Stars) (1 st)
111* Kota (126*) and S. Patel (28*) <i>n.</i> Putney (6 th)	113 Ilangakoon (113*) and Henig (27) (Salix) (2 nd)
110* Gulati (81*) and Nagpal (34*) <i>n.</i> Hampstead (3 rd)	102 Lloyd (56) and Wishart (47) (Putney) (3 rd)
50s/100s for (M = first 50 or 100)	50s/100s against
143* Kota <i>n.</i> Fighting Stars	151 N. Patel (Mpingwe)
126* Kota <i>n.</i> Putney	114* Payton (New Romney)
91 Gulati <i>n.</i> Redbourn	113* Ilangakoon (Salix)
91 Kota <i>n.</i> Mpingwe	108* Lachlan (Millfields)
86* Kota <i>n.</i> Salix	94 Hussain (Fighting Stars)
82* Chatharaju <i>n.</i> New Romney	92 Derrick Redhead (Northfields)
80* Kota <i>n.</i> Clapham In	91 David Redhead (Northfields)
81* Gulati <i>n.</i> Hampstead	70 D. Roe (Redbourn)
74 Kota <i>n.</i> Millfields	67 Symonds (New Romney)
74* R. Patel <i>n.</i> Lydd	66 Ragavendra (St Anne's Allstars)
62* Dubey <i>n.</i> Salix	65 Prowse (Millfields)
62 Parvathaneni <i>n.</i> Mpingwe	56 Lloyd (Putney)
61* R. Patel <i>n.</i> Mpingwe (M)	55 Hasan (Fighting Stars)
57* Puli <i>n.</i> St Anne's Allstars	55 Navaid (Fighting Stars)
55 Puli <i>n.</i> Millfields	54 Kulasingam (Salix)
55 Gulati <i>n.</i> Northfields	
55 Dubey <i>n.</i> Salix	
52 Sudireddy <i>n.</i> New Romney	
4-wicket returns for (M = first 4 wickets return, D = debut)	4-wicket returns against
5-25 H. Patel <i>n.</i> Merton Hawks	4-14 Lawrence (Crossbats)
4-18 Gulati <i>n.</i> Northfields	4-25 Fisher (London Itinerants)
4-19 Nagpal <i>n.</i> Hampstead M	4-40 Desousa (Millfields)
4-27 H. Patel <i>n.</i> Whalers	4-46 Saril (Plastics)
4-31 Kota <i>n.</i> Putney	4-56 J. Pandya (Clapham In)
4-34 H. Patel <i>n.</i> London Itinerants	
4-75 R. Patel <i>n.</i> Fighting Stars	

Sixes (51): 10 Kota, 8 Gulati, 6 Chatharaju, Sudireddy 4 Parvathaneni, Puli, 3 Nagpal, 2 A. Ahmed, Garige, R. Patel, S. Patel 1 Dubey, H. Patel

Run outs of opponents (10): 3 Parvathaneni, Puli, 1 Chatharaju, Dubey, Kota, R. Patel

Top 5 batting averages (five innings)		Top 5 bowling averages (20 overs)		Top 5 bowling economy rates (20 overs)	
Kota	88.00	H. Patel	14.69	Gulati	3.91
Gulati	44.50	Kumar	16.18	Dubey	4.60
Parvathaneni	34.00	Gulati	18.00	Nagpal	4.75
R. Patel	25.43	Kota	18.82	Kota	4.92
Puli	25.00	Parvathaneni	19.00	Parvathaneni	4.98

Milestones:

1. Fewest players used since 1989 (25).
2. Most runs in game: 620 Gents 317-5, Fighting Stars 303-8.
3. Two club partnership records were established: second wicket (156 by Dubey and Kota *v.* Salix) and eighth wicket (Sudireddy and Chatharaju *v.* New Romney and Littlestone).
4. Sudireddy joined the 100 Club.
5. R. Patel scored his maiden fifty.
6. Chatharaju took his 100th wicket
7. Sudireddy's 18 catches is a record for a season.
8. HS by opponents: 303-8 (Fighting Stars).
9. HS batting second by Gents: 239-9 *v.* New Romney and Littlestone.
10. Most centuries scored by opponent in a season (4).

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Players	35	48	42	52	40	39	44	45	43	41	25	40	33	25
1 game	6	18	13	11	16	13	18	20	19	18	7	18	10	5
2-5	12	15	13	27	12	9	11	10	12	9	7	6	9	5
6-10	5	7	10	7	7	8	6	5	2	3	11	3	1	4
11-15	6	5	6	7	5	9	6	9	6	4	-	8	3	4
16-20	5	2	-	-	-	-	3	1	4	3	-	5	5	5
>20	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	5	2
Games	25	22	18	20	16	21	21	19	19	24	11	22	26	22
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gents														
100s	-	2	2	-	3	2	-	1	1	2	-	1	6	2
50s	9	9	8	18	12	12	18	8	11	22	3	8	21	16
4-w	6	6	3	6	8	2	4	2	-	11	3	5	8	7
Oppo														
100s	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	2	2	1	-	-	3	4
50s	16	10	3	5	5	7	10	8	10	16	3	10	15	11
4-w	7	6	2	2	3	6	7	7	4	5	3	4	6	5
Gents														
100 runs	1	8	8	6	5	5	7	5	6	7	3	9	3	5
200 runs	5	2	3	3	2	5	1	3	1	2	2	2	3	3
300 runs	1	2	-	-	2	-	2	2	1	2	1	-	4	1
400 runs	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
500 runs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	2	1
10 wickets	3	2	3	5	4	3	4	3	6	4	3	3	6	5
20 wickets	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	-	1	2	2
30 wickets	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
40 wickets	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 ct.	3	3	2	2	3	3	4	3	3	4	1	4	5	4
10 ct.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	3	1
Gents														
Ct.	62	66	42	50	52	55	79	57	39	80	41	60	90	72
St.	7	4	6	5	6	6	8	4	4	10	2	5	10	5
RO	15	11	10	11	11	6	12	10	6	14	8	9	16	10
FD	84	81	58	66	69	67	99	71	49	104	51	74	116	87
FD/game	3.4	3.7	3.2	3.3	4.3	3.2	4.7	3.7	2.6	4.3	4.6	3.5	4.4	4.0
Ct/game	2.5	3.0	2.3	2.5	3.3	2.6	3.8	3.0	2.1	3.3	3.7	2.9	3.4	3.3
Oppo														
Ct.	88	68	47	52	51	66	49	62	71	60	38	61	93	63
St.	6	3	2	1	4	6	6	5	6	4	2	2	1	2
RO	17	2	5	2	7	7	14	9	6	12	4	8	8	9
FD	111	73	54	55	62	79	69	76	82	76	44	71	102	74
FD/game	4.4	3.3	3.0	2.8	3.9	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.2	4.0	2.8	3.9	3.3
Ct/game	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.6*	3.2	3.1	2.3	4.0	4.3	2.5	3.5	3.3	3.5	2.9

* excluding opponents' catches in four games in Holland which were NR

Career Top 10s (qualification 20 innings or 75 overs, ✓ played in 2023)

<i>Appearances</i>		<i>Runs</i>		<i>Wickets</i>	
S. Patel ✓	439	S. Patel ✓	7,176	S. Patel ✓	442
H. Patel ✓	293	P. Kota ✓	4,704	S. Snelling	401
S. Snelling	248	M. Ashton	3,848	H. Patel ✓	399
A. Buck	219	D. Patel	3,225	D. Patel	235
A. Burman	211	J. Wright	3,020	M. Ashton	222
D. Patel	199	S. Kumar ✓	2,371	M. Sciberras	152
M. Sciberras	175	N. Dubey ✓	2,282	D. Todd	148
N. Dubey ✓	166	N. Husain	2,270	S. Kumar ✓	138
S. Kumar ✓	162	S. Namilikonda	1,991	J. Wright	135
M. Ashton	153	H. Patel ✓	1,935	A. Buck	115
<i>Catches and stumpings</i>		<i>Batting averages</i>		<i>Bowling averages</i>	
S. Patel ✓	126	P. Kota ✓	53.45	M. Ashton	11.23
R. Sudireddy ✓	95	N. Husain	49.35	A. Iqbal	11.68
H. Patel ✓	64	G. Cloete	43.82	R. Inkollu	11.81
M. Ashton	62	R. Lall	36.96	S. Snelling	11.91
M. Sciberras	60	V. Gulati ✓	35.91	R. Lall	12.67
P. Kota ✓	50	J. Small	31.98	W. Thompson	13.13
S. Snelling	48	M. Ashton	30.54	N. Husain	13.41
A. Buck	44	S. Namilikonda	29.28	S. Rudru	13.69
N. Dubey ✓	44	L. Wahed	28.20	S. Bignell	15.10
Three players	42	A. Iqbal	27.83	K. Jampala	15.52

Partnership records

<i>Record partnerships by wicket – Gents</i>					
1	121	S. Bignell (34) and N. Hubbucks (78) <i>v.</i> Enterprise	Victoria RG	2.5.93	
2	156*	N. Dubey (62*) and P. Kota (86*) <i>v.</i> Salix	Barn Elms	18.6.23	
3	168	P. Kota (160*) and S. Namilikonda (76) <i>v.</i> Squirrels	Old Tenisonians CC	17.7.22	
4	162	H. Desai (46) and R. Lall (128) <i>v.</i> London Saints	Old Haberdashers CC	14.8.11	
5	152	M. Ashton (102) and M. Hughes (57*) <i>v.</i> London Saints	Victoria RG	15.8.93	
6	212*	J. Small (131*) and S. Kumar (74*) <i>v.</i> St Anne's Allstars	Boston Manor PF	7.6.15	
7	140	R. Sudireddy (96) and V. Gulati (66*) <i>v.</i> Kempton	Old Tenisonians CC	2.8.20	
8	120	R. Sudireddy (52) and R. Chatharaju (82*) <i>v.</i> New Romney	New Romney	10.9.23	
9	108	H. Hibbert (81) and M. Sciberras (22) <i>v.</i> Virgin Casuals	Shepherd's Bush CC	17.9.00	
10	79*	S. Patel (73*) and R. Pentakota (31*) <i>v.</i> Salix	Imperial College	9.9.12	

<i>Record partnerships by wicket – opponents</i>					
1	239*	R. Bulmer (140*) and C. Maddock (87*), London Owls	Victoria RG	5.9.93	
2	186	J. Elmes (165*) and Murray (56), Northfields	Durston House	24.5.15	
3	215	R. Heyman (132) and R. Jones (89), Village XI	Old Hamptonians CC	30.7.06	
4	138	A. Jaques (107) and D. Torbe (65), East Harrow Cheetahs	Beverley Park	4.8.96	
5	139*	C. Taylor (76*) and S. Smith (62*), Clapham In	Old Tenisonians CC	14.8.22	
6	100	C. Dane (73) and P. Walton (53), West XI	KGF Morden	10.9.00	
7	102*	K. Mitha (77*) and Azhar (32*), Mpingwe	Normandy CC	18.7.21	
8	65	D. Gaurav (38) and A. Tippell (50*), Ashford	Ashford CC	31.7.16	
9	72*	N. Farooq (45*) and K. Mehmood (36*), Fighting Stars	Wycombe House CC	28.8.22	
10	57	R. Bendall (28) and T. Treen (27*), Crossbats	Raynes Park SG	9.9.18	

Highest totals

<i>Gents</i>	<i>Opponents</i>
325-5 <i>v.</i> London Saints (2007)	303-8 Fighting Stars (2023)
325-9 <i>v.</i> St Anne's Allstars (2013)	284-3 12 Angry Men (2001)
324-6 <i>v.</i> Squirrels (2022)	281-7 Stanmore Warriors (2017)
317-5 <i>v.</i> Fighting Stars (2023)	271-8 Millfields (2022)
313-6 <i>v.</i> Brentham (2019)	268-4 Mpingwe (2023)

Highest innings

<i>Gents</i>	<i>Opponents</i>
160* Kota <i>v.</i> Squirrels (2022)	165* Elmes, Northfields (2015)
158* Jones <i>v.</i> West XI (2002)	164* Ahmed, Close PF (2015)
151 Namilikonda <i>v.</i> Putney (2022)	151 Patel, Mpingwe (2023)
143* Husain <i>v.</i> New Barbarian Weasels (2007)	150* Walker, Rotherham SC (1995)
143* Kota <i>v.</i> Fighting Stars (2023)	150* Collis, Millfields (2018)