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Hadi scores 53* and takes 5-12 as Salix humble Gents

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Review of 2024

Season No. 37 finishes Won 18 Lost 5

Salix strike three fifties including seventh-wicket record

Charles Hawtrey

London Saints strike gold

Vamsee Krishna tribute

Club records

Averages and career Top 20s

Clapham In (won by 74 runs)

Isleworth (lost by 36 runs)

Plastics (won by 5 wickets)

Millfields (won by 6 wickets)

Walmer (won by 4 wickets)

Salix (lost by 114 runs)

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2024 Played 23 Won 18 Lost 5

Debuts	Arikatla, Bhaja, Ratnapuri
Runs	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
Wickets	H. Patel 31, S. Patel 24, Krishna 22, Gulati 18, Chatharaju 17, R. Patel 15
Ct/St.	Puli 12, Sudireddy 11/6, Gulati 8, Parvathaneni 8, S. Patel 8, R. Patel 7, Kota 5/1, Dubey 5

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.

Opponents were reined in by a challenging attack of seam and spin backed up by alert fielding. Wickets were shared around with impressive economy. Chatharaju, Gulati and Krishna used the new ball effectively, and H. Patel and S. Patel had their best seasons since 2011 and 2009. Three took 20 wickets, two falling just short, Gulati adding a personal-best 18 wickets and eight catches to his runs. Newcomer Arikatla took some important scalps. Guests Kulasingam and Ratnapuri delivered whenever they played. There were hauls of four or more wickets for Chatharaju, Krishna (twice), H. Patel (twice) and Gulati, who along with H. Patel and Krishna carded their best bowling analyses. Catching was steady though a curious run out amnesty resulted in Gents nabbing only seven. There were 16 catches at the wicket, Sudireddy taking 11 and Puli five.

A notable win at Crossbats after the hosts had been 104-0 was followed by a narrow loss at South Bank, both on an artificial. The winning run incorporated the dismissals of Hounslow Hurricanes for 40 and Northfields for 60, a riot-torn run glut against Gladiators and the record first-wicket stand against Whalers. The final eight games saw four wins, including a wonderful match in Kent, and four losses. The defeats were instructive. Northfields and Salix came hard at the Gents with very strong teams in the return fixtures, making six and seven changes. South Bank won narrowly, John Buckner and Isleworth more convincingly. Gents knew how to hold their nerve and chase down totals, winning two games by two wickets and two by three wickets, thanks to calm cricket and deep batting line-ups.

Of the new grounds visited, Chaddleworth and Walmer ranked among the best to have hosted the club. Regarding home grounds Dundonald RG was clean and decent with true wickets: Wycombe House immaculate; and Milford pretty but too far, which meant that only one game of the three paid for there could be taken up. A lasting memory for winter was old friends Inkollu and Chalamalasetti making up the XI against Plastics by taking an Uber from Uxbridge to Wimbledon and back with their children. Sudireddy and R. Patel showed solid leadership and were well supported throughout the club. Gents played with a smile and though a few more players are needed can look forward to 2025 with hope.

Lessons from 2024

Pre-season planning was hard because Teddington SC could no longer offer nets and uncertainty surrounded home grounds. However, captain Sudireddy organised excellent nets at Featherstone SC that were really well attended. Then LB Merton informed the club in January that it now had priority booking status. Most home games were therefore immediately booked, with Wycombe House and latterly Milford following.

GWLCC must decide where it wants to play its home games. Slotting in opponents will follow. Dundonald RG is clean and decent, and the Gents know how to play on it. The dressing rooms and showers are good and the park clean. To be fair to the NW London members, the committee will meet the Wycombe House cricket committee to try to increase its allocation there and will report back.

The fixture card itself was much changed in 2024. Fighting Stars and Mpingwe were not renewed, while dates could not be agreed with London Itinerants and Redbourn. Hook and Southborough (away), Merton Hawks and New Romney were rained off, and disappointingly the Gents could not raise a side to visit Hounslow Hurricanes, the first time the club has bailed since 2012 and only the sixth time in all. What is planned in March differs from what happens from April to September: South Bank replaced Hook and Southborough; four sides bailed (Hampstead, Sheen Park, Battersea Eagles and Lydd) and were replaced by Hook and Southborough, Gladiators, Isleworth and Walmer. The upshot of all this was that there were six new teams: South Bank, Phoenix, Gladiators, Chaddleworth (rained off in 2023), Isleworth and Walmer, only two of which were on the card in March. Finally, the Kent tour needs revision. New Romney only played three games in 2024.

Around the circuit

Inspired by six wins and a draw in their first ten matches, London Saints recorded their first winning season since 2003. We salute them. They've got some new players but Dave Thomas, Dave Nanton and Sanjay Patel's nemesis Paul Pearce are still playing, and delivering. Saints are to the best of our knowledge the last football ex-pats cricket team still playing in London.

It's always interesting when two of our established oppo meet. On 31 August St Anne's Allstars travelled to Marble Hill Park to play Crossbats. Masini, 63 against Gents in April, scored 104 as the hosts racked up 345-2. Biss was among the runs with 60* in the losing reply. And on 29 September, Northfields visited. 'Unsure' took a pile of wickets as he often does on Play-Cricket, Crossbats 174-8. The scorer, or match recorder to use the modern name, managed to identify a few batters in the second innings including Derrick Redhead who scored a match-winning 102* in the visitors' 176-3. When Derrick or David is set there seems to be no chance of a wicket.

Northfields' wicket-keeper Kevan David-Joseph has other strings to his bow. He is a Harrow CC 1st XI regular in the MCCL Div. 2, a fast bowler with good stats, including 23 wickets @ 15 in 2024. His captain is Devon Smith, the former West Indies Test player, veteran of 43 Tests and 47 ODIs. David Redhead backed his other bowlers on 4 August and gave Kevan the gloves, a generous and well-judged decision. He opened the batting with him however, whereas at Harrow he is firmly the No. 11.

The final weekend was a busy one for Harjot Rajasansir. On 14 September he opened for Ealing 1s in the League Cup final against Shepherds Bush, top-scoring with 54 in a losing cause. A day later he opened for Salix and again top-scored with 85. His Salix colleague Abdul Hadi later became only the fourth opponent to do the all-rounder's double of a fifty and five wickets, and the second from Salix. It is worth noting that no Gent has ever accomplished this, though M. Ashton and Sanga both have a century and a four-four. The three fifties scored by Salix has only been achieved before by three teams: 12 Angry Men, Old Tenisonians Taverners and Fighting Stars. The defeat was the heaviest by runs since Eastside in 2018.

All-rounder doubles

84* and 5-16	C. Vine, West XI (Boston Manor Park 19.7.98)
59* and 6-16	M. Rafiq, Robin Hood (Sutton Common RG 27.6.99)
58 and 5-49	D. Padmore, Salix (Imperial College 17.9.17)
53* and 5-12	A. Hadi, Salix (Dundonald RG, 15.9.24)

Gents play 400 yards from house of Carry On great



The Gents like to stand on the shoulders of giants and it is to the great and good of Deal, home of Walmer CC, that we now turn. Well not really giants, for comedy greats Sir Norman Wisdom, who lived there as a boy, was only 5ft. 2 in. and our friend from the *Carry Ons* Charles Hawtrey (left), who lived there from 1968-1988, 5ft. 7in.

Charles, born in Hounslow, lived at 117 Middle Street, Deal. There is a commemorative blue plaque on the front exterior wall of this property to identify his former residence. He cut an eccentric figure in the small town, becoming well known for promenading along the seafront in extravagant attire, waving cheerfully to the fishermen and for frequenting establishments patronised by sailors. Upon being approached, he aggressively refused to sign autographs. He never married.

Romney's most famous resident is buried in St Clement's Church, Old Romney. Derek Jarman lived at Prospect Cottage in Dungeness, a few yards from the beach. His beautiful garden is well preserved and attracts many visitors.

Oppo XI of 2024

There were some excellent individual displays by our opponents and their time for glory has come as they proudly take their place in the team. To our horror we have discovered that David Redhead has never made an oppo XI so that is rectified now, and he can captain. Johnston (Whalers) was selected in 2023 but the other centurion Singh marches in to open with the destructive Dubey. Bugg was the best No. 3 seen in years. Bhudia is a happy hitter and we're backing him. Barret, Redhead, Bendre and sensational all-rounder Hadi complete a fearsome middle order.

Bowling duties will be on Woods-Libby, Sanghai, Faisal and Hadi plus an ungloved Redhead.

Dubey (Crossbats)
Singh (Isleworth)
Bugg (John Buckner XI)
Bhudia (Gladiators)
J. Barrett (Chaddleworth)
*†David Redhead (Northfields)
Bendre (Putney)
Hadi (Salix)
Woods-Libby (Walmer)
Sanghai (Hounslow Hurricanes)
Faisal (South Bank)

Gents show their true colours

Ratnakar Sudireddy always agrees Test match wides with his counterpart but this interpretation most certainly doesn't apply in the MCCL. On 18 August, Twickenham Vs conceded 73 wides out of a mammoth 92 extras in Willow Leather III's 318 all out, proceeding to lose by 211 runs. Twickenham therefore bowled an extra 12.2 overs on top of the legitimate 44.2.

House steady

Wycombe House had a steady season with the highlight being the 4s who won their league. The 1s, 2s and 3s finished mid-table and in their first season the young 5s acquitted themselves well. The 1s, in the promotion places with three weeks to go, fell away but reached their league cup final, where Ealing Trailfinders proved too strong.

Failure in format

Whatever happened to 40 over games? This is the Gents' default format but only five games adhered to this in 2023, continuing the decline from nine in 2019. If the weather is bad then reduce the overs, but what was the point in playing 30 overs against St Anne's for example. They arrived late. So what? That night sunset was 9.21pm. In future we must insist on 40 over games as our home format.

Till we meet again, Vamsee

It is good to know when to pay tribute to a departing friend for in cricket clubs players people tend to drift away and the opportunity is missed. Vamsee Krishna's exit was, however, clear cut for he is moving permanently back to India. His record is remarkably consistent but he may be truly said to have left the best to last, with 50 wickets in his final season including bags for his Telugu T20 franchise and Loughton 2s in the Essex league, for whom he played Saturdays alongside Praveen Bocha.

But it is to the first game we met him that we now turn, 17 August 2014, with in hindsight one of the most absurd judgement of players ever printed. Titans were described as 'having no batting stars' despite the presence of Pawan (Mr. Kota), Basker (VB) and Patel (Rakesh Patel). Vamsee was run out for 13 before taking the wickets of S. Patel and Dubey. A tight game resulted in a win by 5 runs for that stellar Titans XI.



Vamsee's record by season

Year	M.	Runs	W.
2014	1	3	-
2015	10	57	6
2016	13	45	8
2017	13	31	9
201	12	102	11
2019	14	62	12
2020	9	54	5
2021	17	110	25
2022	20	155	8
2023	8	42	5
2024	17	93	22
Total	134	754	111

His debut came quietly on 7 September that year against Salix when he was b Unadkat 3 and returned 3-0-8-0 with the ball. He played against Titans on 3 May 2015, taking his first three wickets: Pradip, Katragadda and Pingili, all caught, two by Turpin and one by S. Patel. Over the next decade he would play 134 of the 208 matches, a spit away from two in three and commendably loyal. He rightly won Bowler of the Year 2021 but could not attend the AGM to collect his award and so missed his warm ovation. In 2024 he recorded his best return of 5-28, on Crossbats' artificial which always favours the batter, and the abstemious 7-5-3-0 against Hounslow Hurricanes, while Vinitesh Gulati took six at the other end. The Hurricanes analysis is the club's most frugal full spell.

There is a case to be made that Game No. 600, at Northfields on 9 August 2020 was his finest. In searing 33C heat, he opened the batting and scored 17 as the batting capitulated in 23 overs to 98. Gents won, helped by his 8-2-9-2 and a fine catch at long-leg ten seconds after spectator H. Patel had colourfully denounced captain Dubey for putting a fielder there. Oh, the language.

He could hold a bat, top-scoring with 38 at Binfield in 2021 but this was not his best innings. In 2021 he scored 12 in 20 studious overs to help chase down Whalers on a filthy King's House deck. Many were the classy leave-alones and sensible forward-defensives that day.

Consistent, accurate seam bowling was his trade and he had mastery of both inswinger and outswinger. On his day, which was most Sundays, he was formidable with the new ball and had the happy knack of getting out some very good batters. He enjoyed his ration of one or two catches a season, and was once observed walking in with the bowler, in 2018, though he never really got the hang of throwing the ball in. In a rare outing with the gloves in 2016 he got a stumping. *Gent 151* recorded: 'Hasan was stumped by Krishna who performed admirably as stand-in wicket-keeper in the absence of Basker and Denton.' This was the game where Charatla took that famous c&b. Offline, Vamsee brought along guests which was appreciated by a succession of team secretaries. He also performed the role of club treasurer effectively.

This good friend leaves with our blessings and thanks after a superbly committed and productive 2024, a worthy climax to a fine career in which he became only the fourteenth Gent to take 100 wickets. The fifteenth will not be for a few years yet. All the best to you, sir, and thank you.

Gentlemen of West London v. Clapham In

Sunday 11 August, Dundonald RG. Gents won toss. Sunny, 29C

Won by 74 runs

Gentlemen of West London			Clapham In				
Parvathaneni	c Rathod	b Tanuku	51	Williams	lbw	b Chatharaju	13
Kulasingam		b Crowley	1	Burgess-Bellay		b Krishna	12
†Gulati		b Crowley	4	Maitra	lbw	b H. Patel	23
Kota	not out		110	†Lynch	c Parvathaneni	b Arikatla	13
*R. Patel	c Crowley	b Rathod	13	Rathod	c Kulasingam	b H. Patel	38
†A. Ahmed	not out		48	Crowley	c S. Patel	b H. Patel	0
Chatharaju, S. Patel, H. Patel, Krishna and Arikatla dnb				*O'Connell	ret. out		35
				B. Pandya	c S. Patel	b R. Patel	15
				Tanuku	c R. Patel	b Kota	6
				J. Pandya	not out		13
				Walsh	not out		0
Extras	w11 nb2 b15 lb11		39	Extras	w9 nb1 b8 lb6		24
Total	4 wickets	35 overs	266	Total	9 wickets	35 overs	192
FoW: 6, 16, 113, 178				FoW: 24, 32, 45, 107, 118, 119, 144, 156, 192			
Bowling: Crowley 5-1-30-2, J. Pandya 7-0-56-0, Tanuku 7-0-54-1, B. Pandya 6-0-33-0, Rathod 4-0-22-1, Burgess-Bellay 2-0-18-0, Maitra 4-0-27-0				Bowling: Krishna 5-2-9-1, Gulati 4-0-16-0, Arikatla 4-0-15-1, Chatharaju 6-0-45-1, H. Patel 5-0-47-3, S. Patel 4-0-13-0, R. Patel 3-0-22-1, Kota 2-0-5-1, Kulasingam 2-1-6-0			



Gents won a high-scoring match thanks to Pavan Kota's ninth club century (110* off 89 balls with 18 fours and two sixes). He was well supported by Parvathaneni with his third 50 of 2024 and a late blast from Ahmed, who took his season's average to 170. Clapham In's reply began slowly (32-1 off 10) but they got to grips with the pitch and batted with resolution thereafter. It was difficult for the visitors with only ten men, though they found an eleventh for their innings and he had a bat at the end upon the retirement of the captain.

It was a splendid toss to win and Raj Patel's men took full advantage of a true wicket and fast outfield. Clapham In had two early successes when Crowley bowled Kulasingam and Gulati but stands of 97, 65 and 88 put the match beyond them. Parvathaneni and Ahmed both hit nine fours and a six. Kota in his first match since 7 July was superb in his 30.3 overs at the crease.

Mainly playing off the back foot, his judge of length was perfect. Cuts through gully and clips backward of square-leg were his life blood. Fielders would plug the gaps and he would bring out the drive. He manipulated the field to his will. Parvathaneni and Ahmed were more front foot. Runs mounted to all points of the compass and as the temperature rose, extras flowed. The batters went remorselessly on but the outfielding held up well. In the end both sides seemed relieved that a 40-over game had not been called. It was very hot indeed. Krishna, as challenging as ever with his accuracy and movement, Gulati and Arikatla pushed the target out of Clapham In's reach. Or so it seemed. With the pressure off, the middle order had a good period of power hitting, Rathod, off the mark with an enormous six, being particularly impressive. H. Patel took three more wickets though he paid dearly for them. Catching was up to the mark – S. Patel took two – and it was all highly entertaining on a gorgeous summer's evening after the warmest day of the season.

A disappointing aspect of the day was the obliviousness of the sunbathers on the boundary to the cricket, several of them nearly coming a cropper as the ball whistled past them. It was fortunate for all concerned that the club's public liability insurance policy did not have to be invoked.

Isleworth v. Gentlemen of West London

Sunday 18 August, King George's Field Richmond. Isleworth won toss. Sunny, 23C

Lost by 36 runs

Isleworth			Gentlemen of West London				
Prakash		b B. Pandya	8	Kota	c Abhishek	b Sanjay	27
Krishnan	c Chatharaju	b Arikatla	21	H. Patel		b Sanjay	19
†S. Singh		b Chatharaju	101	Nagpal	c Sunny	b Abhishek	8
Deepak		b Chatharaju	14	Chatharaju	c S. Singh	b Krishiv	37
Shiv	lbw	b Kota	30	Krishna		b Abhishek	0
Sunny		b Chatharaju	12	Arikatla		b Abhishek	17
*Sanjay	c Nagpal	b Kota	1	S. Patel	st S. Singh	b Abhishek	1
Rakesh	st Sudireddy	b Chatharaju	26	Joshi	not out		28
Krishiv	not out		1	*†Sudireddy	st S. Singh	b Krishiv	8
Mani	dnb			B. Pandya		b Rskesh	5
				R. Patel		b Shiv	41
Extras	w16 nb2 b4 lb6		28	Extras	w2 nb3 b10		15
Total	8 wickets	35 overs	242	Total	All out	34.1 overs	206
FoW: 25, 81, 146, 197, 200, 207, 237, 242				FoW: 33, 59, 59, 59, 111, 113, 115, 124, 129, 206			
Bowling: R. Patel 4-0-22-0, B. Pandya 4-0-27-1, Arikatla 7-1-46-1,				Bowling: Sunny 5-0-35-0, Sanjay 6-0-29-2, Abhishek 7-1-40-4,			
S. Patel 5-0-28-0, H. Patel 4-0-40-0, Chatharaju 7-1-40-4,				Rakesh 7-0-35-1, Krishiv 5-0-22-2, Mani 1-0-8-0, Prakash 2-0-22-0,			
Kota 4-0-29-2				Shiv 1.1-0-5-1			

After a last-minute opponent drop out, Isleworth CC filled in, giving the Gents an away fixture **writes Raj Patel**. Gents lost the toss and were put into field first on a ground with suspiciously short boundaries. R. Patel and guest Bhavik Pandya opened the bowling. Patel, struggling to find rhythm with a string of no balls, bowled four overs to no avail. Pandya on the other hand bowled well, knocking back the middle stump of opener Prakash. In came Saurabh Singh who was able to find the boundary effortlessly, scoring 101 before falling victim to a deadly inswinger from Chatharaju. Prior to this, Arikatla was able to stem the tide of runs with excellent bowling. Both players bowled exemplary spells. S. Patel and H. Patel tried all they had in the locker to dismiss the destructive Singh but to no avail. Kota, taking two wickets near the end, kept the score to a difficult but achievable target. The bowling was assisted by the ever-dependable skipper Sudireddy behind the stumps.

After the break, the skipper sent in Kota and H. Patel to open. They scored 27 and 19 respectively. Kota fell to an excellent catch at mid-on and Gents knew they had a task on their hands. In came the dependable Nagpal and Chatharaju who looked solid but were unable to capitalise on their starts. Wickets started to fall quickly and a target of 243 looked out of sight. The dismissals of Krishna, Arikatla and S. Patel happened all too fast but in came the patient and focussed Joshi who made the textbook batting advice of taking your time and putting away the bad balls look easy. Two more quick wickets of skipper Sudireddy and Pandya meant that No. 11 R. Patel was sent out with only 129 on the board in the 25th over. The next 10 overs showcased diligent batting, smart running between the wickets and a sprinkling of luck. The 10th wicket partnership ended on 77, only two south of the long-standing 79 record put on by S. Patel and Pentakota. With R. Patel scoring his highest total this season of 41 before attempting to heave a straight one and realising his middle stump was knocked back in the final over, Gents ended on 206. Joshi's 28 not out gave Gents some consistency down the order, helped by two dropped catches: his efforts were incredible. The game went into the final over, a strong and surprising comeback late on from the tail end unfortunately was too little too late.

Gentlemen of West London			
G Wright		b Jacobs	1
Denton		b Jacobs	2
*S Desai	r Gavigan	b Jacobs	7
Dubey	c Gavigan	b Jacobs	42
Bocha	lbw	b Jacobs	34
Kumar	lbw	b Kulasingam	2
S Patel	not out		73
Hibbert	lbw	b Daring	26
Kunche	c Gavigan	b Jameson	12
†L Wright	c Heung	b Jameson	2
Pentakota	not out		31
Extras		5nb 10w 4b 1lb	20
Total	35 overs	9 wickets	252
FoW: 2, 8, 36, 88, 95, 95, 136, 171, 173			

The club record tenth wicket stand was subject of much discussion during and after the match. It was thought at the time that Joshi and R. Patel had beaten it but they fell two short. Still, a superb effort.

The record was set against Salix on 9 September 2012 at Imperial College, Gents going on to win by 68 runs, despite 42 from a certain Mr. Christy Kulasingam.

Gentlemen of West London v. Plastics

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

Won by 5 wickets

Plastics			Gentlemen of West London			
*†P. Bishop	lbw	b S. Patel	30	Nagpal	b Davis	38
Hatton	c S. Patel	b Chatharaju	2	Krishna	c Wade	1
Schofield	c Nagpal	b Krishna	44	†Kota	not out	76
Wade	c Inkollu	b H. Patel	30	Vallamreddy	c Davis	22
R. Bishop	st Kota	b H. Patel	12	Chalamalasetti	b Doy	0
Holloway	run out (H. Patel)		6	Chatharaju	b Saril	4
Webb	not out		18	Inkollu	not out	7
Davis, Doy and Saril	dnb			H. Patel, B. Pandya, J. Pandya and S. Patel	dnb	
Extras	w14 nb2 lb4		20	Extras	w9 nb6 b1	16
Total	6 wickets	35 overs	162	Total	5 wickets	30.1 overs
FoW: 4, 79, 115, 134, 139, 162				FoW: 3, 90, 139, 140, 145		
Bowling: Krishna 7-0-25-1, Chatharaju 7-1-18-1, B. Pandya 3-0-15-0, Inkollu 2-0-17-0, S. Patel 6-0-33-1, J. Pandya 4-0-17-0, H. Patel 6-0-33-2				Bowling: Saril 7-0-30-2, Doy 7-2-36-2, Davis 6-0-42-1, Webb 4-0-19-0, Hatton 4-0-28-0, R. Bishop 2.1-0-8-0		

The holiday season was biting hard but secretary Dubey still cobbled together a Gents XI who held their collective nerve to win a fine, entertaining game. Kota's watchful 76*, excellently supported by Nagpal's elegant 38 and Vallamreddy's assertive 22, did the needful after accurate bowling, particularly by the new ball pair of Krishna and Chatharaju, had restricted Plastics. J. Pandya and Vallamreddy (four days before permanently moving to India), debuted; B. Pandya played his second match; Chalamalasetti his first since 2018, and only his fifth in all; and Inkollu only his second since 2012. S. Patel worked wonders involving everyone. Plastics too were much changed from 2023 with only two returning, along with five Gents.

The pitch held up well after heavy rain on the Saturday, though it had its moments with the odd shooter off the twirlers and sensational lift off one ball from Krishna. But much of the first innings was placid, though Bishop, Schofield and Wade played some fine shots. Plastics were 76-1 at 17-over drinks with Bishop and Schofield well set and hoped for something north of 180, but were pegged back by accurate bowling and sound ground-fielding. When he pinned Bishop, S. Patel had taken 20 wickets in a season for the first time in 14 years, not bad for a 51-year-old.

Three wickets fell to the Patels and the captain used seven bowlers. Nagpal sustained a nasty facial injury when trying to catch Schofield, who was on 11. It was a mercy his glasses were not smashed. Plastered up, he resumed fielding and eventually caught the batter off the first ball of Krishna's second spell. There was much jollity and no little chaos when the American Holloway batted – shades of Gent Zach Bowden.

Kota, as he has done so often, anchored the reply after Krishna had lobbed the slow left-armer Doy to mid-on after two overs. Nagpal played gloriously, one of the biggest sixes of the season complementing perfect cover drives. Gents supporters were pleased with events at this point but for up to date news had to rely on the scorer bellowing the score across the outfield, the portable board having been decommissioned in the brisk wind, despite having been heavily ballasted.

Ninety for two off 16 was an ideal start and the giant Vallamreddy picked up where Nagpal had left off, putting on 49 in seven overs with Kota, who had survived an early stumping appeal and was by now playing with confidence. Plastics then fought back with three quick wickets and it was 145-5. Belying the slow wicket, the Plastics bowlers asked lots of probing questions but despite a few air shots, they could not separate Kota and Inkollu, who batted frantically but saw it through. The socials after with Plastics were fun, they are a friendly club on the up.

There are still five games to go but already three batters have passed 400 runs in a season for the first time. Great credit accrues to them but cricket is a game of eleven men and their backroom boys. Back in the eighties, teams were organised on Mr. Ashton's landline and if anyone bailed after midweek then you went out with nine or ten. Thanks to Mr. Dubey Gents put out 11 every week. It seems that a lot of players have been used but the total of 33 is less than in most recent years.

Gentlemen of West London v. Millfields

Sunday 1 September, Wycombe House. Gents won toss. Sunny, 30C

Won by 6 wickets

Millfields		Gentlemen of West London					
Lascelles	c A. Ahmed	b H. Patel	10	A. Ahmed	b Raja	0	
*†Baxter	c Puli	b Krishna	1	Puli	lbw	b Gardiner	16
Lachlan	c R. Patel	b Arikatla	54	Kota	c Gardiner	b Raja	9
Jones	c and	b Arikatla	18	R. Patel	not out		36
Irwin	c Sudireddy	b S. Patel	17	Gulati	c Gregory	b Rowe-Jones	61
Gregory	not out		10	Chatharaju	not out		0
Rowe-Jones		b S. Patel	0	H Patel, *†Sudireddy, S. Patel, Krishna and Arikatla dnb			
Gardiner	c and	b S. Patel	10				
D'Souza	not out		2				
M. Cooper and Raja dnb							
Extras	w3 nb1 b1		5	Extras	nb4 b1 lb1		6
Total	7 wickets	35 overs	127	Total	4 wickets	19 overs	128
FoW: 6, 33, 84, 97, 105, 105, 124				FoW: 0, 22, 30, 126			
Bowling: Krishna 7-2-13-1, Gulati 4-1-8-0, Chatharaju 5-0-21-0, H. Patel 7-1-36-1, Arikatla 5-0-27-2, S. Patel 4-0-9-3, Kota 3-0-12-0				Bowling: Raja 4-0-18-2, Gardiner 4-0-17-1, D'Souza 5-0-37-0, M. Cooper 2-0-23-0, Jones 3-0-27-0, Rowe-Jones 1-0-4-1			

In broiling heat and humidity the Gents celebrated the final game of the great Vamsee Krishna Reknar with a stellar performance. Following the plot of the Plastics match, the oppo were inserted, restricted, and their score chased down with wickets and overs to spare. Millfields have had the better of the rubber in the last two years so a convincing win was most welcome. They were also perfect opponents for Krishna's finale, for it was he who brokered this popular fixture back in 2016 since when the results were Gents 3-5 Millfields up to this game. After three contests with each innings more than 200, this one would be very different.

The visitors were missing a few stars such as Collis and C. Cooper but came here on the back of a resounding win at Crouch End, 341-3 (Baxter 189*, Lachlan 104) against 186-9, won by 155 runs if you please. It followed that these two were very big wickets indeed and Gents were delighted to nab Baxter on 2.1 overs when he was too early on the drive and spooned to cover. Lascelles had dug in and it was not till the 15th over that Gents got him when he edged H. Patel's first ball to a diving slip. Lachlan, dropped before he had scored, then nurtured a partnership of high quality with Jones, 51 in 9 overs. When Jones drilled a return catch to Arikatla, it was 84-3 off 23.1 overs, a good recovery after a slow start of 40-2 at 17-over drinks, and foundation perhaps for 150 or so. Lachlan, centurion here in 2023, fell on 97 when he mistimed a drive and spiralled the ball to cover, a fine pair of wickets for Arikatla. His fifty was out of the top drawer.

S. Patel and Kota produced some excellent death bowling backed up by keen fielding. Wickets always slow down the run-rate of course and there were four more, three to S. Patel who confirmed his best season with the ball since 2009 (H. Patel's returns are his best since 2011). Not bad for a veteran! Only 32 runs accrued in the last 10 overs and 17 off the last five as the batters struggled to pierce the field.

As the temperature soared to very uncomfortable Gents set about their task, only for Millfields to upset the apple cart. Ahmed was bowled by Raja second ball so will have to console himself with a 2024 batting average of 113.33, for he will miss the remaining matches. Kota fell on 22 when he pulled Raja to fine-leg, a well-judged catch. And eight runs later Puli, who had started impressively, was pinned lbw by Gardiner.

Thus was birthed one of the stands of the season. The bald facts are that R. Patel (five fours) and, in his first match for three weeks, Gulati (eight fours and three sixes) added 96 in 70 balls to take Gents to the brink of victory. It was the way they did it that so impressed. Seam and spin came alike to them, the running and calling were exemplary and the strokeplay delightful, Patel playing mainly in the V and Gulati booming powerful off- and on-drives, and pulls. On 126 Rowe-Jones got Gulati for a fine 61. It only remained for Patel to sprint a two off a Raja no ball, victory being achieved when the first run was complete. Millfields gave it a good shot but by their own admission were 50 runs light. Gents were pleased to give Krishna a good send-off and deserved the win.

Walmer v. Gentlemen of West London

Saturday 7 September, Hull Park. Gents won toss. Cloudy, 20C

Won by 4 wickets

Walmer			Gentlemen of West London			
Price	c Gulati	b Oruganti	13	Dubey	run out (Woods-Libby)	4
Birkett	c Dubey	b Oruganti	0	H. Patel	c Arif	8
Fulness		b Oruganti	11	Jampala		0
*†Holden	st Sudireddy	b H. Patel	52	*†Sudireddy		9
Diaz		b H. Patel	12	Joshi	not out	14
Woods-Libby	c Dubey	b Gulati	24	Gulati	c Price	27
Childs		b Dubey	0	R. Patel	c Cumming	31
Arif		b Dubey	0	Oruganti	not out	12
Cumming		b Dubey	5	S. Patel, H. Patel and Parvathaneni dnb		
Bond	not out		0			
Extras	w2 b3		5	Extras	w3 b11 lb4	18
Total	All out	26.5 overs	122	Total	6 wickets	22.4 overs
FoW: 1, 30, 72, 103, 103, 114, 114, 122, 122			FoW: 4, 4, 33, 36, 73, 106			
Bowling: Oruganti 4-0-15-3, R. Patel 5-0-29-0, S. Patel 5-0-29-0, H. Patel 7-1-23-2, Dubey 4.5-1.20-3, Gulati 1-0-4-1			Bowling: Woods-Libby 7-0-40-4, Cumming 7-1-24-0, Childs 4.4-0-30-0, Arif 4-0-14-1			

A scenic drive along the south coast and through Dover brought the Gents to Walmer CC based in Deal on their first and only match of the tour weekend, **writes Raj Patel**. Huge downpours and a dangerous outfield meant that the scheduled Sunday game against Lydd CC would be cancelled. Frustrations on the laborious drive for Parvathaneni meant that he was delayed by almost two hours before reaching this stunning venue and therefore umpired for much of the Gents batting innings.

Gents won the toss and elected to bowl first with a side that included Anil Oruganti, his first appearance in four years and Jampala as guests. Oruganti was off to a flyer with three wickets in his opening spell, supported well by R. Patel at the other end, the latter creating five chances but unfortunately not being rewarded with any wickets. Having pulled a muscle in his side he then spent the rest of the innings in the slips. Fielding was tricky on a slightly skewed and undulating ground although the Gents managed to keep hold of the majority of their catches and boasted excellent ground fielding from the likes of J. Patel and Joshi. Jampala's Superman-like dive at cover would have been the catch of the season had it stuck.

Walmer's captain/wicket-keeper Holden batted superbly to get to his 52 before being dismissed by H. Patel who has really found the rhythm and poise he is known for, nearer to the end of the season. All bowlers did their job by restricting 10-man Walmer 122 in 26 overs. Dubey took a Jofra Archer-esque wicket, clipping the top of middle stump with the bails going flying over the wicket-keeper's head. S. Patel went for some runs as Walmer sensed they had to take some risks however, as usual, he bowled well.

Gents opened their innings with Dubey and H. Patel. After a first-ball four, the dugout sensed Dubey was feeling confident at the crease. H. Patel with his new athletic physique called for a very tight single next ball and met Dubey at the striker's crease before the latter could register what had happened, resulting in a disappointing run out. H. Patel then went on to score some needed runs after this early wicket before scooping one up to mid-off. The batting line-up fell into a slight collapse. With limited scorers and umpires and not many wickets in hand, the captain was forced to alter the line-up slightly with R. Patel meeting Joshi in the middle slightly earlier than expected at No. 6. Before this, Gulati had looked in great nick carving the ball through the field and finding runs with ease and skipper Sudireddy was able to find some run-scoring form too. Joshi and the injured R. Patel had been in this situation before, with the pair bringing the Gents close to the target set by Isleworth CC on 18 August. Diligent calling, elegant shot placement and a few boundaries mixed in from both meant that the team could recover from their earlier lapse and close in on the win, which Oruganti and Joshi completed. Gents won the game by four wickets in the 23rd over.

Post-match formalities followed with both teams enjoying each other's company, and the Gents moving onto the variety of pubs at their disposal along the coast. All in all a thoroughly enjoyable Saturday game against a new oppo who we hope we will be seeing again.

Gentlemen of West London v. Salix

Sunday 15 September, Dundonald RG. Salix won toss. Sunny, 19C

Lost by 114 runs

Salix		Gentlemen of West London					
*Sadhra	c Parvathaneni	b Arikatla	1	Dubey		b M. Rajasansir	27
H. Rajasansir		b Gulati	85	Parvathaneni		b M. Rajasansir	28
Shetty		b Arikatla	8	Kota		b Hadi	8
Dodd	c Parvathaneni	b Chatharaju	0	Gulati		b Hadi	4
Orr-Ewing	c H. Patel	b R. Patel	8	R. Patel	lbw	b Hadi	0
†Desai	c Sudireddy	b R. Patel	1	Joshi		b Bala'maniam	5
M. Rajasansir	not out		65	Arikatla	lbw	b Bala'maniam	15
Balasubramaniam		b S. Patel	1	Chatharaju	c Orr-Ewing	b Hadi	9
Hadi	not out		53	*†Sudireddy	not out		1
Ali and Moiz dnb				S. Patel		b Hadi	9
				H. Patel	c Chetty	b Ali	6
Extras	w13 nb7 lb5		25	Extras	w7 nb5 b6 lb3		21
Total	7 wickets	35 overs	247	Total	All out	21 overs	133
FoW:	10, 36, 51, 52, 66, 164, 165			FoW:	57, 82, 86, 86, 86, 108, 117, 117, 126, 133		
Bowling:	Arikatla 5-0-29-2, Dubey 4-0-31-0, Chatharaju 5-1-25-1, R. Patel 2-0-20-2, H. Patel 7-0-55-0, Gulati 6-0-28-1, S. Patel 4-0-41-1, Kota 2-0-13-0			Bowling:	Ali 3-0-22-1, Moiz 5-0-32-0, M. Rajasansir 5-0-26-2, Hadi 5-1-12-5, Balasubramaniam 3-0-32-2		

It was fitting that the final game of the 2024 season was drawn against long-serving Gents' oppo Salix on a warm, sunny Sunday at Dundonald Recreation Ground. Gents lost the toss and were put in the field. This proved to be a challenge for many of the Gents' bowlers. The early wicket of Salix skipper Raj Sadhra had their tails up. Harjot Rajasansir and his brother Munjit posted 85 and 65, dismantling a lot of the Gents' hard work with the ball. Opening bowlers Arikatla and Dubey tried setting the tone as a pair; however, a lack of recent overs for Dubey meant that he had to recover his form after bowling a collection of wides and no-balls in a seemingly never-ending over (not the only one on the day falling victim of this). Arikatla bowled superbly with Raj Sadhra clipping one to point where the bucket hands of Parvathaneni awaited the ball, his second wicket of Shetty hitting middle and leg stump. The next four batsmen totalled 17 runs before Munjit posted great support for his brother in a 98 partnership, finding the boundary with ease. First change bowler R. Patel struggled to find any rhythm but after his first over of 10 balls, the skipper still had faith in him. He managed to take the scalps of Orr-Ewing and Desai after somehow managing to pitch the ball outside the square in a freak spell for him. Two overs were enough.

Gulati and Chatharaju came in to try to steady the ship but by this point the Rajasansir brothers were in full swing, each bagging their half-centuries. Eventually, Harjot fell to a fast-paced, good-length delivery from Gulati which clipped his stumps; textbook bowling from the all-rounder. So far this season S. Patel and H. Patel have been potent with the ball: however, this was not the case this day. S. Patel managed to bowl Balasubramaniam but rarely there were no wickets for H. Patel. Salix ended their innings on 247-7 from their 35 overs.

Dubey and Parvathaneni opened the batting chasing a monumental total. Both batsmen looked as if runs would come after a little warm-up period in the middle before Parvathaneni was bowled by M. Rajasansir, 57-1. Dubey and Kota added 25 before the latter was bowled by Hadi, the first of his five. Next to go was Gulati bowled by Hadi, followed by R. Patel lbw to the same bowler and Arikatla lbw Balasubramaniam.

The strangest dismissal of the day was of Joshi, mascot-cum-dependable batsman. A good-length delivery pitched outside off triggering the right-hander to opt to leave alone before coming in and taking his middle stump: a Rahul Dravid dismissal which was the talk of the team at the pub after the game. Gents were 108-6. Some lovely shots by Chatharaju, Sudireddy and S. Patel were played but unfortunately only 19 runs came between them, H. Patel, the resident number 11 being the final wicket to fall after looping one up to cover. Gents were humbled by their long-term rivals in a fixture where this has recently been a rarity. Although a heavy loss, post-match niceties followed at the local pub with both sides expressing their enjoyment of playing each other. The season is now over, so it is time for some much needed rest and recovery, spending time with loved ones and the odd Super Sunday. Bring on the 2025 season!

2024 averages

Player (debut*)	M.	Inn.	NO	Runs	Avg.	Ct./St.	O	M	Runs	Wck.	Avg.	Econ.	SR.
A. Ahmed	7	7	4	340	113.33	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arikatla *	10	6	-	42	7.00	4	37	1	204	7	29.14	5.51	31.71
Bhaja *	2	2	1	61	61.00	-	4	0	19	0	-	4.75	-
Chatharaju	18	16	2	244	17.43	4	80	9	360	17	21.18	4.50	28.24
Dubey	15	13	2	258	23.45	5	47.2	2	257	7	36.71	5.43	40.57
Gulati	17	17	3	591	42.21	8	65	6	204	18	11.33	3.14	21.67
Inkollu	2	1	1	7	-	1	4	0	21	1	21.00	5.25	24.00
Jampala	3	2	-	17	8.50	-	7	0	46	1	46.00	6.57	42.00
Joshi	8	7	2	54	10.80	-	1	1	0	1	0.00	0.00	6.00
Kota	14	14	4	458	45.80	5	34	0	156	8	19.50	4.59	25.50
Krishna	17	11	2	93	10.33	1	86.3	13	314	22	14.27	3.62	23.68
Kulasingam	5	2	-	4	2.00	4	22	4	74	7	10.57	3.36	18.86
Kumar	2	1	-	6	6.00	1	4	1	5	2	2.50	1.25	12.00
Nagpal	9	7	-	100	14.29	4	20.1	1	113	3	37.67	5.56	40.67
B. Pandya *	2	1	-	5	5.00	-	7	0	42	1	42.00	6.00	42.00
Parvathaneni	13	12	1	446	40.55	8	5	0	23	0	-	4.60	-
H. Patel	19	10	1	89	9.89	3	99.5	6	568	31	18.32	5.69	19.32
J. Patel	4	3	2	4	4.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R. Patel	19	18	4	227	16.21	7	66	1	287	15	19.13	4.35	26.40
S. Patel	21	13	5	122	15.25	8	92	8	376	24	15.67	4.09	23.00
Puli	13	10	-	109	10.90	12	14.1	1	57	2	28.50	3.98	43.00
Ratnapuri *	3	2	1	23	23.00	-	10.1	1	42	5	8.40	4.06	12.40
Sudireddy	19	16	1	103	6.87	11/6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

One match only: Chalamalasetti 1/1/-/0, A. Desai * 1/-/-/, 2-0-14-1, M. Gilkes 1/1/-/16, 7-0-27-1, Mandava 1/1/-/12, 7-1-26-0, Oruganti 1/1/1/12, 4-0-15-3, Osman * 1/1/1/3, 6-2-9-2, J. Pandya * 1/-/-/-/, 4-0-17-0, Pingili 1/1/-/0, 2-1-16-1(1 ct.), Raghavendra * 1/1/-/12 (1 ct.), Singh * 1/1/-/9, 5-2-15-2, Vallamreddy * 1/-/-/22

Top 5 batting averages (five innings)			Top 5 bowling averages (20 overs)			Top 5 bowling economy rates (20 overs)		
A. Ahmed	113.33		Kulasingam	10.57		Gulati	3.14	
Kota	45.80		Gulati	11.33		Kulasingam	3.36	
Gulati	42.21		Krishna	14.27		Krishna	3.62	
Parvathaneni	40.55		S. Patel	15.67		S. Patel	4.09	
Dubey	23.45		H. Patel	18.32		R. Patel	4.25	

Highest score for: 277-9 *n.* Chaddleshworth
Against: 247-7 by Salix

Lowest score for: 110 *n.* Northfields
Against: 40 by Hounslow Hurricanes

Hundred partnerships for (2): 173 1st wicket A. Ahmed (88*) and Gulati (80) *n.* Whalers (club wicket record), 138 4th wicket Gulati (116) and Chatharaju (79*) *n.* St Anne's Allstars
Hundred partnerships against (1): 104 1st wicket Dubey (62) and Masini (63) (Crossbats)

50s/100s for (M = first 50 or 100) (18): 116 Gulati *n.* St Anne's Allstars, 110* Kota *n.* Clapham In, 97 A. Ahmed *n.* Chaddleshworth, 94 Dubey *n.* Teddington Town, 88* A. Ahmed *n.* Whalers, 87 Parvathaneni *n.* Putney, 80 Gulati *n.* Whalers, 79* Chatharaju *n.* St Anne's Allstars, 76* Gulati *n.* Chaddleshworth, 76* Kota *n.* Plastics, 75* Gulati *n.* Gladiators, 69 Kota *n.* Phoenix, 64 Parvathaneni *n.* Gladiators, 61 Gulati *n.* Millfields, 57* A. Ahmed *n.* John Buckner XI, 56* Parvathaneni *n.* Crossbats, 54* Bhaja *n.* Crossbats M, 51 Parvathaneni *n.* Clapham In
50s/100s against (13): 116* Johnston (Whalers), 101 A. Singh (Isleworth), 86 Raghavendra (St Anne's Allstars), 85 H. Rajasansir (Salix), 65* M. Rajasansir (Salix), 63 Masini (Crossbats), 62 Dubey (Crossbats), 58 Bhudia (Gladiators), 58 Goddard (John Buckner XI), 56* Bugg (John Buckner XI), 54 Bendre (Putney), 53 Hadi (Salix), 52 Holden (Walmer)

BB (four or more wickets) for (6): 6-12 Gulati *n.* Hounslow Hurricanes, 6-23 H. Patel *n.* Phoenix, 5-28 Krishna *n.* Crossbats, 5-31 H. Patel *n.* St Anne's Allstars, 4-15 Krishna *n.* Northfields, 4-40 Chatharaju *n.* Isleworth
BB against (9): 5-12 Hadi (Salix), 4-7 Afridi (Northfields), 4-17 Ali (Salix), 4-28 Sanghai (Hounslow Hurricanes), 4-29 David Redhead (Northfields), 4-30 Haworth (John Buckner XI), 4-40 Abhishek (Isleworth), 4-40 Woods-Libby (Walmer), 4-41 Mehta (Gladiators)

Sixes (65): 22 Gulati, 16 Parvathaneni, 11 A. Ahmed, 8 Kota, 2 Chatharaju, Nagpal, R. Patel 1 Dubey, Puli

Run outs of opponents (7): Sudireddy 3, Bhaja, Gulati, H. Patel, R. Patel 1

Milestones:

- Record first-wicket stand by Gents: 173 A. Ahmed (88*) and Gulati (80) *n.* Whalers
- Record eighth-wicket stand by opponents: 82* M. Rajasansir (65*) and Hadi (53) of Salix
- H. Patel made his 300th appearance
- Kota scored his 5,000th run, Gulati and H. Patel their 2,000th, and A. Ahmed his 1,000th
- Krishna took his 100th wicket
- Sudireddy took his 100th fielding dismissal
- Bhaja scored a fifty on debut
- The match run rate of 7.98 *n.* St Anne's Allstars was the highest recorded in a match with a format of more than 20 overs.

GWLCC Playing Records



Match records and appearances

Most fixtures by opponent

66	West XI
45	London Saints
42	New Barbarian Weasels
34	Enterprise
26	Salix

Longest games (overs)

91	Gents 129-7 dec., London Saints 130-8 (Town Park 5.6.93)
90.4	Wandham 184-9, Gents 185-5 (Beverley Park 5.6.94)
88.3	N B Weasels 227, Gents 67-8 (Victoria RG 26.7.98)
87.2	Gents 147-6 dec., London Saints 66-9 (Town Park 25.6.94)
85	Brentham 240-6 dec., Gents 170-8 (Brentham 30.8.10)

Most runs in a game

620	Gents 317-5, Fighting Stars 303-8 (Wycombe H'e 25.6.23)
539	Gents 268-7, Millfields 271-3 (Wycombe House 4.9.22)
532	Gents 265-8, Fight. Stars 267-8 (Wycombe House 28.8.22)
532	Gents 264-6, Mpingwe 268-4 (Wycombe House 27.8.23)
521	Gents 260-7, Northfields 261-3 (Durstun House 24.5.15)

Gents' highest totals

325-5	<i>v.</i> London Saints (Old Tenisonians 3.6.07)
325-9	<i>v.</i> St Anne's Allstars (Crown Taverners 4.8.13)
324-6	<i>v.</i> Squirrels (Old Tenisonians 17.7.22)
317-5	<i>v.</i> Fighting Stars (Wycombe House 25.6.23)
313-6	<i>v.</i> Brentham (Wycombe House 2.6.19)

Gents' highest totals batting second

239-9	<i>v.</i> New Romney (New Romney, 10.9.23)
237-8	<i>v.</i> Millfields (Wycombe House, 3.9.23)
235-9	<i>v.</i> 12 Angry Men (Victoria RG, 3.9.00)
226	<i>v.</i> Millfields (Hilly Fields 6.5.18)
223-8	<i>v.</i> Crown Taverners (Crown Taverners 9.7.17)
223-8	<i>v.</i> Gladiators (King's House 30.6.24)

Gents' lowest totals

51	London Owls (Gunnersbury Park 5.5.91)
53	Wimbledon United (Cottenham Park 14.5.17)
54	East Harrow Cheetahs (Cranford Park 27.5.89)
54	Magdalen (Old Tenisonians 1.7.12)
55	Brondesbury Casuals (Brondesbury 7.9.03)

Appearances

460	S. Patel
312	H. Patel
248	S. Snelling
219	A. Buck
211	A. Burman

Most wins in a season

21	P23 W21 L2 (2009)
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Most fixtures by location

133	Victoria RG
98	Old Tenisonians
30	Fairfield RG
26	King's College
25	Crown Taverners

Shortest games (overs)

27	Ramgarhia 63, Gents 67-2 (Old Tenisonians 5.5.13)
30	Gents 59, Wombles 42 (Victoria RG 30.8.09)
30.5	London Saints 41, Gents 42-3 (Old Tenisonians 1.6.08)
31.1	Gents 99, Enterprise 17 (Gunnersbury Park 8.9.91)
31.1	London Owls 61, Gents 62-1 (Fairfield RG 5.8.07)

Fewest runs in a game

83	London Saints 41, Gents 42-3 (Old Tenisonians 1.6.08)
85	St Anne's Allstars 42, Gents 43-6 (Victoria RG 25.4.04)
91	B S Irregulars 44, Gents 47-4 (KGF Richmond 27.4.14)
93	Gents 51, London Owls 42 (Gunnersbury Park 5.5.91)
97	FC Chad 48, Gents 49-7 (King's College 25.8.96)

Opponents' highest totals

303-8	Fighting Stars (Wycombe House 25.6.23)
284-3	12 Angry Men (Victoria RG 29.7.01)
281-7	Stanmore Warriors (Shenley 3.9.17)
271-8	Millfields (Wycombe House 4.9.22)
268-4	Mpingwe (Wycombe House 27.8.23)

Opponents' highest totals batting second

303-8	Fighting Stars (Wycombe House 25.6.23)
271-3	Millfields (Wycombe House 4.9.22)
268-4	Mpingwe (Wycombe House 27.8.23)
267-8	Fighting Stars (Wycombe House 28.8.22)
261-3	Northfields (Durstun House 24.5.15)

Opponents' lowest totals

17	Enterprise (Victoria RG 8.9.91)
17	London Canaries (Victoria RG 1.7.01)
29	Old Cubbonians (Wandsworth Park 5.5.93)
30	Sloane Club (Burton Court 11.5.08)
32	Enterprise (Victoria RG 22.5.94)

Appearances in a season

25	H. Patel 2010
24	R. Chatharaju 2022
24	R. Sudireddy 2022
23	R. Chatharaju 2019
23	H. Patel 2009

Most defeats in a season

12	P19 W6 T1 L12 (2003) and P19 W7 L12 (2005)
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Individual performances

Most runs

7,298	S. Patel
5,162	P. Kota
3,848	M. Ashton
3,225	D. Patel
3,020	J. Wright

Highest innings by a Gent

160*	P. Kota <i>v.</i> Squirrels (Old Tenisonians 17.7.22)
158*	S. Jones <i>v.</i> West XI (Gunnery Park 21.7.02)
151	S. Namilikonda <i>v.</i> Putney (Cottenham Park 10.7.22)
143*	N. Husain <i>v.</i> New Barbarian Weasels (Fairfield RG 7.7.07)
143*	P. Kota <i>v.</i> Fighting Stars (Wycombe House 25.6.23)

Most scores of 50 or more by a Gent

44	P. Kota (35 50s, 9 100s)
32	S. Patel (31 50s, 1 100)
25	M. Ashton (22 50s, 3 100s)
20	N. Husain (15 50s, 5 100s)
17	J. Wright (14 50s, 3 100s)

Record partnerships - Gents

1	173	A. Ahmed (88*) and V. Gulati (80) <i>v.</i> Whalers	Barn Elms ST	7.7.24
2	156*	N. Dubey (62*) and P. Kota (86*) <i>v.</i> Salix	Barn Elms ST	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

Record partnerships - opponents

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	82*	M. Rajasansir (65*) and A. Hadi (53*), Salix	Dundonald RG	15.9.24
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

Most wickets

466	S. Patel
430	H. Patel
401	S. Snelling
235	D. Patel
222	M. Ashton

Best bowling by a Gent

8-33	S. Snelling <i>v.</i> 12 Angry Men (Albert Road RG 16.5.99)
8-77	S. Snelling <i>v.</i> East Harrow Cheetahs (Beverley Park 4.8.96)
7-31	S. Desai <i>v.</i> Cheltenham Allsorts (Victoria Ground 10.6.12)
7-44	M. Ashton <i>v.</i> Enterprise (Victoria RG 5.5.96)
7-55	M. Ashton <i>v.</i> N B Weasels (King's College 18.6.94)

Most 4-wicket returns by a Gent

27	S. Snelling
25	H. Patel
18	M. Ashton
18	S. Patel
13	D. Patel

Most catches and stumpings

133/1	S. Patel
81/31	R. Sudireddy
67	H. Patel
59/3	M. Ashton
60	M. Sciberras

Most runs in a season

1,185	P. Kota 2022
808	S. Namilikonda 2022
792	P. Kota 2023
756	J. Wright 2000
680	N. Husain 2007

Highest innings by an opponent

165*	J. Elmes, Northfields (Durston House 24.5.15)
164*	F. Ahmed, Close PF (Old Tenisonians 28.6.15)
151	N. Patel, Mpingwe (Wycombe House 27.8.23)
150*	M. Walker, Rotherham SC (Battersea Park 7.5.95)
150*	T. Collis, Millfields (Hilly Fields 6.5.18)

Most scores of 50 or more by an opponent

7	C. Dane (West XI) (7 50s)
5	David Redhead (Northfields) (4 50s, 1 100)
4	T. Collis (Millfields) (3 50s, 1 100)
4	T. Mayhew (London Saints) (3 50s, 1 100)
3	Ten players

Most wickets in a season

43	S. Snelling 1999
41	H. Patel 2010
40	S. Snelling 1997
39	S. Snelling 2001
39	H. Patel 2009

Best bowling by an opponent

6-1	A. Cripps, Wimbledon United (Cottenham Park 14.5.17)
6-10	R. High, Enterprise (Gunnery Park 8.9.91)
6-13	P. Phillips, Virgin Casuals (Victoria RG 3.8.97)
6-16	M. Rafiq, Robin Hood (Sutton Common RG 27.6.99)
6-24	A. Crawford, St Anne's Allstars (Victoria RG 29.8.04)

Most 4-wicket returns by an opponent

3	Seven players
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Most catches and stumpings in a season

14/10	R. Sudireddy 2022
18/5	R. Sudireddy 2023
16/3	S. Namilikonda 2019
13/4	S. Desai 2010
11/6	R. Sudireddy 2024

Career Top 20s (✓ played in 2024)

<i>Appearances</i>	<i>Runs</i>		<i>Wickets</i>		
S. Patel ✓	460	S. Patel ✓	7,298	S. Patel ✓	466
H. Patel ✓	312	P. Kota ✓	5,162	H. Patel ✓	430
S. Snelling	248	M. Ashton	3,848	S. Snelling	401
A. Buck	219	D. Patel	3,225	D. Patel	235
A. Burman	211	J. Wright	3,020	M. Ashton	222
D. Patel	199	N. Dubey ✓	2,540	M. Sciberras	152
N. Dubey ✓	181	S. Kumar ✓	2,377	D. Todd	148
M. Sciberras	175	N. Husain	2,270	S. Kumar ✓	140
S. Kumar ✓	164	V. Gulati ✓	2,171	J. Wright	135
M. Ashton	153	H. Patel ✓	2,024	N. Dubey ✓	121
J. Wright	149	S. Namilikonda	1,991	R. Chatharaju ✓	120
D. Todd	147	R. Gilkes	1,874	T. Buck	115
R. Gilkes	141	T. Buck	1,815	P. Kota ✓	113
P. Kota ✓	140	V. Basker	1,604	V. Krishna ✓	111
R. Sudireddy ✓	140	R. Sudireddy ✓	1,587	N. Boddington	98
R. Chatharaju ✓	137	M. Sciberras	1,521	V. Gulati ✓	81
K. Toft	137	P. Bocha	1,465	N. Husain	76
V. Krishna ✓	134	J. Small	1,439	D. Dolan	74
P. Denton	129	N. Boddington	1,416	S. Namilikonda	67
I. Richmond	112	S. Snelling	1,380	P. Hill	66

Career averages (five games minimum and played since 2022)

Player (debut*)	M.	Inn.	NO	Runs	Avg.	Ct./St.	O	M	Runs	Wck.	Avg.	Eco.	SR.
A. Ahmed	43	39	10	1,050	36.21	12/3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arikatla	10	6	-	42	7.00	4	37	1	204	7	29.14	5.51	31.71
Chalamalasetti	5	5	1	70	17.50	2	4	0	35	1	35.00	8.75	24.00
Chatharaju	137	112	17	1,369	14.41	16	560	51	2,648	120	22.07	4.73	28.00
Dhatric	5	4	3	30	30.00	3	18	3	52	7	7.43	2.89	15.43
Dubey	181	149	24	2,540	20.32	46/3	744.2	87	3,135	121	25.91	4.21	36.91
Dutta	8	3	0	12	4.00	1	15.2	1	76	4	19.00	4.96	23.00
Francis	26	24	3	475	22.62	9	1	0	4	0	-	-	-
Gulati	83	76	18	2,171	37.43	41	389.2	46	1,465	81	18.09	3.76	28.84
Inkollu	45	39	9	823	27.43	6	203.1	22	659	55	11.98	3.24	22.16
Jampala	37	28	3	418	16.72	12	123	9	527	32	16.47	4.28	23.06
Joshi	10	8	2	71	11.83	-	1	1	0	1	0.00	0.00	6.00
Kota	140	131	33	5,162	52.67	54/2	438	34	2,239	113	19.81	5.11	23.26
Krishna	134	94	21	754	10.33	12/1	591.2	76	2,350	111	21.17	3.97	31.96
Kulasingam	13	9	2	156	22.29	8	66	10	256	20	12.80	3.88	19.80
Kumar	164	141	21	2,377	19.81	20	632	75	2,598	140	18.56	4.11	27.09
Nagpal	25	18	3	267	17.80	9	83.2	5	402	17	23.65	4.82	29.41
Namilikonda	90	80	12	1,991	29.28	37/5	262.1	18	1,210	67	18.06	4.62	23.48
Oruganti	20	14	4	173	17.30	6	58.2	10	232	20	11.60	3.97	17.55
Parvathaneni	34	31	4	873	32.33	14	71.4	3	367	19	19.32	5.12	22.63
H. Patel	312	215	35	2,024	11.24	67	1,440.1	110	7,073	430	16.45	4.91	20.10
J. Patel	18	12	3	24	2.67	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R. Patel	65	51	10	546	13.32	22	239.5	14	1,188	56	21.21	4.95	25.70
S. Patel	460	387	83	7,298	24.01	133/1	2,007.5	240	7,973	466	17.11	3.97	25.85
Pentakota	53	45	11	878	25.82	14	245	29	1,027	56	18.34	4.19	26.25
Pingili	37	28	8	253	12.65	18	144	17	566	30	18.87	3.93	28.80
Puli	76	58	12	919	19.98	39	76.3	4	453	15	30.20	5.92	30.60
Sudireddy	140	116	15	1,587	15.71	81/31	40	2	251	8	31.38	6.28	30.00

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

