

MATCH REPORT

Sunday 22nd June 2014

Cherwell Representative Side vs Horley CC

Horley fly the flag for Cherwell League

The host for the fourth of the nine Representative Matches held to celebrate the Cherwell League's 40th Anniversary was Horley Cricket Club.

The Cherwell League side this week was made up of players from Cropredy, Horspath, Horley, Shipton and Twyford.

Horley Chairman, Dave Beck, his team and players extended the warmest of welcomes on a beautiful sunny afternoon, with the ground in immaculate condition providing the perfect platform for this match.

With Ed Somerton the Cherwell League Captain winning the toss and deciding to bat, everything was in place....except for the raising of the 40th Anniversary flag! Undaunted the combined resources of Horley CC managed to find a 25ft flagpole, erect it and raise the flag 45 minutes after the start of the game by which time the visitors were 50 for 3 with an explosive start from Jake Kubinek (Twyford) scoring 27 in 19 minutes.

Everyone batted through the full 40 overs finishing on 196 for 9 with a really solid innings by Ed Somerton of 63 and contributions from every batsman. Peter Papenfus took 3 for 49, with A. Webb and David Eaton both taking 2 wickets for 30 & 39 respectively

The Cherwell League innings finished on 196 for 9

The match ebbed and flowed during the first 20 overs of Horley's innings but being just 1 run and wicket adrift at the half way stage, with two solid stands for the 5th and 6th wickets of 48 and 47 between Andy Short, Dave Clark and Nick Tarrant the scene was set for a competitive finish. At the start of the 40th over Cherwell League needed just the remaining wicket for a win, whilst Horley only need 5 more runs.

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Shouldering the responsibility for the last over, Captain Ed came on to bowl and his first ball realised a single bringing No 11 Matt Brice on strike, tension rose as the next 3 balls were just dots in the scorebook. The fifth ball was solidly struck to the boundary delivering a well deserved winning score of 197 for 9 to the host side with just one delivery left.

Cherwell League bowling was similar to Horley with 1 player, Jake Kubinek getting 3 wickets for 42 and Shipton's Liam Hare and Horspath's Dean Concradie with 2 apiece for 39 and 19 respectively

It would be difficult to script a game to a better conclusion or to see the Spirit of Cricket demonstrated so well – our thanks to Horley for a splendid day...and for flying the flag for the Cherwell League

The next match is at Buckingham Town next week at 1pm

Cherwell League Representative XI – 196-9 (Ed Somerton 63, Peter Papenfus 3-49)

Horley - 197-9 (Jake Kubinek 3-42)

HORLEY WON BY 1 WICKET

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