

# CAIRNS FUDGE CC

**Cairns Fudge CC vs Horspath XI @ Willows, Stanton St John, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

**Match type: Pro40 Weather: Warm, Overcast occasional showers Wicket: Good**

## **Toss won by CFCC and they elected to Bat/Field First**

After a good 5 wicket win over Oxenford at Warneford the previous week, new skipper Andrew Milne was looking to take another scalp this week vs Horspath 3rd XI. The match was a double 1st for CFCC having never played at the Willows ground in Stanton St John and a 1st fixture vs Oxfordshire league stalwarts Horspath. A tough assignment in unfamiliar surroundings but the Fudge looked keen and hungry for more glory.

### Bowling

Under an overcast sky, Chris Brougham and Rich Fitt opened the Fudge onslaught. Despite Chris carrying an injury from his athletics exploits on the weekend, both bowled with pace and had the Horspath openers in a bit of trouble early on. Backed by the usual committed effort in the field, Chris began to up the pace and despite some admirable resistance from the young and extremely talented Horspath bats, ripped up the opposition top 3 (the highlight an excellent caught behind taken by James Race) leaving Horspath reeling on 15 for 3. Rich kept things tight at the other end and finished a fine spell to be replaced by Guy Hatfield. Brougham, the catalyst for the early damage finished his excellent spell soon after and was replaced by skipper Andrew Milne.

Hatfield was soon in the wickets thanks to a fine catch from Rich Fitt removing batsman number 4. Horspath then began to play more positively and Birks looked to push the score on with some lusty blows including a monster 6 over the short leg side boundary. This was short-lived however and as the drizzle fell, Hatfield struck again removing Birks and Berry in quick succession thanks in part to a fine catch from Ian Francis. Milne was still toiling away varying his flight and pace well throwing in some 'angry balls, ably supported by sharp work from keeper James Race. He was finally rewarded with 2 quick wickets leaving Horspath with 60 for 8 with only 10 batsmen available.

Andy Small replaced Milne with swashbuckling left armer Jimmy Fargher coming on to replace Hatfield after some sterling work. Small and Fargher bowled with discipline and Horspath runs were now drying up. The coup de grâce was finally provided by Small aided by a good catch from Brougham.

65 all out after 24 overs. A good day in the field for the Fudge vs some very talented young players however it was the Fudge's own talented youngster Chris Brougham who shone the brightest.

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Fitt	5	1	9	0
Brougham	5	1	10	3
Fargher	2	0	6	0
Hatfield	5	0	19	3
Small	2	1	2	1
Milne	5	2	16	2

### Batting

Ian Francis and Daf Howells opened up and despite some wayward bowling early on, Horspath started to bowl accurately making life difficult for the Fudge 1 and 2 bats. Howells took a while to get off the mark so it was Francis who pushed the score on in the early stages. Despite some well timed cuts to the off side, Francis was given out LBW for 6. Next in was Jimmy Fargher who was unfortunate to be dismissed a couple of balls later courtesy of an excellent catch at 1st slip off his outside edge for 0. Barney Guest was next in and looked determined from the off. He batted sensibly and defended well to some probing laser beam deliveries at his stumps. Howells was now finally off the mark and with Guest, both ran well picking up singles and looking solid. Despite the small target, the run chase was proving tricky.

Guest was eventually bowled through the gate and a watchful innings was over after accumulating 4 runs. Howells departed for a pedestrian 5, unluckily playing on to a wide ball outside off stump. Skipper Andrew Milne and Si Weaver were now at the crease and Milne looked positive as CFCC edged closer to the winning post, an inch at a time, with the score now 30 for the loss of 4 wickets.

This game was not over however as Weaver was caught in his crease out LBW for 0 and a spirited effort by Horspath swung the outcome of the game into uncertainty once again. Chris Brougham came to the crease and Milne kept knocking the ball about trying to find some gaps in the now fired up Horspath ring of fielders. Milne soon departed for a positive 6, caught behind and the Fudge now needed some calm heads to take them over the finishing line.

Andy Small entered the fray. Horspath who were looking to blood as many bowlers into the game as possible brought on another talented youngster and fortunately for the Fudge, Small looked to pepper the boundary from the off. With no boundaries scored until this point, Small whacked six 4s in an explosive innings that took the game away from Horspath at a crucial point in the game. Small cut and drove powerfully; hitting the winning runs and ending up on 26 not out. Brougham finished on 3 not out but had batted very sensibly to ensure there were not more scares late on.

A strange game with CFCC reaching their total in 17 overs and winning by 4 wickets. Lots of promising talent on show and a good game all round. Win number 2 of the season and the Fudge gloy juggernaut gathers further pace going into this weekend's important clash with Oxford United Hospitals at Warneford.

Batsman	How Out	Bowler	Total
1 Francis	lbw	Berry	6
2 Howells	Bowled	Hussain	5
3 Fargher	Caught	Berry	0
4 Guest	Bowled	Berry	4
5 Milne	Caught	Eley	6
6 Weaver	LBW	Hussain	0
7 Brougham	Not out		3
8 Small	Not out		26
9 Race	Did not bat		
10 Hatfield	Did not bat		
11 Fitt	Did not bat		
		Extras	
		Total	

**Result: Cairns Fudge win by 4 wickets**

**MOTM: Chris Brougham**

**TFC: James Fargher (No runs and no wickets)**