

Saturday 11th May 2019

SCC 1st XI v Harold Wood CC - 1st XI

A rain interrupted match didn't stop the 1's from beating Harold Wood at home decisively by seven wickets. Winning the toss was crucial and so it proved with skipper Roy Smith having no hesitation in putting the opposition in to bat whilst the dark clouds hovered and the inevitability of rain breaks prevalent. Two run outs in the first five overs and a third wicket had Harold Wood at 13-3 before the first downpour. A second storm meant an early tea and the match reduced, with the opponents facing 33 overs whilst we were given 30 overs to chase. After tea, no real partnerships formed as ex England test player Monty Panesar (making his debut) took four wickets to shoot out the visitors for 142.

Both openers went with the score at 33, but partnerships of 60 and 50 got us over the line with three overs to spare. Captain Smith was there at the end with an unbeaten 50 to steer the side home. No rain for us during our innings which allowed the batsmen to gain some time in the middle.

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