



Great Brickhill Match Report

Saturday 1st XI

Date: Saturday, 10th July
Opposition: **Oxford III**
Venue: Away
Competition: Cherwell League Div 3
Result: Great Brickhill Win
Weather: Sunny
Toss won by/elected to: **Great Brickhill / Bowl**

On Saturday Great Brickhill travelled to basement boys Oxford III's and recorded a solid 6 wicket victory.

Brickhill won the toss and opted to bowl first on what looked to be a typical flat and slow Oxfordshire wicket. This proved to be the case as the Oxford batsmen settled in and made life difficult for the bowlers.

Blackwell and Tweed bowled well but on a lifeless wicket chances were few and far between. Blackwell did provide a breakthrough with the score on 30, bowling the oxford opener for 16. But the fielding team soon realised that containment would be required so looked to stay on top of the run rate.

Oxford were slowly moving themselves into a good position, mainly through opener Hall who scored an excellent 87, but throughout they struggled to accelerate the scoring rate. Morgan and Carter bowled the majority of the overs claiming 3 for 72 from 17 and 2 for 52 from 13 respectively.

Some suicidal running came in to play as the pressure built and Oxford lost their last 3 wickets to run outs as they closed on 201 for 9 from their 53 overs.

Brickhill were confident of chasing the required runs on this type of wicket and Arran Aris and Chris Jones got them off to the perfect start. 45 runs were added for the first wicket inside 9 overs until Jones was caught behind.

This brought the in form Carter to the crease who pushed things along nicely with Aris until the latter fell for an excellent 52 at better than a run a ball. With the score at 80 for 2 Liam Rice joined Carter as the pair looked to push on for victory. 110 runs were added for the third wicket until Carter fell for a superb 56.

Brickhill suffered one further slight setback as Andy Ward was unlucky to be caught at mid off looking to go over the top to bring up victory, but with Rice bringing up a fifty of his own, he and John Cook saw Brickhill home with almost 10 overs to spare.

The win sees Brickhill leapfrog Oxford Downs and Aston Rowant into second place and hot on the heels of leaders Dinton.



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