



Great Brickhill Match Report

Saturday 1st XI

Date: Saturday, 26th June
Opposition: **Dinton II**
Venue: Home
Competition: Cherwell League Div 3
Result: Great Brickhill Win
Weather: Sunny
Toss won by/elected to: **Dinton II / Bowl**

GREAT Brickhill continued their push for promotion with a crushing 151-run win over league leaders Dinton 2nds to bridge the gap between first and third to just 15 points, with Aston Rowant sandwiched in between.

Having lost the toss Brickhill were asked to bat first - a decision which backfired as the runs started to flow on a good bouncy wicket. The innings suffered one minor set back with Liam Rice falling for 11, but this brought Graeme Carter to the crease who - in partnership with Arran Aris - started to build an excellent platform for a big total.

Aris was next to fall for a solid 30 and was replaced by younger brother Doug Aris. This next partnership produced over 100 runs as Carter passed 50, and as Brickhill looked to up the run rate Doug Aris fell for a well made 44.

But this triggered an awesome display from Carter as he started to smash the ball to all parts, including several reverse sweeps for four. He was offered good support from Adam Boad, John Cook and Greg MacDonald as he raced to a superb 100. Carter finally fell for 132 and Brickhill declared on 288-5 from 51 overs.

Brickhill took to the field in confident mood and with Hastings swinging the ball at good pace the Dinton batsmen started to struggle. Hastings struck early as the opener was caught behind and he then removed the number three - and with Tweed chipping in at the other end, Dinton were three down and in trouble.

The pair continued to bowl superbly and after 20 overs Dinton were on 68-5. Tweed (4-51) was still running in at the other end and finally came off after 16 straight overs with four wickets to his name.

By now Dinton had started to bat out for the draw but Morgan picked up a wicket in his first over, Dinton now eight down and Brickhill could sense victory. Hastings came back on to help finish the job, and with Morgan (2-12) picking up his second wicket, Hastings (4-62) obliged as he had their last man caught by Doug Aris at first slip.

It was a great all round display which sees Brickhill close the gap at the top and remain the only team undefeated in the division.