

## South Wales Hunts v Guards Match Report

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020 Played at Burton Court



**SWH: 168 & Guards: 136**

**SWH Won By 32 Runs**

I am pleased to report that the Hunts have maintained their hundred per cent winning record this season as we approach the end of the first week of August. This did however look seriously in jeopardy only after 3.2 overs. Omkar had quite wisely elected to bat on what looked like a belter of a wicket but after these twenty deliveries the Hunts were 6 for 3. Did it seem at all likely at this stage that all four possible results were still on the table! Fortunately, our fourth wicket pair over the next ten overs began to see a recovery.

Burton Court was looking at its best even with the roses in front of the pavilion long gone. The picture above was not taken yesterday. Omkar had agreed with the Guards captain to play a declaration game with the last hour starting at 6pm. Both sides were lectured on COVID 19 protocol by the umpires, hand sanitizers were placed behind both sets of stumps and during the game the umpires were not allowed to touch the ball or hold onto bowlers' caps. Both sides were treated to a very efficient scorer equipped with electronic gadgets and walkie talkies linked-up to the umpires. The pavilion was closed and the Guards XI looked frighteningly young, all young subalterns eager for time in the middle.

The Hunts fourth wicket pair Tom Williams and Imi Lodhi steered the Hunts back into the game putting on 41 before Tom was bowled after a very patient 20 from 56 balls. The fifth wicket partnership of Omkar and Imi continued the recovery and they took the Hunts close to a score of a hundred runs before Imi was fifth out having scored a fine, and again patient, 51 (9 fours) from 80 balls in 94 minutes.

Omkar and Simon Kilgour carried the Hunts score into treble figures and this sixth wicket partnership lasted 8 overs before Omkar and Simon were both out with the score on 131. Omkar played a captains' innings scoring 31 from 54 balls and Simon, a valuable 10 runs from 24 balls. The tail then sort-of wagged. From 131 for 7, Alex Powell (scoring 12) and Alister Dell (scoring 18) both hit out and the Hunts after facing 250 balls in 172 minutes were all out for a respectable and defensible score of 169.

Tea or rather tea-time was taken between the innings and it was a bit of a strange one lasting all of thirty minutes. No-one actually drank a cup of tea. Only the water, beer or wine that the players had brought themselves were on offer.

Alex Powell and Samir Dada took the new ball and despite both bowling quick and a good line, the Guards got off to a rapid start aided by a very quick outfield. Tom Rhodri Williams took two fine catches behind off Samir Dada from his first two overs but only after four overs of the Guards inning, they had raced to 37 for 2. In the afternoon heat, the Guards No.1 bat did not seem to fancy running too many singles and when out on 50 had hit 10 fours. The Hunts were very glad to see the back of this subaltern but it must be said it was thanks to a very questionable lbw decision (their umpire). The Guards were now 64 for 4 and six over later at the start of the last hour were 100 for 5. Omkar and Alister Dell were bowling.

Omkar only after three overs took himself off and gambled with the Hon Sec especially as the Guards no.6 was beginning to hit out. Fortunately, with his score on 32, their no.6 misjudged a ball that should have disappeared not into but well over the nearby tennis courts. LBW was given and this lbw was definitely not questionable! With Alister bowling from the pavilion end unchanged for 9 overs and Samir, recalled, bowling from the Royal Hospital end, they moped up the Guards tail resulting in a fine victory for the Hunts. Alister finished with very respectable figures of 8.5 overs, 3 maidens 5 for 28 and Samir likewise with 4 for 30 from 6.2 overs. The remaining wicket, the plum lbw, was bowled by the Hon Secretary. The Guards had faced 166 balls in 135 minutes and were all out with eleven overs to go.

We all know about these wagon wheels and how they can enhance performance. Below are two fine examples; Imi's innings and Alister's bowling spell.

**Guards CC 1st XI v South Wales Hunt CC 1st XI**

Biurton Court, 2 August 2020 12:35  
 South Wales Hunt CC 1st XI won by 32 runs

Toss: SWHCC 1 (Bat)  
 Player of the Match: A Dell

**I Lodhi**

**South Wales Hunt CC 1st XI Innings**

#	Batsman	Time	Mins	Batting Analysis	4s	5s	How Out	Bowler	Runs
					6s	100			
5	I Lodhi	13:29	80	.....[.....]o.d+4+4+2.....d.....[.....].....d+4①++-4+4+4[.....]o2	9	68	c Hopkins	Balfour	51
		15:03	80	.....[.....]oW>>	0				

**Milestones**

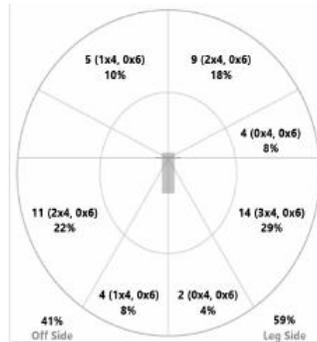
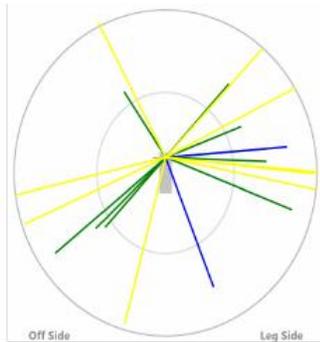
I Lodhi: 50 runs in 68 balls, 81 minutes (9x4)

**Bowler Breakdown**

#	Bowler	Runs	Balls	Wides	No Balls	Dot Balls	Fours	Sixes	Scoring Shots
2	B Richardson	6	13	0	0	10	1	0	3
1	J Whitwell	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	H Kirkpatrick	15	13	0	0	8	3	0	5
4	S Burfield	1	16	0	0	15	0	0	1
5	F Bradshaw	3	15	0	1	12	0	0	3
6	G Davidson	21	15	3	0	6	5	0	6
7	C Balfour	3	6	0	0	4	0	0	2
8	J Roy	1	4	0	0	3	0	0	1
	TOTAL	51	83	3	1	58	9	0	22

**Wagon Wheels**

**Runs:** 51  
**Extras:** 4  
**Balls:** 83  
**Wickets:** 1  
**S/R:** 64  
**0s:** 73% 58  
**1s:** 22% 11  
**2s:** 8% 2  
**3s:** 0% 0  
**4s:** 71% 9  
**6s:** 0% 0



Scorers: Paul Stubbs  
 Umpires: A Carnegie & Douglas Miller

