

## Teddington Town v. Gentlemen of West London

**Sunday 9 June, Teddington Town. Teddington Town won toss. Sunny, 16C**

**Won by 97 runs**

Gentlemen of West London			Teddington Town				
*†Sudireddy	c Khanwalkar	b G. Singh	18	Hunt	lbw	b Gulati	22
H. Patel		b Musgrave	5	Hinde	c Gulati	b H. Patel	20
Dubey	c G. Singh	b R. Singh	94	D. Singh	c Kota	b Puli	5
Chatharaju	c Hunt	b Hinde	26	Musgrave	run out (Sudireddy)		18
Kota		b R. Singh	24	Rashid	c Sudireddy	b H. Patel	3
Ariktatla	run out (Khanwalkar)		7	G. Singh	not out		16
M. Gilkes		b V. Singh	16	Khanwalkar	c Sudireddy	b M. Gilkes	6
Gulati	c Musgrave	b R. Singh	10	†Young	not out		4
J. Patel	not out		4	*Thomas, V. Singh and R. Singh dnb			
R. Patel		b V. Singh	6				
Puli	run out (Rashid)		0				
<b>Extras</b>	w6 nb1 b10 lb1		18	<b>Extras</b>	w26 nb2 b8 lb1		37
<b>Total</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>34.5 overs</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6 wickets</b>	<b>35 overs</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>FoW:</b> 16, 34, 103, 176, 181, 198, 213, 215, 222, 228				<b>FoW:</b> 53, 65, 90, 91, 95, 126			
<b>Bowling:</b> Musgrave 6-1-29-1, G. Singh 5-0-32-1, Hunt 6-1-32-0, Hinde 5-0-32-1, Khanwalkar 4-0-24-0, R. Singh 6-0-39-3, V. Singh 2.5-0-29.2				<b>Bowling:</b> M. Gilkes 7-0-27-1, R. Patel 6-0-18-0, Chatharaju 3-2-16-0, Gulati 4-2-3-1, Puli 6-1-16-1, H. Patel 6-0-32-2, Ariktatla 3-0-10-0			

Nilesh Dubey's highest Gents score of 94 off 71 balls with 13 fours and a six gave the Gents their seventh consecutive win, **writes Hemin Patel**. A well-constructed innings supported brilliantly by Ranjith Chatharaju and returning T20 specialist, Pavan Kota, he showed the talent and skills we have been all waiting for since his debut. Teddington's response was gritty and frustrating for the Gents bowlers. They ended their innings on 131-6 after some outstanding batting from their youngsters.

On a chilly day, most of the team arrived on time and last-minute stand in Matthew Gilkes was already fully kitted up and raring to go, and another Gents legend Richard Gilkes was ready to score. Well, that was the plan, after one player didn't read his email to notify him he was playing, Richard got the nod from the skipper and that he had to be part of the playing XI. But in a last-ditch call to Chandra "Joffra" Puli he said he could stand in and play, once he had received permission. This is not the first time Chandra has stepped in and should be commended for his commitment.

The Gents were asked to bat first and the captain was padded up alongside Gents legend Hemin Patel. On a pitch that looked a bit two-paced, Hemin quickly told the captain that we should stick around, take the shine of ball and allow the others to then take advantage, which is exactly what happened. After facing some outstanding international-level bowling, Ratti took advantage of the loose deliveries whilst Hemin was watchful and sensible. Hemin was the first to go, bowled by a spectacular outswinger from young gun Musgrave and Ratti soon followed by an outstanding catch off the bowling of Singh.

Now it was the time for Nilesh and Ranjith to take advantage. Both played sumptuous shots, didn't let the bowlers settle and scored quickly. Ranjith was caught brilliantly by Hunt just before drinks after trying to take on the spinner to cow corner. A quick rub down and re-fuelling at drinks for Nilesh saw him really take on the bowlers and with Pavan "IPL" Kota playing his usual brand of cricket the Gents looked stable and continued to accumulate runs. With Kota was bowled on 24 and Nilesh soon holed out just six short of a maiden ton. Gents then just had to go for it with Matthew, Raj and Gopi all playing their shots and with Jay supporting with his comedic running abilities (which just reminded the writer of a Benny Hill skit) we were bowled out for 228.

Tea was taken and a superb tea it was. Nilesh had a double helping leaving several of the oppo without any food, a tactic that may have turned the match for us. Gilkes and Raj opened the bowling and bar a few edges were accurate and difficult to get away. After a wicketless spell the captain then turned to Ranjith for a wicket but after a spate of wides and what felt like a 30 minute over consisting of Ranjith taking his shirt off, he was taken off immediately and Bobby was soon bowling rockets, picking up Freddie lbw to put the pressure on. Puli then picked up D. Singh after a great catch from Pavan, a catch that reminded him of one he took in 2020. Hemin picked up two quick wickets, one of which was met

with very concerning sound effects from the keeper, Ratti ran out Harry Musgrave and the Gents were in full control. Sensible batting from the lower order continued to frustrate the bowlers before M. Gilkes finally picked up his first wicket of the day with a pacey short delivery that was taken by the 'keeper. Teddington ended their innings on 131 and the Gents had their victory.

Special mentions to Matthew and Chandra for helping out, we would have struggled without them. On a serious note, to all, READ YOUR EMAILS, a lot of time and planning is done to ensure we have a team. It is not acceptable to say you didn't know you were playing because you didn't read an email.