

## Gentlemen of West London v. St Anne's Allstars

Sunday 14 July, Dundonald RG. Gents won toss. Sunny, 22C

Won by 55 runs

Gentlemen of West London			St Anne's Allstars				
R. Patel	c and	b Raghavendra	8	Deverrathippa	c Arikatala	b Dubey	18
*†Sudireddy		b	0	*Raghavendra	c Puli	b H. Patel	86
H. Patel		b	14	Sainath		b S. Patel	0
Gulati	c	b	116	Bose	c Arikatala	b S. Patel	29
Chatharaju	not out		79	Kingston	c S. Patel	b H. Patel	3
Krishna	lbw	b	1	Rout		b H. Patel	26
S. Patel	not out		1	Linto		b H. Patel	21
Puli	dnb			Kuriakose	run out (Sudireddy)		7
Arikatala	dnb			Wilson	run out (Gulati)		0
Nagpal	dnb			Chari	not out		1
Dubey	dnb			Kiran	Lbw	b H. Patel	1
<b>Extras</b>	w14 nb3 b6		<b>23</b>	<b>Extras</b>	w8		<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 wickets</b>	<b>30 overs</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>All out</b>	<b>27 overs</b>	<b>200</b>

**FoW:** 12, 12, 68, 206, 245

**Bowling:** Rout 6-0-29-1, Raghavendra 4-0-48-1, Chari 4-0-28-2, Kiran 1-0-22-0, Kuriakose 5-0-25-0, Wilson 1-0-15-0, Bose 2-0-25-0, Deverrathippa 5-0-34-1, Sainath 1-0-13-0, Linto 1-0-10-0

**FoW:** 30, 104, 110, 152, 157, 190, 197, 198, 200, 200

**Bowling:** Dubey 6-0-53-1, Nagpal 3-0-39-0, S. Patel 4-0-21-2, Krishna 7-0-46-0, H. Patel 5-0-31-5, Arikatala 2-0-10-0

This day was not short of sporting excitement with the Wimbledon and European championship finals, writes **Raj Patel**. The Gents and St Anne's Allstars added to this excitement with some blistering batting and a heart-warming moment after the game. Play began slightly later than the scheduled 12.30pm start in a 30-over match up with St Anne's Allstars, who were put in to field after the home side won the toss.

Openers R. Patel and Sudireddy went out with intention of seeing off the opening bowlers. With R. Patel caught behind after two fours and Sudireddy bowled within the first five overs, it meant that again the middle order were tasked with steadying the ship. Enter Gulati who has been in blistering form this season, scoring all over the park, dispatching bad balls and good ones too.

Gulati was supported throughout by stellar batting from H. Patel and Chatharaju, the fifth-wicket partnership putting up 138. Gulati went on to score a club HS of 116 from 75 with 10 fours and six sixes before being caught at mid-on. Chatharaju remained not out on 79 off 59: outstanding batting from them both, with Chatharaju sensibly supported by Krishna and Puli after Gulati's departure. Gents ended their innings on 255-5 off the full 30 overs.

St Anne's openers Deverrathippa and Raghavendra were equal to the task of chasing what looked like a good score on the board. Raghavendra, who has played for the Gents, was in blistering form. Able to pluck deliveries from outside off and clear long-on boundaries, he was a sight to see. An early wicket for Dubey to dismiss Amit brought in more destructive batting. His fellow opening bowler Nagpal was unfortunately unable to get in on the act and bore the brunt of fierce hitting. Field placement was extremely difficult for the captain with the middle order either picking the gaps or clearing boundaries with ease. Some heavy hitting brought Krishna into his own with his experienced bowling and he prevented the batsmen from scoring as they'd like.

S. Patel and H. Patel are legends and showed it with 5-0-31-5 and 4-0-21-2, the former dismissing the destructive Raghavendra for the second year in a row. Two fifiers this season for him proves his new athletic physique hasn't hampered his bowling. Some excellent catching from Arikatala and Puli provided the bowlers with the assistance they needed against a destructive batting line-up. A nice touch at the end of the game was allowing St Anne's 12th man, Derek, to come in to bat to build some confidence. A chap who we were told wanted to try some batting left the park with a beaming smile on his face after putting bat to ball. It's what Sunday cricket is all about.

Gents are now on a 12-game winning streak with players stepping up when needed. A thoroughly enjoyable game then against an oppo whose attitude was exemplary. On to Chaddleworth next, who are a new oppo. We look forward to the challenge.

