

## Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> Match day 3 v Walberton

For the second week running Captain Haskett lost the toss! Walberton's skipper Nick Jackson opted to bat on a wonderful evening and in front of a sizable crowd, who were to witness a real run feast!

Chidham and Hambrook welcomed back an old friend, Dave Wells, on loan from Emsworth, as Dave Loten was unavailable, and saw the return of Gavin Fisher-now fully fit again. Keith Davey was still unavailable, trying to improve his French Cricket technique, before his anticipated return to the middle order next week.

Steve Clark took the 'new cherry' and opened at the village hall end coming out of the sun. And what a start for C and H! After being slogged for two 4's a quicker one deceived the batsman and Josh took a regulation catch, despite having his right wrist heavily strapped following a mid week football injury.

Matt Chesshire bowled in tandem with Steve, and in a fiery spell clean bowled the other opener in the forth over, an impressive site with stump all over the place. This however brought Walberton's Chris Jackson to the middle!

Dave Wells came on first change and kept one end tied up with line and length and deceptive pace of such a short run up. His accurate spell of four overs was rewarded with the third wicket when Jon Keynes took a catch in the covers. Paul Walmsley keeping wicket had 3 very good stumping attempts off Dave, Jon and later Gavin, all ruled out by the square leg umpire. (or, to put it another way, ruled not out by the square leg umpire. Ed.)

Walberton were 104 for 3 off 14 over when captain Haskett brought himself and Josh into the attack, but unlike in previous weeks he was unable to break the partnership that was fast developing.

For the third match in a row a catch was put down in the deep, again due to the low sun-Jon Keynes suffering this set back through the hands of Paul O'Donohue.

Steve and Josh were recalled for the last two overs after Walberton had piled on the runs late on, one straight six cracking the tiles atop the village hall! Their pace stemmed the run flow, but with one ball left Chris Jackson who had batted with controlled brute force found himself facing on 99. A panicky two saw him though for his ton (101 N.O.) and Walberton to an impressive 164 for 3.

You will recall C and H top score this season to date is 84!

The Walberton Church bells tolled as C and H went out to bat, as if in preparation for Matts weekend appointment at Singleton Church-best wishes from us all! Good of you not to clash with a weekend fixture.

"the fastest and most accurate opening bowlers we have faced to date", C and H Opener Matt Chesshire's description of the first six overs faced by himself and Paul W. It was to their credit then that this pair were seen off in a battle royal between bat and ball. Testament to the character and improvements made in recent weeks by the openers, and a partnership of 28 was broken when Paul was caught, despite "soft hands, but not soft enough". Out for 16 including three 4's (one "very nearly a six")!

Matt was out for 30 after playing, "a perfect shot off the bat, that went straight up in the air".

Neil Phillips and Gareth batting together at 3 and 4 was developing well, despite Neil demolishing an as new bat, and the 50 partnership was loudly applauded from the boundary. Neil's calling, "go on, Go On, GO ON" was a feature of the innings, but sadly communication failed late on as Gareth (24 with 3x4's) generously sacrificed his wicket,(for an oxygen tent) and enabled Neil to complete his half century.

C and H were 110 off 16 and in with a shout at this point as the light closed in, and the Walberton captain was more than a little concerned with the run flow. The opening bowlers were returned to the fray, Paul O'D was caught, and Neil and Josh batted out the remaining hostile overs to finish on 135 for 4. A display that would of seen them through to victory in both of their previous games!

Thanks to Carol as ever, Walberton for a great contest and Martian ,the cameraman, on the boundary for his local information and great pics..

Next stop Westbourne will see the return of skipper "Statto" Haskett!!

C'mon you Hawks.

#### Stato's corner

Another hard but great game of cricket last night, well played everyone. A nice picturesque but small ground that was obvious the bat would favour the ball and with a combined total of 299 for 7 wickets from both teams that became quite clear.

We achieved our highest score last night of 135 for 4, and it is a shame one opposition batsman is coming to the party in the three games we have played; hopefully this will change next week against Westbourne with the bowlers getting amongst the wickets.

#### Chidham & Hambrook Batting Scorecard v Walberton – Away

1. Matt Chesshire	Caught	31
2. Paul Walmsley	Caught	16
3. Neil Phillips	Not Out	50
4. Gareth Haskett	R/O	24
5. Paul O'Donohue	Caught	0
6. Josh Haskett	Not Out	1
7. Jon Keynes	DNB	
8. Andy Gubbs	DNB	
9. Gavin Fisher	DNB	
10. Steve Clark	DNB	
11. Dave Wells	DNB	

Extras 13

Total 135-4

#### Chidham & Hambrook Bowling Scorecard v Walberton Away

	Overs	Runs	Wickets
1. Steve Clark	4	27	1
2. Matt Chesshire	3	15	1
3. Dave Wells	4	18	1
4. Jon Keynes	2	22	0
5. Gavin Fisher	2	23	0
6. Gareth Haskett	2	24	0
7. Josh Haskett	3	32	0

Walberton Won by 29 Runs