

The Hogs hit 500 mark

HAMPSHIRE Hogs beat the Eton Ramblers by 133 runs and then chased 259 runs at near seven an over for a seven-wicket win over the August Flies for a very successful weekend.

Batting first against Eton, Hogs lost both openers for nine runs before Ed Kelly (32) and Harry Cox (22) took them to 66 for four.

They were 99 for 6 but skipper Peter Came (116) and Jonty Dampney (35no) staged a recovery to a 242 for 6 declaration.

With Jonathan Bridcut bowling brilliant late induckers, it was surprising Eton's innings lasted as long as it did. He had a 4 for 5 spell as the Ramblers slumped to 22 for 5 and ended with 7 for 48 as the innings closed at 109.

The August Flies were given a great start by a wayward Bazalgette but they made a sporting declaration at 258 for 8. Opener Tom Crump made 146no, despite several chances. Only two other batsmen made double figures.

Hogs were indebted to a stand of 128 between skipper Ollie Kelly and new star Henry Marks. It was fluid, audacious and exhilarating, with byes taken to the keeper, perfect driving to all parts of the ground and Marks smashing balls to the mid-wicket boundary; 94 of the runs were run and they averaged seven an over for 16 overs.