

Hampshire Hogs v The Allsorts

Sunday 29th June

A fourth Hampshire Hog win in as many days, as the home team overcame The Allsorts by six wickets, owed much to the nagging accuracy of seamer Alex White and a typically pugnacious 93 not out from former Hampshire batsman Peter Came.

After winning the toss on clear Hampshire morning, the Allsorts elected to take first use of a hard Warnford wicket. However, they struggled to counter the pace of Mark Goodeve-Docker, while White, tirelessly running up the hill, took the plaudits with a sustained spell that netted him the first five wickets for 54 runs. Only Tom Tennant, son of Times Cricket Correspondent Ivo, withstood the initial onslaught to chalk up an elegant 61. In the end, only late resistance from the Allsort's tail enabled them to set the Hogs a meaningful 230 to win.

The Hogs, though, were never challenged as Nick Smith (25) and Oliver Kelly (54) eked out 58 for the first wicket at a run a minute. But once Smith had miscued to mid-on and Alex Hughes played on for 20, Came stole the show with a sublime innings. Initially watchful, Came's innings gradually gained momentum, before he unleashed a series of blistering strokes. Severe on anything loose, Came's unbeaten 93 contained 12 fours and spanned 96 minutes and 81 balls.