

## Hampshire Hogs v Grasshoppers

8<sup>th</sup> June 2008

**Hampshire Hogs, 281 for 0 (N Smith 189\*, O. Kelly 73\*), beat Grasshoppers, 163 all out (M Goodeve-Docker 4-11, O Kelly 2-27), by 118 runs.**

Hampshire Hogs secured their fourth win of the season with a convincing victory by 118 runs over the Grasshoppers on Sunday. On a gloriously sunny day, Hogs won the toss and batted. Openers Nick Smith (189\*) and Ollie Kelly (73\*) put the visitors bowling to the sword with an amazing unbroken stand of 281 before the declaration came at 3.27pm, 8 runs short of the Hogs' first wicket partnership record.

Smith was quite brutal in his chanceless innings and the Grasshoppers wilted in the sunshine as he and Kelly, in a more circumspect manner, dismissed all bowlers to different and distant parts of the ground. Nick Smith dedicated his innings to his recently departed cat with the words "This innings is dedicated to Ruskin (1998 to 2008) for his unconditional love, and joy he brought to our lives. Rest in peace my friend."

After Dick Aldridge had taken the first Grasshoppers wicket by having Kendall well held at mid-on by James Browne, Mark Goodeve-Docker, bowling fast, full and straight, reduced the visitors to 7 for 3. A spirited partnership of exactly 50 between Strachan (68) and Rumble (31) began to rescue what had looked a desperate situation before James Browne bowled the ball of the day to remove Rumble's off bail.

Once Kelly's leg breaks had accounted for Strachan, the remaining Grasshoppers were wheeled out with tight bowling, sharp fielding and Goodeve-Docker, who ended the game by removing Clode's off stump with the first ball of the penultimate over to finish with figures of 4 for 11 from 10.1 overs.



Ollie Kelly and Nick Smith in front of the Hampshire Hogs' Pavilion at Warnford after their unbroken 1st wicket partnership of 281.