

Hampshire Hogs v Bradfield Waifs

Saturday 5th July 2008, at Bradfield College

The Hogs thought they might upset the Bradfield Waifs, who were at the end of a long week of matches, but the home side were still strong enough to win comfortably by nine wickets. Having won the toss in this game reduced to 30 overs apiece, the Hogs were slow to capitalise thanks to the tight bowling of openers Edge and Laziac. The latter dismissed Smith for just 7 runs and, continuing to bowl an effective line, soon picked up Ashton for 12.

Kelly and Searle produced a strong performance to push the Hogs from 14 for 2 through to 4 for 118 before Searle was run out. However, except for a late flourish from Toby Harris, including two enormous sixes, the Hogs failed to build on this momentum and closed on 167.

The Waifs responded with a solid start, only losing Gourlay, after which Russell and Cox, both in particularly fine fettle, produced polished half centuries. Bridcut bowled efficiently and on a good line but was unable to force any mistakes from either batsman and the sole wicket to fall was merely a consolation.