

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2008.**

**Hampshire Hogs (103 all out) lost to Brook (140 all out) by 37 runs.**

Having won the toss and electing to field first, the Hogs started brightly, putting Brook under early pressure. Mark Goodeve-Docker (3-40) eased into a steady rhythm, bowling with good pace on a green wicket. He took the first Hog wicket of the new season, a full straight delivery that was too good for the Brook opener. The Hogs kept Brook under steady pressure, taking regular wickets and restricting them to a total of 140, which they reached largely thanks to their Western Province overseas player Ezz Van Wyck (53) and Mufti (48). Notable Hog bowling contributions included Mark Low who picked up two wickets, and Charlie Haines who took the last two wickets in consecutive balls, leaving himself on a hat-trick ball for his next game! The Hogs were confident of reaching this modest total, and with a strong batting line up it was well within their grasp. However, the innings started poorly with Van Wyck picking up early wickets with a very sharp opening spell up the hill. He took four of the first five wickets, leaving the Hogs at 9-5. Another wicket fell to take the Hogs dangerously close to a very embarrassing opening game at 25-6. However, the ship was steadied by the ever-assured Bill Gunyon (37) and skipper Mark Dunn (36), who put on 68 for the 7th wicket. Unfortunately, the partnership was broken by Van Wyck and the Hogs eventually finished 103 all out, 37 short of the required total.