

GWCC vs. Uppsala CK, Guttsta Park, 17th Sept 2006

On a day with perfect cricket weather, we got to meet a team with real class. Former national team players included! **Joseph** was the captain and elected to field. With GWCC aware of the situation and down with nine players we had to do some real strategic thinking. It was excellent team work. Read on....



Strategy.....

Peter opened the bowling from the football ground end with an excellent spell. **Frank**, who couldn't remember when he last had a leather ball in his hand continued from the high school end. After a few "wild balls" his old form was back. **Hasse** was doing an excellent job behind the wickets.

Meanwhile Uppsala had to really focus on the tight bowling from **Neil** and **Mangala**. The bowling was real steady and forced Uppsala to take chances. The break through came when **Neil** with his excellent line-length-pace combination got **Rezbi** leg before. You don't get to see lbws that often in an official match in Guttsta.

And **Joseph** came to bowl. But the pre-occupied captain (first time in his life) just couldn't get it going. **Neil** was back. **David** was introduced to test Uppsala with their skills with googlies. They survived. **Joseph** was better in his second spell with **Hasse** cheering him. Two quick wickets and pressure was on.

Uppsala went for some big hitting. **Peter** was back with some great bowling that Guttsta Park has seen. In what could probably be the best ball in his life, **Peter** got **Biddot** (former Bangladesh U18 national team player) clean bowled. **Mangala** was at the other end with some very tight overs at the end. Uppsala ended 199 for 7 in their 30 overs. In a fast field, GWCC was in control of game all the time including good fielding.

GWCC opened with **Peter** and **Hasse**. In 7 overs it was 38 with no loss. The going was good against high class and accurate bowling. And you can't see the ball when the bowlers wear dark clothes. **Peter** lost his cool and **Joseph** was in. It took the faintest edge and world-class catch behind the stumps to see the captain back.

GWCC held on. **Mangala** playing technically correct and determined batting. But the day belonged to this young man **Niklas**. He has a great eye and with two superbly timed fours against fine bowling he joined the big boys. He was at the wickets for about 5 overs. **Daniel** did his best considering his recovery from illness.

GWCC lasted the entire 30 overs and ended 82-9. Remember the high class bowling like **Tahid's** 4overs-4maidens-0runs-1wicket.



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