



# Harrow Wanderers Cricket Club

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## Match Report

### Harrow Wanderer's Twenty 20 Tournament

Team:

A Spencer c/wk, A Poole, Y Sert, A Rath, A Turner  
M Cousens, R Hovey, E Sert, J Wilce, L Bose, M Mukadam

After a wet week and a rain affected Saturday of League Cricket, the inaugural Old Boys T20 tournament somehow managed to avoid postponement - and lucky it did, because what followed was a tremendous day. The first opposition that Harrow came up against was a Wellington side that on the surface looked strong.

**Harrow Wanderer's vs Wellington (Semi Final)**

**Wellington: 136 All Out**

**Harrow: 137 - 4**

Alex Spencer lost toss and Harrow Wanderer's were to bowl on a wicket stickier than the Shepherd Churchill's tables after a Daily Mail reported food fight.

The bearded Andrew Turner was to produce the first over of the day with the pink ball. His first ball was to be a theme that set the tone to Harrow's day in the field. He produced a beautiful back-of-a-length-outside-off-stump pearl that Wellington's opening batsman - W. Bocock - was through earlier than the Shell waking up to deliver the 6:2's copy of The Sun to purely read "Dear Deidre". The ball went up to Anshuman Rath at short cover - only to slip through his fingertips. Dropped catch #1.

The second over of the day was from Yunus Sert - The Wanderer's ever present Cricketer Cup all-rounder. This was a gem. It consisted of 2 runs and a wicket; that of K. Sodhi who went first ball. It was caught at slip, via the finger tips of the 'keeper, by Emre Sert - who was playing his first game in 7 years. A belter of a brotherly combination - good assist by A Spencer, the 'keeper.

What followed in the middle overs was fairly routine. A Boobyer (lol) and G Newson. They proceeded to pick up singles and ably picked up on the bad balls bowled by Poole, Hovey and Rath. Not to say they bowled badly - wickets would have been taken if dropped catches, #2, #3 and #4 were taken.

Like, Andrew Tye often does for his T20 franchises, Lalit Bose was brought on to bowl his 4 overs all on the trot. Fresh from his winter modelling tour of New Zealand, he treated the 24 yards of wicket as his run way and bowled a superb spell of 3-21 of 4 overs - getting the wickets of the dangerous Boobyer (lol) and Newson.

One of the finds of the day was Mahir Mukadam. At School, he was often seen bowling fast medium pace, leading the age group A teams and Senior 2nd XI bowling attacks. However a shoulder

injury means he now bowls Sunil Narine like off spin. This proved to be a good change and he grabbed the Waitrose Champagne Moment of the day with a hat trick.

Thanks to Mukadam and Bose, Wellington were restricted to 136 all out after 17 overs.

Harrow's chase was very competent and came with little scare. Poole hit out in regular fashion for 11 and Bose hit his first ball for 4 before being caught in the deep. In came Rath who batted very capably for 45. He was supported well by James Wilce (9). When Wilce and Rath fell, there was a bit of a nervous feeling, however, M Cousens (20\*) and Y Sert (36\*) saw the Wanderer's home with 2 overs to spare.

### **Eton Ramblers vs Harrow Wanderer's (Final)**

**Eton: 225 - 5**

**Harrow: 109 All Out**

After a super lunch, Harrow captain Alex Spencer and Eton captain, William "Oooo Aaaa" Van Der Spar went to toss up. Eton won the toss and batted. If the previous wicket was sticky, this wicket was polar opposite. It was everything you wanted in a T20 wicket as a batter and nothing you wanted as a bowler.

A Turner opened the bowling again. 6 from the first over but only 4 from the bat. Sert bowled the 2nd. 4 from it, 3 from the bat. Good start. However, after Abbot and Russell from Eton decided they had seen enough, the put on the gas.

The main aggressor being Abbot, who won the overall runs scorer comp of the day. He scored 79 and took advantage of the short leg side boundaries from Poole's solitary over that went for 24.

Hovey and Bose were brought on, but the latter struggled in his first spell and particularly in line and took a bit of tap. Hovey maintained a good line and length and got the crucial wickets of both Abbott and Russell.

It could have been different for Eton had the umpire raised his finger to a tight stumping of Abbott off Hovey's first over. However, he was judged not out - not bitter. Harrow, at times, were also their own worst enemies, and dropped catches #5, #6, #7, #8 proved costly.

Macdonough and Hartley-Russell ticked the score over, but the damage had been done and they were to suffice with picking up the odd boundary and rotating the strike nicely. Rath was brought on and bowled well. However, just when Eton looked to be getting to a good score of around 200, Van Der Spar, as he so often was (and still is), proved to be a late thorn in the Wanderer's side. He hit a very competent 36 and used the dillscoop rather effectively. This late rally got the score up to 225.

Harrow's response was brave and had to start in 5th gear. Poole and Bose did their best with some lusty blows. But on the wicket of Poole, everyone sensed that the game rode on the performance of Harrow's first game top scorer and Hong Kong International, Anshuman Rath. A tough gig for someone making their debut for the Wanderer's.

It was a short innings for Rath who belted his first ball straight, but was very very well caught by the bowler, (Galaxy) Wipple. Harrow then struggled to get hold of the Ramblers' spinners and Turner and Wilce fell cheaply after being frustrated by some good bowling. Sert (22) and Spencer (33) provided a late rally, but by the time Sert was caught at long off The Wanderer's needed to go at 17 an over.

This was too much and they were bowled out for 109.

Congratulations to William Van der Spar and his team for winning and a huge thank you to Freddie Fox (Eton Rambler's) for organising.

It was a terrific day and one that will be repeated in years to come. - Alex Spencer (Match Manager)