



Grace's Cricket Club

Match Report

Foreign and Commonwealth Office CC v Grace's CC

13th June 2009

Grace's 148 all out in 39 overs.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office 149 for six wickets in 35 overs.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office won by four wickets.

Grace's travelled to the Civil Service Sports Ground in Chiswick for a friendly match against the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. FCO won the toss and elected to bowl in dry, warm weather on a flat hard track. Sadly, Grace's made heavy weather of the favourable batting conditions, grinding out a below-par total of only 148, and failing to use up their full quota of 40 overs. Top scorer for Grace's was opening batsman Hardisty who made a patient 38 before being run out. Spychal was the pick of the FCO bowlers returning figures of 3 for 16 from his eight over spell.

To their credit, Grace's made FCO work hard to reach their modest target. Shofiq, Bielby and Sengar all took two wickets a piece and with wickets falling regularly the match remained in the balance until FCO skipper Gardham arrived at the crease. He steered his side to victory with a fluent, undefeated 33 not out, ably supported by Stock (24) and Singh (29).