

Road to Derby - Reigate Priory Cricket Club

Round 1 - Bye

Round 2 vs Dorking

Llamas 158 for 4 (20 overs)
Dorking 89 all out (17.5 overs)

Reigate Priory won by 69 runs

Simon Ecclestone announced his return to the Reigate Priory side with a devastating innings of 75 on Thursday evening as Reigate Priory put local rivals Dorking to the sword.

After the early losses of Jason Roy and Michael Foster, Ecclestone set about the Dorking attack with aggression as he struck 11 fours and 1 big six that dented a waiting BMW in the car park.

Ian Hewett hit a quick fire 20 and Matt Bennett delighted spectators with a six clearing the pavilion. Priory's 20 overs finished on 158 for 4.

Facing the daunting challenge of almost 8 an over from the outset, Dorking's batsmen were up with the run rate after 3 overs. Daryl King switched ends and collected two wickets in two balls to peg the Dorking charge back.

Toby Briggs bowled a very economical spell taking 2 for 10 in his 4 overs as Priory's bowling proved too strong for the Dorking batsmen. Chris Wigley (2-24) and Steve Gibson (2-5) finished off the rout as Dorking were bowled out for 89.

1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Jason Roy	ct Lewis Davies	b Lewis Davies	6	0	0	0
Simon Ecclestone	ct Ben Overton	b Scott Kelsey	75	0	0	0
Michael Foster	ct Hutchison	b Hutchison	0	0	0	0
Ian Hewett *		b Scott Kelsey	20	0	0	0
Matthew Bennett +	Not Out		28	0	0	0
Chris Morgan	Not Out		13	0	0	0
Jonathan Gale	Did Not Bat					
Toby Briggs	Did Not Bat					
Chris Wigley	Did Not Bat					
Daryl King	Did Not Bat					
Steve Gibson	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(8b 5lb 3w)	16			
Total		(4 wickets, 20 overs)	158			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Hutchison	4	0	31	1	0	0
Lewis Davies	4	0	23	1	0	0
Francis Chadwick	4	0	27	0	0	0
Ben Overton	4	0	28	0	0	0
Scott Kelsey	4	0	37	2	0	0

Dorking CC - 1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Richardson	ct Chris Morgan	b Daryl King	11	0	0	0
Ben Overton	ct Simon Ecclestone	b Daryl King	16	0	0	0
Lever +	ct Chris Wigley	b Daryl King	4	0	0	0
Rob Chave	LBW	b Toby Briggs	0	0	0	0
Steve Shaw		b Toby Briggs	6	0	0	0
Lewis Davies	ct Chris Morgan	b Chris Wigley	6	0	0	0
Hutchison	ct Chris Morgan	b Jason Roy	3	0	0	0
Graham Dymond	ct Ian Hewett	b Steve Gibson	17	0	0	0
Scott Kelsey	ct Chris Wigley	b Steve Gibson	4	0	0	0
Steve Quinn		b Chris Wigley	4	0	0	0
Francis Chadwick *	Not Out		5	0	0	0
Extras		(3lb 9w 1nb)	13			
Total		(all out , 17.5 overs)	89			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Ian Hewett	2	0	15	0	0	0
Daryl King	4	0	24	3	0	0
Toby Briggs	4	1	10	2	0	0
Jason Roy	2	0	8	1	0	0
Chris Wigley	3.5	0	24	2	0	0
Steve Gibson	2	0	5	2	0	0

Round 3 vs Banstead

Banstead conceded

Quarter Finals vs Sutton

Sutton 138 for 7
Llamas 142 for 5

Llamas won by 5 wickets

" It is one of the best wins I have been involved in for quite some time for so many reasons, but mainly the fact we had on show our "next generation" of Llamas and they performed well above all expectation, could not have been more proud of the group.

If you get a chance on the weekend, search out those who played and give them a huge pat on the back. They did Reigate Priory proud.

It was truly a magnificent effort"

That pretty much says it all after Wednesday night's pulsating game which, I'm sure for those were involved or were just watching, will agree with the words of Ian Hewett.

Sutton batted first on a cloudy evening, and Hewey and Briggsy bowled well, with Hewey picking up the first wicket, caught and bowled. Briggs had David Sampson all over the place with some top swing bowling, but Sampson managed to somehow survive. Wiggers' bowled tidily, picking up a couple of wickets, thanks to neat work from Rambo behind the stumps and the safe hands of Wiz at long on.

Sampson (54) ticked the Sutton innings along, with help from Grant Kuiler (22) and the skipper, brother Phil (23*). Harmer Llama, Eccles and Wicksy all did a sound job as Priory kept Sutton to 138 for 7 in their 20. Special mention yet again to Rambo's glove work.

The experiment of sending in Warner with Eccles came off a treat, with both batsmen driving powerfully and in the 6th over the 50 partnership was up. Warner tried one big hit too many and perished for 25, well caught in front of the sightscreens by a running Kuiler. The Beast (48) continued on, despite visible distress with his back. After he fell to a very lucky caught and bowled (more of a case the bowler couldn't get out of the way of a extremely powerful pull shot back at him), Gale and Wiggers made sure no quick wickets fell. The rate came down to 35 off 30 balls, as the pair hit a couple of boundaries between them.

With 4 overs to go, the target was 26 to win. Sutton had seamers Sampson and Seadon up their sleeves for the last 24 balls. Galer fell to the last ball of the 16th over, caught by John Fry at mid off. Briggsy came in, and with Wiggers, kept the scoreboard moving with 1s and 2s, frustrating the Sutton captain and with the final over upon them, they required 7 for victory. Briggsy stepped across his stumps and audaciously flicked Seadon over short fine leg from the first ball. A couple more singles brought the scores level, with 1 run needed off 3 balls. With the field in, Briggsy smashed it through the covers to the football pavilion amid scenes of jubilation amongst the 100 or so spectators.

A wonderful game, and now the Llamas are in the finals day at Normandy! Look forward to seeing you Llamas there!

Sutton CC, Surrey - 1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
David Sampson	ct Jonathan Gale	b Simon Wickham	54	0	4	0
Nasir Essa	ct Ian Hewett	b Ian Hewett	5	0	1	0
Sam Seadon	st David Ramsden	b Chris Wigley	7	0	0	0
Grant Kuiler	ct Chris Wigley	b Nick Harmer	22	0	3	0
David Mitchell *	ct Rob Wood	b Chris Wigley	11	0	1	0
Phil Sampson	Not Out		21	0	2	1
Krishna Dwarka	st David Ramsden	b Simon Ecclestone	4	0	0	0
John Fry		b Simon Ecclestone	0	1	0	0
Russell Coombe +	Not Out		0	0	0	0
Sam Woods	Did Not Bat					
Sam Schofield	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(1b 6lb 5w 2nb)	14			
Total		(7 wickets, 40 overs)	138			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Ian Hewett	3	0	9	1	0	0
Toby Briggs	4	0	17	0	0	2
Stephen Warner	3	0	29	0	1	0
Chris Wigley	4	0	25	2	1	1
Nick Harmer	3	0	23	1	0	1
Simon Ecclestone	2	0	15	2	0	1
Simon Wickham	1	0	13	1	0	0

1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Simon Ecclestone	ct Sam Woods	b Sam Woods	46	0	8	0
Stephen Warner	ct Grant Kuiler	b Sam Schofield	25	0	5	0
Rob Wood		b David Mitchell	3	0	0	0
Ian Hewett *	ct Sam Seadon	b Sam Schofield	5	0	0	0
Jonathan Gale	ct John Fry	b Phil Sampson	13	0	1	0
Chris Wigley	Not Out		30	0	2	0
Toby Briggs	Not Out		11	0	2	0
John Faal	Did Not Bat					
Nick Harmer	Did Not Bat					
David Ramsden +	Did Not Bat					
Simon Wickham	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(1b 4lb 4w)	9			
Total		(5 wickets, 39.4 overs)	142			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Phil Sampson	4	0	20	1	0	2
Sam Seadon	3.4	0	37	0	0	0
David Mitchell	4	0	17	1	0	0
Sam Schofield	4	0	30	2	0	0
Sam Woods	2	0	12	1	0	0
David Sampson	2	0	21	0	0	2

Surrey Championship Finals Day

What a day of cricket Sunday was!

Those who were lucky enough to witness the two games saw some very special cricket from the Llamas!

The Llamas took on Wimbledon in the second semi-final, having watched Division 5 side Stoke d'Abernon shock Division 1 side Pyrford in the first semi of the day.

Reigate Priory	250 for 3
Wimbledon	159 for 8

Reigate Priory won by 91 runs

Anyways - back to what was one of the most amazing innings of sustained hitting from the Llama top order.

Having lost Fos in the 1st over, Roy Boy and Mini Murts literally smashed the Wimbledon players all over the ground. The 100 was brought up in the 8th over.

Jason was first to go skying a ball to the Pavilion boundary where the fielder took a good catch - 90 runs off just 44 balls from the young Llama - with some extremely big 6s. Mini matched Jason's run rate, and hit some big 6s of his own, but he went for 53 off 26 balls.

The Wimbledon players thought there'd be a bit of a respite, but Hewey and Lenny thought otherwise, as they put on 80 for the 4th wicket to leave the Llamas on a gargantuan 250 for 3 after their 20 overs. Lenny with 30-odd not out and Hewey another 60 odd.

In reply, the Wimbledon batsmen started off like a rocket, but this didn't last long as Hewey continued his impressive match so far with a couple of wickets. Mini, deputising for a tired Hewey, mixed his bowlers around knowing that Wimbledon weren't in with a chance and everyone got their shoulders loose for final. The Llamas were victorious by 91 runs. Top work!

Semi-Final vs Wimbledon

1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Michael Foster	ct Max Fernie	b Neil Turk	4	0	0	0
Jason Roy	ct Max Fernie	b Cameron Bailey	91	0	0	0
Chris Murtagh *	ct Max Fernie	b Warren Griffiths	52	0	0	0
Matthew Bennett +	Not Out		23	0	0	0
Ian Hewett	Not Out		56	0	0	0
Jonathan Gale	Did Not Bat					
Chris Wigley	Did Not Bat					
Simon King	Did Not Bat					
Toby Briggs	Did Not Bat					
Daryl King	Did Not Bat					
Stephen Warner	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(5lb 13w 1nb 5pr)	24			
Total		(3 wickets, 20 overs)	250			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
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Wimbledon CC - 1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Max Fernie	ct Daryl King	b Ian Hewett	23	0	0	0
Richard Pudney	ct Chris Murtagh	b Ian Hewett	4	0	0	0
Neil Turk	ct Ian Hewett	b Daryl King	9	0	0	0
Sean Davies *		b Stephen Warner	22	0	0	0
Hiran Marambe	ct Chris Murtagh	b Daryl King	2	0	0	0
Paul Pieterse	LBW	b Toby Briggs	1	0	0	0
Dan Pratt +		b Chris Wigley	21	0	0	0
Warren Griffiths	st Matthew Bennett	b Chris Murtagh	29	0	0	0
Cameron Bailey	Not Out		25	0	0	0
Daniel Urquhart	Not Out		11	0	0	0
Jonathan Speller	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(2b 3lb 5w 2nb)	12			
Total		(8 wickets, 20 overs)	159			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Ian Hewett	2	0	17	2	0	0
Daryl King	4	0	41	2	0	0
Toby Briggs	2	0	12	1	0	0
Stephen Warner	2	0	10	1	0	0
Simon King	3	0	32	0	0	0
Chris Wigley	3	0	20	1	0	0
Jason Roy	2	0	16	0	0	0
Jonathan Gale	2	0	11	0	0	0

Final vs Stoke d'Abernon

Reigate Priory 175 for 6
Stoke d'Abernon 114 for 8

Next match was against Stoke d'Abernon in the Final. As before, the Llamas went off like a bullet, this time Fos leading the way - but young all-rounder Tim Handel had other thoughts as the 4th over started with the Llamas on 46 for 0. Jason got a leading edge to cover, Fos then was unlucky to be adjudged caught down the leg side and then after Hewey pushed 3 through the covers, Mini lost his off-stump first ball. 49 for 3 off 4 overs, and the Llama camp were a little nervous! Thankfully Hewey and Lenny steadied the ship and put on 52 for the fourth wicket before Lenny (23) smashed one back at Gudgeon who took a fine reflex catch at the second attempt. Hewey carried on smashing it, whilst King Snr knocked it around for quickfire 12. After Hewey went for 44, made off 28 balls, the Llamas could have collapsed from 131 for 6. But Galer and Wiggles had second thoughts, and whilst Galer (12*) nurdled around, Wiggles hit the big shots. The Llamas finished on 175 for 6, with Wiggles on 30* off 18 balls.

Stoke d'Abernon felt they were in with a shout, but after being reduced to 4 for 2 after the first 2 overs, thanks to a Hewey run out and a King Jnr snick behind, they were going to rely on their young all rounder Handel to get them close. Handel had earlier in the day made a wonderful 84 against Pyrford, but the bowling partnership of King Snr and Briggs put the brakes on the Stoke innings. Briggsy picked a solitary wicket but conceded only 15 runs in his 4 overs, but it was King Snr who bamboozled the Stoke batsmen on his way to 4 for 17 off his allotted 4 overs.

Wiggles continued his impressive match by collecting another wicket, to go with the two he got against Wimbledon.

The Stoke innings fizzled out but the 9th wicket partnership put on 49 in 4 overs for a bit of entertainment.

But the day belonged to the Llamas and at the 5th attempt, have finally landed the Surrey Championship Twenty20 Cup!

Final vs Stoke d'Abernon

1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Michael Foster	ct Tom Frost	b Tim Handel	29	19	5	1
Jason Roy	ct Will Frost	b Tim Handel	16	8	2	1
Chris Murtagh		b Tim Handel	0	1	0	0
Ian Hewett *	LBW	b Jonathan Lawes	44	29	3	2
Matthew Bennett +	ct Thomas Gudgeon	b Thomas Gudgeon	23	22	1	1
Simon King	ct Thomas Gudgeon	b Ian Hopton	12	10	1	0
Jonathan Gale	Not Out		12	14	0	0
Chris Wigley	Not Out		31	18	2	1
Stephen Warner	Did Not Bat					
Daryl King	Did Not Bat					
Toby Briggs	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(2lb 5w 1nb)	8			
Total		(6 wickets, 20 overs)	175			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Tim Handel	4	0	31	3	0	1
Will Frost	4	0	40	0	0	1
Ian Hopton	4	0	32	1	0	0
Thomas Gudgeon	4	0	37	1	1	1
Jonathan Lawes	4	0	33	1	0	2

Stoke D'Abernon CC - 20/20

			R	B	4s	6s
Tom Frost +	ro Ian Hewett		1	4	0	0
Jack Raimondo	ct Jason Roy	b Daryl King	3	8	0	0
Tim Handel	LBW	b Simon King	15	17	2	0
William Gudgeon	LBW	b Simon King	13	17	2	0
Jonathan Lawes		b Simon King	8	9	1	0
Will Frost	st Matthew Bennett	b Simon King	9	13	0	0
Ian Hopton	ct Chris Murtagh	b Toby Briggs	3	4	0	0
Gavin Gresse *	st Matthew Bennett	b Chris Wigley	9	14	1	0
Matt Gottschalk	Not Out		30	20	3	1
Thomas Gudgeon	Not Out		17	14	2	0
Ralph Coleman	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(5w 1nb)	6			
Total		(8 wickets, 20 overs)	114			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Ian Hewett	3	0	16	0	0	0
Daryl King	3	0	16	1	0	1
Toby Briggs	4	0	15	1	1	1
Simon King	4	0	17	4	0	0
Chris Wigley	3	0	23	1	0	0
Stephen Warner	2	0	23	0	0	3
Jonathan Gale	1	0	4	0	0	0

Regional Semi-Final vs Bromley

Bromley 148 for 9
Reigate Priory 149 for 5

Reigate Priory won by 5 wickets

Despite losing their three Surrey 2nd XI players on the eve of the Regional Finals the set back only proved to make Reigate Priory more determined to produce something special. The three, Stephens, Roy and King, were required for practice prior to Surrey 2s key 3-day match against Hampshire at Priory this week from Tuesday to Thursday.

The Ilamas really gave their travelling supporters something to cheer at Billericay Cricket Club however as they beat both Bromley and Chingford to win more silverware as the South East Regional winners. They now have a home national quarter final clash with Henley on Thames on Sunday the 13th September.

Priory's regional semi-final was against the Kent Champions, Bromley, who batted first on a fast bouncy wicket perfect for shot making. Bromley had two ex England players in their ranks with Ed Giddins and Alan Wells but the pace of Alex Mendis soon accounted for Wells and Priory looked in control of events at about 60 for 4 after 10 overs. Unfortunately bowling indiscipline gifted Bromley over 20 runs in wides and no balls, with subsequent free hits, and Bromley finished their 20 overs with 148 for 9 wickets.

Simon Ecclestone and Matt Bennett opened the Priory reply and put 50 on the board at the required pace before losing Bennett and then skipper Chris Murtagh shortly afterwards. At 76 for 2 at the half way stage the innings looked to be in control but the introduction of the spinners, taking the pace off the ball, slowed the Priory batters significantly and with 4 overs remaining some 40 runs were required. With Ecclestone still at the crease anything is possible however and the target was reduced to 11 off the last over and Ecclestone's magnificent 83 not out sealed victory with one ball to spare.

Bromley CC - 20/20

			R	B	4s	6s
James Butterfill *	ct Matthew Bennett	b Alex Mendis	22	23	2	1
Alan Wells	ct Matthew Bennett	b Alex Mendis	5	4	1	0
Miguel Barbosa	ct Chris Murtagh	b Ian Hewett	1	2	0	0
Paul Harrison +	ro Chris Murtagh		41	35	2	3
Gaurav Dhar		b Stephen Warner	1	8	0	0
Nicholas Bluett	ct Ian Hewett	b Chris Murtagh	16	16	2	0
Matthew Dennington		b Toby Briggs	2	3	0	0
Grant Sheen	Not Out		30	25	3	0
Craig Peters	ct Chris Murtagh	b Ian Hewett	8	8	1	0
Michael Bluett	Did Not Bat					
Edward Giddins	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(2lb 17w 2nb)	21			
Total		(8 wickets, 20 overs)	148			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Ian Hewett	4	0	16	2	0	1
Alex Mendis	4	0	22	2	1	0
Simon Ecclestone	2	0	15	0	1	4
Toby Briggs	4	0	21	1	0	2
Jonathan Gale	3	0	51	0	0	9
Chris Murtagh	3	0	20	1	0	1

1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Simon Ecclestone	Not Out		83	60	8	4
Matthew Bennett +	ct Matthew Dennington	b Michael Bluett	25	20	4	0
Chris Murtagh *	st Paul Harrison	b James Butterfill	3	7	0	0
Ian Hewett	st Paul Harrison	b James Butterfill	18	21	2	0
Jonathan Gale	ct James Butterfill	b Matthew Dennington	8	7	0	1
Stephen Warner	ct Gaurav Dhar	b Edward Giddins	3	4	0	0
Toby Briggs	Not Out		0	0	0	0
Chris Morgan	Did Not Bat					
James Halton	Did Not Bat					
Jonathan Smith	Did Not Bat					
Alex Mendis	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(3lb 6w)	9			
Total		(5 wickets, 19.5 overs)	149			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Matthew Dennington	4	1	36	1	0	0
Edward Giddins	3.5	0	31	1	0	5
Michael Bluett	2	0	29	1	0	0
Grant Sheen	4	0	12	0	0	0
James Butterfill	4	0	24	2	0	0
Craig Peters	2	0	12	0	0	1

Regional Final vs Chingford

Chingford	194 for 9
Reigate Priory	195 for 4

Reigate Priory won by 6 wickets

In the other semi-final the Essex champions, Chingford, had chased 169 to beat Finchley, from Middlesex, so the stage was set for a Chingford v Priory final. The llamas could not possibly have got off to a worse start however and after just 6 overs Chingford were on 95 for 0 and the bowling indisciplines of the semi final were in abundance again as wides, no balls and free hits saw Priory on the verge of total collapse. Murtagh's captaincy was exemplary however as he brought himself on to bowl with his occasional leg breaks and a superb spell brought him 2 for 16 in his allotted 4 overs. Jon Gale and Toby Briggs fought back well to take a couple of wickets each and the slow mediums of Chris Morgan and the usual control and pace from Ian Hewett also dragged the scoring rate down and after the disastrous start a score of 194 for 9 in Chingford's 20 overs was a lot better than it could have been. It was nevertheless a formidable total. Taylor had batted superbly for Chingford in scoring 84 and batting for all but 2 balls of the innings.

Faced with such a massive target a good start was vital for Reigate but the run out of Ecclestone in the first over and the dismissal of Bennett left Priory at 7 for 2 after 2 overs and with a mountain to climb. For the second time in the match Chris Murtagh strode to the rescue and together with Ian Hewett they took the score up to 94 at the half way stage before Murtagh was lbw for a superbly crafted 52. 2nd XI skipper Jon Gale then joined Hewett and after a slow start began to smash some huge 6s and the pair suddenly made Priory believe that victory was achievable. With two overs to go and just 17 required Gale was caught behind for a tremendous 40 but with 5 wickets left miraculously Priory were favourites. Ian Hewett then proceeded to smash three 6s in 5 balls to win the match, incredibly with just over an over to spare.

Not surprisingly Hewett's 95 not out, with 8 sixes, earned him the man of the match award and Chris Murtagh collected the Shepherd Neame team trophy. The Twenty20 format may have its critics, with the purists, but for the sizeable crowd at Billericay they witnessed some of the finest entertainment imaginable.

Chingford CC - 1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Robert Whitfield	ct Stephen Warner	b Chris Murtagh	37	21	3	3
Alfie Taylor	ct Chris Morgan	b Ian Hewett	84	57	11	0
Sam Kirnon		b Jonathan Gale	1	2	0	0
Greg Hales *	LBW	b Chris Murtagh	11	9	2	0
Shaun McMurray		b Jonathan Gale	4	9	0	0
Matthew O'Sullivan	st Matthew Bennett	b Toby Briggs	24	18	2	0
Nick Shawyer	ct Matthew Bennett	b Toby Briggs	0	2	0	0
Ryan Harris	ct Chris Morgan	b Ian Hewett	0	1	0	0
Anthony Peek	ro Jonathan Smith		1	2	0	0
Billy Rhone +	Not Out		0	0	0	0
Unsure	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(2b 4lb 18w 4nb)	28			
Total		(9 wickets, 20 overs)	194			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Ian Hewett	4	0	32	2	0	1
Alex Mendis	2	0	37	0	2	2
Toby Briggs	4	0	52	2	2	6
Jonathan Gale	4	0	30	2	0	8
Chris Murtagh	4	0	16	2	0	1
Chris Morgan	2	0	17	0	0	0

1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Simon Ecclestone	ro		4	3	1	0
Matthew Bennett +	ct Shaun McMurray	b Ryan Harris	0	1	0	0
Chris Murtagh *	LBW	b Shaun McMurray	52	34	8	0
Ian Hewett	Not Out		95	48	3	8
Jonathan Gale	ct Billy Rhone	b Anthony Peek	34	21	0	3
Chris Morgan	Not Out		0	0	0	0
Toby Briggs	Did Not Bat					
Stephen Warner	Did Not Bat					
James Halton	Did Not Bat					
Jonathan Smith	Did Not Bat					
Alex Mendis	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(3lb 7w 1nb)	11			
Total		(4 wickets, 18.4 overs)	195			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Nick Shawyer	4	0	44	0	0	4
Ryan Harris	3.4	0	48	1	1	1
Ben MacGregor	3	0	28	0	0	0
Shaun McMurray	4	0	33	1	1	0
Anthony Peek	4	0	39	1	1	0

National Quarter-Finals vs Henley Cricket Club

REIGATE PRIORY'S DREAM REMAINS ALIVE

Henley	191 for 7
Reigate Priory	193 for 2

Reigate Priory won by 8 wickets

In a truly fantastic game of Twenty20 cricket, in front of a large and appreciative crowd, Reigate Priory llamas disposed of Henley on Thames on their way to the National Finals Day of the Cockspur Rum tournament. The finals day is being televised live on Sky TV on Monday September 28th and the llamas take on Bournemouth in the first semi final. The other is between the Midlands Champions, Cuckney and Ockbrook and Borrowash from the North. The final is under floodlights at the Derbyshire County Cricket Ground at 6.15pm with the winners going to Barbados to represent England in a Twenty20 festival.

A crowd of over 500 people had seen the children entertained by real llamas parading round the ground before Chris Murtagh won the toss for Reigate and decided to bowl first. Hewett and Daryl King opened and it was not long before the Henley openers were smashing 4s to all corners of the Priory. Jon Gale was brought on to bowl the 4th over and cleaned up the Henley captain Bjorn Mordt first ball and in his second over a quite superb stumping by Matt Bennett accounted for the other opener, Dave Allaway. This only brought Jonno McLean and Dave Barnes together and they put on 80 runs together in just 6 overs before Jason Roy had the dangerous McLean well caught in the deep by Michael Foster. His 68 had come in just 33 balls. Wickets are key in Twenty20 cricket and after an early onslaught on Stuart Hume he and his spin twin Simon King started to work their way through the Henley middle order, taking two wickets apiece. Priory had looked likely to be chasing well over 200 but the Henley run rate was pulled back well in the last 7 overs and they finished on 191 for 7 after their 20 overs. The pick of the Priory bowlers was undoubtedly Jon Gale who finished with 2 for 29 off his 4 overs.

This was a great display by Henley and they must have felt confident of defending such a formidable total.

Simon Ecclestone and Jason Roy opened up the llamas response and it was a huge blow when "Eccles" was bowled for just 5 at the start of the 3rd over. Roy had been dropped off a difficult skyer in the first over and whilst the Priory members knew just how costly an error that could prove the Henley team had no idea just how much they were going to have to pay for that mistake. Chris Murtagh had joined Jason and the pair went at 10 an over for the next 6 overs. As Murtagh realised just what sensational form Roy was in he settled back to just keep giving him the strike. Jason Roy's innings was quite one of the most exceptional pieces of clean, powerful striking that the large crowd will ever witness, at any level of cricket. He literally pulverised the Henley bowling and smashed 13 fours and 9 sixes in an innings of brutal power. His century was reached with a straight 6 into the Blue Anchor garden and the winnings runs were a six into the football pavilion. Chris Murtagh's role and innings of 40, in a partnership of 166, cannot be underestimated and it was fitting that when Chris was out with just 4 needed for

victory that Priory 1st XI skipper Ian Hewett was at the crease when Jason hit the winning runs, with almost 3 overs to spare.

The large crowd gave Hewett a wonderful reception in his last appearance for the llamas, before returning to Australia, but it was nothing compared to the applause for Jason Roy as he left the field to a standing ovation, having scored 138 not out in just 60 balls. It is difficult to imagine a more exciting and powerful innings and underlined Roy's huge potential.

Priory march on with huge anticipation to the Finals day at Derby but it cannot be forgotten that it takes two teams to make a great match and the Henley effort was impressive and they were unfortunate to find an individual and opponents at the very top of their game. The whole day was a wonderful advertisement for the game of cricket and the standard of sport available for free to the community of Reigate. Well over 500 people will support that view.

Priory will be doing everything possible to get as many of their supporters as possible to Derby for finals day on the 28th.

Henley CC, Oxon - 1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Bjorn Mordt *		b Jonathan Gale	25	16	4	0
David Allaway	st Matthew Bennett	b Jonathan Gale	15	18	2	0
Jonno McLean	ct Michael Foster	b Jason Roy	68	33	6	4
David Barnes		b Simon King	30	23	3	0
Carl Crowe		b Stuart Hume	10	10	1	0
Chris Ellison	LBW	b Stuart Hume	3	4	0	0
Andrew White	ct Jason Roy	b Simon King	14	10	0	1
Darren White	Not Out		2	2	0	0
Euan Brock	Not Out		4	5	0	0
Tom Lambert	Did Not Bat					
Stewart Davison +	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(4b 7lb 8w 1nb)	20			
Total		(8 wickets, 20 overs)	191			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Ian Hewett	4	0	34	0	0	1
Daryl King	2	0	26	0	0	1
Jonathan Gale	4	0	29	2	0	1
Jason Roy	2	0	13	1	1	1
Stuart Hume	4	0	43	2	0	0
Simon King	4	0	35	2	0	0

1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Jason Roy	Not Out		138	60	13	9
Simon Ecclestone		b Bjorn Mordt	5	3	1	0
Chris Murtagh	ct Darren White	b Bjorn Mordt	40	33	5	0
Ian Hewett	Not Out		0	0	0	0
Michael Foster *	Did Not Bat					
Alex Richards	Did Not Bat					
Matthew Bennett	Did Not Bat					
Jonathan Gale +	Did Not Bat					
Simon King	Did Not Bat					
Daryl King	Did Not Bat					
Stuart Hume	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(2b 2lb 6w)	10			
Total		(2 wickets, 17.1 overs)	193			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Bjorn Mordt	4	0	37	2	0	0
Tom Lambert	4	0	40	0	0	0
Andrew White	3	0	34	0	0	0
Darren White	2	0	19	0	0	0
Carl Crowe	2.1	0	35	0	0	0
Euan Brock	1	0	24	0	0	0

Finals Day at Derbyshire CCC

National Semi-Finals vs Bournemouth CC

Bournemouth CC

Reigate Priory's players will have to wait at least a year for another chance to win a trip to Barbados after their 15-run defeat to Bournemouth in Monday's Cockspur Twenty20 Cup semi-final at Derby.

Needing 163 to reach the floodlit final, the Priory Llamas could muster only 147-7 on an afternoon when Chris Murtagh's attack bowled 17 wides and one or two batsmen gave their wickets away when well set.

"Obviously it was very disappointing," said Murtagh. "We didn't bowl as well as we can, we didn't field very well and we lost wickets at the wrong time. "Having said all that, we got pretty close in the end."

It is difficult to quarrel with the captain's admirably honest analysis.

The Reigate bowlers' inaccuracy allowed Bournemouth's batsmen almost three extra overs in addition to the runs conceded and the Southern Electric Premier League side's top order did not waste their opportunity on a greenish wicket which played better than it looked.

This is only the second year of the competition which was launched this season with 541 clubs from each of the 25 ECB Premier Leagues and their official feeder leagues.

Jason Roy, Priory's man of the moment, scored 138 not out from 60 balls including 13 fours and nine sixes, in their regional final.

On Monday, Mark House batted through the innings for 65 not out, made off 58 balls, and the opener was given excellent assistance by Nick Park, who contributed 46 to an opening partnership of 108 in 14 overs.

Late acceleration was supplied by the Dorset batsman Simon Watkins who clubbed two colossal sixes off Roy in his 16-ball 25.

The most impressive Reigate bowler was Simon King who conceded just 23 runs off his four overs and claimed the wicket of James Park.

The best moment of a below par Reigate fielding performance came in the final over when Alex Richards caught a magnificent diving catch at backward point to get rid of Watkins.

By then, though, much of the damage had been done, although an asking rate of just above eight an over was by no means beyond batsmen who had scored in excess of 190 in both the quarter and semi-finals.

But Surrey's Roy whacked a juicy full-toss from off-spinner Watkins straight to long-on Ed Denham when he had made just 11.

And Murtagh clipped unofficial man of the match Mark House to mid-wicket Craig De Weymarn at just the point when his 20-ball innings of 25 threatened the Chapel Gate side's ascendancy.

From a promising 58-1 in the seventh over Reigate collapsed to 73-5 in the twelfth. The task of rescuing the innings proved beyond even the resourceful John Gale who hit 34 off 30 balls.

Needing 20 runs off the last over Reigate could manage just four, and a season which had promised to end in a glorious autumnal finale instead left Murtagh's players watching the second semi-final with only their regrets for company.

"All the matches leading up to this were big games and we performed pretty well in those, but today we came up a bit short I'm afraid," said Murtagh.

"However, I can take pride in the achievements of the club this summer and over five outstanding years in which we've won three championships.

"This is the first real cup run we've been on and it's generated a fair amount of interest in Reigate which is good."

Bournemouth went on to win the Cockspur Cup, defeating Nottinghamshire Premier League side Cuckney by six wickets in the final.

Bournemouth CC - 1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Nick Park	ro Chris Murtagh		46	39	5	1
Mark House	Not Out		65	58	4	0
James Park	ct Simon Ecclestone	b Simon King	5	8	0	0
Simon Watkins	ct Alex Richards	b Alex Mendis	24	16	0	2
Craig De Waymarn *	ro Stuart Hume		1	1	0	0
Simon Ridley	Did Not Bat					
Scott Mills	Did Not Bat					
Chris Ridley +	Did Not Bat					
Peter Smith	Did Not Bat					
David Payne	Did Not Bat					
Edward Denham	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(19w 2nb)	21			
Total		(4 wickets, 20 overs)	162			

Fall Of Wickets 108-1 Nick Park (Mark House*); 118-2 James Park (Mark House*); 158-3 Simon Watkins (Mark House*); 162-4 Craig De Waymarn (Mark House*); * = notout batsman,

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Alex Mendis	4	0	24	1	0	4
Daryl King	2	0	22	0	1	6
Simon Ecclestone	3	0	26	0	0	2
Jason Roy	4	0	36	0	1	5
Simon King	4	0	23	1	0	0
Stuart Hume	3	0	31	0	0	0

1st XI

			R	B	4s	6s
Jason Roy	ct Edward Denham	b Simon Watkins	11	16	1	0
Simon Ecclestone	ct Simon Ridley	b Edward Denham	17	14	3	0
Chris Murtagh	ct Craig De Waymarn	b Mark House	25	20	3	1
Michael Foster	ct Chris Ridley	b Simon Ridley	7	6	1	0
Alex Richards *	ct Nick Park	b Simon Watkins	4	7	0	0
Jonathan Gale	Not Out		34	30	4	0
Matthew Bennett	ct Peter Smith	b Mark House	16	18	0	1
Simon King +	ct Nick Park	b Edward Denham	11	10	0	1
Alex Mendis	Did Not Bat					
Daryl King	Did Not Bat					
Stuart Hume	Did Not Bat					
Extras		(4b 3lb 14w 1nb)	22			
Total		(7 wickets, 20 overs)	147			

Fall Of Wickets 25-1 ; 58-2 ; 67-3 ; 73-4 ; 73-5 ; 112-6 ; 147-7 ; -8 ; -9 ; -10 ;

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
David Payne	4	0	35	0	0	1
Edward Denham	4	0	29	2	0	1
Simon Ridley	2	0	16	1	0	1
Simon Watkins	4	0	12	2	0	1
Mark House	4	0	32	2	1	2
Peter Smith	2	0	16	0	0	0

Averages (including every one who played a Twenty20 game)

Batting (Taken from Play-Cricket - [click here for link](#))

	Name	Games	Inns	Not Outs	Runs	High Score	Avg	50's	100's	Run Rate
1	Jason Roy	5	5	1	262	138*	65.5	1	1	198.48
2	Ian Hewett	7	7	3	238	95*	59.5	2	0	155.56
3	Simon Ecclestone	6	6	1	230	83*	46	2	0	138.55
4	Chris Murtagh	6	6	0	172	52	28.67	2	0	135.43
5	Matthew Bennett	7	6	2	115	28*	28.75	0	0	110.58
6	Jonathan Gale	8	5	2	107	40	35.67	0	0	127.38
7	Chris Wigley	4	2	2	61	31*		0	0	138.64
8	Michael Foster	5	4	0	40	29	10	0	0	129.03
9	Stephen Warner	5	2	0	28	25	14	0	0	112
10	Simon King	4	2	0	23	12	11.5	0	0	115
11	Chris Morgan	3	2	2	13	13*		0	0	86.67
12	Toby Briggs	6	2	2	11	11*		0	0	183.33
13	Alex Richards	2	1	0	4	4	4	0	0	57.14
14	Rob Wood	1	1	0	3	3	3	0	0	37.5
15	John Faal	1	0	0	0			0	0	-
16	Alex Mendis	3	0	0	0			0	0	-
17	James Halton	2	0	0	0			0	0	-
18	Simon Wickham	1	0	0	0			0	0	-
19	Steve Gibson	1	0	0	0			0	0	-
20	Stuart Hume	2	0	0	0			0	0	-
21	David Ramsden	1	0	0	0			0	0	-
22	Nick Harmer	1	0	0	0			0	0	-
23	Daryl King	5	0	0	0			0	0	-
24	Jonathan Smith	2	0	0	0			0	0	-

Bowling (Taken from Play-Cricket - [click here for link](#))

	Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts	Best Bowling	4WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
1	Toby Briggs	22	1	127	7	2 for 10	0	5.77	18.86	18.14
2	Simon King	15	0	107	7	4 for 17	1	7.13	12.86	15.29
3	Ian Hewett	22	0	139	7	2 for 16	0	6.32	18.86	19.86
4	Chris Wigley	13.5	0	92	6	2 for 24	0	6.67	13.80	15.33
5	Daryl King	15	0	129	6	3 for 24	0	8.60	15.00	21.50
6	Jonathan Gale	14	0	125	4	2 for 29	0	8.93	21.00	31.25
7	Chris Murtagh	7	0	36	3	2 for 16	0	5.14	14.00	12.00
8	Alex Mendis	10	0	83	3	2 for 22	0	8.30	20.00	27.67
9	Steve Gibson	2	0	5	2	2 for 5	0	2.50	6.00	2.50
10	Stuart Hume	7	0	74	2	2 for 43	0	10.57	21.00	37.00
11	Stephen Warner	9	0	77	2	1 for 10	0	8.56	27.00	38.50
12	Simon Ecclestone	5	0	41	2	2 for 15	0	8.20	15.00	20.50
13	Jason Roy	10	0	73	2	1 for 8	0	7.30	30.00	36.50
14	Simon Wickham	1	0	13	1	1 for 13	0	13.00	6.00	13.00
15	Nick Harmer	3	0	23	1	1 for 23	0	7.67	18.00	23.00
16	Chris Morgan	2	0	17	0	0 for 17	0	8.50		