



Match Report

Alton U11s vs. Elstead U11's

10 July 2010

Hot off the back of a string of victories a 10 man Elstead visited Alton to see if they could extend their winning streak. The previous season's fixture had seen Elstead ahead on the par score when a tremendous thunder storm forced the match to be abandoned.

Elstead were put into bat first with openers Carlo Quadrio Curzio and Lewis Sheppard ticking the score along nicely until the 3rd over when Lewis fell with the score on 21.

A magnificent 2nd wicket partnership with the incoming Charlie Welch took the score onto 46 before both retired having played some quality strokes. A mini collapse then ensued with 4 wickets falling around the ears of the dogged Matthew Russell for 13 runs. Rory Cole went for an uncharacteristic 6, Charlie O'Donnell, Alex Gadd and Alfie Leonard for 2 apiece, and it was left to Raphael Boulanger and Callum Hedges to sure up the tail end of the innings, eventually making way for Carlo and Charlie W to return to the crease for a second spell.

They continued with some fine stroke play, finding the boundary 6 times between them, eventually retiring on 25 for Carlo and 21 for Charlie, the pair having faced 56 out of the 120 balls in the innings between them. Elstead had successfully kept the total ticking over, with Matt and Raphael on a second visit to the crease seeing out the innings to a final respectable score of 115 for 8 off the 20 overs. Alton's best bowler was Allenby, finishing with figures of 4 wickets for 7 runs off 3 overs.

The Alton reply started in similar fashion to Elstead's, the openers both doing their job and moving the score onto 20 after 4 overs with both batsmen retiring. This paved the way for Rory Cole to clean bowl the Alton no. 3 Newton 2nd ball, followed by Lidgett for a golden duck. His replacement Allenby played a straight defensive shot next ball to deny Rory his hatrick. By the halfway point of the innings Alton were 15 runs adrift of the Elstead total, on 42 with 5 wickets down. Glad to see the back of Rory, little did Alton know they were about to face the bowling of Carlo Quadrio Curzio. In a 2 over spell Carlo clean bowled Bartrum in a wicket maiden first over, followed by removing the stump of Becker Davis in the next over, only leaking 3 runs in the process. Matthew Russell mopped up at the end, taking the wickets of the returning no.2 and no.4 batsmen as Alton limped home on a final score of 89 for 8, some 26 runs short. Alton's opener Hamer was the only batsman to make a real impact, scoring 26 not out. Rory ended up with figures of 2 wickets for 9 runs off 3 overs, Matt with 2 wickets for 14 runs off 4 overs, alongside Alex and Charlie W also with a wicket apiece. A fine victory against a quality town side!

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Elstead win