

# Stage C C 2021

## Overall

### Match Review

Date	Day	Opposition	Result	Score	Opp Score	Best Batting	Best Bowling	
25-Apr	Sun	Amersham	Lost – 93 runs	208-5 40 ov	301-2 40 ov	C Fletcher 84	J Davis 1-53	

First match of 2021 took place at Amersham on a lovely sunny day. Graham Seed lost the first toss of the season and Amersham chose to bat in a 40 over match. Stage opened the bowling with Ed Babar and Alastair Whatley and at first change at 8 overs Amersham had been restricted to just 28 and things looked relatively rosy. Unfortunately, the opening batsmen were pretty set and started to attack the bowling of Hamilton Lee, Jeff Davis, Roger Barrett and later in the inning on his return Ed Babar. The only bowler that managed to keep it tight was Alastair who bowled his 8 overs for 33 runs. Stage only managed to take 1 wicket in the inning which was an LBW that many thought had hit the bat first. The bowler (Me) and the umpire disagreed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket was a retired out when M. Choski reached 100.

Tea was taken at 40 overs with players bringing their own teas due to Covid rules. After tea Stage immediately fell behind the run rate although a vain effort to keep up was made by Gwyn Jones who was eventually bowled on 79 when the score was 112. Chris Fletcher hit 84 and despite only losing 5 wickets Stage ended up 93 runs short of the target.

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02-May	Sun	Stokenchurch	Won – 10 runs	204-3 35 ov	194 a/o 31.3 ov	C Currie 76*	M Joseph	2-16
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The second match of the season took place at Stokenchurch on a rather chilly day, certainly a 2 jumper day in my opinion. Graham lost the toss and we were given the honour of batting first in a 35 over match. The decision of 35 overs rather than 40 overs was made due to the chill factor. Chris Fletcher and Chris Currie opened the batting. The first wicket fell in the 17 over with the score on 82, when Chris Fletcher was bowled on 37. Chris Currie was joined by Owen Oldroyd, who had travelled up from Cardiff to play. Owen hit a quick 35 to push up the run rate before being caught when trying to hit his third six in a row. Michael Joseph then joined Chris and hit a fine 25 before being bowled. The score was now

192 with just 2 overs left. In strode Tom Whyte wearing his new Stage CC jumper that he had purchased prior to the match along with 2 shirts and a baseball cap. Tom hit a swash buckling 16 to take the Stage total at the end of 35 overs to 204 which we all felt was about 40 runs light. With all this going on Chris Currie had amassed 76 runs and had carried his bat in an excellent innings.

Follow tea Stage took to the field with Anu Dissanayake and Max Higginbotham opening the bowling. First ball of the innings went for 4 runs so not a great start and when the first change was made after 6 overs Stokenchurch were on 46 with Jeff Davis replacing Anu. After the 7 over Stokenchurch were on 62 and Jeff was immediately removed from the attack and was replaced by Tom Whyte. Between Max and Tom the Stokenchurch attack on the bowling was slowed up and Max eventually took the first wicket with Owen Oldroyd taking a fine catch in the deep removing C. North who had hit 35 rapid runs. (16 of them off Jeff Davis in one over). After just 14 overs the score was 125 for 2 and things were looking really bleak for Stage who only had 5 bowlers available. Jeff was asked to return, however this time bowling up the hill. Despite his age he was able to run up the hill and make it to the crease for the next 6 overs and actually dismissed the other Stokenchurch opener A. Ross with another fine catch by Owen. Ross was on 84 and taking the game away from Stage. At this point Stokenchurch were 168 for 4 with 11 overs remaining. On came Michael Joseph bowling down the hill replacing Anu who had bowled his 7 overs. Michael bowled a fantastic 5 overs taking 2 wickets for just 16 runs and with Tom Whyte replacing Jeff at the other end, also bowling tightly took the last 2 wickets to dismiss Stokenchurch just 10 runs short of Stage's total.

Stage celebrated a most unlikely victory with some of the team travelling to the next village (Radnage) to enjoy the hospitality of Michael Howarth with beer and a barbeque. Thank you Michael.

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09-May	Sun	Bank of England	Drawn	149-9	179-8	dec	C Currie	48	M Gallagher	5-40
				38 ov	37 ov					

On a much warmer day compared to last week at Stokenchurch, Graham Seed lost the toss and Bank of England chose to bat. Stage opened the bowling with Ed Babar and Roger Barrett, both bowling tightly from the off. The first wicket fell in the 5<sup>th</sup> over with Roger Barrett taking a fine catch at slips off the bowling of Ed with the score on 21. Roger bowled 6 overs taking 1 wicket for 22 runs before being replaced by Matt Gallagher, who had a tremendous spell of 12 overs taking 5 for just 40 runs. Ed finished his spell of 8 overs taking 2 wickets for 45. Wickets were falling with the Bank if England making slow progress. Unfortunately for Stage, S. Nayar, Bank of England's number 3 batsman, batted well scoring 54 before being bowled by Dinesh Selvaraj. A bit of an onslaught at the end of the innings took Bank of England to 178 for 9 declared.

At tea, our skipper felt that this was a very fair declaration, though he seemed to be under the impression that the opposition had scored 130/140 runs. This would have been the total if the bowlers at the death of the innings had bowled better!

Stage's innings got off to an interesting start with Chris Currie and Ollie Gibbs determined to set the pace. This was to the amusement of the other Stage players when Ollie hit the ball to the furthest part of the boundary, and they proceeded to run an all run 4 with Ollie collapsing to the floor at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> run. Unfortunately, Ollie was caught the following over with a fine catch from the tallest player in opposition. Jeff Davis replaced Ollie at the crease and got off to a fine start with a cover drive for 4 and continued to attack the opening bowlers. Chris and Jeff took the score onto 67 before Jeff was given out LBW on 31. Chris Currie kept going as wickets started to fall at the other end on a regular basis. Chris was eventually out on 48 with the score at 136 for 7 with 5 overs of the last 20 remaining. Stage struggled to make anymore headway and had to bat out the last 9 balls with just one wicket remaining. (S. Nayar who had topped scored for BofE had a good day with the ball too as he took 6 wickets for just 26 runs off 12 overs). The batsman at this point were Roger Barrett and Graham Seed, who both gave us a couple of scary moments however did survive and the match was drawn. It turns out that if Graham had been right and score to chase was 130/140 we would have won!

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Is Matt Gallagher giving Dave Hills a coaching session?

16- May	Sun	Adastrians	Cancelled
20-May	Thur	Montenotte	Cancelled
23-May	Sun	Chenies & Latimer	Cancelled
26-May	Wed	Northwood	Cancelled

30-May	Sun	Southgate Compton	Lost – 3 wkts	100-9 a/o 34.2 ov	101-7 27.3 ov	C Fletcher	26	C Chandana	3-39
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A serious accident on the North Circular prevented our skipper Graham Seed and our umpire Colin Downey from reaching the ground. After 3 hours sitting in traffic, both, decided to make their way home. So, Jeff Davis stood in as captain and winning the toss and due to lack of players at the ground at the time of the toss decided to bat. Stage got off to a reasonable but slow start with the first wicket falling on 34 in the 14<sup>th</sup> over when Al Barrie was bowled on 14. Wickets then fell steadily with runs not easy to come by. Eventually Stage innings came to a close when the 9<sup>th</sup> wicket fell on just 100 in the 35<sup>th</sup> over.

Southgate Compton in their reply got off to a fast start with 18 runs coming from the 2<sup>nd</sup> over bowled by Harry Burton. Despite this onslaught, Stage fought back with some tight bowling from Anu Dissanayke taking 1 wicket in 9 overs for 27 and Jeff Davis taking 2 wickets in 5 overs for just 9 runs. Harry tightened up after his first over and bowled his following 6 overs for just 11 runs. Chandana took 3 wickets in his spell of 7.3 overs but this was not enough and Southgate Compton secured victory after just 28 overs.

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02-June	Wed	Worcester Park	Cancelled
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06-June	Sun	Ockley	Won – 101 runs	201-2 dec 34 ov	100 a/o 33.2 ov	C Currie	79*	L White	6-22
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Unfortunately, Horsley & Send were unable to host Stage this season so a fixture was arranged at Ockley village. Played on a lovely village ground, Ockley won the toss and inserted Stage. The opening batsmen got off to a good start with Ollie Gibbs (16) and Martin Mathews (28). The fall of the first wicket bought Chris Currie to the crease and with the next wicket Jeff Davis. Both were not out at the declaration on 201 with Chris on 79 and Jeff on 47

Ockley were never in the hunt with only 2 batsmen getting into double figures (K Patel 45 and G Hebbard 28) Ockley were bowled out for 100 with Lawrence White taking 6 wickets for 22 runs off 12 overs.

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09-June Wed The Garrick Club Lost – 5 runs 165-3 170-7 J Lawrence 48 A Dissanayake 3-17  
20 ov 20 ov

In the inaugural T20 match against The Garrick Club, it was decided that The Garrick Club should bat as many of their players were stuck in traffic on the way to Eastcote CC. The opening batsmen, J Frieda and J Hyam got off to a good start with the first wicket falling on 46 in the 6 over. Runs kept coming at a steady pace with The Garrick Club finishing on 170 for 7 from their 20 overs. Pick of the bowling was Anu Dissanayake taking 3 wickets for 17 from his 4 overs.

Stage replied with opening batsmen Chris Currie (43) and James Lawrence (48) with the first wicket falling in 11 over with the score on 87. Stage kept pushing towards the required total with a fine knock from Dave Hills (36\*). Unfortunately, Stage ended up just 5 runs short of The Garrick Club total. Everyone agreed that it was a great game and all are looking forward to another fixture next season which maybe a longer format.  
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13-June Sun West Wycombe Won – 15 runs 148-7 133 a/o C Fletcher 58 H Lee 4-34  
35 ov 30 ov

On Stage's first visit to West Wycombe (2 previous attempts had failed due to weather and pandemic), it was agreed to shorten the fixture to 35 overs so that players could visit Michael Howarth's for a swim and a bbq in the evening. Stage lost the toss and were asked to bat. Chris Fletcher (58) and Chris Currie (33) opened the batting and put on 75 for the first wicket. Contributions from Dave Hills (17), Jeff Davis batting with a runner (14) and Dinesh Selvaraj took Stage to 148 for 6 at the close of the innings.

Stage bowling tightly took wickets steadily throughout West Wycombe's innings eventually bowling them out for 133 runs in 30 overs. Hamilton Lee was the pick of the Stage bowlers, taking 4 wickets for 34 in 7 overs.

Some of the Stage players went from the pub to Michael's for a lovely swim and some delicious food. Thank you so much Michael for your amazing hospitality.

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16-June	Wed	Wembley	Drawn	136-7 40 ov	193-5 39 ov	C Fletcher	43	D Price	3-25
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20-June	Sun	Merstham	Cancelled						
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27-June	Sun	Shepherds Bush	Cancelled						
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30-June	Wed	All Sorts	Cancelled						
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04-July	Sun	Eastcote	Cancelled						
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11-July	Sun	Berkhamsted	Lost – 6 wkts	165-9 a/o 32.5 ov	167-4 29 ov	O Oldroyd	57	R Singh	2-41
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14-July	Wed	Richmond	Drawn	69-7 35 ov	252-4 dec 41 ov	M Balach	27	R Barrett	2-31
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18-July	Sun	Taplow	Drawn	244-5 dec 40 ov	194-7 47 ov	S Bassi	90*	S Bassi	3-19
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21-July	Wed	Worcester Park	Drawn	139-9 28 ov	184-7 dec 42 ov	D White	41	T Whyte	3-32
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25-July	Sun	Nutfield	Cancelled						
28-July	Wed	Dulwich	Cancelled						
01-Aug	Sun	Ashford	Cancelled						
04-Aug	Wed	Ickenham	Cancelled						
08-Aug	Sun	Frimley Phoenix	Cancelled						
11-Aug	Wed	Watford Town	Lost – 5 wkts	157-4 40 ov	160-5 16.2 ov	N Saed	60	R Barrett	2-10
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13-Aug	Fri	Gloucester Gipsies	Lost – 8 wkts	161-8 40 ov	162-2 22.5 ov	O Oldroyd	50	R Barrett	1-34
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15-Aug	Sun	Gentlemen of England	Drawn	148-4 37 ov	225-6 dec 40 ov	C Fletcher	39*	C Fletcher	1-17



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18-Aug	Wed	Sevenoaks & District	Drawn	194-8 38 ov	210-8 dec 40 ov	M Mathews	65	A Whately	3-49
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22-Aug	Sun	Gerrards Cross	Won – 48 runs	169-6	121 a/o	G Coombes	80	H Lee	4-37

35 ov 23.4 ov

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25-Aug Wed Harrow St Mary Won – 5 wkts 252-5 215-5 M Mathews 91 R Barrett 3-47  
33 ov 40 ov

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29-Aug Sun Sunbury Cancelled

01-Sept Wed Cross Arrows Won – 6 wkts 233-4 229-4 dec S Dutta 95 J Davis 1-15  
46.5 ov 45 ov

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05-Sept Sun Hampton Wick Royal Lost – 5 wkts 173-6 174-5 C Fletcher 28 R Barrett 2-35  
35 ov 32.4 ov

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08-Sept Wed Wembley Won – 8 wkts 189.2 188-9 dec N Malik 83\* N Malik 6-16  
32.1 ov 42 ov

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12-Sept Sun Maidenhead & Bray Cancelled

15-Sept Wed Gaieties Drawn 132-6 242-3 dec K Pittman 38 J Whetton 2-64  
38 ov 35 ov

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19-Sept Sun Musicians XI Cancelled

23-Sept Thur Montenotte Lost – 6 wkts 182 a/o 183-4 D Price 69 T Peters 2-38  
40.5 ov 34.4 ov



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26-Sept	Sun	Barnes Common	Lost – 10 runs	241 a/o 39.4 ov	251 a/o 40 ov	G Manthorp	57	M Segal	2-22
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