

Stage CC 2022

Match Review

Date	Day	Opposition	Type of Match	Result	Score	Opp Score	Best Batting	Best Bowling
24-Apr	Sun	Amersham	Limited Over	Lost - 105 runs	148-8 40 ov	253-7 40 ov	N Masters-Waage 34*	S Khan 3-52

What a glorious day to start the Stage CC on at Amersham CC where we welcomed 2 new players to the club in Nick Masters-Waage and Fergus Leathem who had both joined us for some marvellous nets sessions this winter. We also welcome back Sayf Khan after several years in the wilderness. Skipper Graham Seed lost the toss and Amersham decided to bat in a 40 over match. Stage opened the bowling with Rob West and Nick Masters-Waage and in Nick's very first over, in fact his first ball, the opening bat, N. Nguyen, was dropped in covers. He went on to make a fine 80 before being dismissed LBW by Jeff Davis. Early on it looked like Amersham were going to set a target well beyond 300 as the first wicket fell on 80 runs with Fergus Leathem taking his first wicket for the club. However, with some tight bowling in the middle overs from Sayf Khan taking 3 wickets and Jeff Davis 2 wickets for 32 from 8 overs, Amersham were restricted to 253 from their 40 overs.

After tea Stage opened the batting with Martin Wright and Sayf Khan and got off to a steady start until Martin was dismissed with score on 17. Rob West came in at number 3 and all was looking promising until the 15 over when Rob was bowled on 27 with the score at 53. This was the start of a Stage collapse, with the 8th wicket falling on 123, it was left for Nick Masters-Waage 34 not out and Mike Segal 12 not out to protect our skipper from having to bat. Despite a heavy loss, the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all that took part.

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27-Apr	Wed	Nomads	Friendly	Cancelled						
01-May	Sun	Stokenchurch	Friendly	Cancelled						
01-May	Sun	Ottershaw	Friendly	Won - 107 runs	213-4 dec	106 a/o	R West	92	C Sherwood	4-17
					35 ov	27.2 ov				

The second match of the season was a replacement for Stokenchurch which has been rearranged for Sunday July 31st. The match took place at Ottershaw CC against their Sunday 2nd XI. It was a very overcast day with a rain drizzle falling at the start of the match. It was decided to play a timed game and Graham Seed won the toss and elected to bat. Stage opened with Martin Wright and Owen Oldroyd. The first wicket fell on 42 in the 11 over and Owen was joined by Rob West. Both batted really well with Owen making 72 and Rob making a very fine 92. Graham declared the innings on 213 after 35 overs.

After a very nice tea, Stage took to the field and opened the bowling with Ferus Leathem who took a wicket with his very first ball. A rejuvenated Duncan Gordan-Smith bowling fast, reminiscent of years gone by, tore into Ottershaw taking 3 wickets in his 8 over spell for just 15 runs. Hamilton Lee took 2 wickets in his spell and Chris Sherwood mopped up the tail with a superb spell of 5.2 overs 4 for 17 with Ottershaw dismissed for 106 in 27.2 overs. Highlight of the innings was Roger Barrett's second catch fielding at slip, diving to his left and hanging on to the ball just before it hit the ground, from a very sharp ball bowled by Duncan. His first catch also off Duncan was pretty good too, taken way above his head from yet another fast ball.

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08-May	Sun	Bank of England	Friendly	Drawn	241-4 dec	168-9	J McCallum	100*	J McCallum	3-17
					33 ov	38 ov				

On a glorious late spring day, Stage narrowly failed to notch up a second consecutive win, following last Sunday's mauling of Ottershaw. On winning the toss v. Bank of England, Captain Graham Seed elected to bat first, having seen the strength of his batting resources. Stage duly made handsome progress in the sunshine, with key contributions coming from Rob West, with a fine 70, and a magnificent 100 (retired) from debutant Joe McCallum, enabling Stage to declare on 241 for 4, off just 33 overs.

In reply, a total of eight Stage bowlers bowled tightly and with aggression, making steady inroads into the BoE batting line-up: the most successful were Dan Williams (2-14 off 7 overs), and Joe McCallum (3-17 off 5). Despite all our efforts, BoE just managed to hold on for the draw, finishing on 168-9, from 38 overs. A good contest, enjoyed by all.

Let's hope we can continue with our strong early-season form with a win at Adastrians next Sunday!

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15-May	Sun	Adastrians	Limited Over	Lost - 79 runs	118-6	197-7	O Oldroyd	21	R Barrett	2-27
					20 ov	20 ov				

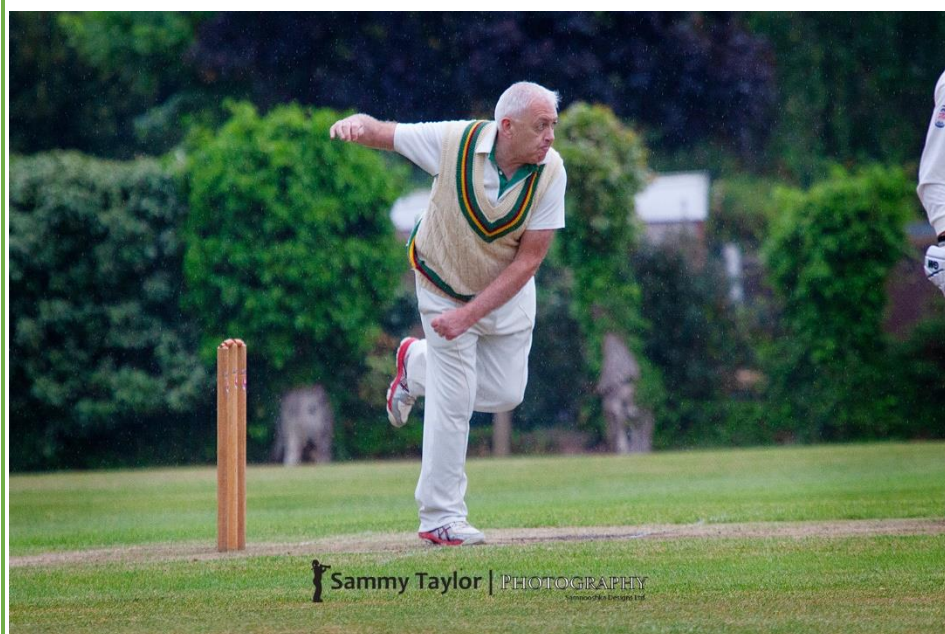
It was raining on arrival at Vine Lane. Captains agreed a timed game if a prompt start was possible however the rain got heavier. When the rain eventually stopped, it was mutually agreed, that a T20 match would be more appropriate as further rain was forecast at 6pm.

Adastrians batted first and proceeded to take the opening bowlers apart and after just 3 overs the score was 32 without loss. Roger Barrett managed to slow Adastrians down by taking 2 wickets in consecutive balls and finished with fine figures of 2 for 27 of his 4 overs. However, this was just the calm before the storm. Batter number 2 (R Smith 50) and Batter number 4 (A Herath - 62) both retired with the score at 147 after 14 overs. At 20 overs the Adastrians had reached a massive 197.

Stage replied with just 118 of the 20, with the highlight of the innings being Harry Gostelow's flourish at the end, with 3 fours and a 6 amassing a 20 not out.

Needless to say, the rain never came at 6 o'clock, so a timed game could have been possible.

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22-May Sun Chenies & Latimer Friendly Lost – 4 wkts 200-6 dec 201-6 R Barrett 41 R West 2-55
 38 ov 39.4 ov

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On a gloriously sunny May day, Stage arrived at Chenies and Latimer CC with 10 players and a loan of Chenies colt Mike Lurie, aged just 80. Graham Seed won the toss and on a warm day, decided to bat first in a declaration match. Stage opened with Chris Fletcher and Rob West and unfortunately got off to a bad start with Chris being dismissed in the first over with no runs on the board. Rob was joined by Duncan Gordon-Smith and both were looking comfortable until Rob was dismissed with an amazing catch when on 14. Duncan followed him shortly after. Roger Barrett (41) and Dave Hills (39) steadied the ship. Jeff Davis (26) replaced Roger Barrett. Our loaned 80 year old colt batted well for (19) and Michael Howarth having scored 10 was caught, bringing a declaration at exactly 200.

Stage opened the bowling with Rob West and Duncan Gordon-Smith and after 11 overs Chenies were 46 for 3 and a win looked possible however with an early declaration Chenies were going get the chance of facing 47 overs. The 5th wicket fell in the 23rd over with the score at 111 and it was becoming obvious that with 24 overs still to be bowled unless wickets fell a defeat was imminent. Sadly, only one more wicket, which actually saw the batter retiring on 50, meant the loss came sooner rather than later with 6.2 overs still to be bowled.

Despite the loss, it was a lovely day.

29-May Sun Southgate Compton Limited Overs Won – 7 wkts 206-3 203-9 R West 131* R West 5-32
 33.5 ov 35 ov

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It was a cold Sunday on the last weekend of May when Stage arrived at Southgate Compton. Graham Seed had asked Rob West if he would like to be the captain for the day which he gratefully accepted. The opposition captain told Rob that the track was unpredictable and dangerous with a player being hit yesterday from a rising ball, so on winning the toss, Rob decided to field and unleash the speed of Duncan Gordon-Smith and Jeff Davis, (not so speedy anymore 😞) in a 35 over match. After 14 overs and at the end of Jeff Davis's spell of 7 overs 1 wicket for 19 runs, Southgate Compton were on 63 for 1 with their main batter being dismissed for 48 in Jeff's last over. Rob West replaced Jeff and in his first spell took 2 for 9 in 5 overs leaving Southgate Compton on 100 for 4 after 24 overs. Southgate Compton started to make a strong recovery towards the end of their innings with some fine hitting and after 35 overs their innings ended on 203 for 9. Rob West came back for his final spell and took a further 3 wickets and ended up with 5 wickets for just 32 runs.

Stage did not get off to the best possible start, with Dinesh Selvarj being dismissed in the second over, with a tickle down the leg side taken by the wicket keeper. That bought the skipper of the day into bat, joining Martin Wright. Rob took charge and proceeded to move the innings on at a pace, ably assisted by Martin who made a fine 28 before being caught by the bowler. Duncan unfortunately got bowled without scoring bringing David Price to the crease, who acted as a good foil for Rob, who continued to score at a good pace. At the end of the innings David was not out on 27 and Rob West had scored a FANTASTIC 131 not out. Not sure, but I think this is a Stage Club record, with a player taking 5 wickets and a century in the same match.



05-June Sun Horsley & Send Friendly Cancelled

05-June Sun Weybridge Vandalls Limited Over Lost – 167 runs 92-9 a/o 259-6 D Gordon-Smith 44 D Gordon-Smith 2-34
26.2 ov 35 ov

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Horsley & Send cancelled our fixture, so replacement fixture was arranged against Weybridge Vandalls. Arriving on a damp day with rain forecast for 6ish, it was decided by the skippers to play a 35 over match. Weybridge Vandalls won the toss and decided to bat. Duncan Gordon-Smith opened the bowling and took a wicket in his first over and completed his first spell of 4 overs 1 for 14. His opening partner Jeff Davis bowled his first 4 overs for just 18 so a relatively tight start was made however this was not maintained throughout the innings as at the fall of the 4th wicket on 124 in 22nd over brought Aman Singh to the crease. Aman took the game away from Stage with a fine 103 not out which included his second 50 in just 15 balls. Best bowling was Duncan who completed his 7 overs for 34 runs and taking 2 wickets.

Stage reply was not memorable apart from Duncan opening the batting and scoring 44 out of a total of 94.

08-June Wed The Garrick Club T20 Won – 101 runs 217-5 116 a/o J McCullum 101* B Gartside 2-6
20 ov 17.2 ov

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The club hired Colets Sports Club for our second T20 match against The Garrick Club and having narrowly lost last years fixture were out for revenge. The Garrick Club won the toss and inserted Stage who rose to the challenge. Joe McCullum and Martin Wright opened the batting and got Stage off to a fine start. At the fall of the first wicket on the first ball of the 9 over, the score was 83 with Martin hitting a very fine 35. Rob West joined Joe at the crease, and both continued to attack the bowling with Joe scoring a second ton for the club and Rob caught for 47, off what appeared to be a no ball. 😞 Stage innings closed after 20 overs on 217. 😊

In The Garrick Club reply, they lost 3 wickets in the first 4 overs with Ben Gartside taking 2 wickets for 6 runs from his 2 overs. The Garrick Club were never going to recover from such a start and were eventually bowled out for just 116 runs in 17.2 overs. A big thank you to Michael Howarth for organising pizzas for after the match, which were delicious and a great way to end the evening.

12-June Sun West Wycombe Friendly Drawn 186-8 233-6 dec M Mathews 67 D Selvarj 3-20
37 ov 37 ov

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On what really felt like the first day of summer, Stage arrived at West Wycombe which is in a lovely setting. Michael Howarth was given the job of captaining the side, as West Wycombe is his local club that he turns out for on occasions. Michael won the toss and elected to field. Rob West and Ed Babar opened the bowling for Stage. Both bowled tightly to start with, and Rob took the first wicket in his second over with the score on just 5. Unfortunately, this brought D. Jones to the crease and after taking a good look, he proceeded to score runs quickly and it was not until the total was on 199 with Jones scoring 140 that Dinesh Selvarj (4 overs 3 for 20) took his wicket with a fine catch behind the stumps by Graham Seed. West Wycombe eventually declared on 233 from 37 overs.

Stage got off to a good start in their reply with Martin Mathews scoring 67. Further contributions from Rob West 26, Chris Fletcher 25 and Jeff Davis 24 however this was not enough to keep in the chase to reach West Wycombe's total and eventually with 8 wickets down, Michael Howarth and Hamilton Lee hung out for the draw. The match was followed by a visit to Michael's house where we had a swim and a BBQ. Thank you once again for your hospitality as always Michael.



15-June	Wed	Chertsey	Friendly	Lost – 54 runs	189 a/o	243-3 dec	C Currie	61	R West	1-31
					51.1 ov	50.1 ov				

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On a baking hot day, Stage arrived at Sir Edward Stern Sports Ground, for an all day game against Chertsey, to celebrate 100 years of cricket at the ground. Graham Seed lost the toss, and Chertsey chose to bat first. Rob West opened the bowling and took a wicket in his first over, however on a good batting track, this was to be the only wicket to fall until the 16th over, when Jeff Davis bowled J Loveridge on 38, much to his relief, as he had dropped him with a simple chance a few overs earlier off the bowling of Henry Douthwaite. Only one more wicket fell in the Chertsey innings which was a run out and Chertsey declared about an hour after lunch on 243 for 3 from 50.1 overs. Rob West bowled 11 overs for 31 runs taking 1 wicket and Jeff Davis bowled 15 (yes 15 overs) taking 1 for 55.

Stage reply was going well and at tea had only lost 1 wicket. Chris Currie (61) and Martin Mathews (28) had set the tone for the reply, however the wheels fell off and after 51.1 overs Stage were bowled out for 189. It was a FANTASTIC days cricket with one of the high lights of the day being a massive tea with a very special cake that had the Stage logo on it. A big thank you to Chertsey CC enabling us to join in their celebrations.



19-June	Sun	Midnight	Cancelled							
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22-June	Wed	Wembley	Limited Over	Won – 70 runs	270-5	200 a/o	J McCallum	61	J McCallum	3-19
					35 ov	34.5				

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On another sunny, hot day, Graham Seed won the toss and chose to bat first in a 35 over match. Stage opened with Joe McCallum and Harry Low, who both batted very well and at a good pace, with the first wicket falling on 119, when Harry was caught by the keeper on 57. Joe followed shortly after also caught behind having scored 61. This set the tone for the innings with Stage eventually finishing up with 270 off their 35 overs. Alastair Whately contributed with a fine 48 and Roger Barrett also with an excellent 36 not out.

After tea Stage opened with the seam attack of Alastair Whately and Guest player Heinel Robert, both bowling their 7 overs, taking one wicket each and conceding 31 and 30 respectively. Dipak Chavda bowled a tight spell of 5 overs taking 1 for 32 whilst Jeff Davis took some stick at the other end, taking 2 wickets for 61 from his 7 overs. Joe McCallum took 3 wickets for 19 and Roger Barrett took 2 for 19, both mopping up the tail and Stage won by 70 runs.

26-June	Sun	Shepherds Bush	Friendly	Lost – 2 wkts	241-8 dec	245-8	O Gibbs	69*	H Lee	2-36
					44 ov	41 ov				

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03-Jul	Sun	Eastcote	Friendly	Won – 2 wkts	256-7 32.5 ov	254-4 dec 44 ov	M Mathews	82	C Fletcher	2-23
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On a very sad day for Stage CC, with the news of Brian Jackson's passing the day before, the day started with a tribute to Brian on the Eastcote Square, with Michael Howarth speaking to both sides about Brian followed by a minute silence.

Stage had won the toss and elected to field in a timed match. Rob West and Ed Babar opened the bowling, both having tight opening spells, with Rob going for just 21 runs from 6 overs and Ed for only 11 off his spell of 4 overs. Duncan Gordan-Smith was first change and continued to bowl tightly with 31 from 7 overs but it was not until the 28th over that a wicket fell, when Dinesh Selvarj managed to dismiss the opening bat on 53. Chris Fletcher came on at the opposite end to bowl his leg spin and proceeded to take 2 wickets. Ed Babar came back for a second spell and took the 4th and last wicket of the innings. Eastcote continued to bat on taking 44 overs to score 254 before declaring at 5 o'clock. (Last hour with a minimum of 20 overs was due at 6.30)

After a fine tea, Stage started their reply with Martin Mathews getting off to a rapid start and after the fall of the first wicket in the 8th over, Stage were on 66, with Martin on 42. Rob West joined Martin and hit a rapid 21, before being caught with the score on 129. Martin Mathews was out without any addition to the score having made a superb 82. This brought Ed Babar to the crease and with Jonathan Kydd rotating the strike, Ed was able to keep the runs ticking over at a rapid rate before losing his wicket on 46. At this point Duncan Gordon-Smith joined Asif Padhani and both were able to keep things ticking over until Asif on 25 collapsed to the ground with what appeared to be an achilles or calf issue and had to be helped off the ground. Skipper Graham Seed joined Duncan only to be run out whilst on 0, with the score on 241. Michael Howarth replaced Graham and unfortunately did not bother the scorers. Time was running out as Michael was caught in the 31st over with the score on 243, with a maximum of 33 overs to be bowled, due to an extremely slow over rate throughout the innings. Dinesh came out to join Duncan, kept 3 balls out to end the over, leaving Duncan to face at the start of the penultimate over, with 11 runs needed. A 2 off the second ball and then a 4 off a no ball certainly helped the situation, but things were never in doubt with Duncan hitting a straight 6 to win the match ending his innings on 29 not out.



10-July	Sun	Sonning	Limited Over	Lost – 79 runs	180-6 35 ov	259-2 35 ov	C Fletcher	71	M Segal	0-25
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13-July	Wed	Worcester Park	Friendly	Lost – 5 wkts	154-8 dec 38.3 ov	156-5 27.2 ov	C Currie	48	R Barrett	2-17
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17-July	Sun	Taplow	Cancelled							
20-July	Wed	Richmond	Limited Over	Lost – 8 wkts	181-7 40 ov	182-2 27.4 ov	H Low	86	R Barrett	1-9
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24-July	Sun	Nutfield	Cancelled							
27-July	Wed	Dulwich	Friendly	Drawn	215 a/o 37.3 ov	175-8 32 ov	H Low	65	R Davey	4-59
Scorecard (opens in new window)										
07-Aug	Sun	Frimley Phoenix	Cancelled							
10-Aug	Wed	Watford Town	Limited Over	Lost – 8 wkts	126 a/o 30.1 ov	130-2 18.3 ov	R McCann	46	B Shipley	1-17
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14-Aug	Sun	Chipperfield Clarendon	Cancelled							
17-Aug	Wed	Sevenoaks & District	Cancelled							
21-Aug	Sun	Gerrards Cross	Cancelled							
24-Aug	Wed	Harrow St Mary	Cancelled							
28-Aug	Sun	Sunbury	Friendly	Lost – 8 wkts	134 a/o 44 ov	136-2 18.3 ov	S Dutta	32	S Dutta	2-32
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31-Aug	Wed	Cross Arrows	Friendly	Drawn	151-8 47 ov	234 a/o 46.5 ov	N Masters-Waage	40	L Perry	7-99
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04-Sept	Sun	Merstham	Cancelled							
07-Sept	Wed	Wembley	Cancelled							
11-Sept	Sun	Berkhamsted	Cancelled							
14-Sept	Wed	Gaieties	Friendly	Drawn	186-6 dec 39 ov	160-8 38 ov	R West	45	MHigginbotham	2-25
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22-Sept	Thu	Montenotte	Friendly	Drawn	288-7 dec 37 ov	218-8 43 ov	H Low	138	T Wragg	3-30
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25-Sept	Sun	Barnes Common	Limited Over	Lost – 51 runs	171-6 35 ov	225-5 35 ov	D Hunt	51	R West	1-24
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