

Waimate First XI beats Mountainview High School

Waimate travelled to Mountainview High School to play their First round Gillette Cup match. Waimate arrived early and had a great warm up and was well prepared for a good battle. Waimate won the toss and decided to set a target. Curtis Richards and Dan Patterson opened the batting for Waimate and saw us past the first 10 overs with Dan soon after out for 16 and Curtis was 6 not out at drinks. Lachie Robertson came and went after a good slower ball being hit to cover and he was well caught. Enter the captain now under pressure with Waimate 25 for 2. Glen's first ball was a jaffa and he kept it out well. After that he was little troubled and at drinks Waimate 83-2 with Glen blasting his way to 50 off 32 balls. After drinks he continued as Curtis held up the other end until he was out for 8 in an 87 run partnership that ended in the 25 over. George Morgan then came in and on debut helped Glen progress the team score to 118 before he missed timed one to Mid-Off. Then Scott Willoughby came in and on his first ball he blasted a huge 6 over mid wicket and kept up the rate to see him reach 44 in double quick time and Glen push on to 100 off 66 balls. Some big hitting and interesting field placement meant that Waimate were scoring at will. Scott was out trying to push the rate higher and Jake Wilson then entered the battle feeding Glen the strike to see him reach 130 before skying one and finally being caught after an excellent innings. Luke Williams joined Jake and they finished of the last 5 overs ending 19 not out to Jake and 16 not out to Luke. Waimate set the impressive total of 266-6 from 40 overs for Mountainview to chase.

The danger man for Mountainview, Matt Haywood, came in and went off a good catch from Scott Willoughby from Jake's bowling. The rest of the wickets then fell regularly with Tim Caird recovering from a rough first over to finish 5 overs 1-15, and Jake Wilson 4 overs 1-8. George Morgan bowled well along with Dylan Mead and both took a wicket. Some good fielding from Jake saw a direct hit which meant that a big hitting for Mountainview was out early. Good keeping from Luke Williams saw their top scorer stumped of the good bowling from Ben Richards. In combination with Glen they had the opposition on the ropes and the last wickets fell quickly for Mountainview to be all out for 102 in the 29th over.

This was a team win with some great batting, good bowling, and impressive fielding to see the team now face TBHS in early March.

Snapshot:

Waimate 266-6

Glen Drake 130, Scott Willoughby 44, Jake Wilson 19*

MVHS 102

Ben Richards 5.3 overs 0 maidens 22 runs 3 wickets, Jake Wilson 4 0 8 1, George Morgan 4 0 8 1

Waimate win by 164 runs