

Rossall 1st & 2nd XI Summary

The 1st XI effectively threw away the chance of victory three times during yet another close game against Arnold. Having won the toss and put the opposition in, the Arnold openers fought hard against some tight bowling to reach 60-0 off 11 overs. Wickets then fell at regular intervals to restrict the home side to 116-7. Charles Andrews (1-19), Luke Williams (2-36) and Toby Lester (1-12) were the pick of the bowlers.

The reply started poorly mainly due to the Rossall top six disappointing shot selection and the run chase was in tatters at 15-5. But Christ Metcalfe batted well and brought the game back to life as he and Toby Lester put on 56 leaving the score on 73-6. Harry Southern joined Chris Metcalfe and took the 1st XI to 100-6 – 16 needed of 4 overs with 4 wickets in hand. Alas Arnold picked up the wickets of both Harry and Chris leaving the tail to eek out a few extra runs leaving Arnold victors by 4 runs.

Considering the number of absentees on both sides due to the volcanic ash this was an excellent game of cricket played in a good spirit. We wish Arnold well for the rest of the season.

The 2nd XI game also saw both sides depleted due to Mother Nature. Rossall were put into bat and were soon in trouble at 5-3. However the innings of the day came from Jack Morrison 73* who fought hard and along with William Parker 17* gave the 2nd XI a competitive total of 106-5.

In reply Forster (1-24) bowled well as did Jack Morrison (2-11) but Arnold in the end won easily in the 13th Over by 7 wickets.

Coach MB was delighted to see his side bat 20 Overs at this early stage of the season and was particularly pleased to inform me the 2nd XI champagne moment came from the captain Toby Holder-Williams. In Toby's 14th season of playing cricket at Rossall he finally took his first catch – well done.

Rossall 1st XI vs Arnold 1st XI – at Arnold

Wednesday 21st April

Rossall Won Toss

| Name | How out | Runs Scored |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Calvert | Ct. Lewis b. Andrews | 21 |
| Hessey | b Williams | 35 |
| Perkins | b Metcalfe | 19 |
| Bolus | RUN OUT | 3 |
| Preston | b Williams | 4 |
| Crowther | b Wilson | 11 |
| Kiruparan | NOT OUT | 12 |
| Wilson | b Lester | 0 |
| Mortimer | NOT OUT | 0 |
| | | |
| | Extras | 9 |

Total 116-7

Rossall

| Name | How out | Runs Scored |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Wilson | Bowled | 1 |
| Williams | Caught | 0 |
| Metcalfe | Caught | 55 |
| Rimmer | Bowled | 10 |
| Hough | Caught | 0 |
| Dryden | Bowled | 2 |
| Lester | Bowled | 7 |
| Southern | LBW | 10 |
| Hodgson | RUN OUT | 4 |
| Andrews | NOT OUT | 4 |
| Lewis | NOT OUT | 1 |
| | | |
| | Extras | 18 |

Total 112-9

Arnold Won by 4 runs:

Man of the Match: Christopher Metcalfe