



RAC V Your Golf Travel
Wednesday, 12 July 2017
6.00 pm
Battersea Park, Pitch 1

Royal Automobile Club 134 for 7 from 18 overs Your Golf Travel 120 all out from 12.2 overs
RAC won by 3 wickets

The much-anticipated annual fixture against Your Golf Travel began with the RAC winning the toss and electing to bat on a spongy slow wicket following recent rainfall. Messrs Falconer and Caldwell provided a suitably motoring start, both reaching the retirement score of 25. Our run rate was kept in check by some accurate bowling, making the most of the perplexing and variable bounce of Battersea Park which was made more difficult for our batsmen by the slowness of the pitch. Havers, skipper for the evening, and T. Platt kept the scoreboard ticking and both retired as well, while much of the middle and later order crumbled like an England side. Falconer confirmed his reckless streak and commitment to the cause by throwing all of his willow at his first delivery on coming out of retirement, falling to a catch in the deep. Given the challenging wicket and some decent bowling, a total of 134 from our 18 overs seemed par.

Much as our innings had got off to a flyer, so did YGT's with their openers notching up a high run rate with some fine golf shots to reach retirement within the first 4 overs, despite some tidy seam bowling from Johannesson and Berquez. We span and swung the match in our favour in the middle overs, as Dewan's spin in tandem with N. Platt's sharp seam delivered two and three wickets respectively. These included some fine catches in the deep from Falconer and T. Platt.

Nevertheless, YGT remained ahead of their required run rate. Further wickets fell to the inquiring bowling of Peggie and T. Platt, bringing back the retired openers with five overs left and the run target still in reach. As the game appeared to be getting away from us, Johannesson blocked a certain four with his boot down in cow corner, the pink ball was then hastily gathered by T. Platt and thrown to wicketkeeper Caldwell to complete a run-out that only those honed by the IPL, or in their case 'Last Man Stands', could have conjured. A great win for the RAC but above all the renewal of a friendly rivalry with YGT, followed by post-match drinks together in the Prince Albert to round off an enjoyable evening. Men of the match were the Platt twins for their combined heroics in all three departments of the game!