

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Jul Stragglers of Asia vs Hong Kong CC

**Result:** Draw

**Team Batting First:** Hong Kong CC

	<b>Inits</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>How Out</b>	<b>Fielder</b>	<b>Bowler</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1</b>	S	Henwood	Retired			29
<b>2</b>	T	Smart	Retired			36
<b>3</b>	C	Kruger	Retired			44
<b>4</b>	M	Wright	Retired			54
<b>5</b>	S	Sibraa	LBW		R McGregor	7
<b>6</b>	M	Ferguson	Stumped	McGregor (Robert)	R McGregor	22
<b>7</b>	M	Edwards	Not Out			11
<b>8</b>	D	Tucker*	Not Out			6
<b>9</b>	N	Armstrong	Did Not Bat			
<b>10</b>	J	Bird	Did Not Bat			
<b>11</b>	C	Williams	Did Not Bat			
<b>Extras:</b>						20
<b>Total for 2 wickets:</b>						229

**FOW: 1: 2: 3: 4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10:**

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Maidens</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wickets</b>
O Lerwill	4	1	20	0
S Fletcher	6	1	21	0
W Bicket	4	0	15	0
W Jelf	3	0	18	0
J Carr-Smith	8	2	41	0
C Carr-Smith	4	0	23	0
W Kincaid	8	0	52	0
Rowan McGregor	5	0	28	2

**Team Batting Second:** Stragglers of Asia

	<b>Inits</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>How Out</b>	<b>Fielder</b>	<b>Bowler</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1</b>	T	Lerwill	Caught	Edwards	Jamieson	35
<b>2</b>	S	Fletcher	Caught	Wright	Williams	17

<b>3</b>	I	Perry	Caught	Henwood	Bird	0
<b>4</b>	Rowan	McGregor*	Run out			11
<b>5</b>	O	Lerwill	Bowled		Armstrong	36
<b>6</b>	W	Jelf	LBW		Tucker	0
<b>7</b>	Robert	McGregor	Bowled		Wright	7
<b>8</b>	James	Carr-Smith	Not Out			11
<b>9</b>	Charles	Carr-Smith	Caught	Wright	Wright	0
<b>10</b>	W	Bicket	Not Out			2
<b>11</b>	W	Kincaid	Did Not Bat			3
<b>Extras:</b>						4
<b>Total for 8 wickets:</b>						123

**FOW: 1: 2: 3: 4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10:**

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Maidens</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wickets</b>
J Bird	6	0	22	1
C Williams	7	1	28	1
M Jamieson	7	1	23	1
N Armstrong	6	2	11	1
M Wright	10	2	21	2
D Tucker	5	2	7	1
S Henwood	1	1	0	0
M Edwards	4	2	10	0

**Match Report:** A lovely day was in prospect weather-wise as we arrived at Tidworth. The wicket looked its usual self, and proved to be slow and turning which is now always expected. The ground was a picture however, being a beautiful sight. The sight of the HKCC players warming up seriously after their overnight flight put us on warning of a very keen opposition. With this being the only warm-up match before HKCC's first ever match at Lord's, our opposition were extremely keen to do well personally to ensure their places for the big game.

It had been a struggle to get a side together, and I was extremely grateful to our players who turned out. Nevertheless we were a bit outgunned in terms of fitness and age, and tried to do our wily best.

HKCC played with 12 men but only 11 batted and fielded. Hong Kong batted first by mutual consent, and the openers were quickly on top. The score rattled up to 77 off 18 pretty tidy overs, and we were a little surprised to see the batsmen both retire. Very good spells by James Carr-Smith, and then his son Charles Carr-Smith kept the batsmen in check, but Numbers 3 and 4 were very accomplished players and they took the score from 77 to 182 with only an additional 15 overs faced until these batsmen also retired. Rowan McGregor and Bill Kincaid took over the bowling duties to stem the tide with McGregor senior picking up a couple of wickets including one

stumped by McGregor Junior (Rob). HKCC closed their innings on 229-7 after 42 overs of bowling.

Openers Tim Lerwill and Sam Fletcher got us off to a fine start against some aggressive bowling, putting on a quick 40, but the loss of Fletcher, Perry and Lerwill senior for an aggressive 35, saw us in some peril at 59-3. Lerwill junior and McGregor senior saw us through to 83 before an unfortunate run out saw the wickets then tumble. Ollie Lerwill played well for 36, and then a stubborn 9th wicket stand between James Carr-Smith and Willy Bicket saw no wickets fall for the last 10 overs, and a draw salvaged after 46 overs and a score of 123-8 on what had been a difficult day. 21 overs were bowled in the last hour!

Hong Kong lost their match at Lords, and then played a couple of relaxed games. We might look to be on the end of their tour next time! This was a possible first for the club in that three fathers and sons played for Stragglers...the Lerwills, McGregors and Carr-Smiths. Young Carr-Smith certainly looks a prospect with his fine action and accurate seam bowling.

*Editors note: games against the RAC (also at Tidworth) experienced multiple pairs of fathers and sons on the same field of play, very often playing against each other. The Carr-Smiths have also had 3 generations in the same game at least once.*