

Rossall 1st XI vs Merchant Taylors 1st XI – at Merchant Taylors

Saturday 1^{7th} April

Rossall Won Toss

| Name | How out | Runs Scored |
|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Armstrong | Ct. Southern b Andrews | 69 |
| Rigby | LBW Lester | 0 |
| Morrissey | Ct. Andrews b Williams | 44 |
| Lucas | LBW Wilson | 1 |
| Wilson | Ct. Hough b Andrews | 1 |
| Reade | b Wilson | 0 |
| Metcalf | LBW Metcalfe | 20 |
| Thompson | NOT OUT | 17 |
| Hudson | NOT OUT | 14 |
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Total 184-7

Rossall

| Name | How out | Runs Scored |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Dryden | Ct. Reade b Morrissey | 0 |
| Williams | b Morrissey | 3 |
| Hough | Ct. Hudson b Lucas | 15 |
| Rimmer | b Bell | 83 |
| Metcalfe | b Lucas | 13 |
| Southern | LBW Kennedy | 2 |
| Lester | b Bell | 25 |
| Wilson | Ct. Bell b Morrissey | 5 |
| Hodgson | b Armstrong | 1 |
| Lewis | NOT OUT | 2 |
| Andrews | NOT OUT | 1 |

Total 176-9

Merchant Taylors Won by 8 runs:

Man of the Match: Philip Rimmer

Summary: This was an encouraging start for the 1st XI in the first game of the domestic season. Merchant's were put in on what was a slow, green wicket and with lady luck on their side withstood good early pressure from Toby Lester (1-22) and Philip Rimmer (0-34). Charles Andrews (2-31) bowled beautifully on full debut and with the help of James Wilson (2-37) restricted Merchant's to 184-7. Early wickets for the home side and with the 1st XI struggling to form partnerships Merchant's were on top for the early part of the reply. Philip Rimmer showed grit and determination in making 83 and he was supported well by Toby Lester (25) as the game drew to a nail biting finish. When Toby Lester was clean bowled with 30 needed off 20 balls it left too much for tail to do; the 1st XI finishing 8 runs short. So nearly a fantastic start against opponents who Rossall have not met on the cricket field in a friendly fixture for more than 20 years.