

**CACCC v Merriott House**  
**Saturday 4 June 2011**

**Result: Win**

**CAC: 158-6 (Chamberlin 67; McConnell 29)**  
**Merriott: 69 (R-Hobbs 4-30; Warrington 3-15)**

Charles Hickey managed to get the First XI pitch at Downside which is a very picturesque and probably has the best facilities of anywhere we play. I won the toss and elected to bat on what turned out to be a fairly dusty wicket with variable bounce, but a good one none the less as one would expect from a public school's First XI's pitch. Alex Chamberlin and Gary McConnell got us off to an excellent start, putting on 112 for the first wicket at over 4 an over, but Merriott House put down far too many catches. Alex played his shots in his usual expansive style, while Gary dropped anchor (as he usually does!), at the other end, providing a perfect opening pair.

Alex reached his fifty off 58 balls in 61 minutes and eventually scored 11 4's before he was out and on the same score, Gary fell as often happens after a long partnership. The middle order failed miserably and the only highlight was a sumptuous cover drive by Stephen Bartley. Hamish Payne bowled well for the oppo and Patrick Hickey kept wicket tidily.

Although the boundaries were large, 158 was a reachable score and I had two opening bowlers who were a completely unknown quantity. However, Jono Remington-Hobbs and young Ferdie Warrington both bowled fantastic spells, completely destroying Merriott House, taking seven wickets between them. Ferdie looked as though he will be a fine bowler in 2-3 years. Merriott subsided, giving us victory by 99 runs.

Finally, a big thank you to the Hickeys who very kindly laid on a barbecue and had us all to stay.