

# Big-hitter Lines lashes out to secure friendly win

## FRIENDLY

Kidmore End 159-8 (40 ovs)  
Amersham 163-8 (39 ovs)  
Amersham won by 2 wickets

AMERSHAM are all set for their league campaign after recording their second victory in their third pre-season friendly on Saturday.

A cold breeze, the perpetual threat of rain and a damp ground favoured the bowlers at picturesque Kidmore End.

Amersham's trio of seamers, Alex Lines (2-31), Tom Dixon (1-21) and Andy Viney (3-28) made life very

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difficult for the home batsmen.

For Kidmore End, Tom Sheldon miscued Lines to the safe hands of Andy Viney at extra cover, Jeff Sheldon edged Andy Viney to brother Rob behind the stumps, and Ian Cuthbertson and Joe Waldron both miscued drives.

With the score at 60-5 with 15 of the 40 overs to go, Amersham were comfortably on top, but Paul Harper took the attack to the bowling, scoring 81.

He took advantage of a short

boundary on one side and was quick to pick up anything shy of a length.

The Amersham reply began calmly, with the Viney brothers both reaching 16 before falling to a mis-judged pull and a direct hit run-out.

That was quickly followed by two more wickets, leaving Amersham precariously poised at 63-4.

Jonathon Fowler (23) anchored the innings, creating partnerships with James Dolleymore (20), Abhay Mayer (17), and Tom Dixon (20 not out), and together they brought the target within reach.

The coup de grace was applied by Alex Lines (17 not out), who bludgeoned a six and a four in the penultimate over to reach the target.

Amersham's second XI recorded a 31 run victory over Kidmore End seconds. Paul Weston and Ian Rogers both passed 60, and Duncan Ward claimed four wickets.

This week, the more serious business of league cricket begins as the first XI host Maidenhead and Bray at Shardeloes, while the second and third teams visit Chalfont St Peter and Chesham respectively.