

27th September 2009: a red letter day for cricket in the South-West!

Bordeaux-Giscours CC beat CCSB95 by 49 runs to become National League Champions of France 2009

More than adequate revenge for their defeat at the hands of the same Ile-de-France club at La Brède in 2006.

Having won the toss, Bordeaux decided to bat and scored very slowly against a very accurate St Brice attack: 25 without loss** after 10 overs, pushing on to 70-2 after 20. Alex Durrans (63) and captain Neil Vasey (32) scored well until Durrans was run out at 141-3 after 35.

40 runs in the final 5 overs took the final score to 181-7.

St Brice captain Dipesh was their best bowler with 4-20 off just 3 overs; Prasant 2-23 off 8.

Batting after lunch (thanks to DCC, as ever, especially to Swaran), St Brice scored more freely; but they lost important early wickets: 18-2 after 4; 29-4 after 7.

Big hitting by Jignesh Patel (53) and Prasant (23) took the score to 111-4 after 20 overs.

At this stage, St Brice must have thought they had victory in sight.

They were not to know what might happen when Hugo Pinsent took his wicket pads off and turned bowler: 4 wickets in his first two overs and now it was 117-8 after 24.

Six overs later, on 30.4, St Brice were all out for 132.

Man-of-the-Match Pinsent took 4-7 off 5 overs; Ferreira 3-56 off 8; Snooke 2-23 off 8.

Congratulations to both sides on a very sporting match, played in excellent spirit.

And commiserations to Bordeaux opener Tom O'Gara who retired early ** with a fractured arm: but it was his replacement Benoît Tiedrez who took the catch for the final wicket.

Pictures will be loaded to the France Cricket Web site.