

**Oxfordshire Over 50s
Match Reports Wednesday 21st May 2025**

**Oxfordshire Over 50s vs Shropshire Over 50s
ECB 50+ County Championship,
Group 4 played at Wellington CC.**

Oxfordshire Seniors CC opted to bat first but lost 4 wickets for 45 runs on a difficult track. Oxfordshire Seniors stalwart, Andrew Hodder Williams, playing because of illness to skipper Mark Robey, and Matt Launchbury put on a crucial 102-run stand for the fifth wicket. Their resilience steadied the innings after early setbacks, helping Oxfordshire reach 175-7 in 45 overs.

In response, Oxfordshire's bowling attack proved lethal, particularly Dan Hartley, who tore through the batting lineup with an outstanding spell of 6-21 in 9 overs.

Shropshire struggled to find any rhythm, losing wickets at regular intervals. Nick Rivett (2-9) also played a key role in cleaning up the tail, ensuring Shropshire never recovered.

Shropshire's batting woes were evident as no batter managed to reach double figures, with the highest individual score being Mark Jones' 9 off 22 balls. The team was bundled out for just 38 runs in 18 overs, handing Oxfordshire a resounding victory.

Key Highlights:

- 🏏 Dan Hartley's match-winning spell (6-21)
- 🏏 Matt Launchbury and Andrew Hodder Williams' 102-run partnership
- 🏏 Shropshire bowled out for just 38 runs.

A dominant win for Oxfordshire Seniors CC, displaying both batting grit and bowling precision, ensuring maximum points from the contest.

**Oxfordshire Over 50s 2nd XI v Berkshire 2nd XI
ECB 50+ 2nd XI County Championship
Group C played at Aston Rowant CC**

Oxfordshire Seniors CC's Over 50s 2nd Team put on a dominant display against Berkshire Over 50s 2nd XI, securing a comprehensive 10-wicket victory.

After electing to field first, Oxfordshire restricted Berkshire to 209-7 in 41 overs, before an emphatic batting performance saw them chase down a revised target of 207 in just 25.1 overs without losing a wicket.

Berkshire began positively, reaching 50 runs in 9.2 overs, however, the middle order struggled against Oxfordshire's disciplined bowling from Wilkins and Kelly.

An 8th-wicket partnership between Ravi Godbole (50) and Rob Ettridge (42) added 100 runs in 96 balls to propel Berkshire to 209-7 in their allotted 41 overs.

The pick of the Oxfordshire bowlers was Stephen Kelly, who claimed 3-33 in 8 overs, while Neil Wilkins (2-19) provided control

Oxfordshire's response was nothing short of spectacular. Richard Stephenson (75 off 61 balls) and Lee Marland (127 off 90 balls) stitched together a record-breaking

unbroken opening stand to chase the target without losing a wicket in just 25.1 overs.

Marland was particularly destructive, blasting 23 fours on his way to an unbeaten 127, while Stephenson played the perfect support role. Their aggressive stroke play dismantled Berkshire's bowling attack, never allowing them a breakthrough.

Key Performances:

- 🏏 Lee Marland's unbeaten century (127 off 90 balls, 23 fours)
- 🏏 Richard Stephenson's anchoring 75 off 61 balls
- 🏏 Stephen Kelly's 3-33 in 8 overs

A clinical victory for Oxfordshire Seniors 2nd XI, marking another dominant display in the 50+ County Championship.

The 3rd XI had a week off.

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