

Oxfordshire Over 50s CC

Match Reports 18th June 2025

Shaun Miller Marks 100th Wicket in Seniors Cricket

ECB 50+ County Championship – Group 4, Wednesday 18 June 2025

Ebbw Vale CC

Result: Cricket Wales won by 98 runs

Shaun Miller recorded a remarkable personal feat in Oxfordshire Over 50s' clash with Cricket Wales, claiming his 100th wicket in Seniors Cricket and scoring 46 in a hard-fought but ultimately unsuccessful run chase.

After Cricket Wales elected to bat, Miller showed his customary control to return 3 for 37, while Dan Hartley grabbed 4 for 30 in an incisive spell through the middle overs. Despite that, half-centuries from Iwan Rees (51), Tim Hemp (53) and Zulfiqar Ali (50) ensured the hosts built a strong platform.

In reply, Oxfordshire were rocked by an early collapse, slumping to 34 for 5 against a probing spell from Jon Toghill (4–32). Miller then led a spirited recovery with his highest score for the county, ably supported by Nick Rivett (17*), but the visitors eventually closed on 151 for 9.

While the result went against them, Miller's milestone moment provided a silver lining—his contributions with both ball and bat standing out in a testing encounter.

Shaun's Oxfordshire Seniors' bowling record is;

Overs 581.3, Maidens 64, Runs Conceded 2,357, Wickets 100

Average 23.57, Strike Rate 34.88

Oxfordshire Over 50s 2nd XI v Hampshire Over 50s 2nd XI

ECB 50+ County Championship – Group C, Wednesday 18 June 2025

Aston Rowant CC

Result: Hampshire won by 4 wickets

Oxfordshire posted a competitive 248 for 4 after winning the toss and choosing to bat on a bright day at Aston Rowant. The innings was held together by the measured 63 from opener Andrew Hodder Williams and further accelerated by a dynamic lower-order surge. Steve Beck smashed 64* from just 39 balls—including a 50 from only 32 deliveries—while Greg Pearson bludgeoned 50* from 27 to give the innings a powerful finish.

Hampshire's chase initially faltered to 27 for 3, thanks to early wickets from Gary Cook (2–60) and Chris Panter (1–42). But then came a remarkable counter-attack: Jim Stokes-Edwards produced a sensational unbeaten 164 off 114 balls, peppered with 16 fours and 8 sixes. Supported by Andrew Worth's composed 32*, the pair added a match-winning 149-run stand for the seventh wicket as Hampshire crossed the line in the 43rd over.

Despite strong individual performances, Oxfordshire were left to rue opportunities missed in the field.

Chahal and Smith Lead the Charge as Oxfordshire 3rd XI Seal Third Win

50+ 3rd XI County Championship – West Midlands, Wednesday 18 June 2025

Aston Rowant CC

Result: Oxfordshire won by 5 wickets

Oxfordshire Over 50s 3rd XI made it three wins from five with a composed run chase against Worcestershire, reaching their target of 210 with just three balls to spare at Aston Rowant.

After electing to field because both opening batters were still at work, Oxfordshire took to the field with 9 players. After a difficult opening 7 overs the introduction of debutant Matt Smith and established spinner Gary Butler delivered a disciplined bowling performance to restrict Worcestershire to 209 for 7 from their 40 overs. Butler with 3–35 and Steve Kelly 2–38 took were the most successful bowlers.

In reply, Oxfordshire's innings was anchored by a masterful 98 from Jagi Chahal—a knock of timing and precision that set the tone for the chase. When he fell just short of a deserved century, Matthew Smith (45) picked up the baton with maturity and calm. Finishing flourishes from *Chris Mitty* (15 off 7)* helped Oxfordshire over the line at 215 for 5 in 39.3 overs.

This latest result keeps Oxfordshire 3rd XI's strong momentum rolling—three wins from five and confidence building across the squad as the season progresses.

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