

### **3<sup>rd</sup> XI County Championship**

#### **Oxfordshire Over 50s 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Warwickshire**

**Result:** *Oxfordshire won by 5 wickets*

*Oxfordshire 3rd XI: 221-5 (44.2 overs) | Warwickshire 4th XI: 220 all out (44.4 overs)*

Oxfordshire's Over 50s 3rd XI kept their campaign alive with a thrilling 5-wicket win over Warwickshire's 4th XI in a high-stakes clash at Bicester and North Oxford CC. The win propels Oxfordshire to the next phase of the competition, where they'll face Cornwall on 6 August.

After winning the toss and opting to bat, Warwickshire started cautiously, reaching 50 in 12.4 overs. Despite promising partnerships, Oxfordshire's bowlers chipped away. Alastair Eykyn led the attack with 4 wickets (7.4-0-29-4), ably supported by Richard Poyser (3-37). Warwickshire were bowled out for 220, just short of what they might've hoped given their platform.

Oxfordshire responded assertively, reaching 100 in just 21 overs. The chase wobbled briefly at 66-3, but *Paul Reynolds* (56 off 90 balls)\* stood firm. He found an ideal partner in Alastair Eykyn (48 off 59), the pair adding 100 runs for the fifth wicket to bring Oxfordshire within touching distance.

The winning moment came in the final over, with *Frederick Price* (4)\* easing Oxfordshire over the line at 221-5.

Cornwall awaits.