

Cricket

2007/8



1st XI Cricket Report 2008



Played 7 Won 2 Lost 4 Drew 1 Cancelled 3

A rain interrupted start to the season meant that the first game was not until May 7th away to Ashdown House. Some rather listless bowling and sloppy fielding saw them reach 145 for 2. In reply we were all out for 74. A few headless chickens threw their wickets away when they should have batted for the draw instead of personal glory. As it was we hung on until the last over with Alex Pugh and Oliver Giles nearly saving honour.

St Ronans were helped to 163 for 6 with no less than 46 extras on their score from some woeful bowling. Wides and no balls galore. Then, inexplicably in an overs match, the team made no attempt to chase the run rate and were well beaten as we finished on only 132 for 7. This game was lost in the first 10 overs of our innings when we only got 21 runs. Game over.

On to St Andrews and we batted really well to score 145 for 8 but this wasn't enough on the day and they chased down our total to win in the last over.

Against Holmewood House it was the same old story. They got over 150 runs and we never looked capable of overhauling their total. The match was surrendered in the first 10 overs again as the batsmen could not keep up with the run rate in the face of some tight bowling.

Three games cancelled due to rain, four games lost and I was glad to see the back of May.

The first win of the season came on 4th June in CE week when we played Marlborough House. With an all Year 8 team (the Year 7s were winning at Eastbourne College) we scored 91 for 9 which never looked enough until some inspired fielding and sharp bowling from Sam Piper and Josh Jones saw Marlborough hit the self destruct button and they collapsed to 53 all out. A win at last!



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At home to Sevenoaks Prep, the team got them out for 70 and knocked off the winning runs for the loss of 3 wickets. Two wins!

At home to Claremont we amassed 166 for 5, our highest total of the season but narrowly failed to bowl them out in the time allowed and they ended up 140 for 9 - match drawn.

Team badges (for 3 games or more) were awarded to William Furlong, William Orr, Sam Piper, Archie Todd, Freddie Stork, Harry Coombes, Rob Flett, Jamie Wardle, Alex Pugh, Oliver Giles and Josh Jones,.

Full colours were awarded to William Furlong, William Orr, Harry Coombes and Robert Flett.

The player of the season was Jamie Wardle (Players Choice)
The Batting trophy went to William Furlong
The Bowling trophy went to Robert Flett
The All Rounder trophy went to Harry Coombes.
Archie Todd took the most number of catches six.

NJB

2nd XI Cricket Report 2008



Played 8 Won 6 Lost 1 Drawn 1

The 2nds have had another successful and enjoyable season with convincing wins against St Ronans, Marlborough House, Great Walstead, Sevenoaks and Claremont. They started with the match of the season winning against Ashdown House by 1 wicket on the last ball of the day.

The boys have once again played with great commitment and bonded well together on the field. I would like to thank the whole squad for making it a very pleasurable time and Jack Newman for leading the side with great maturity. Well Done!

C.Sloan



3rdXI Cricket Season Review

Once again I was given the honour of coaching a 3rd XI team this year, and having had such successful rugby and hockey seasons I was very much looking forward to taking the 3rds for cricket. Throughout the year I have coached most of the Year 7 & 8s in some shape or form and it has been wonderful to see the commitment that they have to bettering themselves as sports men as well as bettering themselves as people. I think the boys were slightly surprised by the strict regime that I enforced on them and the high standards to which I expected them to aspire. Though training was tough we discovered some truly talented cricketers.



After two disappointing weeks of rain which saw our first two matches versus Yardley Court and D.P.S. rained off, we commenced our season against Ashdown House. From the off we were the strong favourites. Though our innings started slowly we were able to amass 118 for 9, with Arthur Walsh scoring a classy 26 and Ed Rogers blistering a quick 31, in one of the more unorthodox innings of the season. With a reasonable total on the board we proceeded to rip through the Ashdown defences, Nick McWilliams leading the way taking 3 wickets for 12 runs. However, it was our fielding that really won us the game as we rattled Ashdown with four run outs.

In our next match we hosted a rather under strength St Ronans team who were all too keen to put us into bat. Again after a slow start Finnbar Dexter and Arthur Walsh shone with the bat combining for a partnership of 34. However Mr. Dexter soon fell, yet Arthur was joined at the crease by our summer intern from the 2nd XI, Andrew Everall, who blasted a quick 31 not out while Arthur continued on to make a scintillating 46 not out. This put us on 158 for four at tea. However, St Ronans were never really up to the task, and the match all but won until old father time caught up with us, leaving us one over to get two wickets, Aaron Lam came on to finish an epic spell, not only taking 6 wickets for 30 runs, but picking up the final wicket with the last ball of the match. Of course this win never could have been achieved without excellent bowling from Greg Morley and Dom Williamson.

In possibly our toughest match, we were to play our first limited overs cricket of the season, and with a new format, new heroes emerged. As we put St Andrews into bat, Antonio Tena-Lopez bowled some deadly lines to pick up 5 wickets for 16 runs, and again our fielding shocked St Andrews into making mistakes, as Julian Serra took two magnificent catches in the covers on debut. This left us to get 90 runs from our 20 overs. With the bat, Josh Huntington- Rainey starred notching up a classy 28 runs and anchored the innings with great professionalism. However as time ticked away it was up to our lower order batsmen to hit the winning runs, with Fred Gregory and Greg Morley putting together a tasty little partnership to win us the match.

The season finale took place at Holmewood House, where our confidence showed to such an extent our players were asked to silence their 'inane banter' in the field. Yet this did not deter our boys, and despite some gritty batting from Holmewood, Antonio Tena-Lopez was able to take three wickets and Arthur Walsh two, as we restricted them to an average total. Then, with his sights set on a big score, Radley Troy constructed a fine innings of 34 not out, and we closed our season with another fantastic win. Much credit must go to Radley's supporting cast of Jasper Keeling, Will Barrington and Arthur Walsh.

It has been a superb season for all concerned, and it has been full of learning and laughs, and I hope the boys enjoyed it as much as I did. It was a pleasure seeing the boy's cricket develop so much over such a short period of time, and I wish them well in all their future sporting careers because I know that every single one of them has the potential to succeed if they have the will to do so.



4th XI Season 2008

The 4th XI have played two matches this season, winning both of them comfortably. There was a very talented squad of players to choose from and the difficulty was in deciding who to leave out of the match with so many people staking a good claim for a place. The first match was against St Andrew's and some great bowling and fielding, notably by Dominic Williamson and Christopher Bensted-Smith saw us restrict the opposition to 90 for 9 in their 20 overs. This was never going to be enough with such a talented batting line up and 13 overs later it was all over with captain Jasper Keeling leading the way with a well struck 45 to secure a 7 wicket victory.

The next match was against St Ronan's 3rd XI and again the team produced a fine all-round performance. Batting first, we made 152 for 6 off our allotted 25 overs thanks to some excellent batting from Christopher Bensted-Smith (21 retired), Asis de la Maza (27 retired) and John Wheeler (19 not out). A notable feature of the innings was the positive running between the wickets. A fine bowling and fielding display saw us bowl the opposition out for a meagre 33, Alvaro Gomez Tena leading the way with 3 for 3. Asis also took two good catches as did Sam Barrett who produced the catch of the match.

Well played everybody!

EYB

Under 12 Team Coached by Test Match Stars



The highlight of the season was the performance of the Under 12 squad who won the Eastbourne College 7-a-side competition, beating Holmewood House in the final. The reward for our victory was a coaching session by the international stars of the Lashings team, including Ritchie Richardson and John Embury.

The boys were photographed with Alvin Kallicharran (West Indies) and Alan Mulally (England). In the afternoon the team watched Eastbourne College play the Lashings; Sachin Tendulkar signed all the boys' souvenir bats and then delighted the crowd with a handsome fifty.

Freddie Stork, the Under 12 captain, represented the Eastern Eagles Sussex team and Xavier Yeats-Brown trained with the Kent Under 12 squad.



COLTS A



The season ended on a high note with a crushing 9 wicket victory over Claremont with James McNeilly claiming a hat-trick to finish with 3 for 4 off 2 overs.

In several games, one batsman played an innings of substance, Nick Jarrett-Potts 45, Dominic Simmons 33, William Collier 41 not out, Daniel Hutt 30; all made starts but only once did a real partnership develop and that was between Will (36 not out) and Dominic (33). As the lads progress in their cricket careers they will realise how important it is to build in partnerships.

The bowling was steady - Daniel Hutt bowled with pace and good control and finished the season with 10 wickets. Others, like James McNeilly, Jack Banks and Zack Keeling, all showed that they have the potential to develop into good bowlers but the challenge for all the team is to eliminate the bad balls which all too often proved costly.

Fielding was an area which improved throughout the season but lapses in concentration need to be eradicated and catches need to be taken. Jamie Mackwood excelled behind the stumps and his enthusiasm and encouragement to others was always 100%, but to progress further Jamie needs to turn his 10s into higher scores.

It is always hard to mention everyone but the squad's desire to succeed and will to win were never in doubt and with a little more experience and controlled enthusiasm then I am sure 2009 will bring the Team more victories.

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COLTS B





UNDER 10As CRICKET



Although there were more losses than wins, the improvements made by the squad throughout the term have been encouraging and there has been a positive approach to matches, particularly in defeat against two strong schools in St Andrews and Holmewood House where one boy scored a century. Fourteen boys have represented the A team playing at least one match.

Played 5 Won 2 Lost 3:

Squad: J. Piper/ G. Birrell/ A. Dunn/ I. Elliott/ T. Bromfield/ M. Schiavi/ T. Winchester/ G. Sunyer/ A. McAlister/ R. McWilliams/ M. Thomas/ J. Moug/ O. Crawford/ D. Hotz.

Highlight of the season.

The teams' first win against Sutton Valence with Jasper Piper scoring 60 not out.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the boys who have played this ter, Mr Walter for all of his help and all the parents who have supported the team through thick and thin.

UNDER 9s CRICKET



The Under 9A team has made some worthwhile progress during the course of their season. The pairs cricket format is quite a challenging version of the game which demands real team effort. Towards the end of the term it was clear that most of the boys had started to appreciate that they have to concentrate throughout the game: especially in the field. I was delighted with the standard of running between the wickets in the final match against Claremont. We also bowled accurately and this meant that our opponents lost 13 wickets at a cost of 65 runs.

The other highlight of the season was the nail-biting win at St Ronans. George Mannion kept his head and bowled with great control to ensure that we sneaked home by 2 runs.

The team has been well led by Xavier Yeats-Brown in most of the matches. He has set a fine example with his mesmeric left arm spin and stylish batting. Ralph Willis Fleming has impressed as an all-rounder and he was the boys' choice as Player of the Season. Benedict Meehan has shown promise as a solid opening batsman.

The Under 9 B team played one match against St Andrews. Although the game was lost there was fine play from Sam Lloyd and James Fosbery.

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