

ORCC 4th XI End of Season Report

Well, here we are then. End of another season, and what a season it's been for the club! Big congrats to the 1s on promotion and the 3s on winning their league. Also, congratulations must go to the Sunday 1s for winning both of their leagues.

So, to the 4's. First things first, I would like to say a massive thanks to Pat and all the girls that help out doing our teas at Nursery Road! Teas have been outstanding all season and have provided ample sustenance for all!

I think it's fair to say that amid the April showers, the season started with a bang. A vicious assault by Padge consigned Sinjuns to a 1 wicket defeat and my time in charge of the 4s was up and running! We have managed to finish 3rd in an extremely competitive league, which has completely exceeded my expectations and shows that the club's future is in rude health.

Throughout the season, we have had a wonderful bowling attack, lead by the ever present Tony Green. We have also seen some exciting young bowling talent in Mohammed, Duffy, Hussein, Callum, Hamza, Sam Oswald and Harry Crocker. The emergence of all this young bowling talent will really stand the club in good stead for the future. Special mention must go to Mo, who has played throughout most of the season and has proved to be exceptional at wrapping up tail enders, winning us several games in the process and restricting teams to below par scores

Batting has proved to be somewhat problematic, where we quite often manage to get off to a good start before collapsing to a middling score. There have been several notable performances with the bat this season, Corbey's ton against Old Wimbledonians, Padge's half century against Sinjun's first game of the season, Isaac Braithwaite's assault on debut in which he reduced Oxted's opening bowler to tears, a couple of classy fifties from Rob Lever and Kash against Streatham & Marlborough at home, and a classy knock from MVP against Worcester Park at Nursery Road. Special mention must go to a fantastic rearguard action by Mark Lever and Tony Green, who defied Sinjun's bowlers in the pitch darkness and pouring rain for nearly 20 overs to earn a losing draw. Cameo's have also been provided by Scutts, Beardo, Eshen, Stu, Condron, Duffy, Mo and Greeno at several points throughout the season which have helped chase down scores or set a respectable total.

We have had a great home record, only losing 2 games at Nursery Road all season, but our travels have proved less than fruitful. Our only away win (not including Wimbledon away) came against Banstead in a low scoring affair. Although we have put up some valiant efforts, especially the winning draw against Old Wimbledonians and the losing draw to Sinjuns, our away form is the only real negative this season.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone at the club for making my first season at the Ruts incredibly enjoyable and for making me feel like I've been at the club forever, even though I only joined in February. If you've played under me this season, I apologise if I've run around like a headless chicken at times but hope that my captaincy has improved and evolved over the season.

Onwards and upwards for next season!

Hope everyone has a good winter and I'll see you all in the New Year for pre season nets,

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