

PTCC WEL Team Captain's Report

The PTCC WEL team began their Division 2 campaign with a strong win against Colehill (at Colehill) with Lewis M unlucky to be caught just three runs short of a well-deserved half-century.

Aside from a minor stumble against Wimborne at home, our good form continued, albeit against the league's lower-ranked sides. That momentum came to an abrupt halt in the away fixture against the Suttoners; PTCC batted first - posting what looked like a commanding 180, built on a quick-fire 58 from Ben Wright (who survived several near-misses at the hands of Stu "Wrighty's Kryptonite" Peters!) and a composed 43 from the unlucky-to-be-run-out Jono Ramsey. However, they say good drama needs both tragedy and comedy, and Poole Town's fielding and bowling delivered both in generous measures and the Suttoners chased down the total with ease.

The return fixture against Colehill followed; batting first again PTCC, produced a rather subdued performance (Jono Ramsey once again the standout with 54no) which left Colehill under little pressure during the chase. Despite James Kirk getting a couple of early wickets to give us hope, they ultimately reached the target with a couple of overs to spare.

Our next big test was away to league leaders Wimborne. Strong knocks by Ben Wright (64) and Jono Ramsey (72) formed the bulk of a competitive 176/3. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough: Wimborne hunted down the total in the 11th over, losing just one wicket in the process.

PTCC bounced back emphatically in the following match, securing a convincing win over Broadstone at Charborough Road. Ben Wright produced a commanding century (104), well supported by Lewis M (44no).

The final game of the season saw the Suttoners visit Poole Park for the reverse fixture. Poole batted first, posting a modest yet defendable 121/7. What was shaping up to be a dramatic final-over finish was sadly abandoned due to bad light, with the Suttoners at 115/6.

In the end, PTCC finished a respectable, if distant, third in Division 2; so a bounce back to Division 1 wasn't on the cards this year, and perhaps that's for the best. Across all but one match, I think we fielded players from all five Saturday teams, which is fantastic for club cohesion but, realistically, not quite a recipe for Division 1 success.

A huge thank-you to everyone who committed their time throughout the season. A special mention goes to Ben Wright; well-deserved Player of the Season, not just for his runs, but for bringing some structure on the field! Bowling wise – well done to regular tag-team, dream-team openers - James Kirk and Scott Bellamy.

Thanks Ben