

Good evening,

I would like to run for 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain for next season again if everybody is happy to have me for another season at the least. I was going to use my speech from the dinner for this, but organised Jordy decided he wouldn't need that and deleted it. This is my PG summary of the 2023 season along with a few hopes and plans for the 2024 campaign.

Last season saw us come up just short of a strong Wimborne (Strong in terms of financial backing) side on the last day as once again the weather got the better of yet another game. I genuinely can't remember a season where I have played such little Saturday cricket due to the weather, maybe Greta is right, climate change is a serious problem. After 2 cancelled games and 3 wash outs we finished the season with 2 defeats and 11 victories out of the 13 completed matches.

The 2023 squad had a very different feel about it compared to the successful 2022 championship winning team. This season resulted in chances being given more frequently to those younger players from the PTCC academy. It was great to see the improvement in Pat Reynolds and Josiah Edy throughout the season. 1<sup>st</sup> XI debuts were also handed out to Wrighty and Jenson who I am sure will be regulars in the 1<sup>st</sup> team in seasons to come. Next season is a very exciting season for Wrighty in particular as his 1<sup>st</sup> season as a 1<sup>st</sup> XI player was unfortunately cut short.

Onto next season, the league has a much different look to it with the Dorset cricket league taking inspiration from the SPL in creating a league of just 6 teams. It is to be a very exciting season for the 1<sup>st</sup> team as we look to bring the premier league title back to where it belongs, a slightly fire damaged Poole Park pavilion. With changes in formats and the introduction of coloured clothing its going to be a brilliant experience for everyone involved. Once again, a few changes will be made to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI squad which again have an emphasis on youth and growth from within.

I have a few plans for how the 1<sup>st</sup> team can improve not just on the pitch but also off it by adding a few new things to improve the playing experience!

Thanks a lot,

Jordy x