

Captains Report 2020

This season was full of challenges for obvious reasons; however, I was incredibly impressed with the resounding positivity and eagerness of the whole club to get cricket on! Every week was a selection 'headache' in the best possible way with great availability.

The league itself was a reduced format facing just 5 other teams without having the reverse home/away fixture. We started incredibly strongly winning our first 4 on the bounce with decisive victories over Swanage, Winton, Witchampton and Wareham. Going top of the league (over Bournemouth) due to our resilience and not calling a game off for 'mild' rain against Wareham as it seems every other team in Dorset did.

Then came the last game of the season against the big rivals Bournemouth 4s at Poole park, all we needed was high scoring loss to secure top place and after a promising opening to our bowling things were looking good. Unfortunately, things quickly turned around and Bournemouth scored quick runs followed by a Poole town batting collapse reminiscent of india's 36all out meaning we lost the game and the league by a few points. However, like India we will be back to smash the Aussies (Bournemouth) next season.

Despite a disappointing end, the season as a whole was brilliant, I was particularly impressed by the introduction of a lot of junior players into the 3rd team (some of whom quickly proved they were far to talented to be there and rapidly progressed to the 2nd team). Some notable performances from the season were Tom Perry's 6-46, Matt Hobbs and Chakeam Beagley top scored in a single innings with 81 runs each and Ben Pocknell being the highest run scorer over the whole season with 168 runs. I couldn't have asked for a more enthusiastic and fun group of players who turned up every week giving there all.

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