

U15s Cricket report 7th May, 2018

A great start to the season today. We welcomed Esher CC to Poplar Road in glorious conditions, the ground looked a picture under Mediterranean skies. We had a fresh track cut towards the furthest boundary and it played well.

We won the toss and put them into bat. Our bowling was better than their batting, albeit giving away 31 extras in only 125 balls bowled! They only scored 48 off the bat, giving them a total of 79.

2 wickets each for Sameer, Raffy and Luke T-P and 3 for Evan and a consolation for David Q. Raffy bowled tightest with less extras and an average of only 3 runs for his 2 wicks.

3 good catches in the field (2 from Evan and 1 from Luke T-P).

Esher only used 20.5 or their allocated 24 overs but managed a robust 9th wicket stand of 34(which gave an indication of how different the result could have been had they not thrown their wickets away early-on).

In reply, our openers (Jake and Archie) went cheaply for 2 and 1 respectively (both batsmen swinging in an agricultural style to straight balls), but Luke T-P steadied the ship with the skipper David Q and they put on 26 runs before David was caught offering up a soft catch to short mid-on. Luke was joined at the wicket by Lewis and they took the score from 32 to a winning 84 for no further loss. Luke the senior partner all day ended with 52 not out with some cracking boundaries (7 four's and a six). That left us with 6 players who did not bat. A thumping victory by any measure, well done all.

Next week there is a cup game for the 'A's keep your eyes peeled for invites to play-up. The next B team match on 20th May is away to Cheam, we will have 2 teams playing that Sunday so everyone can expect a game. See you all at training this Thursday night.

Bob

PS thanks to Andrew Tindale-Paul for scoring, and Bubbs for sorting the drinks.