

## Match report U15 'b's 17-06-2018

We were hosted by Old Wimbledonians today at Coombe Lane, our old foe who we played 3 times last season (that 'mini series' ended 1 win each and a tie, so nothing between us)

We were short of players for this League match and were helped out by an U14(K Kumar) and an U13 (Jo Park) which made us up to 10 in total, but the 8 U15's were the core of the regular team.

We lost the toss and were put-in to bat. Jo Park opened with the skipper Iftika and they made steady progress to 23 for the loss of the 1<sup>st</sup> wicket when a soft catch was offered up by the skip. Jo was bowled out for a creditable 15, the 2<sup>nd</sup> wick went down at 39 runs. The 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket partnership was the game changer with Luke Gallagher joining Archie Gordon Smith for a terrific 60 partnership, with Luke bowled-out on 21 and Archie eventually run-out on 42. A cameo knock from Nic Barry who was not out 17 at the end of the 24 overs. We had lost only 6 wickets and set a target of 144, our best total for the last two seasons!

Incredibly our bowling was even better,

Raffy: 3 overs, 1 maiden, 12 runs for 1 wicket

Luke: 2 overs, 1 maiden, 7 runs for no wicks

Iftika: 4 overs, 2 maidens, 3 runs for 5 wicks, yes a five'fer for only 3 runs- a really good performance.

Contributions with one wick each for both Milan and Mathew Coxon, and a couple of run-outs sealed the deal. We had them all ends up in 13 overs, and won by 82 runs.

I told the lads afterwards Eranga would have been very pleased with several aspects of our play, namely in the field, we were sharp to the ball and stopped nearly everything, backed-up well, took 3 catches.

When batting, our running between wickets was very good, calling clear and strong. But overall it was our intensity which was the difference between the teams, the opposition were quiet with little or no encouragement for teammates, we were polar opposites, not to the point of being overbearing but the difference between the teams was stark, we looked like we wanted the win much more than they did, and so we did.

The b-team game next week (24<sup>th</sup>) is scheduled against Worcester Park but they have already alerted us to a problem with them being able to raising a team, we will keep you informed and should have a better grasp of the situation by Thursday training. I know it's Rutlish DoE trip Thursday/Friday so we will be light on people training- keep your eyes open for emails from Jen on location of training and next weeks' match.

Well done everyone on a great performance today.

Bob

PS Thanks to Duncan G-S for scoring today.