

Match report: Sunday 24 June 2018. U15 b's

We hosted Worcester Park today. The league fixture was conceded prior because they could not raise a full U15 side, however they did manage to cobble together 8 players of various ages to play a friendly. Similarly, we had 8 U15's and 3 U14's, and we lent fielders and their top order batted twice.

David Q skippered, won the toss and decided we would bat. Steady and surefooted was the watchword, Iftika and Lewis opened the batting for a 1<sup>st</sup> wicket stand of 72 in 15 overs. Iftika bowled out on 29 (including one glorious 6 straight over the sightscreens into the trees and a lost ball). We were not the sharpest at pinching runs and did not run the 1<sup>st</sup> fast enough, we left 10-12 runs out on the pitch. Eranga would have been handing out press-up penalties to both openers.

David promoted himself up the order to inject some urgency into proceedings and certainly pushed the score along in a healthy fashion, Lewis was 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket down with our total at 148 in 23 overs, Lewis making 45. At the close David was not out 47, the batting performance of the day.

We set them 157 to win. Worcester Park only reached 105 all out, so a good win by 51 runs.

Bowling was spread around amongst 7 players, figures below:

Luke G: 5 overs/0 maidens/18 runs/4 wicks

David Q: 5/1/10/2

Iftika: 4/0/14/2

Fred R: 2/0/12/0

Milan P: 2/0/6/1

Yannik KB: 3/0/14/0

K Kumar: 2/0/8/0

Not the most competitive game we will have this season but a win all the same on a sunny day in June. We need to practise catching, 3 or 4 went to ground today, which against better opposition may have been more costly.

Next Sunday 1st July our league fixture has already been cancelled and we are seeking a friendly with Old Wimbledonians, we are struggling again for numbers so keep your eye out for Jenny's emails.

Thanks to the three U14's who volunteered today to make up our side to 11, I'm sorry you didn't get more of a chance to shine.

Bob

Thx to Bubbs for umpiring.