

1st Team Captains Report

I would firstly like to thank all of the committee members who continuously put in countless hours of their own time into running such a great club we have at Hythe! It has been a challenging couple of seasons with everything that we have been out against, but we thrive and keep pushing together as one, and hope we continue to do so in future years to come.

I'd like to thank Chivvy for preparing some cracking wickets and the support given throughout the seasons gone past. Tom Gates (Vice Captain), Matt Young, and all those who played for the first XI cricket, for their efforts in the past season. As a lot are already aware of, I will not be continuing as club captain going forward, but will be looking to support the ones in the coming seasons both on and off the field.

From what turned out to be a testing year for us, we always held our heads high and left everything out on the field, in which I couldn't have asked for anymore.

Notable stats for batting go to the run machine Matt Young with 257 runs @ an average of 25.70, Tom Gates 245 runs @ an average of 22.27, and Will McKay with 141 runs @ an average of 28.20.

Bowling stats were led by Big Tim with 15 wickets @ an average of 18.33, Tom Gates with 12 wickets @ an average of 20.58, Wayne Royan with 11 wickets @ an average of 17.27, and the up and coming and impressive Ben Holbrook with 9 wickets @ an average of 27.22.

Notable performances go to the postman Jon Stovell for his scintillating 75 up at Tichborne Park on what was considered a minefield on the day. True class shows through in such scenarios.

Wayne Royan in the same game cleaning up once more taking 5-38 to top off a very good win for the lads!

Gatesy and Youngers opening stand in the opening game week against Basingstoke was certainly one to remember with a 154 run stand, superb efforts unfortunately hindered by the close defeat on the day. However their strong starts given us decent platforms for the season ahead.

In early May, Big Tim delivered an awesome spell against Hook at home taking his career best figures of 7-21 causing serious trouble for their lot, unfortunately we ended up coming short in our chase in what proved to be a difficult deck to score on after the rain break.

The youngsters coming through in TJ, Ben, Lex, Noah, and DJ; all gained some important experience in playing the bulk of the games which will no doubt will do them and the club good going forward in the coming years.

During this interim period with the continued efforts to push our youngsters through the system has proved to be worth while move, who have handsomely kept on progressing with superb efforts in what proved to be a challenging league for us this past season, but will no doubt build and gain so much experience from their time in the side.

I would lastly like to thank all the club members for the continued support you have given both myself and the club over the years I have had as skip, we wouldn't be the club we are now without all of you.

Up the hythe!

Tom