

HYTHE UNDER 11'S NEWSLETTER:

Match Report:

Hythe U11s played Folkestone Downey on a very cold Sunday morning at Cheriton Rd (9/5/10) and won by 24 runs.



Making his debut for Hythe was **Matt**, who fitted in well with the team. Both sides were a player short.

Hythe fielded first and looked good in the field. There were some good chases and dives at the boundaries edge by **Max** and **Sam** to save runs. **Sam** scored a direct hit run out from square leg, a good throw with only 1 stump to aim at.

Hannah showed great presence of mind to warn a batsman at the non-strikers end who was "stealing" ground with his backing up.

Joseph kept well again. Very few byes were conceded and most balls that went through to him were taken cleanly. *I saw a couple of good diving leg side takes when I was umpiring at square leg that certainly saved runs. I spoke to Joseph at the end of the game about a potential run out. If in doubt in these situations take the bails off quickly with the ball and appeal loudly to the umpire. The umpire is there to make decisions and at the very worst you will wake him up!*

Matt stopped a couple of drives that were hit his way and did well to quickly acclimatise to being out in the middle.

Harry and **Francesca** both fielded cleanly and kept their concentrations levels high as the ball did not visit them much. It would have been easy to flag a little on such a cold day.

As a team we need to back up at the stumps more when throws are coming in. If the ball has not been hit to you, you still need to watch the game. Try to anticipate if a throw is going to be made and if you can move quickly to back up the person at the stumps. Also remember when bowling to get back to your wickets if runs are being taken so that fielders can throw to you. You might be able to run someone out!

Sam and **Max** bowled fast, tight spells, conceding a total of 10 runs between them. **Matt** opened the bowling and, though struggling with his line, did his best to straighten up and had no problems hitting a good length.

The same story for **Francesca** who toiled in the cold and wet and struggled to get the ball straight enough. She was also unfortunate to be no-balled by me for a double bounce (Sorry) when she got the ball through a batsman and on to the wickets.

Harry bowled a pretty economical spell, **including a maiden**. Again the length was good but line at times was a problem.

Our bowling star of the day was Hannah, who claimed the bowling point with fantastic match figures of **3 overs 1 maiden 2 wickets 9 runs**. The maiden over was actually a double wicket maiden. This means that **Hannah** bowled 6 balls in a row from which no runs were scored and she took 2 wickets! Just what we needed.

One last thing to bear in mind is that the ball was very wet and the seam popped up. This made it hard to control when bowling.



Joseph and **Harry** opened the batting and got us off to a good start. Both showed more aggression than the last match, trying to give the ball a whack when possible. Both players need to ask for a guard when batting as they tended to stand in front of their stumps. **Harry** played very straight and it was lovely to see him driving at balls with his left elbow nice and high, keeping the ball down. *I know very well how hard and far Harry can hit a cricket ball and hope to see more of those shots through the rest of the season!*

Next up were **Hannah** and **Francesca**. They faced some mixed bowling and it must have been hard to get any rhythm going. **Hannah** hit the ball hard when she got the chance and called loudly and clearly for runs. **Francesca** played a more defensive innings. *She is very hard to bowl at as she blocks well.* The next step for **Francesca** is to start having a swipe at some of the wider balls she faces to increase her scoring.

Sam and **Max** came in next. **Max** hit two good boundaries from the first over they faced. The pair ran well and put plenty of pressure on the fielders by calling aggressively, on one occasion running a 5 as the ball was thrown all over the place by the somewhat rattled Folkestone fielders.

Sam had one run docked for not completing a run properly, this is called “one short.” *Always remember to ground your bat in the crease when completing runs-it’s a long way to run for nothing!* A good partnership that put us ahead of the game.

Matt batted with **Hannah**, who had been invited to bat again by Folkestone, in the last pair. **Matt** looked a little understandably nervous at first, but played his part well in the partnership. He scored his runs through the offside and could have scored more on the legside had he gone after a few balls that drifted down that way. Again though, a good performance on debut.



Bowling

overs maidens runs wickets

Sam	4	2	5	1
Matt	3	0	16	0
Francesca	3	0	23	0
Hannah	3	1	9	2
Harry	3	1	15	0
Max	4	1	5	1

Batting

	Dismissals	Runs
Joseph	0	6
Harry	0	9
Hannah	1	4
Francesca	1	2
Sam	0	7
Max	1	15
Hannah	1	4
Matt	1	3

Well done to you all for our first win of the season!

Thanks to **Max** for forgoing part of his rugby presentation morning at Folkestone rugby club to play in and captain our side.

See you at training on the 23/5 and good luck to Harry who has been chosen to represent Shepway U10s this Sunday.

***Cheers
Rod***