

Hythe under 11 Newsletter:

Hi all,

Hythe played Folkestone Downey on a very hot Sunday 27/6/10 and won by 14 runs.



Folkestone batted first and were hit hard by **Ken** in the first over of the match who claimed **2 wickets**. Ken bowled a good spell again for us, only going for 1 run from the bat and conceding a few no balls. *I was impressed by how Ken reacted having struck a Folkestone batsman on the arm after accidentally bowling a fast full toss at him. He not only apologised straight away and went down the wicket to check on him, he also checked on him a few balls later when the batsman was at the non-strikers end. A very good display of sportsmanship.*

Guy arrived just in time to open the bowling from the other end and was still rubbing the sleep from his eyes as he ran in and had a batsman caught at extra cover by Sam with his first ball! **Guy claimed one more wicket** and was swinging the ball away well to right handed batsmen. He conceded a few wides but finished with very creditable match figures.

Lucie bowled next and struggled to find a consistent line, conceding a number of wides. However she did not drop her head and tried her best, which is all that we ask of any of our players.

Ella struggled in a similar style to Lucie. She did manage to get a number of balls on a good line and length and one only narrowly drifted past the off stump.

Oliver bowled next in his first game for the club. He claimed a **wicket** with only his fourth ball and followed that up with an excellent second over which finished as a **wicket maiden**. I enjoyed watching Oliver bowl some of the balls out of the back of his hand and giving it a real flick. *He achieved some leg spin and this will increase as he grows and he is able to better grip the ball.*

Mike bowled a fantastic 3 over spell. **He claimed his first wickets of the season and was unlucky not to get more than the 2 he finished with.** As nice as it was to see him getting people out I was more impressed with the increase in his accuracy, conceding only 4 wides in total. *Excellent improvement, well bowled Mike!*

Matt continued to show the improvements in his bowling. Despite slipping in the odd wide he bowled mainly a good line and length and fully deserved the 2 wickets he claimed. It was interesting to see that some of his best balls were delivered when he abandoned his run up and bowled off one step.

Hannah was the next bowler used and, unusually for her, struggled with her line a little. *I wonder if she was trying to bowl a bit too quickly and that resulted in her losing some of her normal control. That noted, when the balls were pitched in the right place the batsmen found it very hard to get her away and I continue to be impressed by the effort, application and thought Hannah puts into her game.*

Sam bowled last and did a good job with the last over. He collected **2 wickets** and conceded only 2 runs, for a high no ball. He was also shaping the ball away from the right hander and beat the outside edge a number of times.

Lastly a word for **Harry** who did a good job behind the stumps, conceding only 3 byes. **He also took a good catch from Oliver's bowling** and showed good handling skills throughout the game. *I imagine he has some nice bruises on his stomach and chest today as he was hit a few times there by some of our faster bowlers. You have to be brave to be a wicket keeper!*

So Folkestone totalled 270 with 9 dismissals. This would have been lower had we not provided them with 76 in wides and no balls!



Mike and **Oliver** opened our reply and did their best to get the scoreboard ticking over. They ran well and collected a number of singles. **Oliver** benefited from an overthrown boundary, enabling him to score **6 from one ball**. **Mike**, as in the last match, used his feet really well and got into position to play good defensive shots. He held the bat straight and showed real potential in his batting style. 4 dismissals though undid most of the runs scored and this partnership finished with the score still around 200.

Ken and **Sam** came in next and turned the game decisively for Hythe. This partnership was worth around 50 runs for us with the ball being hit very hard to the boundary by both players. **Ken** played some stylish cuts and drives into the off side whilst **Sam** bludgeoned the ball to all parts. A total of 7 boundaries were struck with as many runs being claimed by the 2 batsmen backing up and claiming quick singles. ***Well done to both of you and I hope the rest of the team noted how this pair scored their runs. If it couldn't be hit to the boundary, a single was taken. Not many dot balls were bowled to these two.***

Harry and **Guy** followed and kept us on track for our target. **Guy** hit a couple of boundaries and looked to be aggressive at all times. **Harry** struggled to hit the ball as hard as he wanted but ran well. *I noted that both batsmen were playing across the line to straight balls and were bowled out when doing this. The forward defensive is the most important shot to perfect as it can help you keep a straight ball out and you can still score singles from it if you are backing up and calling clearly.*

Matt and **Hannah** followed. Again with **Matt** he fell to a couple of straight balls he would easily have kept out with a straight bat. *As with his bowling Matt has showed big improvements this season. It is now time to start to think about what you are trying to*

achieve when batting. Defend the straight balls and try to attack any wider balls is a good starting point. Taking a guard of middle stump should mean your eyes are over the line of off stump. This enables you to work out quickly whether the ball is straight or not and if you are going to try to attack it. Even though in our current form being out does not mean you leave the field, try to treasure your wicket and get in line to play the ball.

Hannah attacked the bowling as she usually does and hit a very nice straight drive high back past the bowler. **Hannah** faced a number of balls from a Folkestone bowler playing in his first game, which were so wide as to be unplayable. This affected not only the number of runs she could attempt to score, but also did not allow her to build up any rhythm in her innings.

Last up were **Lucie** and **Ella**. We were ahead on the scoreboard when these 2 came in and both protected their wickets and collected a number of extras in the form of wides to stretch our winning margin to 14 runs. Both players defended well but could have gone after the bowling a little more. *I think the problem that both have in going from defensive strokes to attacking ones is that neither playing has any backlift when the bowler is about to deliver the ball. If you lift the bat up behind you as the ball is released you are already in a position to hit out at the ball. If the ball is a good one then block it but if it is wide or short you are already in a position to have a swing at it. Get aggressive!*

In all a good win on a lovely morning at Hythe.



Before I give any individual stats, I think it is important that I make a couple of points regarding on-field conduct when playing cricket:

The captain of any cricket team is in charge whilst the game is in progress. He or she will make all decisions regarding bowling changes and the batting order:

I have noticed in the last three games that some players are constantly asking the captain if they can bowl next or refusing to bat in the position they have been given. Being captain is a tough enough job without having half the team in your ear at the end of every over begging to bowl!

If you want to make a point to the captain about a fielding position, tell the captain what you have seen and let them make a decision about it. *Do not start directing fielders yourself.*

I was also a little dismayed yesterday to have a number of my decisions as umpire questioned by some of our players. It may be that we are all used to seeing footballers being rude to referees that the same attitude is creeping into cricket. To play and fully enjoy cricket you have to accept the decision of the umpire and at all times treat the

umpire with respect. You may not agree with all decisions made, the trick is using the situation to make yourself play harder.

And lastly, please **no more appeals for LBW from square leg and cover!**

Generally Hythe U11s conduct themselves very well and are great ambassadors for the club as we play at numerous other clubs around the region. I make the above points because I want this to continue to be the case.

Match Stats

<u>Bowling</u>	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Ken	3	0	7	2
Guy	3	0	18	2
Lucie	2	0	20	0
Ella	2	0	19	0
Oliver	3	1	7	2
Mike	3	0	9	2
Matt	3	0	16	1
Hannah	3	0	22	0
Sam	3	2	2	2

Batting

	Dismissals	Runs
Mike	1	4
Oliver	2	10
Sam	0	24
Ken	1	19
Harry.W.	1	5
Guy	1	12
Matt	2	2

Hannah	0	3
Ella	0	0
Lucie	0	0

Batting and Bowling points go to Sam this week.

I thought the team looked good in the new tops and thanks go to Clare and Amy who raised the money in the kitchen to pay for them.



Clare will be putting up a list next week detailing how the monies raised so far have been spent. They raised another £82 for the U11 funds at the weekend.

For those of you who weren't at the game, we are providing club shirts for the team to play in. I will hand them out before a game and will take them back when the game is over. **They are available for purchase for £9 from Martin Cobb**, but please don't feel obliged to buy them, as all playing for Hythe will be issued with one to borrow.



This is the last match report I will send out to you via the email. **Alwyn Fernandes** has done a fantastic job getting the club website up and running again and in future I will put all match reports straight on to it. I will continue to use the email for team selections and any information that you need.

The website can be accessed on:

http://www.hythecsc.co.uk/cricket/colts_fixtures.htm

See you all next week and remember if not selected to play, there will be training as usual.

Cheers,

Rod