

HYTHE UNDER 11s CRICKET NEWSLETTER:

Hi all,

Hythe played Sibton Park A away on Sunday 20 June and lost by 154 runs.



Max won the toss and elected to field.

Considering the magnitude of our defeat we actually bowled well and restricted their batsmen well at times. Of the runs they scored 81 were from the bat and we gave away 48 extras in the form of mainly wides, then byes.

Ken again bowled 3 fast overs and picked up a *wicket* in his third. He bowled a good line and length and only conceded 10 runs.

Opening the bowling with him was **Guy** who was a little more expensive as he initially struggled to find his rhythm. He finished his 3 over spell strongly though and the ball was carrying through well to **Joseph** behind the stumps.

Harry S was first change and bowled a very impressive spell, picking up the second *wicket* we claimed. Again, he bowled at good pace and the batsmen were unable to get him away too easily.

Hannah was next up and bowled 3 tight overs in the middle of the innings. She initially bowled a couple of wides but sorted out her line to the extent that her second over was the *only maiden* over we managed.

Mike bowled next and persevered well, despite struggling with his line for his 2 overs. When he was able to bowl with a higher arm action in his second over he made the batsmen play at the ball and caused them some problems.

Sam bowled next and bowled quickly. His first 2 overs were very cheap, but his figures suffered a little as a Sibton batsman swung a couple of his deliveries to the boundary in the last over of the innings.

Max was last on and also bowled well. He, as Sam, was attacked by the powerful last partnership pairing but kept a good line and length.

Another good performance from **Joseph** who is standing closer to the stumps each game. He made a couple of very good tumbling stops and was also quick up to the wickets to receive throws.

I noted Sam whip the bails off the wickets at the non-strikers end when he was bowling as the batsman at that end was backing up out of his ground. The etiquette in cricket is to hold the ball against the stumps and warn the batsman, but as Sam did not appeal the

umpire did not have to make a decision. The result of this action however, was to ensure the batsman did not back up out of his ground again and made it a bit harder for them to pinch some of the quick singles they had been. **A good bit of cricket thinking!**

So in all an Ok performance in the field and I think Sibton were a little disappointed with their score as 3 of their batsmen regularly score far more runs in Saxon Shore games.

Now for the batting...!



The first thing to acknowledge is that Sibton fielded magnificently and I hope you watched them in action and saw how they backed each other up, threw accurately and most of all, held all their catches. One lad in particular had a great game, pouching 4 catches on his own.

Harry and **Guy** were first up and had the pleasure of seeing off the opening bowler who bowled very quickly and accurately. **Harry** played him well, using the bowlers pace to deflect the ball down to third man and fine leg, scoring effortlessly. He was also able to show good foot movement, getting a stride down the wicket to block any straight balls. *Your time with the District team is paying off Harry, you looked every bit the opening bat this morning.*

Guy found the going a bit tougher and struggled to score. *His main problem was that he was getting his feet stuck in the crease and in no position to play the big shots he is normally so good at.* He battled on and ran well with Harry to make as many runs as possible.

Joseph and **Hannah** were next up. **Joseph** played and missed at a few spinning balls and had the same problem as Guy with getting his feet moving. *It is essential that you move your feet when batting to get into position to play the shot you want to. This is even more important when playing a team like Sibton who do not bowl you many wides or long hops to smack.*

Hannah showed her usual aggression and hit out at a few balls, attempting to clear the in field with lofted shots. *This aggression was good to see as we were facing such a large target.* Hannah also collected a lovely bruise on her knee as one ball hit her behind the top of the pad!

Mike and **Ken** were next in and my hopes were raised when Mike played a lovely square drive from his first ball for 2. Sadly the runs dried up after that although *I did noticed how well Mike was using his feet as he batted, playing at the ball with a straight bat throughout his innings.* **Ken** did not face much of the bowling but ran well in support of Mike, trying to get as many runs as possible. *He did very well to make his ground on one occasion after having been called through for a very close run!*

Sam and **Max** were last in and were able to accelerate the scoring a little. *Both found the boundary, the only 2 of our innings.*

Well done and thank you to Max for his usual good job as captain. Also thanks to Mark for doing the scoring in the Hythe book.



The **bowling point** today goes to **Ken** and the **batting point** to **Sam**.

I will put the stats for the game at the end of the newsletter.

Batting and bowling points:

A number of players asked me how the points have gone so far for batting and bowling. Remember, these are awarded after each game for the best batting and bowling performance and are used to decide who wins the end of season trophies for batting, bowling and all-rounder. At the moment Sam and Ken have 2 bowling points each and Hannah has 1.

Max and Sam have 2 batting points and Guy has 1.

Next Match:

We have a friendly game against Folkestone Downey next Sunday. This is to be played at Hythe and starts at 09.30.

Those of you not selected for this game, training starts at 10.00 as usual.

New Club Shirts:

I have just received our new playing shirts from Martin Cobb!

These have been paid for by the money raised by Clare and Amy selling bacon rolls etc in the pavilion. For those who wish to borrow a shirt for the duration of the game, I will issue them out in the morning of the match and collect them back at the end of the game.

For those who wish to purchase their own, they are available to buy for £9 each from Martin. Please don't feel obliged to buy one, as I will provide one to borrow for match days.

The shirts are also available in adult sizes as modelled by Clare and Amy in the pavilion!!

End of season plans:

As the season ticks away we are starting to try to plan an end of season event for all players and families. Children v parents game has been suggested followed by a picnic at

the ground. Let me know what you think of this or come up with another idea to see the season out in style!

Match Stats:

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Ken	3	0	10	1
Guy	3	0	25	0
Harry	3	0	19	1
Hannah	3	1	8	0
Mike	2	0	15	0
Sam	3	0	20	0
Max	3	0	28	0

Batting

	Dismissals	Runs
Harry S	1	8
Guy	3	2
Joseph	3	1
Hannah	5	2
Mike	2	2
Ken	0	2
Max	3	10
Sam	0	11

See you all next week and try to spend a few hours in the week practising some aggressive scoring shots!

Cheers,

Rod