

Inner Surrey U13 v Bromley Bulldogs U13 - 7 May 2018

On a very warm day, we lost the toss and were asked to bowl. Tom Day and Jonas Collins opened the bowling and bowled accurately both picking up wickets, Tom with a beautiful fast swinging ball picked up their opener without scoring, he bowled 5 overs 1 - 8. Aryaman Singh had to contend with a reasonably new ball and found it difficult to grip but still finished with respectable figures of 5 overs for 22.

Their no.3 was hard to dislodge had he made a well constructed 50 before retiring. Dylan Hoad bowled well at him ending up with 5 overs 1 – 13.

Joe Lane picked up two wickets, he will be even more successful if he gives the ball a bit more air and this will help him pitch it further up. Matthew Marriott bowled a maiden in his 4 overs and bowled when the batsman were on the attack as did Suraj Patel who bowled tidily. Just would like you to bowl leg breaks with the off breaks thrown in 1/over, so it is a surprise to him. Archie Holman generated plenty of pace and picked up 3 wickets towards the end of the innings, just make sure you have a third man and long leg as these would have reduced the runs you conceded significantly. Inner Surrey closed their innings on 179 – 8 a good but not unbeatable score.

It is important that bowlers understand what their field is when attacking, defending or in mid innings. This will enable them to work with the captain in settings the best field during all phases of the match.

Joe Odell (21) and Amaya Athawale (27) made a good start putting on over 50 runs, my only observation would be that it is important you improve your running between the wickets and look for gaps when playing your defensive shots, this would have allowed you to accumulate at least 10 more runs and taken the pressure off yourselves and the middle order.

The middle order threatened to deceive, either getting themselves out or being the subject of some strange umpiring (well done to parents and boys for keeping a lid on things in difficult circumstances it is important everybody shows restraint in these situations, not easy I know).

Tom Day (10) hit a couple of boundaries before he was needlessly run out. Suraj Patel (27) started slowly and accelerated hitting 5 boundaries, well batted. Aryman Singh (12) came in and hit 2 tremendous cover drives on the up, but the victory was just beyond us and we ended 144 all out.

Well done to Finlay behind the stumps, keeping for 40 overs on hot spring day is never easy, most/all of the boys had not played this length of game before. This showed in the fielding with the last 5 overs being scrappy and the first 35 overs being a lot sharper.

Good experience for Daniel Kenward as captain, who did well and like all of the players is still learning his trade.

Overall a pretty good effort against strong opposition, well done all, particularly the parents that helped in various areas.

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