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RUMBLE AT THE RUMBOLDS

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TCC Under 15's - League Champions and Armitage Cup Winners

With just over two-thirds of the season gone, the first team finds itself in third spot in the Premier Section. A good win over Green Moor, fourth in the table, helped to put behind us the comprehensive defeat at the hands of Cumberworth and the unexpected one wicket reversal at Woolley. The latter game, however, showed that strength in depth does exist in the batting order. Ian Short's classy 32 was well supported by Dan Peace (23), Adam Thackray (also 23) and David Rishton (15). With the addition of Greg Holmes's ten not out at the end of our 45 overs, the unpromising 59 for 5 became 164 for 9. Woolley relied a great deal on M. Nottingham's 86 for their eventual win and it remains to be seen if the ten point advantage now enjoyed by Cumberworth is going to be decisive.

Lee Booth's 70 not out against Green Moor was a career best after several scores in the sixties over the years whilst John Eastwood's duck at Woolley was followed by 38 against Green Moor, leaving him 214 runs short of 1000 for the season with a maximum of six innings remaining.

A welcome win over Bradley & Colne for the second team eased their position in Section C although they managed to throw away a winning position the following week at Penistone. Batting highlights in recent weeks, all not out, have included

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 29th August - Twenty20 - 1.00pm start

Thursday 02nd September - Junior Presentation

Saturday 18th September - Harvest Home - 8.00pm start

Friday 01st October - Pie & Peas Night - 8.00pm start

Fixtures

1st Team

**Sat Aug 21
Crossbank Meth (H)**

**Sat Aug 28
Edgerton (A)**

**Sun Sep 5
Old Almondburians(H)**

**Sun Sep 12
Denby Dale (A)**

**Sun Sep 19
Nuffield Hospital (H)**

2nd Team

**Sat Aug 21
Flockton (A)**

**Sat Aug 28
Cawthorne (H)**

**Sun Sep 5
Holmbridge (A)**

**Sun Sep 12
Leymoor (H)**

**Sun Sep 19
Almondbury Wes (A)**

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65 from Mark Hill, 48 by James Adler and 69 from Kris Thackray on his first second team appearance of the year. This will have done his confidence a power of good as there is the potential for similar scores in the senior side.

The average age of the regular second team bowling attack is seventeen and Ashley Armitage is the first to 20 wickets this time after his three wicket haul at Penistone. The next highest is David Johnson with 17. We are fortunate that we have so many of our current and former juniors involved in senior cricket and a quick survey revealed that 24 of the 34 players in the first and second teams this year have played at one time or another in one of our age group sides. This is almost 71% and a record to be proud of. Even if such stalwarts as Keith Hilton, John Crosland and John Wright who have made occasional appearances in 2004 are excluded the percentage is still 67.

A grapevine whisper was heard at one of the Under 15 Lords Taverners games during the first week in August to the effect that Thurstonland are probably the wealthiest club in the area. I doubt if that is true in financial terms as our treasurer will confirm but I would like to think that we have wealth in what really matters and that is in commitment to making people count and in valuing the contributions made by a wide range of members on and off the field. We are lucky to have such long term involvement from so many and a league official at the recent Tinker Cup final passed on a comment to me he had received from a total stranger who had passed him whilst on a walk near that official's ground. The person concerned introduced himself and said he had watched our game against Cumberworth and wanted to pass on how much he had enjoyed a good game of village cricket, played competitively with a good level of skill in spite of its rather one-sided nature for much of the time, and in the right spirit.

Having mentioned the Lords Taverners competition in which Huddersfield were runners up to Sheffield after a series of excellent performances, congratulations must go to Under 15s Jack Oldham and Greg Holmes who were members of the team. Greg bowled well without much luck as far as wicket taking goes but Jack scored two half centuries and, a single duck apart, contributed significantly in other games as well. I am sure the whole club is very proud of their efforts which show that sporting talent is not just confined to a rarified elite. Mention must also be made of Ashley Armitage who reached the final trial stage for this team and also Kris Thackray and Matthew Gummerson who represent Huddersfield in their age group.

It is not often that any club achieves this level of recognition and it shows how fortunate we have been in recent years. The welcome given to three rather nervous Under 13s who played because of holiday commitments in the Under 15 game against Scholes, when I stood in for David Rishton and which clinched the section championship, was a credit to a competitive but thoroughly pleasant group of young men. Their victory in the Armitage Cup final on August 1st in a good game at Crossbank Methodists against Green Moor showed them at their best both on and off the field. Jack Oldham's patient 28 not out deservedly brought him the man of the match award.

The Under 17s have also had a fine season and their eventual third place in a fourteen team league was well deserved. In terms of results this was the best achievement for several years and they still have the Walker Cup final on August 30th against Broad Oak to look forward to.

In conclusion, four dates to mention are the Twenty/20 competition on Sunday August 29th (Lee Booth is in charge of arrangements), the rearranged Junior Presentation Evening on Thursday September 2nd (7.00 at the club), the Harvest Home on Saturday September 18th (8.00 start at the club) and the end of season Pie & Peas Evening for players and committee, plus all the stats for 2004 etc, is on Friday October 1st (8.00 onwards at the club).

Under 13's

A combination of the weather, which saw the game at Scholes abandoned halfway through, a blank Sunday because Hall Bower withdrew from the league before the start of the season and the two dates left free for holidays, means that only two complete games have been played since the last newsletter. An encouraging win over Kirkheaton saw promising performances from ten year old Isaac Kaye and the relatively inexperienced Deklan Womersley. Ashley Blore also scored a season's personal best of 15.

A disappointing defeat then followed against Upper Hopton when the game slipped away after we had looked on top for two thirds of the match. The team is still, to a large extent, learning the basics but concentration levels need to be sustained for an entire game and skills regularly practised on a Thursday, particularly fielding, need to be applied consistently in a match situation.

Two friendlies have been played against Rastrick in this period when chances were given by both clubs to give an opportunity to younger, less experienced players. Both were very enjoyable and this is the second season such games have taken place and it is hoped to make them an annual event.



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