

A Week in the Life of S-U-W Cricket Club 2008

Saturdays: Three teams play most weekends. That's 33 players either at home or dispatched to various parts of Oxon, Bucks and Berks. The Firsts so far have won five and drawn seven of their league games



in the Cherwell League Division 1. Sahan Wijaratne has been outstanding, scoring over 800 runs, and has inspired Dickon Morris to two centuries. John Hartley and Steve Bates have also had centuries. Bowling sides out has been more difficult, hence the seven draws. The second team have had a mixed season after promotion to Division 4 last year. They lost the first four, won four. However, it's a great training ground for future first team players as Steven Carvey (leading wicket taker) and Craig Lambert (all rounder) will testify. The third's also started brightly. Wins against Nondescripts, Kidlington and Abingdon Vale saw them occupy second place for a couple of weeks.

Sundays: Village Knockout, friendlies and U13's. Last-ball agony again this year as Aston Rowant denied Shipton in the Oxfordshire section semi-final in the VKO, friendlies against a variety of club and village sides have also been enjoyed. Our U13s have had an outstanding season finishing runner up to Banbury in their mini league and winning the Oxfordshire Plate. In fact, we have so many players at this level that we have two league 11 a- side- teams!

Mondays: Under 15s and 17s. We field two U15 teams and one U17 side. Highlights include our U17s victory over Banbury, thanks to Max Winpenny's stunning 82 not out, and wins for the

U15s against North Cotswold, Charlbury, Combe and Hook Norton.

Tuesdays: Men's practice nights and Oxfordshire 20/20 knockout.

Wednesdays and Thursdays: U11s, here we have 3 sides; one 11 aside and two 8 aside pairs teams. All our teams have acquitted themselves well. Also for the first time we have had girls cricket mid-week with our U15s competing in the Oxfordshire league against Charlbury, Banbury and Hook Norton.

Fridays: Kwik cricket and BBQs, every Friday from May to the end of July. 60 boys and girls from 7 to 10 years of age have enjoyed coaching and games of Kwik Cricket on the outfield. All in all we have 50 adult members and 160 juniors; not bad for a village side, not to mention our schools coaching programme. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support particularly Mathews Flour Mill and our many kind Vice-Presidents! Finally, we have an exciting new project being planned; we hope to develop a new junior ground on land adjacent to our existing pitch - watch this space for details. With all that cricket, we need it!!

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