



FULMER CRICKET CLUB

The home of village cricket in Buckinghamshire

NEWSLETTER End of Season 2013

2013 Season

ON THE FIELD

The start of the season looked a little ominous with some chilly conditions. However we had a wonderful couple of months of summer and our cricket square and ground were a delight for us and our visitors. We did lose a few games to the weather towards the end of the season. For the games we played we were once again in positive territory on the win/loss ratio. The final tally for the year was won 20 and lost 17. Some of the losses were achieved from pretty solid winning positions but generally a middle order collapse followed by a short tail caused our demise.

The matches were pretty much all played in a competitive but fair manner. There were some very impressive performances with both the bat and the ball and in the field. The outstanding performances are recognised in the awards section below but there were many more that deserve a mention. On the batting front, in addition to the award winners, **Zeeshan, Will Voaden, Shankar Raghu, James King, Sukhi, Nomi, Arslan, Ian Fisher, Manan Kapila** and **Peter Box** all made innings of substantial runs to help us build a defendable score.

For the bowlers, **Arslan, James King, David Timms, Manu Kapila, Nomi, Will Voaden, Zeeshan, Julian Gibbs, Angus Spratling, Manan Kapila** and **Ben Bausor** toiled away and took many wickets in our quest for a win.

The wicketkeepers rarely get a mention as they are not eligible for the fielding award but they are "involved" in every ball that is bowled by us. Our mainstay keeper on Saturdays is **Ian Fisher** who does a fantastic job flying around behind the



stumps like a 21 year old. The Sunday duties were shared between **James King, Paul Colloff, Peter Box, Zeeshan, Ali** and **Prash Kumar** who all did a creditable job. We would like to thank all of our players for their on field performances.

We welcomed new players during the season: **Ben Bausor, Salil, Alex, David Timms, Nomi, Lionel, Asad, Obaid, Venkat, Sudhir, Chitrendru** and **Luke**. We look forward to seeing a lot more of them next season.

CAPTAINS

Much of the behind the scenes work falls to the captains. While we had 26 players who played five matches or more we had 22 players who played less than five matches. Such a lack of depth in our regular players results in protracted searches at the back end of the week to make up our weekend sides. The message is that we owe a great debt of gratitude to **Tony King, Derrick Randall, Manu Kapila, Ali** and, in particular, **Prash Kumar**, for all their persistence. Manu is particularly helpful in sourcing new players. Following Tony King's retirement from the Club after the first part of the season Derrick Randall stepped in to give us a helping hand which was very much appreciated.

PRESIDENT'S DAY 2013

Once again the sunshine arrived for the annual highlight of our season. It was the eighteenth occasion that **Edward Guinness'** family, under the captaincy of our President's son, **Will Greig**, challenged the Club. The President's XI batted first and made what they thought was a pretty competitive total of 261. However a fine top order batting performance saw the Club win with the loss of four wickets in just over 33 overs. A superb lunch preceded our on field activities which were then followed by the Piper's Farm BBQ. Our President, **Peter Greig**, and his family who own and run Piper's Farm, supplied us with excellent salmon and meats while **Tansy, Jim, Peter, Ian** and **Sheena** did all the salads and trimmings. A huge thank you to them for making the players' jobs so easy!

PITCHING IN

A successful and enjoyable season on the field of play does not happen without a lot of time and effort from our volunteers off the field. Firstly, we owe a huge thank you to the women and men who create our highly acclaimed teas. **Tansy** did the lion's share of the teas this year, often stepping in at short notice. **Ian** no doubt helped out as did **Peter** with **Sue** who also did a significant number of teas. Others who chimed in with teas were **Sheena** and **Manu**.

2013 Awards evening

We held our very successful awards evening in the pavilion at King George's Field on 19 October. It was excellent to see the high level of support from players, their families and friends. **Manu Kapila** did a marvellous job with arranging the excellent curry and he and **Sheena** managed the serving with a minimum of fuss. **Paul** manned the bar and **Armando** did the excellent job of extracting money from people for the raffle and other fundraising activities. **Jim Harmsworth Cowles** prepared and acted as the quiz master for the evening which was a very successful addition to proceedings. Congratulations to the winning team, **Five Men & Lisa!**

The ground, square and wicket are our showpieces and are fundamental to the enjoyment of our cricket. The state of our square and wickets are the envy of our visitors and the person responsible for most of the hard work is **Paul Colloff**. Well done Paul.

The lack of storage space at the ground requires us to store and move quite a lot of equipment in and out of the changing rooms for our home games. The early arrivals at the ground, who are not many but they know who they are, carry out this task efficiently and without bother. Our thanks to the "early birds".

We had the cricket net up and running this year which helped those, who were able to make the Tuesday get together, with their on-field performances. We would like to see more players utilise the nets on a Tuesday night because it helps build the Club ethos and the practice will prove invaluable!

The Cricket Club have a big hand in running the bar, not just on match days but for functions run under the FSCA banner. The money raised is an important funding element for the facilities at King George's Field. We are very grateful to **Ian, Tansy, Paul** and **Jules** for their considerable dedication to this endeavour.

A big thank you to all who attended and for their donations. Our Senior Vice President, **Edward Guinness** commented that it was the most enjoyable and lively Awards Evening he had attended at the Club.

Ian Fisher had kept the statistics up to date during the season which allowed us to hold the event and make the awards soon after our last match. Great job, Ian.

THE 2013 AWARD WINNERS

Most Runs: Prash (729)

Prash again was a major contributor to the playing activities and despite missing the last 12 matches through a broken finger amassed an impressive number of runs.



Highest Innings: Prash Kumar (139*)

Prash, who took on a large load of the captains' duties, played in 22 matches. His highest score was 24 better than he managed last year, when he also made the highest innings.

Best Batting Average: Nigel Field (65.67)

Nigel has won this award for the third year running, just beating last year's average. His highest score was 110.

Most Wickets: Ali (30)

Ali bowled some wonderful spells and was unlucky not to have taken many more wickets.

Best Bowling in a Match: Paul Colloff (6 for 29)

Paul managed to bowl 83 overs and was often called upon to break up a threatening partnership. He took a total of 24 wickets for the season.

Best Bowling Average: Prash Kumar (11.0)

Prash has gained confidence with his leg breaks and now is a very consistent performer taking 29 wickets for the season.

Best Young Player: Manan Kapila

It has been great to see the development of Manan who now bowls a menacing line and length and he also made his highest score the Club this year with 41 runs.

Most Improved: Julian Gibbs

Julian had a good year with both bat and ball with most improvement coming with the bat. He made a total of 152 runs with a highest score of 44. He also chimed in with 12 wickets.

Best Fielder: James King

Net catches taken is one of the criteria but also the degree of difficulty is also taken into account. He is a tall lad but managed a couple of catches on his bootlaces.

Players' Player: James King

As the award suggests, this award is based on the votes of our players. It is a reflection of the players' appreciation of James contributions, both on and off the field. He is very supportive to his fellow teammates on the field with his constant banter and encouragement.

Duck Cup: Danny Randall

Danny is not a newcomer to this trophy having won it a couple of times in the past. He succeeded this year with six ducks of which three were golden.

Outstanding Contribution to the Club: Tansy Peters

For the third year running the Club would like to acknowledge the tremendous support that Tansy provides with teas, bar duties and general efforts of keeping order with attention to detail.

Chairman's Award: Ian Fisher

Ian has made yet another massive contribution to the Club. In addition to his Hon Treasurer role he is an active Committee member, kept the statistics up to date throughout the year, wrote most of the match reports in which he played, 19 games, and was integral to the successful running of the bar. Well done, Ian.

Raffle and the 30 Club

Our supporters contributed generously to the 30 Club and raffle and most families present took home some booty from the Awards Evening. The Club thanks the Committee and other members who supplied the prizes and Armando for his selling skills.

Date for the diary

The Club will be in touch early in the new year with details of indoor nets but it is likely that they will run for seven weeks for an hour from 11am on Sunday mornings from 3 March 2014 at the Langley Grammar School Sports Centre, Reddington Drive, Langley, SL3 7QS.

New Players

We would welcome new players to the Club. Please contact one of the Committee members via email.



Committee members

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Co-opted Members

Paul Colloff

Jim Harmsworth Cowles

Fulmer Cricket Club

Fulmer Cricket Club (FCC) is a friendly, village club based in Fulmer, South Buckinghamshire, close to Pinewood Studios.

We play fixtures on a Saturday and Sunday throughout the season from April to September. We do not play league or cup cricket – all fixtures are competitive but friendly.

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