

1st XI – Oliver Roland-Jones

Of the 11 wins, 4 winning draws, 1 loss and 3 abandoned games, it was arguably the final statistic that was most telling, in what was a very successful if ultimately disappointing season for the 1st XI.

The only loss of the season came at Wimbledon. This was our biggest game of the season and truth be told, we came up well short. Wimbledon are a very good side & they won 14 games this year & we played our poorest game of the year, congratulations to them and we look forward to doing battle with them next year.

Alex Senneck, Justin Granger and Chris Jordan were a very strong trio of seam bowlers. Alex Senneck was a real find, a proper bowler & to bowl 76 overs at an economy rate of 2.5 is a fantastic effort - and he chipped in with 12 wickets as well as some massive sixes against Weybridge. Granger finished the season with 29 league wickets, a fantastic effort and his ability to swing the ball meant that Justin was always threatening. Jordan was the consummate professional, he made valuable contributions with bat and ball and was full of advice for our younger players, exactly what we hoped for from our Surrey player.

Onto the slow bowling department; Adam Stanier finished with 25 wickets and ten catches and was a key part of our out cricket. As ever he bowled with energy and thrived on the big contests against the best players, which to be fair to him, he often did. Matthew, for a long time, one of the stand out slow bowler in the league, collected 24 wickets at an average of 13, even though he missed 5 games and often had to watch the seamers wreck havoc before getting his chance. Vishal Manro also impressed towards the end of the season and we look forward to him getting an extended run in the team in years to come.

With 4 wickets, 10 catches, 1 run out and 704 runs at 58.67, it is fair to say that Adam London had a decent season. He was consistent both in terms of the runs he scored and the style with which he accumulated them. He demonstrated responsibility during run chases & Normandy, Banstead, the ability to go through the gears & 172 v Reigate and established himself as the premier batsman in a side packed with batsmen. John Maunders and Paul Stirling were as good an opening partnership as a team could want, while a middle order of Roland-Jones, Balbernie, Jordan and Poynter, made for a very strong batting line up.

Ultimately the team were massively disappointed not to win the league, but if this team can stay together and continue to play the cricket they played this year, they will continue to challenge for the league for years to come.

2nd XI – Max Hall

Played 13 & won 7, lost 5, 1 winning draw and 5 abandoned!

A strange season with a players disappearing half way through the season, players refusing to play, using 25 different players and yet we were the only team to beat the champions Wimbledon twice. This just shows that we are good enough to win this league but we need a lot more consistency to do so!

Once again we have seen the emergence of some very good young players coming up through the club along with the continued improvement of the more established youngsters the club has a good future.

On this note some of these such as Haroon Aslem and Vishal Manro (in only a few games topped the wicket takers) 16/14 and Darren London and Elliot Shaw averaging over 40 all had good seasons and should push on again next year. Darren also scored a magnificent 100 in only 40 overs v Wimbledon to set up the victory and here is his award.

Sam Burgess, Rhythm Bedi, Matt Nichols, Alex Hughes, Saran Kalsi and Ruari Crichard have all shown their potential and I am sure they will only improve and I look forward to seeing them at the top of the averages next year

We also had Trevor Keen with us this year who moved his place of residence more times than a gypsy but still managed to top the runs averaging over 50 and was the most enthusiastic player in the whole club and ever present at practice and Sunday cricket which was a great credit to him. And Trevor won my team tankard for this.

Thanks must go to Colin Bentall for all his efforts on and off the field and with a bit more luck would have had a few more wickets. Also Peter Lewis who scored for us on a number of occasions and even brought out the bowling figures for me to check at drinks.

And of course Keith & Elvis Greenwood who we could not do without & Those of you that have ever given him a lift will know all about his cricketing career and his many many and I mean many anecdotes! But we owe you a big thank you.

Any way that's it so with the help of the experienced and the raw talent we have I hope to be here with the league title next year.

3rd XI – John Salter

The 3rd XI finished 5th in the league two places lower than last season. Indeed, had they beat Dulwich in the last game then 3rd place would have been secured. Nevertheless, it was still an encouraging season, given that there was a change of approach, which meant a much younger team was given the chance to succeed.

9 wins were achieved, with the wins over champions Reigate Priory plus runners-up Wimbledon being the highlights. Infact, after the first 7 games of the season the team were actually top of the league. However, the lead could not be maintained with poor availability coupled with some inconsistency in the batting, as the team struggled at times on the slower away wickets.

Top of the batting averages was Rhythm Bedi ó averaging 46 in 13 innings and scoring over 400 runs. 2 innings of note were his 86 against Ashtead when chasing 268 and his 70 against Wimbledon both helping to secure wins. His bowling also improved taking 16 wickets at an average of 19 plus he was also the top fielder with 16 catches. A true all round performance which saw his rightful promotion to the 2nd XI later on in the season.

Paul Gabb ó returned to the side having missed last season and his consistency proved important to the teams success, topping the runs total with 430 runs at an average of over 30. This included a remarkable innings of 102* against Normandy in a 10 wicket win in just 21 overs.

17 year old Elliott Shaw played in just a handful of games but still averaged over 40 and his performance against Beddington is worthy of note ó not only by scoring 85 but also taking 6-50, in a true match winning performance.

Michael Barkett, Tim Cross and Martin Miles all added to the batting line up strength and provided important innings as did Curtis Higgins whose promotion from the 4th XI was well deserved.

Skipper John Salter also hit 300 runs and chipped in with a century, scoring 110* in a 4 wicket win against Banstead.

The bowling was shared around the younger players ó openers Shrish Bedi and Manvinder Sehmi took 30 wickets between them, while they were ably backed up by Gary Hall and Saran Kalsi. U16 Rauri Crichard showed his continued progression when available and his pacy spell of 5-29 was too much for Banstead. Young spinner Alex Hughes also showed his potential taking 4-33 against a strong Wimbledon side

3rd XI – John Salter (Contød)

and 4-42 against Banstead, while bowling performance of the season was from newcomer Nish Madan who helped skittle out Wimbledon for 170 taking 6-36, after they had been 120-1.

Towards the end of the season U13 Amar Viridi, U14 Robbie Hughes and U15 Sam Burgess made it into the team to show the depth of talent in the colts section.

So all in all a satisfactory season. With better consistency and with the continued progression of the younger players then the team should be able to improve on this years placing.

4th XI – Nobby Clarke

2011 proved to be an enjoyable but mixed season which left us in fifth place in the Surrey Championship Premier, which was a fair representation of the matches played. The result tally was 6 wins, 5 losses, 3 draws and 4 abandoned.

There were some good batting performances with Curtis Higgins leading the runs scored with 435; he also scored his maiden century for the club with an excellent knock against Malden Wanderers. He was ably supported by Anoop Manro who performed well throughout the season giving the side stability at the top of the order and amassing 318 runs. Although there were some other reasonable individual batting performances no one else scored a fifty, which often put a great deal of pressure on the bowlers.

The bowling and fielding was generally sound with Nobby Clarke taking the most wickets with 34 followed by Amar Viridi and Curtis Higgins both taking 12. It was good to see the development of younger bowlers who played their part in the successes of the team.

There were some notable individual performances with Curtis Higgins scoring 96 twice to supplement his century, Anoop Manro scoring two fifties and with the ball Mickey O'Sullivan producing figures of 6-32 against Malden Wanderers, Amar Viridi a superb bowling spell of 7-49 against Sutton and Curtis Higgins taking 5-36 against a strong Wimbledon side. In addition, Nobby Clarke achieved five wicket hauls on three occasions.

So in general the season was a positive one with most of the games played in the correct spirit which should, with more consistent availability, hold the 4th XI in good stead for next season.