

Hythe Under 11's Newsletter.

Hi all,

Hythe U11s played Hawkinge at home on 26/7 in their last league match of the season and won by 77 runs.

Another good result for the team against Hawkinge, who continued to battle throughout the match.



Needless to say, **Max** won the toss. Choosing to field first, **Max** again volunteered to play as wicketkeeper and did another good job, conceding only 4 byes.

Theo bowled a tight line and picked up a wicket, as did debutant **Guy**, who caught and bowled his victim. **Jamie** bowled well at the end of the innings and **Harry W** performed very well to claim 2 wickets on his debut. **Sam** bowled well and gave away very little for a couple of wickets against the strongest last pair and **Dylan** was unlucky not to claim his usual brace, with the batsmen often playing and missing.

But the star performance with the ball of the day, in fact I think of the season, came from Harry S who bowled his 2 overs for two wickets and 3 runs. A superb display from **Harry S** who has toiled with the ball with no luck throughout the season. Nice to see a square leg umpire jump in the air when a wicket is taken too!

But the bowling was only half of the story. **The fielding was magnificent.** Everyone looked alert and on their toes. **A special well done to Guy who pouched 2 catches**, one from his own bowling. **Sam threw down the wickets from mid wicket** with only 1 and a half stumps to aim at then later showed great presence of mind to complete a run out by holding on to the ball and running in to knock the bails off without throwing the ball. As usual **Max** was in command of all fielding and bowling changes and it was nice to see him depart the field at the end of the Hawkinge innings with the *crown jewels* intact!



Theo and **Sam** opened the Hythe innings. Both batted well, scoring on both sides of the track, though Theo probably attempted to pull a couple of balls through the leg side that would have been better played into the off. Not content with their comedy run out of last week the pair decided to repeat the feat this week! *This time Sam made it back into his own ground having visited Theo in his crease at the other end, though sadly we were not awarded the 2 runs he completed!* A good start of **28** by these 2 set us under way.

Next in were the two players making their debuts, **Harry W** and **Guy**. Both attacked the bowling from the start of their innings and ran well. Moving the score on to 246 **both players can look back on their first efforts with the bat for Hythe with pride**. Singles were picked up and a couple of big hits were unlucky not to reach the boundary.

The third pair of **Harry** and **Dylan** was worth 27 runs to the team. Both were a little held up by some wayward bowling which made it very hard to get an innings going, but only one wicket was lost. **Dylan batted very correctly** and again showed the bowler the makers name with some very straight defence. *I'm starting to suspect some sort of bat sponsorship deal with Dylan, so long does he hold his position after playing the ball.* Great technique and the runs will come. Keep looking for those singles. Tip and run. Play the ball and call your partner through. This will build your score with no extra effort or risk and provide better reward for your very correct batting style.

Our last pair of **Jamie** and **Max** took us up to 300, though the victory had already been as good as won. **Jamie** played some lovely off side strokes through a vacant gulley by opening the face of the bat and using the pace of the ball. **Max**, as usual, supported well and scored quietly. **Good running is always a feature of a partnership featuring Max and again today he constantly turned 1's into 2's and 2's into 3's.**

The game drifted to a close with a Hythe victory never in doubt.

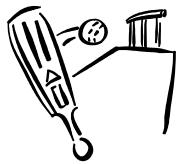
Well done to you all for yet another fine win.

Match stats.



Bowling:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
Theo	3	0	10	1
Guy	3	0	19	1
Dylan	3	0	12	0
Harry.W.	3	0	8	2
Harry.S.	2	0	3	2
Jamie	3	0	12	1
Sam	3	0	9	2



Batting.

	Runs	Dismissals
Theo	16	1
Sam	10	0
Harry.W.	5	0
Guy	6	1
Harry.S.	5	1
Dylan	2	0
Jamie	19	1
Max	7	1

Bowling point goes to Harry.S.

Batting point goes to Jamie.

Player of the day is shared between Sam for another fine all round performance and Jamie for a stylish innings and good bowling.

Thanks go today to:

Mark and Alwyn who agreed to help with the umpiring to enable me to score. A fantastic job by both and as a scorer I received some signals that made Billy Bowden appear very conservative. I thought at one point one of them was trying to achieve flight using only his arms to propel him, but was assured by my fellow scorer he was indicating a wide!



Thank you very much for your help and I know you both enjoyed seeing the game close up. If anyone is interested in learning to score for next season let me know and I will be happy to show them. *It can't be that hard, I do it...*

Pavillion food.

Clare and Amy raised another £58 through the sale of bacon rolls and drinks at the pavilion through the morning.



End of season presentation.

There will be a presentation ceremony organised by the club on the **6th September** after the training session.

The U11's will be receiving awards based on the weekly point system for **bowling, batting** and **all rounder**. Certificates for **Player of the Day** will be handed out and all players that represented Hythe U11s will receive a medal.

And finally..

I hope to plan a few friendly games before the end of the season and football once again reigns supreme. If I am able to I will let you know via the email.

I have really enjoyed watching the lads this year and a tally of **4 wins out of 7** is a fair reflection of our performances. **We are probably the best bowling and fielding side in the league** but have struggled to score enough runs against the better teams.

What I have found satisfying is watching the team grow together and improve. New comers to the team have been welcomed and supported. You have always played with smiles on your faces and rarely failed to put a smile on mine.

Thank you for a great season, keep coming to training and cheer England on against the Aussies!!!!

Cheers

Rod.

