



## *Summer leagues match reports 2019*

### **U11 Old Buckenham v Thetford A**

Trio for Theo as Thetford Captain bags a hat trick.

Thetford Town CC U11's were the visitors in their 5th South Norfolk Cricket League match of the season on a beautiful summer Thursday afternoon at the Old Buckenham home of cricket.

Thetford Captain Theo Piggott won the toss and chose to bowl in sunny conditions, against a very useful Old Buckenham side.

Old Buckenham openers Milo and Alby started their innings with caution, playing the accurate Theo Piggott and Megan Haynes with watchful prudence. However Haynes was first to strike with a beautiful delivery that nipped back and clipped the top of Milo's off stump.

Although Alby was scoring reasonably well for Old Buckenham, Thetford were in the ascendency and the pressure soon told on the batters with James falling to another beautiful away swinging delivery from Hayes which again clipped the off stump. With Alby going well the scoreboard ticked along nicely but once he had retired with 30 runs it was left to Samuel and Ben to push the scoring along. However Ben did not last long as he was bowled by Jacob Thomas with a ball that just clipped the bottom of leg stump. With all of the Thetford bowlers bowling well Samuel still continued to score, pushing the score beyond 80. However what happened next was both a unique and fantastic feat. Piggott came back on to bowl his last over and with his 4th delivery he bowled Heidi for 2. He then bowled Mason with his 5th delivery and achieved his hat trick by clean bowling Euan with his final ball of his spell. With this amazing piece of bowling the Old Buckenham innings closed on 82 runs.

Thetford started their innings with caution from opener Jacob Thomas and oppositely some very positive stroke play from opener Theo Piggott who struck the ball cleanly.

With both Piggott and Thomas gaining confidence the quick singles allowed the scoreboard to tick along nicely. However shortly after Thomas was stumped for a well made 10 with the score on 43 at the halfway stage of their innings. This gave Old Buckenham confidence and when Oli Byford was removed first ball by Euan the Old Buckenham team began to believe. However when Megan Haynes joined Piggott at the crease the scoreboard continued to move along swiftly.

With Haynes quickly finding her usual class and touch, she drove beautifully to bring the Old Buckenham score within touching distance. Piggott continued to show cautious confidence with the bat, but it was Haynes who struck the winning runs pulling Heidi for a beautiful four through midwicket to give Thetford a deserved victory with 3.5 overs to spare

Mick Piggott - Thetford - July 29th

### **U9 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Horsford**

Tas lost the toss and were asked to bat.

The heat had laid a couple of the Tas players low but Horsford kindly lent us some fielders (thank you). The game was conducted in a fine spirit by all players and indeed the Horsford fielders relished the opportunity to get their own players out!

Horsford batted strongly to post a very respectable 303/7 (275 net) with Theo Chipperfield powering his way to 19 with some fine boundaries.. Luke Roy had the best bowling figures for Tas with 3-15.

In reply Archie from Horsford helped the Tas attack, playing some fine shots to open the account. Dylan and Luke R worked well together taking a few quick singles. Violet and Grace also contributed to the score, their communication and running improving throughout their innings. Luke D and Samuel brought up the rear and were extremely brave in the face of some pacy bowling also adding a few quick singles. The Tas innings ended at 270-5 (250 net). Jamie Smith and Charlie Sexton the pick of the bowlers.

A lovely game of cricket enjoyed by all.

Sara Worley - Hethersett & Tas Valley - July 26th

### **U15 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Acle**

Tas batted first and posted a good competitive score of 113 for the loss of 4 wickets. Charlie English top-scored for Tas with 41 not out, closely followed by Josh Hayes with 36 not out.

In reply Acle's M Buttery led the charge top scoring with 43 not out supported by J Buttery on 30 not out.

The game went down to the wire with 9 needed to win from the final over. Charlie English held his nerve for Tas bowling a tight over for the loss of only 3 runs, with G Russell run out trying to scramble a risky 2nd. Three dot balls followed meaning a Tas won by 5 runs.

Sara Worley - Tas Valley - July 26th

### **U11 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Bungay**

A friendly game played in fantastic spirit by both sides at a sunny Tas Valley.

Home skipper Ollie Last won the toss and invited Bungay to bat.

Some tight and penetrative bowling from opening pair Ollie Last and Alfie Bird reduced Bungay to 14/3 from 4 overs, but a strong recovery led by Oliver Petts(4) and Caspian G (9\*) saw Bungay post 67/5 from 16 overs, with 40 of those runs coming from extras, with several bowlers struggling to find their length, resulting in no balls. Some lovely shots also from Josh Ford (5)

Ollie Last 2-0-9-2, Alfie Bird 2-0-4-2, Will English 2-2-0-1, Seth Downer 3-0-12-1

In response, the Tas opening pair of Ollie Last and Will English raced out of the blocks and despite some accurate bowling from the Bungay attack raced away, Ollie retired on 32 and Will carrying his bat with 19\*. It was left to Alfie Bird (6\*) to win the game with a text book cover drive for 4.

Some great performances from both sides, with all players playing their part in a well natured and friendly game.

Matt Bird - Hethersett & Tas Valley - July 22nd

### **U17 Old Buckenham v Rocklands**

Old Buckenham won the toss and batted with James Benson making a confident 17 before being run out. Runs came steadily with many being added by some erratic bowling in the form of wides. The latter part of the innings was enlivened by a brief cameo from Josh Heaton who hit a rapid 22 in 10 balls before being brilliantly caught on the boundary by Ralph Garrod. The innings closed on 130 which looked a challenging target for a young Rocklands side.

Old Buckenham's slow bowlers made life difficult for Rockland's early batsmen who struggled against the spin of Walker Everitt 1-14 in 3 overs and the accuracy of Elliot Stephenson 1-7 in 3. With the target almost out of reach the innings was enlivened by an aggressive knock from L Patterson with an unbeaten 34.

Chris Dalton - Old Buckenham - July 19<sup>th</sup>

### **U17 Old Buckenham v Diss**

Diss batted first on a fine evening with a fast outfield and flat wicket.

A Brown scored freely before falling to a good catch in the deep by James Benson. James continued his excellent fielding with an excellent run out off his own bowling before A Brydon began to dispatch the bowling to all parts of the ground with a fine innings of 52 not out including 4 massive sixes before some order was restored by Malachi Wright who bowled his 3 overs for 8 runs taking 3 wickets. Old Buckenham's reply was ruthless in its efficiency and led by Josh Heaton set about the Diss bowling scoring at over 10 runs an over to pass the Diss total in 11 overs with Josh retiring on 51 and his partner Finlay Goodrum unbeaten on 40.

Chris Dalton - Old Buckenham - July 18th

## **U17 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Norwich**

Winning the toss Tas captain Jack Gibson put Norwich in to bat on a clear sunny evening at Tas. Tas started well with Alex Bird and Tom Howard containing batsmen Will Bowman and Ollie White pretty well in the first couple of overs. However, the Norwich pair soon got their eye in and started scoring with ease hitting plenty of 4s to keep the total ticking over. The score stood at 33 when at the end of the 5th over a tight single resulted in the running out of danger man Will Bowman by Alex Bird for 27.

New batsman Luke Brister soon came up to speed and with Ollie, punished the Tas bowlers until the 8th over when Tom Howard took a stunning catch to end Ollie White's time in the middle. With the score at 55 for 2 Jack Wright and Luke kept the total moving consistently until at 98 in the 15th over Wright was out ct English from Gibson. Norwich lost one more wicket (Durrant stumped Amis bowled H Worley) with the final ball of the innings to finish on 110-4.

By the time it came to the reply, the skies had darkened dramatically as a summer storm hovered over Tas. The rain held off but visibility was a challenge for batsmen and fielders alike.

Openers Cam Amis and Will Worley started pretty well, constructing a patient fight back until Cam decided with only 22 on the board that it was time to up the score rate. A mighty swing and miss ended in a wicket for bowler Alex Durrant. Jack Gibson came in at 3 and with a mix of quick singles and a huge 6 pushed the score along nicely. Will Worley, fell in the 8th over shortly followed by no. 4 Tom Howard - both victims of Dharshan's in-swingers to leave the score at 36 for 3 off 8. A win was looking ever more unlikely but new batsman Hal Worley and Jack constructed a spirited fight back taking the total to 71 in the 12th over. Unfortunately in the ever fading light Gibson became another victim of Dharshan and with 40 still to get from 4 overs a win was looking like a distant hope.

Charlie English joined Hal at the crease and together they set about testing the Norwich attack. Scoring 12 in both the 13th and 14th overs with some lusty blows for 2 and plenty of boundaries the Tas batsmen had somehow kept the dream alive. A further 14 from the 15th over left only 2 to win from the final over.

Having only conceded 7 runs from his previous 2 overs, Will Bowman was the obvious man to try to strangle the scoring. As he started his run up the mesmerised crowd were contemplating the prospect of a very nervy final 6 balls. Sadly for Will (and for the spectators and the game) his first ball was a wide, meaning a win for Tas with 5 balls of the innings left.

A great game won by the Tas batsmen in the final 4 overs.

Outstanding contributions with the bat from :-

Hal Worley top scoring for Tas with 33\* and Charlie English 15\*.

For Norwich Luke Brister 28\* and Will Bowman 27

With the ball the best figures of the night were for Norwich's Dharshan Manakandan with 22 for 3 wickets from 3 overs.

Sara Worley - Hethersett & Tas Valley - July 17<sup>th</sup>

## **U11 Gt.Melton v Mundford**

With the small matter of the World Cup Final being shown live on the telly the Melton vs Mundford u11s match was played at an electric pace this morning, some quick bowling, a lightening quick over rate and some blistering shots off the bat to boot.

Mundford won the toss and elected to field but the Melton top order put the away bowlers to the sword. Despite the loss of an early wicket Evan Mercer (20) Ben Tree (30\*) and James Alcock (32\*) all dealt mostly in boundaries. When the latter two batsmen retired the run-rate slowed a little but there was a good 30 run partnership between Leon Royle and Henley Turner. For Mundford Pearson and Grass were the pick of the bowlers both achieving figures of 2-15, they were well supported however by Rhodes and Brown with the ball and Steed with the gloves.

In reply Melton opened the bowling with more pace from Alcock and Tree with the latter taking a wicket and then a catch off the excellent bowling of Charlie Hosmer (3-2-4-1). A further wicket fell after some smart keeping from Mercer created a run-out and then it was left to the remaining Mundford batsmen to dig in. Some tight bowling from Melton's bowlers especially Jake Tomkins (2-0-5-0) and David Benton (3-0-9-0) kept the runs to a minimum but no further wickets were to fall due to excellent perseverance of Batsmen Grass and Brown.

After a quick well done and a shake of hands it was a dash to get in front of the telly in great anticipation of an England World Cup victory.

Martin Alcock - Gt.Melton - July 15<sup>th</sup>

### **U11 Saxlingham v Topcroft**

An excellent game played in a good spirit by both sides. Topcroft batted first and scored at a good rate throughout with contributions from all batsmen; Holmes 31\*, Reavil 22, Adcock 25\* and King 13. Jack Mayhew took one wicket and Sam Blincoe got a catch and a run out as part of a diligent fielding performance by Saxlingham, well marshalled by captain Monty Parravani.

In reply, Saxlingham scored 84/1 in their highest total of the season including an unbroken 50 run partnership between Alex Purling (21\*) and Sam Blincoe (18\*). Well done to Topcroft on their victory and Saxlingham for showing consistent improvement as a team.

Chris Blincoe - Saxlingham - July 14<sup>th</sup>

### **U17 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Rocklands**

A thoroughly entertaining game between 2 evenly-matched teams saw the outcome decided on the final ball.

Rocklands started well with A Thresh (50 ret.) and R Garrod (30) putting on 75 in 11 overs for the first wicket, through a combination of some well-timed drives, some well-placed edges and plenty of quick singles.

The Tas bowlers persevered and, with catches finally sticking, managed to stop the visitors from accelerating in the final few overs, although 106 was still a challenging score to set.

The Tas innings started in equally positive fashion with T Howard (37) and W Worley (27) putting on 56 for the first wicket in 8 overs. Some accurate bowling from Rocklands in the middle period saw the stumps disturbed 3 times, before J Gibson (24no) and C English (3no) steadied the ship and kept the score ticking over with quick singles and twos of their own.

Going into the final over, Tas needed 5 to win and a 2 from the first ball put them just a boundary away from victory. But ex-Tas player S. Jayakody was not going to make it easy and 2 dots and 2 singles saw the scores level with one delivery to go.

The hushed crowd was on the edge of their seats as the final ball was bowled. An inside edge, a deflection off the batsman's pad and the ball squirted away to allow a scampered single and victory for the home side by the narrowest of margins.

A great game, played in great spirit by both teams.

Mark Worley (HTVCC - July 9<sup>th</sup>

### **U11 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Sprowston**

A fantastic morning of junior cricket, played in great spirits by both sides.

After winning the toss at a sunny Tas Valley, Sprowston skipper James Atkins invited Tas to bat first on a green wicket. After surviving a strong bowling performance from James Atkins and Archie Denmar, the opening pair of Mihir Sanghrajka and Ollie Last put on 36 for the first wicket before Ollie was bowled for 11 by Nathan Becker. Harry Whitehead arrived at the crease and advanced the score to 101, before Mihir was bowled on the final ball of the innings by Nathan and Tas therefore ended on 101/2 from their full 16 overs.

Chasing 102 to win, Sprowston were immediately put on the back foot by losing two wickets from the first two balls of the innings, with Alfie Bird dismissing James Atkins and Henry Murrell (both bowled). Kyran Payne and Archie Denmar stabilised the innings before Ollie Last struck in the 4th over to remove Archie.

Fighting valiantly, Nathan Becker took the fight to some excellent Tas bowling, well supported by Seth Newstead and Patrick James before succumbing to Charlie Hayes in the 15th over. Charlie will however start the next game on a hat trick after taking the final Sprowston wicket in his next delivery!

Hethersett & Tas Valley won by 39 runs.

There were stand out performances from both sides on this great advert for junior cricket; Mihir Sanghrajka (Tas) 26, Harry Whitehead (Tas) 24 n.o, Nathan Becker (Sprowston) 14 Alfie Bird (Tas) 3-1-3-2, Charlie Hayes (Tas) 1.4-0-3-2, Nathan Becker (Sprowston) 3-0-15-2

Matt Bird (HTVCC) - July 7<sup>th</sup>

### **U11 Gt.Ellingham v Gt.Melton**

Great Melton U11s best Great Ellingham by 29 runs. A good contest in glorious conditions.

Melton batted first and scored 108-3 with George Alcock retiring on 38\*. Charlie Hosmer captained the team and had a great innings of 23 while Evan Mercer scored 10 not out and Jake Canning 7 not out. Gt Ellingham bowled well taking 3 wickets. Pick of the bowlers was Evie taking a wicket and she and Ollie Blinkhorn both got a run-out as Melton looked to press runs towards the end of the Innings.

Sammy and Jake opened the bowling for Melton with a Maiden from each end as Ellingham's openers Evie (20\*) and Ollie E started a measured chase scoring slow and steady. Wickets were hard to come by Charlie Hosmer and Evan Mercer taking the only two to fall. The result was that Ellingham were restricted to 79-2.

It was a good game of cricket with good performances throughout both teams. James Alcock umpired for the first time and did an excellent job. Well done everyone.

Martin Alcock - Gt.Melton - June 27th

### **U13 Bungay v Ashmanaugh & Barton Wanderers**

Bungay and A&B Wanderers enjoyed a good game, played in excellent spirits.

Despite an excellent start, in which Bungay restricted A&B by taking three wickets in the first three overs of the match, courtesy of Jack McTavish's left arm swinger, A&B still managed to get to a very good score of 122 from their 16 overs. This was down to a combination of two excellent innings by Harry W (38\* and C. Harris (30\*) and a high extras count by the Bungay bowlers. Special mention to Jack Mctavish for his 4-23 and for George Pennington for taking a wicket with his very first ball in any form of cricket match.

Bungay's innings started well enough, with Fletcher Littlechild in particular coping well with the excellent and quick bowling of Connie Harris from one end and her sister Isobel very accurate at the other end. Both openers got into double figures and played some good shots, but when they fell in quick succession the A&B total proved too much for Bungay. The middle order applied themselves well and batted out all but one of their allotted overs. Harry Wells the standout with figures of 3-6.

Nick Lo - Bungay - June 26th

### **U9 Mattishall v Rocklands**

On a drizzly evening, Mattishall and Rocklands under 9's managed to keep smiling and played through the miserable conditions.

Mattishall won the toss and elected to bowl first with Ollie Roberson and Leo Seales bowling the first 4 overs, the former taking 2 wickets in a tight spell, despite some nice shots from the Rocklands opening pair. Lucas Berney and Taylor Randell kept the momentum going with a wicket each. Freddie Stringer, Alfie Bradford and Isaac Braybrook rotated through the next 6 overs and continued to keep things tight, Alfie picking up a wicket and Isaac getting two, despite some resilient defending from Rocklands. Lucus and Freddie bowled the last 2 overs with Freddie picking up his first wicket for the club with the last ball of the innings. It was a good all round performance in the field considering the conditions, which included two run outs (Ollie and Taylor) and some excellent glove work from Isabelle Ford behind the stumps.

In reply Mattishall started well with a solid partnership between Alfie and Isaac yielding 28 runs which included some nice strokes and quick running between the wickets. Rocklands claimed their first wicket in the 5th over, but Mattishall kept the momentum going with Lucus and Isabelle, the latter hitting 2 nice fours. Rocklands kept it tight in the next 4 overs with some good bowling and claimed 3 more

wickets to keep the pressure on, making it hard for Taylor and Freddie to find the gaps. A final flourish from Ollie and Leo ensured victory for the home team, including two nice fours from Ollie.

Considering the slippery conditions, it was a great effort from all players, who never once complained and just got on with the game - great to see!

Peter Bradford - Mattishall - June 20<sup>th</sup>

### **U15 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Horsford**

Tas won the toss and elected to field first.

Jack Austin and Ethan Metcalf opened the batting for Horsford, scoring steadily to take the score to 20 when in the 4th over Ethan was run out by super teamwork from Will Worley and bowler Charlie English. Charlie's second over had been looking very economical until new batsman Peter De Langer came to the crease and added 10 in 3 balls. Horsford's scoring rate then increased swiftly as De Langer quickly found his groove hitting 10 4's before retiring on 51. His replacement Henry Hood didn't have chance to get going and was bowled in the 12th over by Ashton Gricks. With Jack still at the crease the runs came, albeit much more slowly and at the end of the 15th over the score was 129-2. The 16th over saw 3 wickets for captain Alex Bird, Jackson and Ratledge bowled with Jack Austin falling caught by Ollie Harvey. The innings ended at 136-5

In reply Tas started in the worst way, Will Worley out first ball to Hood. Captain Alex Bird joined Charlie English at the crease and together they proceeded to take the fight to Horsford. Scoring steadily, and with the help of an uncharacteristic 41 extras, they were chasing down the total well when in the 12th over Alex was caught behind (41) by Metcalf off Ratledge. 94-2. Joe Thorndyke joined Charlie and they worked well together adding 24 before Joe was caught by De Langer in the deep. With slightly too much to do and not enough balls remaining the Tas reply fell just short finishing on 124-4 with Charlie English carrying his bat for a well crafted 39.

Well played all but special mentions to:- P De Langer (Horsford) 51 retired. J Austin (Horsford) 41  
Alex Bird (Tas) 41, Charlie English (Tas) 39 \*

Bowling - Horsford - Ratledge and Hood both 16-2 Tas - Alex Bird 15-3

Sara Worley - Tas - June 19<sup>th</sup>

### **U11 Gt.Melton v Thetford A**

Thetford Town CC U11's were the visitors in their 2nd SNCL match of the season on a beautiful summer Sunday morning at the Great Melton home of cricket.

Thetford Captain Theo Piggott won the toss and chose to field in sunny conditions, against a strong and much fancied Great Melton side.

Great Melton started cautiously with Jake C and Danny scampering quick singles off of the Thetford bowling, and this proved fruitful until first Jake C was bowled by debutant Cameron Tilly for a Melton top score of 17. After a good previous game Harry Hopkins continued his good form, bowling 2 well controlled overs and only conceding 6 runs which included the wicket of Melton opener Danny for 2. Next bowler was Jacob Thomas who bowled well to bowl number 3 batter Nicholas for 0. Thetford were now in the ascendancy which culminated in an excellent spell of bowling from Theo Piggott who bowled his 2 overs for 1 run which also included the wicket of number 4 Melton batter Adit for 2 runs. Callum Chisholm and Archie Jackson joined the bowling attack and both picked up a wicket apiece, bowling Albert and David with useful deliveries.

The last two batters in for Melton were Jake T and Evan who held the innings together, but despite some lusty late strikes both were clean bowled by Euan Sheridan and Dillon Cumming respectively. Great Melton finished their innings with a below par 56 runs from their 16 overs.

Thetford started their runs chase with some very positive stroke play from opening pair Callum Chisholm and Theo Piggott who both struck the ball powerfully to all parts of the ground, with Chisholm eventually retiring on 20. The first batter out however was captain Piggott who after driving and cutting the ball to the boundary at will was bowled by a useful away swinger from 2nd change bowler Adit. This brought Jacob Thomas to the crease who unfortunately did not stay too long as he was bowled by Albert for 2. Harry Hopkins was next player in and he batted very intelligently with

Archie Jackson (not out 4), both running quick singles and then Hopkins hitting beautifully struck boundaries to finish unbeaten with a top score of 22.

Thetford were now in the ascendancy and the Great Melton score of 56 was not far away. With Harry and Archie in confident mood the Melton Target was reached with 5 overs to spare giving the Thetford A team a convincing win by 4 wickets.

This was a wonderfully natured match with plenty of local and opposition support in sunny conditions. Thanks to Abbie Mortimer for scoring.

Micky Piggott - Thetford - June 17th

### **Girls Swardeston v Gt.Melton      pic**

This game was the first match of the season for both teams and there was a general air of excitement and friendly rivalry between the teams with many girls playing against fellow team mates from school and other sports.

Great Melton won the toss and elected to field. Imogen and Sylvie opened the batting and got Swardeston off to a flying start scoring several boundaries and running well without the loss of any wickets. The home team then continued to bat well although 3 wickets were taken by the bowling side.

Melton struggled to score freely with the bat and lost 4 wickets during the first 3 pairs. However, extras allowed the visitors to come within striking distance of the total and the final pair needed boundaries from the last 2 deliveries to win the match. Accurate bowling by India meant that first Alice and then Niamh were bowled out trying to go for the 'big shot' needed.

Maxine Rushton - GM - June 7<sup>th</sup>

### **U11 Thetford B v Gt.Melton**

A developing Thetford B team were no match for Great Melton U11s losing their South Norfolk Community League game by 6 wickets. With only 7 available players at the start of the game Thetford elected to bat but were quickly under pressure by the accuracy of the Melton bowlers. Wickets were shared by Sammy Belderson (2-2-0-1) Charlie Hosmer (1-0-3-2) and Danny Wright (2-2-0-2) with Adit Raje taking a wicket in his first game of the season, expertly snapped up behind the stumps by George Alcock. A Thetford player batted twice to make up the numbers and he and home "Captain Morgan" worked hard to take their score to 26 all out.

Despite the loss of an early wicket the Melton reply was rapid and the total was achieved with 6 wickets to spare thanks to good unbeaten knocks from Charlie Hosmer & Evan Mercer.

Once the total was reached the teams carried on playing and there were good cameos from Nicholas Conway, Henley Turner and George Alcock at the tail.

Although this was a one-sided game the Thetford players played with great enthusiasm and smiles on their faces and all players of both sides enjoyed their morning.

Martin Alcock - Gt.Melton - June 5th

### **U11 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Brooke**

This was a very close game, played in great spirit by two very well matched sides.

Tas skipper Alfie Bird won the toss and invited Brooke to bat on a very hot and sticky morning at Flordon.

Oscar Baker and Oscar Spinks opened the batting and started positively, with both players taking boundaries off the opening bowling attack of Ollie Last and Will English. Ollie made the breakthrough in the 3rd over, before two quick wickets in the 4th over from Will left Brooke 32/3.

A patient rebuilding exercise from Max Stone and Miles Rudling saw Brooke closing the overs out before Max was bowled for 16 by Kacey Matthews in the 15th over. Miles shepherded Brooke over the line to a score of 98/4 from 16 overs with 18 n.o, with Will English the pick of the Tas bowlers with 2-0-15-2.

In response, Harry Whitehead and Mihir Sanghrajka opened for Tas before Toby Grieve bowled Mihir in the second over for 2, with Harry following in the 3rd over for 4 runs. At this point, Tas were on the ropes and a patient rebuilding exercise, mirroring the Brooke innings was taken on by Will English and Alfie Bird contributing 37 for the third wicket before Will was bowled by Miles Rudling for 20.

Alfie and Ollie Last continued to build the score in this tightest of games, with Max Stone trapping Alfie LBW for 14 in the 14th over, leaving Tas requiring 10 from the final 2 overs to win the game.

Kacey Matthews played a great backup role to Ollie, rotating the strike and enabling Ollie to win this tightest of games (21 n.o) with the 3rd ball of the final over. Brooke's leading bowler was Max Stone with figures of 3-0-20-2

This game was a credit to junior cricket, which was well supported, played in fantastic spirit by both sides and one which right up until the last over could have gone either way. Well done to everyone involved.

Matt Bird (HTVCC) - June 2nd

### **U9 Mattishall v Gt.Ellingham**

Mattishall's season got underway on an unseasonably cold, dull evening at the cricket ground as they hosted Great Ellingham. Mattishall won the toss and elected to bowl first, Ollie Roberson and Regan Gostling keeping it tight in the first 4 overs and claiming a wicket each, despite some solid defensive work from the opening pair. George Lamb and Freddie Stringer continued to keep it tight in the next 4 overs with some nice bowling considering it was only their 1st and 2nd games respectively. The next 6 overs saw a rotation of Isaac Braybrook, Lucus Berney, (also making his first appearance) and Alfie Bradford, who all bowled with good accuracy, claiming a wicket each. This was marred only by the injury to Scarlett, who bravely batted on. The last pair of Matthew and Jamie batted well and both found the boundary in a solid partnership, but Ollie Roberson claimed his second wicket in the last over, finishing with impressive figures of 2 wickets for 0 runs. The visitors finished with a net score of 244 for 6.

In reply, a solid opening partnership from Isaac Braybrook (18) and Alfie Bradford (27) got the hosts off to a flying start against some good bowling from Matthew and Jamie. Isabelle Ford and Freddie Stringer continued to keep the scoreboard ticking along against the bowling of Jack and Evie with a few boundaries, as did the partnership of Lucus Berney and George Lamb, who ran some impressive quick singles, which was noticeable in general throughout the game. An explosive partnership at the end from Ollie Roberson and Regan Gostling, the former top scoring with 29, capped off an impressive start to the season, despite some outstanding fielding from Matthew in the final overs. Mattishall finished on 325 for 2.

In summary it was an enjoyable game played in good spirits, despite the cold, drizzly conditions!

Peter Bradford - Mattishall - May 31st

### **U15 Old Buckenham v Rocklands**

Old Buckenham batted first on a hard wicket and fast outfield scored 161-1 in 16 overs with Nathan Muggeridge scoring 51 (retired), Reuben Wright 34 not out in 15 balls and Malachi Wright 26

Rocklands replied with 116-4 in 16 overs with B Barlow 23 and T Bridges 27 not out Walker Everitt taking 2-16 in 3 overs Old Buckenham winning by 45 runs

Chris Dalton -OBCC - May 29th

### **U11 Thetford A v Thetford B**

Thetford Town CC began their 2019 season with an all club affair pitting A team v B Team in their 1st South Norfolk Cricket League match.

Thetford Captain Theo Piggott won the toss and elected to bat in overcast conditions, and this decision paid off as opening batters Callum Chisholm and Harry Hopkins tore into the Thetford B bowlers. With Chisholm scoring confidently and Hopkins a little more cautious the B side bowlers had to find their stride, and new girl Alice Brown stepped up to the plate removing Hopkins for a patient 10 - picking up her first wicket for Thetford. This brought Thetford's County U11 Captain Megan Haynes to the crease who confidently hit her first ball for 4 with a beautiful pull through midwicket. This was a sign of things

to come as both Chisholm and Haynes continued to strike the ball powerfully to all parts of the ground, eventually both retiring on 30+. The next batters in were captain Theo Piggott who began his innings a bit more cautiously, which then allowed his partner Archie Jackson to settle and scamper quick singles. Piggott also retired for a brilliant 32, allowing new recruit Jackson to show his all round ability. Ollie Byford was next in and both he and Jackson batted very intelligently running quick singles and two's to keep pushing the scores along. However in their pursuit of quick runs Thetford 'A' lost 3 quick wickets to Morgan Newman, Jessica Thomas and Nathan respectively for only 17 runs, giving them a good but under par final total of 147 for 4 from their allotted 16 overs.

Thetford 'B' started cautiously with Newman trying to scamper quick singles off of the tight and accurate bowling of Piggott. However this was undone as Piggott bowled opener Connor for 2 with a beautiful away swinging delivery. Morgan was joined at the crease by Connor's brother Mason, however he did not stay long as he was run out for a single - a brilliant pick up and throw by Harry Hopkins. Rodrigo was next in and managed to push the ball around nicely but was bowled for 4 runs by a beautiful in-swinging delivery from Haynes that clipped the top of middle stump. Thetford 'B' were always behind the run rate and although Alice Brown kept the scoreboard ticking along with a patient and well worked 15 runs it was not enough to keep the momentum needed. Matilda Thomas, who was making her debut for Thetford was next in and looked steady until she was bowled by for 3 by Hopkins. Archie came to the crease and again looked solid and confident. Alice and Archie continued to bat beautifully, pushing 1's and 2's and running sensibly to move the score past 100. But with overs running out and the target looking further and further away the Thetford B score finished on 109 for 4, resulting in a 38 run victory for Thetford 'A'.

This was a wonderfully natured match with plenty of local support in good conditions. Thanks to Emma Piggott and Abbie Mortimer for scoring.

Thetford Force8 Player of the Match was Callum Chisholm for his brilliant all round performance with both bat and ball.

Mick Piggott - Head Coach - Thetford May 20th

## **U11 Saxlingham v Hethersett & Tas Valley 01**

Tas batted first and scored an impressive 149/1. Mhir, opening the batting, reached 34 before retiring and Whitehead scored 31. They were well supported by English, Last and Bird in posting an imposing total. Harry Stevenson took the only wicket with an excellent catch by Sam Johnson on his Saxlingham debut.

Saxlingham, in their first match of the season, managed a dogged 57/1 in reply against some excellent bowling from Tas, Sam Blincoe top scored with 14no and was well supported by Alex Purling and Harry Stevenson. Alfie Bird took the only wicket and returned an impressive spell of spin bowling with figures of 1/4 in 3 overs

The match was played in an excellent spirit by both teams and thanks go to umpires, scorers, coaches and all of the parents who came to watch.

Chris Blincoe, Saxlingham

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