

BYFLEET CC 1ST XI REPORT 2016 SEASON

The 1st XI had an extremely eventful season finishing in Joint 3rd Place recording 10 wins & 7 losses. This was a great achievement given that we lost important 1st XI players, we lost the services of Ashley Rannie for a majority of the season which left a hole in the middle order, all-rounder Brent Kay joined Weybridge showing his class with the ball plus his lower order hitting power and then Captain Sam Crabtree left to join Weybridge at the end of July. Our batting showed glimpses of improvement with 4 batsman accumulating over 250 league runs and we were extremely grateful to Tim Richards who returned from Uni and played the final 4 league games scoring 166 valuable runs, this ultimately contributed to our 5 match winning streak in August/September. At one point we were looking at being in a relegation battle but we managed to pull together & showed great team spirit to record 5 wins on the bounce and propel us to our final finishing position.

On occasions we had to select a young and inexperienced side including 3 or 4 under 16's, Tyron White returned as our overseas player for a 2nd season and was the pick of the batters & bowlers with 372 runs and 31 wickets. Josh Roguski returned for a 2nd spell with us and accumulated 330 runs, Liam Blake improved his contributions with the bat scoring 310 runs both averaging nearly 24. Special mention must be given to Charlie Black and Sam Tyler both only 16, who contributed 24 & 23 wickets respectively.

Thanks must go to everyone who contributed off the field particularly Malcolm for preparing the match day and training pitches, the tea ladies who continue to keep us well fed and Liam who did a fantastic job when asked to fill in as Captain. The team showed great camaraderie and pulled together in difficult circumstances to produce some great end of season results with the highlight being our 1 run win against Champions Kingstonian.

We must commend the tea ladies and 1st XI captains as the club were awarded the overall 'Best Combined Catering & Hospitality in Division 4', the markings are assessed by the panel umpires over the season and we should take great pride in receiving this award, well done everyone.

I hope everyone winters well and we look forward to another long season in 2017.

Andy Savage
1st XI Player & Hon. Secretary