



Leamington Cricket Club Senior Cricket Reports 2017

Chairman of Cricket Review of the Season

Yearly reports allow us to reflect on what has happened in the last year but I want to look at where we are now in comparison to 5 years ago.

We have a much broader player base, though occasionally still struggle to find 44 players on a Saturday, but more often than not we have to leave players out. The need to satisfy the membership has led to regular Sunday cricket once again and for 2018 we have joined the Coventry midweek league.

our junior section goes from strength to strength, we have youngsters on a waiting list to join Friday night's and a full winter program, something very few other clubs even offer. This is largely due to Mark Davison's commitment and drive to ensure the future of the club. I must also mention the long list of volunteers who continually help this section of the club run so effectively.

The overview of our senior section is of a successful year.

1st team Captain Lee Hopkins is still in Australia and his report is with him. In summary a lower mid table finish was a good effort considering the difficulties of the previous year. Lee led from the front as top run scorer and captained extremely well. Although we still managed to lose some games from winning positions the growing confidence of the players ultimately put us in a comfortably league position and should help us build a promotion challenge in 2018.

The 2s were again a competitive team and the opportunities given to some of our better younger players like Cam Mitchell and Will Mobberley shows we are beginning to reap the rewards of our junior section.

If there was a low point it was the disappointment of the 3s being relegated from Cotswold Hills Prem, the prime reason probably being the inconsistency of team selection. The 3s usually paying the price for player unavailability.

4s in a tight finish gained promotion once again and prove emphatically that the club is in such a better place now than 5 or so years ago when we didn't have 4 teams.

The Sunday allstars enjoyed another fun packed season maintaining their position in the top flight. Player availability improved from our 1st year in the league and is testament to the efforts of captain Joseph Somra.

Huge thanks to all the outgoing Captains, Lee Hopkins, Jason Butler and Mat Dale for their time effort and commitment to LCC.

This season sees 3 new Captains.

1s Jon Wigley

2s Jack Hawkes

3s Jack Jewson

I thank them all in anticipation of their efforts in what may prove a very interesting season. I say this as the end of 2018 will see a huge restructuring of the Birmingham League, This will impact The Warwickshire and possibly the Cotswold Hills leagues hugely. The situation of where our 4 teams will be playing 2019 is still unclear and is very much a case of you'll know when we know .

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2nd XI

2017 was a competitive season with some excellent performances but too many poor ones that pushed us into the bottom half of the league.

There were some quality individual performances Tim Smedley bowled extremely well and got a high tally of wickets. His efforts were of much significance as I was unable to bowl much throughout the season. Great effort from a guy with hard job and no legs.

Club newcomer Joe Midgeley forced his way into the 1st team through some quality pace bowling and showed in the 1st team that he was just as capable .

Nick Couzens batting was pleasing on the eye with some lovely stroke play and in time the big scores will come. His bowling is also improving by the game.

But it was the old timer Dave Hawkes who earned the Captains award and starred with the bat helping secure our league position. Although he is hated by most opponents and well past his prime his outstanding efforts were again rewarded with 1st team call up in their hour of need.

I've handed the captaincy over to Jack Hawkes , a top player and guy who I believe will drive the team onto success.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 5 years as Captain, it does take up a lot of time and effort but I feel very lucky to have had some great guys and very talented youngsters in my team.

I feel I've learnt a lot since coming to Leamington, both as a player and Captain and will definitely miss being leader on the pitch. I hope Jack picks me as I will help and support him and would love to be there when the Premier trophy is won .

Huge thanks to all those that have helped and supported me , especially my family who have put up with my mood swings , usually after a loss or duck , so quite often the way I bat.

Jason Butler

3rd XI

A disappointing season for the 3rd XI resulted in relegation from the Cotswold Hills Premier Division.

Leamington never really recovered from 4 consecutive defeats at the start of the season with poor availability throughout the club taking effect.

A mid-season revival with 4 victories in 7 matches looked to give the 3s some hope but no victory in the last 6 games put pay to any chance of survival.

There were notable performances from James Cowan and David Lord with the bat and Dan McCarthy maintained his usual consistency with the ball.

It was disappointing for me to end my tenure with relegation having achieved promotion in 2013 and maintained our status in the top division for 4 years with a 3rd XI was an excellent reflection on the strength in depth of the club.

However onwards and upwards and I am sure new skipper Jack Jewson will enjoy the role as much as I did for 10 years and enjoy every success.

Matthew Dale

4th XI

Another excellent season for our 4th team 'development' squad culminating in promotion to Division 3 of the Cotswold Hills League.

Despite last minute call ups and cry offs from the other sides the team remained competitive throughout the season with all who played enjoying the experience.

A total of 37 players took the field over the season, with participants travelling from as far afield as the USA and Dubai to partake in the 4th team atmosphere.

The depth of the side was exemplified by 9 players averaging over 30 with the bat with special mention to Will Dixon and Mark Davison, with Mark falling 4 short of 500 season runs.

In the bowling department we used 23 different bowlers over the season with maximum use made of our promising spin twins of Shaun Williams and Mark Ryan who bowled over 220 overs between them and a combined total of 58 wickets.

We had a total of 10 wins with some high points achieved for batting first and bowling out the opposition. The general strategy was to assess the pitch, consider the strength of the opposition, look at the changes in weather forecast and then 'bat'.

Season highlights:

- Cameron Mitchell maiden not out ton Vs Catherine De Barnes
- John Chambers 'frog in a blender' celebration of his hat trick
- Shaun Williams 5 wicket haul at Overbury
- Will Dixon's emergence as a batsman with 22x4's and 11x6's
- Mark Ryan's week of shame with a potential level 4 'hands on umpire offence, possible drug abuse and found smoking a Cuban cigar in the Leamington clubhouse

Lowlights:

- The only real downside is the lack of Junior players with potential making themselves available for Senior cricket. It is our objective to play them whenever possible.

Thanks should go to all that helped us with umpiring (Kev Mitchel in particular), scoring (Laura Bawden in particular) and all those that helped with superb teas at Leamington (Nid in particular).

The Future looks bright and if we can compete at a higher level whilst still bringing youth players through into Senior cricket then that will be an objective worth aiming for.

Finally if this is to be Mark Ryan's swansong season (not sure I fully believe) then we should record and thank him for his playing career in our 4th team and his example to our young players.

Paul Wilson

4th XI Batting Averages 2017

firstname	surname	matches	innings	notouts	runs	highscore	average
Rob	Williams	1	1	0	121	121	121
James	Taylor	5	4	2	129	56	64.5
Will	Dixon	10	10	1	355	92	39.44
Mark	Davison	16	15	2	496	76	38.15
Sumo	-	2	1	0	38	38	38
Shaun	Williams	15	11	4	252	52*	36
Richard	Bate	7	7	1	202	71	33.67
Paul	Wilson	15	10	2	258	64	32.25
Mark	Reynolds	1	1	0	32	32	32
Toby	Askin	7	6	1	152	74	30.4
Rob	Ainscow	4	4	0	107	50	26.75
Sam	Dorrell	5	2	1	26	20*	26
Cameron	Mitchell	9	9	1	205	107*	25.63
James	Slora	7	6	2	100	55	25
Liam	Cottle	2	2	0	40	24	20
Dugar	Mohamed	1	1	0	19	19	19
Wayne	Killian	1	1	0	19	19	19
Max	Wdowski	7	6	2	70	22	17.5
Raul	Ruparellia	6	3	1	27	13	13.5
Mark	Ryan	17	5	4	11	5*	11
Callum	Dixon	3	3	1	22	8*	11
Joseph	Davison	6	3	2	8	6	8
Paul	Bennett	13	11	2	65	14	7.22
David	Lord	1	1	0	5	5	5
Simon	Thompson	1	1	0	4	4	4
Jon	Chambers	5	1	0	4	4	4
Steven	Davison	1	1	0	4	4	4
James	Morton	7	4	0	15	8	3.75
Ben	Cowan	2	1	0	2	2	2
James Andrew	Treasure	1	1	0	1	1	1
Luke	Brotherton	3	2	0	1	1	0.5
Ali	Khan	1	1	0	0	0	0
Karan	Patra	1	1	1	37	37*	0
Will	Field	2	1	0	0	0	0

4th XI Bowling 2017

firstname	surname	matches	overs	balls	maidens	runs	wickets
Dugar	Mohamed	1	10	0	3	31	0
Rob	Ainscow	4	2	0	0	10	0
Paul	Bennett	13	1	2	0	8	0
Simon	Thompson	1	4	0	0	29	0
Liam	Cottle	2	3	0	0	22	0
David	Lord	1	4	0	2	13	2
Ankit	Sreevathra	1	6	3	2	15	2
Ali	Khan	1	2	0	0	8	1
Sumo	-	2	7	0	0	20	2
Jon	Chambers	5	23	0	2	96	8
Ben	Cowan	2	16	2	1	67	5
Shaun	Williams	15	121	4	15	457	32
Mark	Ryan	17	103	2	17	406	28
Sam	Dorrell	5	20	0	2	81	5
Cameron	Mitchell	9	37	0	5	129	7
Raul	Ruparellia	6	21	0	1	110	5
James	Morton	7	46	0	7	199	8
Mark	Davison	16	47	0	1	239	8
Toby	Askin	7	45	0	3	212	7
Joseph	Davison	6	26	0	4	122	4
James	Taylor	5	36	0	1	156	5
Max	Wdowski	7	38	0	5	194	4
James	Slora	7	29	0	0	150	2