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**Streatham & Marlborough Cricket Club**

**SMS – 23 May 2018**

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Firstly, many thanks to Andy and his 3rd XI for hosting a very successful social on Saturday evening. The food was top notch! Secondly, well done to our first two centurians of 2018 – Sahib Singh scoring a brutal 147 whilst Paddy Vanderpant scored a fluent 107\*. Both led to sizeable victories.

Finally, technology allowing, we will be using our outdoor scoreboard screen to show the Champions League Final this Saturday after the game. They will also be on screen inside the bar so invite friends and family down to watch the big match!

Onto the news with the match reports following at the bottom of this message.

**Karen Goodchild Memorial Game – Sunday 27 May**

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| cid:image015.jpg@01D2CF27.C39BAF80 | As many of you will be aware, we lost the most wonderful lady just over two years ago. Karen was an integral part of the club and we will be hosting a memorial game on Sunday week to celebrate her life. All members are welcome (and encouraged) to attend.  The match will be played by two SMCC XI’s from 1.00pm. The Chairman, John Greenwood, will be manning the BBQ. |

**Membership**

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| cid:image010.jpg@01D2B386.6E2A2110 | There are still many who have **not paid subscriptions** yet. As of **28 May**, we will only select those who have addressed this. [More details can be found here](http://streathammarlboroughcc.co.uk/index.php/membership/) but the club would like to re-iterate that **cost will not be a barrier** to play and anyone requiring assistance should contact the membership secretary, Dan Johnson (daniel.johnson11@nhs.net). |

**Selection**

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| cid:image008.jpg@01D2B386.6E2A2110 | Please send your availability for the upcoming fixtures (specifying Wednesday, Saturday and/or Sunday) to the various captains or our Chair of Cricket (Justin Sbresni - justin@busbyproductions.com / 07951 601 948) before Monday evening on the week of a game. If we haven’t heard by then, we will assume you are unavailable to minimise disruption later in the week. |

**Men’s and Ladies Summer Training**

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| cid:image002.jpg@01D3D892.4D95BCC0 | Men’s and ladies senior training will continue on a Thursday evening at the club (Dulwich Common, SE21 7EX) from 18.30 and will continue (weather allowing) until the end of the season. All are welcome.  |

**Social Calendar**

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| 27 May | Karen Goodchild Memorial Game |
| 16 June | “Final Push” Pavilion Fundraising Party |
| 14 July | Club social hosted by the 2nd XI |
| 21 July | Club social hosted by the 5th XI |
| 28 July | Club social hosted by the 1st XI |
| 18 Aug | Club social hosted by the 6th XI |
| 26 Aug | President’s Day |
| 1 Sept | Final League Games Party hosted by the 4th XI  |
| 20 Oct | Senior End of Season Awards “Dinner & Dance” |
| 24 Nov | Annual General Meeting |

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If you have any questions, please let me or another member of the committee know.

Cheers,

Dan

Men’s Club Captain



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**Upcoming Fixtures: 24 – 30 May**

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| **Date** | **Start** | **Team** | **Opposition** | **Venue** |
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| Saturday 26 May | 12:00 | 1st XI | Epsom | Away |
|  | 12:00 | 2nd XI | Sanderstead | Home |
|  | 13:00 | 3rd XI | Oxted & Limpsfield | Home |
|  | 13:00 | 4th XI | Oxted & Limpsfield | Away |
|  | 13:30 | 5th XI | Ex Blues | Home |
|  | 13:30 | 6th XI | Sidcup  | Away |
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| Sunday 27 May | 14:00 | Ladies Trust XI | Spencer | Away |
|  | 13:00 | \*\*\* Intraclub - Karen Goodchild Memorial Game \*\*\* | Home |
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| Monday 28 May | 10:30 | Twenty20 XI | East Molesey | Away |
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| League Fixtures can be viewed on our [Play-Cricket site](http://stmcc.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/112572) |

**Results: 9 – 15 May**

**1st XI**

Lost by 4 wickets

SMCC 212ao (49.3) / Addiscombe 214-6 (47.2)

1st XI League position – 5th / 10

Report: *A decent batting display by S&M - Addiscombe were left to chase 212 off their 50 overs - was followed by a below par performance on the field as the target was chased six wickets down and with fourteen balls to spare. With the bat, S&M had started slowly against an unerringly accurate new ball attack. Hughes fell early but Knott and Steel batted patiently, taking the score to 80-1 off of 25 overs before a ball somehow managed to ricochet off bat and pad and trickle on to Steel’s stumps. Knott was to go soon after, which left Gibbens and Ellis together. A sensible knock from Gibbens at one end allowed Ellis to flourish at the other as the veteran runscorer ploughed into the attack, scoring 73 and smashing five huge sixes along the way. A late innings burst by a new bowler slightly took the wind out of the inning’s sails, but some useful lower order runs took the score to a respectable 212, albeit on a relatively flat early season deck.*

*In contrast to Addiscombe’s miserly start, runs flowed against the S&M attack from the start. Although not helped by two dropped catches, pressure was never consistently applied as the bowlers found it hard to adjust to a difficult slope, as extras came regularly. An outstanding boundary run out from Gibbens broke up the opening partnership, but the team was always playing catch up from its sluggish start. Wickets came sporadically but not enough to ever look like the game was close, although a heroic second spell from Synclear, bowling consecutive maidens late on in the innings, accompanied by a tight spell of spin bowling from Mayes provided the away team with some hope. Ultimately though, despite a decent fielding effort, the lack of bowling discipline proved costly as Addiscombe eased over the line. (C Hughes)*

**Ladies Trust XI**

Won by concession

Report: N/A

**2nd XI**

Won by 144 runs

SMCC 291-8 (50) / Ashford 147ao (24.2)

2nd XI League position – 3rd / 10

Report: *The 2s restarted their season after last week’s washout at home to Ashford. Ashford conceded the toss and Sharif gladly elected to bat first. Rea and Johnson got SMCC off to a strong start as they banked their first 50 partnership as an opening pair. Both looked comfortable as the deck looked like one capable of producing big scores. Ashford had to change something and they brought on a pair of leg spinners who did the trick. Rea fell first ball to a leading edge which brought last week’s skipper, Spry to the crease. After putting away an early loose one, he toed a half tracker straight to the fielder and had to make the walk back to the hut. Both Acheson and Williamson didn’t fare much better as both were sent back pretty quickly to leave the Boro 102-4. Meanwhile, at the other end, Johnson passed 50 and was crying out for someone to partner him. Vanderpant came out to do exactly that. He played the situation well and rotated the strike which allowed Johnson to punish the bad ball and turn 1s in to 2s to keep the scoreboard ticking. Shortly after the pair passed a much needed 50 run partnership, Johnson fell for a well made 86 just as murmurs of a ton were starting to be discussed. Lee and James both supported Vanderpant well who timed his innings to perfection as he moved through the gears to punish Ashford’s bowling more and more. Suddenly, he found himself on 96 when Sharif politely made the umpires aware it should be a no ball as Ashford had 6 fielders outside the ring. This prompted a verbal exchange between an Ashford fielder at cow corner and Sharif (initially) before the rest of SMCC found it too funny to not get involved. In good humour, the conclusion was that the Ashford fielder “couldn’t be arsed” as he’d driven 2 hours from Ashford to find his time facing a 250+ run chase. Anyway, the very next ball (you couldn’t write it), on 96, Vanderpant launched one in the air right to the aforementioned fielder right in front of us. “Catch that one then mate” was the cry from an unnamed Australian. The lazy Ashfordian got right under it, caught it, spilt it and then shepherded it over the boundary for 4. Cheers mate, 100 for Vanderpant which meant a lot to him as he punched his bat and raised his arms in the air to a standing ovation from his team mates. Whether they were applauding Vanderpant or the fielder remains to be seen. SMCC’s innings closed at a massive 291-7 with Vanderpant ending up 107\*. Good knock and better than Johnson’s.*

*Courtney and Sarwavkhan opened the bowling looking to make early inroads but the Ashford openers rode their luck to get off to a flyer before Sarwavkhan snared the younger of the two brothers. Both Courtney and Sharif couldn’t snare the Ashford skipper as he was determined to keep up with the rate by playing risky shots to take advantage of the straight boundaries. Sarwavkhan made another breakthrough at the other end before Sharif snicked two more off to leave the Ashford captain stranded at one end. Lee and James both took wickets to ensure 7 wickets were taken at one end before Ashford’s captain tried one big shot too many and fell for 91. Lee wrapped the tail up and Ashford were bowled out for 147 meaning an emphatic 144 run for SMCC.*

*A brilliant win made simple by getting a big score on the board. There was loads of excitement about what this team could achieve over the summer and I certainly look forward to leading this side over the next 15 weeks. Bat like that and we’ll win most games. Up the Boro! (A Sharif)*

**3rd XI**

Won by 58 runs

SMCC 269ao (40) / Battersea Ironsides 211ao (40)

3rd XI League position – 4th / 10

Report: *The Sahib Singh show enough to see off battling Ironsiders.*

*After winning the toss and batting, we got off to a great start with Ravi Paul and Sahib Singh putting on 72 for the first wicket, before Ravi was dismissed for 42 in the 9th over. Sahib and Andy Mills then took the score to 112 before the captain was dismissed for 25. This wicket sparked Sahib to cut loose in a display of hitting perhaps unequalled in annals of Streatham and Marlborough Cricket Club. As wickets tumbled him around him, Sahib put the bowlers to the sword striking 11 sixes and 14 fours in a sustained display of destructive batting. With most runs hit straight back over the bowlers head, the bowlers of Battersea Ironsides had no answer. In particular, their  off spinner received short shrift and was hit out of the attack after conceding 38 runs in two overs. In the end, we were all out for 268 from 40 overs as the middle and lower order were mesmerised by Sahib’s show.*

*In their innings, Battersea responded well on a good wicket and put us under pressure before Sam Keenan and Satish Parthsarathy dismissed their top three. Bobby Iftikhar then ran through their middle order taking 3 quick wickets. A late counter attack by the opposition put the game back in the balance before Keenan returned to dismiss their number 5 for a rapid 77. The Battersea Ironsides fought to the end but the run rate was too much for them as they eventually fell to 211 all out. Both Keenan and Iftikhar took two wickets with Kas Ekanayake also picking up a couple. (A Mills)*

**4th XI**

Lost by 101 runs

Dulwich 271-6 (45) / SMCC 170ao (42.5)

4th XI League position – 6th / 10

Report: N/A

**5th XI**

Won by 5 wickets

Beckenham 130-8 (40) / SMCC 131-5 (32.3)

4th XI League position – 7th / 8

Report: *Catford? Actually St Dunstans took over that Powerleague ground a few years ago. Oh, I remember that wicket last year. Lovely strip. Good facilities. Tea's great. And you're playing Beckenham anyway. Don't worry.*

*So, public school money buys you carpets, a telly, and a security guard. Never seen a captain consult his team after winning the toss. Just bowl, you idiot. They're batting? Confident, but all right.*

*Jamie Fryer gets a bit of pace. I hate the phrase "good areas". Oh actually, good areas. And here's Brijesh: King of Swing. But these guys have a proper groundsman, so no wonder balls are going to the boundary. Bring the spinner on. Let's make them put some on the ball themselves.*

*Oh, come on, Steve Horlock, don't bowl that short....whoah waddacatch! That guy looked handy, but caught and bowled doesn't look great for him. Now TWO IN TWO...I take back what I said about you, Stevie. Give us a hug. Oh, come on - that hat-trick ball was lbw. Anyway, just why are there so many sirens in Catfo...OH, STEVIE'S GOT ANOTHER. If you bowl with flight and patience on a turning pitch, that's going happen. 3-29. Well bowled, son.*

*Probably need a guy to hold up an end. Mike Nicholas seems keen. Let's give him a trundle. [...] Sorry, must have drifted off. Is he still bowling? Has he got a wicket? Of course not. That can't be right: 14 runs conceded off 10 overs? Not going to draw the punters.*

*Let's wake the scorer up with a bit more Brijesh. Oh, that's a proper wicket. And another! Flicked the off bail! 4-24. Bank that, my friend. Alan Derbyshire at the other end is doing well against some fairly basic slogging, too.*

*What did they get? 130. Good fielding effort. Jim Hughes throwing himself and his hair about as usual. Especially pleasing with the leg boundary that the oppo didn't move out after the colts game.*

*Coffee cake or brownies? Batting second. Let's do both.*

*Burp. Definitely a bat second tea. Get on with it, John Greenwood and Paul Henly. Deck chairs. Wake me up when it's over. And doesn't Steve keep a neat scorebook?*

*Oh, that's a guy who has played a significant amount for cricket. Bowls soooooo sloooow. How's he picked up 3fer? That's just smart bowling. Don't tell me I have to put some pads on. Bah.*

*Chris Buttler (12) has some shots. Crunch. Maybe play yourself in. No. Kaboom. Oh and at the other end, top shot, Gohar Shafique (27)! Hit the rubbish. That's gone miles. Don't bother running for those. And another. Save your legs.*

*Where's Henly? Is he still out there? He really is. Looks completely untroubled. Crack. Split the covers. And now through point. Vintage Reg. They're not getting him out today. Fifty. Don't make me get out this deck chair. Polite applause.*

*And he's still going. Not phased by a few wickets falling around him. 59\*. Well done, skipper. Should have been more comfortable than 5 wickets, but I love a win. Really love a win.*

*Let's have a beer. Sure, I'll write your match report. No really, I want to. Oh, alright. IPA, please (M Nicholas)*

**6th XI**

Lost by 63 runs

Old Wilsonians 183-4 (40) / SMCC 120ao (39.5)

6th XI League position – 5th / 10

Report: *For the third week running the Skipper decided he had better things to do rather than to fulfil his elected function. After putting the urn on to boil he departed the arena for Wembley to watch the thrilling spectacle of the FA Cup Final. This week's report is therefore from Barrington Wilks who again captained the side.*

*'SMCC won the toss and elected to field first. Opening bowling spell was quite tight but the OWs openers made over 50 runs partnership. B Pomering carried his bat through their innings as OWs made 183 for 4of 40 overs.*

*SMCC innings started poorly as P Hutchin was out in the first over. The run rate was being met but the steady fall of wickets and the tight bowling and fielding by the oppo entailed that towards the last 10 overs of our innings the run rate had increased and thus increased the pressure onto our batsmen. Our 'tail' did 'wag' with Grimsey and Simpson putting on 35 runs partnership. SMCC ao for 120 made in the 40th over.*

*We lost to a good team and as with the previous two oppos we've faced thus far, they played the game in the right way, hard, but fair and the ability to have a laugh and a joke, made this a challenging but enjoyable day and one which beats Saturday shopping with 'she who must obeyed'....... Laurie during the winter months, can we go on tour😂😂😂😎😎😂'*

*You will notice the brevity and taut style of BW in this report - a trademark of his that has seen comparisons with Carver and Roth. You will also notice that BW has seen fit not to mention his batting exploits this week. I must redress his modesty. The scorecard this week reads Wilks caught zero. Normal service is resumed. It also seems that after last weeks hubris our hero has realised that his future lies in bowling as he has just asked me to correct a stat from two weeks ago as apparently he bowled a maiden that is not recorded on Play Cricket. BW is of course quite right to do so. A Wilks maiden is a rare thing of beauty and must be recorded for history. Those of us who have witnessed such a thing can testify to its majesty which is sweetly tempered by the certain fact that there will be a comet in the sky before another one comes along.  (L Johnston)*

**Sunday 1st XI (Friendly)**

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**Sunday 2nd XI (Friendly)**

Won by 17 runs

SMCC 156ao (40) / Ewell 139-9 (40)