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**Streatham & Marlborough Cricket Club**

**SMS – 5 July 2018**

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Welcome to the Streatham & Marlborough Sweep (SMS) – the latest information from SMCC

**Pavilion News**

We’ve now over £18k (inclusive of Gift Aid) from the fundraising done in 2018 to go with the £40k raised in 2014. A fantastic effort!

We will soon be announcing a competition amongst the membership to design the pavilion interior with the Committee keen to retain character and atmosphere in the new space. Please keep an eye out for further information.

**Overview of last weekend**

A tough weekend on the field with only the 5th XI and Sunday 1s recording victory. There were some determined efforts from the 2s and 3s to secure draws and pick up important points. Highlights include 74\* for Pickles, 63 for Paul, 51 for Prendergast as well as 5-56 from Cavanagh and 4-25 from Hyam. Let’s hope for some better results this weekend.

In the juniors there were two wins (U9s and U13s), two concessions by the opposition and four losses this week. U9s currently top their league with two to play. Good luck boys and girls!

**Please Keep the Ground Tidy!**

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| image2.jpeg | An appeal from both the ground staff, pavilion manager and me… please make every attempt to keep the ground tidy and welcoming. This means assisting with putting out tables, chairs, parasols (we have new ones from brewery) before the game but also putting everything away at the close of play and clearing any litter, glasses etc. Many hands should have this done in minutes. Last weekend, chairs, tables and scoreboards were left out putting additional workload on to the ground and pavilion staff. |

**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](mailto: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.  Please note that the men’s sessions are being run by 1st XI skipper and Surrey CCC Coach, Neneto Davis. |

**Social Calendar**

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| 20160909_192229.jpg | |  |  | | --- | --- | | 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 | | 15 Sept | Junior End of Season Awards | | 20 Oct | Senior End of Season Awards “Dinner & Dance” | | 24 Nov | Annual General Meeting | |

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: 5 July – 11 July**

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| **Date** | **Start** | **Team** | **Opposition** | **Venue** |
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| Saturday 7 July | 12:00 | 1st XI | Staines & Laleham | Away |
|  | 12:00 | 2nd XI | Kempton | Home |
|  | 13:00 | 3rd XI | East Molesey | Home |
|  | 13:00 | 4th XI | SinjunGrammarians | Away |
|  | 13:30 | 5th XI | No Game – Gap Week | Home |
|  | 13:30 | 6th XI | Bexleyheath | Away |
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| Sunday 8 July | 13:30 | Ladies 1st XI | Canterbury | Away |
|  | 13:00 | Sunday 1st XI | Mahey Family Match | Home |
|  | 13:30 | Sunday 2nd XI | Goldleaf | Away |
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| Wednesday 11 July | 14:00 | Midweek XI | Sevenoaks | 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: 28 June – 4 July**

**1st XI**

Lost by 7 wickets

SMCC 201-8 (55) / Old Rutlishians 206-3 (37.5)

1st XI League position – [7 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77475)

Report: N/A

**Ladies 1st XI**

Gap Week

Ladies 1st XI League position – [2 / 4](http://womenscsl.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=78372)

Report: N/A

**Ladies Trust XI**

Gap Week

Ladies Trust XI League position – [2 / 10](http://ssdl.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=78015)

Report: N/A

**2nd XI**

Losing Draw

SMCC 229ao (52.5) / Camberley 206-9 (47)

2nd XI League position – [5 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/169717)

Report: Why do we give up a whole Saturday to cricket?

The 2s travelled to Camberley in the hope of getting back to winning ways. Sharif lost the toss and SMCC were asked to bat first on a dry and hot wicket. Things didn’t get off to the best of starts as SMCC lost 2 wickets within the first 10 overs. The returning Spry and Acheson looked to rebuild and were just finding their feet before Spry fell to a leading edge. Prendergast came in to steady the ship but Acheson fell soon after having got himself a start yet again. At 97-4, the SMCC innings could have disappeared quite quickly but Clark and Prendergast took the attack to the bowlers by running well and dispatching the bad balls to the boundary. Prendergast passed 50 before falling for 51 to bring an end to a much needed 68 run partnership. Clark continued to punish the loose balls and was able supported by Cavanagh and Courtney with the latter driving the ball nicely to keep the scoreboard ticking. 209-7 brought the tail to the crease who edged the score more towards par as the innings came to an end on 229 after 53.

Camberley’s captain and resident old man took great pleasure in telling Sharif SMCC didn’t have enough on the board at tea but with 47 overs in return, Sharif saw through the blatant (and poor) attempts at mind games. After the first session, Camberley were 80 for no loss after 18 overs. Spry rallied the troops in typical Australian fashion at the drinks break as Sharif was calculating the winning draw total with Camberley’s skipper (204). Whatever Spry said, had immediate affect as Cavanagh bowled with pace and accuracy to take 3 quick wickets after drinks to take the score to 84-3. SMCC knew they were right back in the game. Sharif then dropped the easiest catch he’s ever dropped in his 21 year cricketing career. However, that didn’t stop Cavanagh as he took his fourth wicket shortly after. Hely bowled well in partnership with him and finally got the wicket he deserved as Sharif learnt how to catch again. 132-5 at the second drinks break. Camberley were showing no signs of letting up and were clearly going to give the winning draw a good crack. Courtney struck with an LBW to get the 6th wicket. A run out and Hely’s deserved second meant Camberley were 182-8 with 5 left to play. SMCC tried desperately to take the needed wickets by also protecting the runs but it came down to the final 2 overs. SMCC needed 2 wickets, Camberley needed 10 for the winning draw. The penultimate over brought a mini meltdown from SMCC as they gambled on a couple of run outs but ended up gifting overthrows to Camberley. Sharif’s attempt missed the stump by a whisker but with the field spread, the ball raced away for 4 overthrows. This meant the last over left Camberley needing just 2 runs for the winning draw with 2 wickets in hand. Cavanagh, on a 4-for, charged in and found the edge straight to the ever tidy McNeill-Adams to leave the game on a knife edge. 9 down. 5 balls to go. 2 runs for the winning draw. 4 more balls went by and it came down to the last. Cavanagh attempted a Yorker, but to the young Camberley batsman’s credit, he leant forward and drove the ball through the covers for 4 to earn his side the winning draw as SMCC were left wondering what could have been. Cavanagh finished with 5-56 and deserved to be on the winning side but it wasn’t to be.

A brilliant day of cricket fought out by two talented teams challenging towards the top of the table. Is it a shame it had to be a draw? Probably not as neither side deserved an outright loss. I know we knock the declaration format of the game but ultimately, once the dust settles, you look back and think that it was a fantastic tactical battle that swung in many different directions throughout the day. As a captain, it was a difficult day but enjoyable as there’s a different approach required in these games that can’t be replicated in a straight 50 over game. Declaration cricket will forever be in debate but if it wasn’t for that format, we wouldn’t have been a part of a brilliantly tight game of cricket. I’m as proud as ever to lead these lads on the field and each one of them should look back at this game and be proud of the part they played but ultimately, cherish the fact they were a part of an outstanding game. I know, and the lads know, a big win is just around the corner...

And that, is why we give up a whole Saturday to the game we know and love. (A Sharif)

**3rd XI**

Losing Draw

Valley End 259-4 (50) / SMCC 164-7 (50)

3rd XI League position – [9 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/169717)

Report: N/A

**4th XI**

Lost by 6 wickets

SMCC 150ao (40.3) / Sunbury 154-4 (25.1)

4th XI League position – [5 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/169717)

Report N/A

**5th XI**

Won by 2 wickets

LESSA Christ Church 119ao (36) / SMCC 121-8 (38.2)

5th XI League position – [5 / 8](http://krcl.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77284)

Report: I am tired of writing reports of glorious defeat. We’ve lost four close ones in a row, and it's never fun, it’s very rarely unfortunate, and however much my reports try and ham it up, it’s never glorious.

We’d heard about Lessa from our opponents last week. We knew not to expect any umpiring decisions in our favour, and that their opening bat’s stats had been dominating Play-Cricket. Time for another tale of “nearly” and “what could have been”.

How Paul Henly lost his seventh – SEVENTH – toss in a row is beyond me, and already I was choosing my favourite euphemisms for our ultimate failure. Basir (9-2-0-22) and Wahla (8-2-2-12) bowled a focused, miserly and unrelenting opening spell; balls skipped and skidded off the wicket, and the batsmen grew frustrated, slugging away and only occasionally made contact.

Predictably, wickets began to tumble, especially with the introduction of Ben Hyam (10-3-25-4), whose flight and dip saw batsman hopping about their crease and generally making fools of themselves. We could not match the nine catches of last week, but the quality was better: Olly Bale's catch over his shoulder into a swirling breeze was impressive, but wicketkeeper Nangle’s took the breath away. A batsman coming forward, spooning a catch off the handle and directly in front of him, Teifion contorted his body around the stumps, around a robustly-proportioned right-hander, and dived full length to pluck the ball millimeters from the turf.

Cockar bowled a typical fiery spell (2-27), and Lessa were all out for 119. Glorious defeat themes already in the bag: excellent bowling, sharp fielding, and low total. Now let’s see the opposition bowl wicket-to-wicket, and for SMCC to perish 10-20 runs short. I’m resigned to our fate, and my pen is poised.

And true to form, it happened. Batsmen struggled for fluency, hit some nice shots, and all fell between 10 and 20. Jim Hughes shared the travails, but his 29 was more elegant, more focused and more resilient than the rest. The sweep is back, the late cut is firing, and the toes are twinkling.

But let’s not kid ourselves, it was never going to be enough, heads sank, and Cockar hit the winning runs with a serene glance to the legside boundary.

Wait a minute. STOP THE PRESSES. This wasn’t in the script.

We won. It was convincing, but it was far from perfect, and we can play a lot better. Lessa dropped more catches than I have fingers to count them on, and although all the batsmen showed flashes of promise, no one contributed a big score. But our consistently solid bowling and fielding base was rewarded with a batting display to match. This is what this talented and supportive side deserves. The cycle is broken, the wins are flowing. Clear a space in the trophy cabinet – IT’S COMING HOME! (M Nicholas)

**6th XI**

Lost by 101 runs

New Ash Green 199-6 (40) / SMCC 98ao (29)

6th XI League position – [7 / 9](http://krcl.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77288)

Report: Always outnumbered, always outgunned. Hammered in to the ground. (L Johnston)

**Sunday 1st XI**

Won by 6 wickets

Catford & Cyphers 140ao (29) / SMCC 141-4 (24)