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**Streatham & Marlborough Cricket Club**

**SMS – 2 August 2018**

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

**Overview of last weekend**

What a weekend! We were just the one wicket away from a clean sweep of wins this weekend and celebrations continued late into the night with the 1st XI’s 90’s themed social. Strong team performances all round but worth mentioning the 4s and 6s in particular who beat teams at the top their league. Lot’s of individual performances to highlight: Spry (102), S James (85 in 30 balls!), Kirk (84 and 3-34), Perkins (66), Johnson (65), Henly (63), Williamson (58), Sarwavkhan (14-4-28-5), Singh (14-5-21-4), Clark (13-4-30-4), Davies (7.1-0-45-4) and a remarkable day behind the stumps for Chairman Greenwood (4 catches and 3 stumping’s). Great work all round!

Please also note that there is midweek cricket throughout August – keep an eye out for Facebook posts or make your availability known via your skipper.

**Ground Work – Plea for assistance**

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| cid:image012.jpg@01D4299B.3B3B03A0 | As many of you will have seen, the outfield at the home ground has cracked quite severely in the dry weather. With some amazing volunteer effort, we’ve managed to keep on playing but we do need this remedial action to maintain a safe playing area.  We are still looking for volunteers to help with this task and another work party will assemble **this Friday evening from 6.30** to help fill the holes – please assist if you can. Tools and soil can be found near the willow tree. |

**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 | |  |  | | --- | --- | | 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: 2 - 8 August**

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| **Date** | **Start** | **Team** | **Opposition** | **Venue** |
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| Saturday 4 August | 12:00 | 1st XI | Churt | Home |
|  | 12:00 | 2nd XI | Chessington | Away |
|  | 13:00 | 3rd XI | Beddington | Away |
|  | 13:00 | 4th XI | Reigate Priory | Home |
|  | 13:30 | 5th XI | Gap Week | N/A |
|  | 13:30 | 6th XI | Beckenham | Away |
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| Sunday 5 August | 14:00 | Ladies 1st XI | Canterbury | Away |
|  | 13:00 | Sunday 1st XI | Dulwich Wanderers | Home |
|  | 13:30 | Sunday 2nd XI | Old Rutlishians | Away |
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| Wednesday 8 Aug | 14:00 | Midweek XI | Bromley | Home |
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| League Fixtures can be viewed on our [Play-Cricket site](http://stmcc.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/112572) | | | | |

**Results: 26 July – 1 August**

**1st XI**

Won by 8 wickets

Addiscombe 127ao (45) / SMCC 130-2 (28.5)

1st XI League position – [4 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77475)

Report: *Both sides had been skittled the previous week for 50odd so it was with some magnanimity that the umpires requested the shortest boundary be brought in due to the quickly evolving Dulwich fault line by the nets. SMCC quickly set about their business with Neets bowling tightly. Jordan was the first to induce a mistake before a couple of run outs put the brakes on any recovery. Then, enter Raj Singh. He delivered a controlled spell of spin bowling which ripped out the middle order finishing with 14-5-21-4. He was ably supported by Rao who was unlucky not to have picked up similar figures himself. Neets (9-3-14-3) returned to wrap up the innings at 127.*

*SMCC controlled the chase from the off with Steel (41\*) battling through and Hughes (42\*) playing a fluent innings to chase down the target in 29 overs. An important win in a tight division with just 21 points separating the bottom seven sides. This one will go down to the wire… (D Ellis)*

**Ladies 1st XI**

Gap Week

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

**Ladies Trust XI**

Abandoned without play due to rain

Ladies Trust XI League position – [3 / 10](http://ssdl.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=78015)

**2nd XI**

Winning draw

SMCC 274-5d (49) / Ashford 236-9 (51)

2nd XI League position – [5 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77481)

Report: *A blow by blow report of the day:*

*10:30am - SMCC arrive at Ashford CC*

*10:45am - SMCC play one hand one bounce*

*11:10am - SMCC get changed outside as the pavilion is still locked*

*11:45am - Sharif loses the toss and Ashford choose to bowl*

*11:50am - The pavilion is unlocked*

*12:05pm - Play starts*

*Johnson passes 50 as he puts on a 100+ run partnership with Spry after 20 overs*

*Spry then passes 50 shortly after*

*Johnson falls for 65.*

*Gibbens, Vanderpant and Bailey all depart in quick time.*

*Sarwavkhan wakes up at 3pm.*

*Williamson and Spry rebuild as they take SMCC from 154-4 to 245 as Spry reaches his 100.*

*Spry falls trying to push the score along for 102. A brilliant knock, consisting of good running between the wickets, punishing the bad ball but also batting with responsibility to ensure his side sets a total.*

*Williamson then passes 50.*

*Williamson is run out at the end of the 49th over for 58.*

*Sharif declares with SMCC 274-6 from 49 overs.*

*Tea is consumed.*

*Sarwavkhan finds Ashford’s captain’s edge in the first over. Johnson takes a simple catch. 0-1.*

*Sharif clean bowls Ashford’s other opener in over 2. 5-2.*

*James takes a smart catch at point as Sharif removed the dangerous number 3. 17-3.*

*Ashford rebuild after losing quick wickets.*

*Numbers 4 and 5 both pass 50.*

*The returning Sarwavkhan removes number 5 by trapping him LBW.*

*Williamson then takes his first league wicket as he finds an outside edge which Spry clings on to. 150-5, game on.*

*Ashford then show some ambition and start hitting boundaries.*

*SMCC spread the field and Mayes removes the dangerous pinch hitter.*

*210-6 with 8 overs left to play.*

*Satpute takes a brilliant catch in the deep off Sarwavkhan who immediately follows up with an LBW to make it 230-8 with 4 left to play.*

*Another LBW for Sarwavkhan brings number 11 to the crease with 2 left to bowl.*

*SMCC can’t take the final wicket as Ashford end 236-9 off 51 to draw the game.*

*Sarwavkhan finishes with figures of 5-28 from his 14 overs.*

*A frustrating game of cricket played in a competitive spirit by two promotion chasing sides. Ultimately, Ashford were lucky to get away with a draw but we gave it all we could. We set a total thanks to Spry, Johnson and Williamson. We took all our chances but just couldn’t take the 10 wickets needed to win the game. The result now leaves us in a position where we must win our remaining 5 games to have a chance. I’m confident this side can beat any team in 50/50 cricket so I’m sure we’ll do our part. But we’ll need some favours from other sides. Time to just take each game as it comes, get the win and see where it takes us. Stranger things have happened... (A Sharif)*

**3rd XI**

Won by 53 runs

SMCC 215ao (45) / Battersea Ironsides 162ao (51.4)

3rd XI League position – [5 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77486)

Report: *N/A*

**4th XI**

Won by 5 wickets

Dulwich 156-5 (40) / SMCC 156-5 (43)

4th XI League position – [4 / 10](https://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77491)

Report: *The 4s mid-summer sojourn on the top pitch continued for a second week thanks to the outfield’s ongoing resemblance to the Atacama, and despite the best crack filling efforts of Simon Wright during the week, high levels of ankle turning were predicted. The square however looked in great shape, and given the best part of 600 runs were scored in 80 overs the week before, another high scoring afternoon was expected. Lucky for us then that Dulwich were our visitors; having won 11 from 11 in the league this season and consistently posting 270+ it was not without a strong dose of realism that Simon Stuart referenced the game’s resemblance to Globo Gym vs Average Joe’s. Although the irony of this from a man sporting Ray-Bans and a cable knit cricket sweater was not lost.*

*Glazier won the toss and elected to field on the basis of some overhead cloud and a green tinge to the deck, and his decision was immediately vindicated by the opening overs from Jamie Fryer and Matt Clark. Both were consistently hitting the right lengths and causing massive issues for the usually fluent Dulwich openers. Clarky struck first, holding a good return catch before Fryer cleaned up their no.3 with a ball that zipped past the outside and clipped the top of off, and then castled the no.4 with one that ducked back in. 8-3 could have become 10-4 but Hughes shelled a chance diving at second slip. The Dulwich reprieve was short lived, Clarky finding enough movement to beat the opener’s defensive push and take the middle stump and shortly after having the new bat seemingly snick off only for the umpire to remain unmoved. However, 4 down and still well on top with Mehta, Patel, and Glazier now offering little to score off.*

*But you don’t win 11 on the trot without being able to graft out of the odd tricky situation, and Dulwich’s new pair survived a few (a lot) of early scares before setting about building a respectable total.  Patel made the crucial breakthrough ending a 70-odd partnership before Glazier and the returning Clark made light work of the lower order. Then, with 9 down, Clark serves up a shin high full toss, which is smashed at the skipper, stationed about 5m from the bat at short mid-on. It catches him flush over the eye (via the sunglasses and, as he admitted later on, the finger tips – so we’ll chalk that down as a drop), there’s a fair amount of blood, although the early signs are good as he has the cognitive functions and comic timing to say ‘ambulance, please?’ whilst simultaneously hitting the deck.  It was, however, the worst thing I’ve ever seen on a cricket pitch, with the Dulwich batsman clearly in a lot of distress, and a great relief when Benn was able to make his way off the pitch before a flying visit to King’s to get checked over. Mehta took the final wicket to leave SMCC chasing 153 of 52 overs.*

*Feels like we’re pretty on top at tea; the track is still playing well, outfield is quick, and the top order were all in the runs last week. And yet nagging doubts persist; our early season batting ineptitude, the league’s leading wicket taker opening up for them, and of course the painful, painful scars of getting skittled by him as recently as May. Southworth opens up with Saini and nicks off first ball, chasing a wide one. Things not going to script – or to put it another way, things going exactly to that other script, the one from last year and the year before. However, this top order has found some stability in Saini and Knott in his new position at no.3, and the two chip away at the total seeming remarkably at ease against the league’s best bowler. As it turns out, Knott is far more than just at ease, drilling both openers down the ground and launching one onto the roof of the pavilion, looking by some distance the class of the day’s batting. 60-1: things looking up before Curtis balloons a leading edge to mid on for a fluent 33, bringing Simon Wright to the crease with Dulwich sensing an opening. Wrighty follows last week’s symposium on agriculture with a perfectly paced, chanceless knock to take us past the 100 before Roshan hits one straight back at their leg spinner 3 short of a well-deserved 50, and Waffen is caught on the crease and pinned in front.*

*50 needed, 6 wickets (albeit one in A&E) remaining; not quite squeaky bum time, but it’s in the balance. Wright and Hughes are admirably circumspect chipping away and punishing the bad balls. 50 becomes 20 as the skipper returns from hospital and Dulwich turn back to their openers in a final throw of the dice, but in their lust for wickets they leave 3rd man open which Hughes exploits twice in two balls with Sbresni-like precision before trying to end it in style and finding only mid off. Wrighty soon finishes things off, however, unbeaten on 40 and securing what was, in the end, a comprehensive win. Up to 4th in the League and hitting a nice run of form. All bets are off. (J Hughes)*

**5th XI**

Won by 159 runs

SMCC 334-5 (40) / Ex Blues 175ao (29.1)

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

Report: *All batsmen in the club write off three weeks at the start and end of the season. Green wickets and lingering cloud give then plenty of justification for being stopped 80 agonising runs short of their century. The bowlers respond wryly: "so what's your excuse going to be on a dry road in late July? Come and talk to me when you've all scored a hatful."*

*…so, true to my word, they found me in the bar on Saturday evening and we discussed their 334-5...off 40 overs…not a typo. It was a complete and comprehensive onslaught, albeit on short boundaries versus a team missing two players, but it is so clinical that I think the opposition can only blame one dropped catch. Cast your eyes across the scorebook and your eyes start to bulge: motoring along at 9 an over the first 20, the beleaguered skipper whose 7 overs return 84 runs, the over that goes for 29.*

*Ollie Perkins (66) played a typical forceful, classical innings, with an array of crunching off drives and luscious pulls and cuts, and some – ahem – enthusiastic running between the wickets. Hughes (80) looked back to his best, with a cacophony of "House!" from all those playing Johnston's patented Jim Batting Bingo. The apologetic glance at his boots as he hit a flat six into the sightscreen aside, Jim was imperious, with Paul Henly (63) contributing the whips and thrashes that have defined his S&M career. He's developed a flamingo flourish to his play square of the wicket, and it's rare that a description of any Henly shot includes the words "clobber", "heat-seeker" and "spectators run for cover". But this was no normal day.*

*But spare a thought for poor Stuart James. Dismissed in just the twelfth over, he was visibly upset about getting out so soon. A big opportunity missed, and a lovely bat broken in a gloriously flamboyant tantrum. Although, in 30 balls, he'd hit 85 of the most homogeneously savage runs: his scorecard looks like Mandela's prisoner number over and over, dispatching the hapless seamers over their heads, over the boundary, and over the neighbouring fences whenever he damn well wanted.*

*334 was a monstrous total, a selfish run glut, and a statistical anomaly for years to come. Following it, we didn't bowl as a unit. MacWilliam (2-44) found a good rhythm taking the ball across the right-handers, and Mitch Davies (4-45) finally got the rewards a season of perseverance deserves. We caught everything that came at us, Jim Hughes swooped and obliterated the stumps with a stunning run out, and the job was done. Win by 159.*

*So well done, the batsmen. I suppose you were right all along, and I'm not sure if I'll ever see something like that again. The difficulty now is that I need to think of my excuses when they ask me why I’m not taking wickets in September. Ah, it's been a long, hot summer, pitches are baked, lack of talent. The usual. (M Nicholas)*

**6th XI**

Won by 27 runs

SMCC 161-7 (40) / Sidcup 134-8 (40)

6th XI League position – [5 / 9](http://krcl.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77288)

Report: *When to the sessions of sweet silent thought I summon up remembrance of things past, I sigh the lack of many a thing I sought, And with old woes new wail my dear time ...*

*Saturday's game summoned up the thing past known as Mark Davis, late of this parish and he brought with him his destructive batting power and his beautiful bowling (10-7-14-1 - 13 of those runs came off his last two overs when he was tiring but forced to continue by his brutal captain).*

*Also rolling back the years were John Greenwood, Dave Carey and Barrington Wilks. There are those who think that the Club Chairman's sole purpose in life is to build a pavilion. No, no, no. Yesterday the multi talented cricketer made 7 dismissals behind the stumps (four catches, three stumping’s) and 44 runs top scoring in our total of 161 for 7. Barrington Wilks bowls as well as ever I have seen . The ten overs he bowled yesterday were tight and hostile with maybe one bad ball out of the 60 he hurled down with every last vestige of power he possesses. As usual he had catches dropped but still finished with 10-4-15-2. So  Davis and Wilks kept Sidcup to 30 runs off 20 overs at the drinks break. We knew that they would go on the attack after drinks and so they did. A fine 50 from Bradley Kaye was supported ably by P. Newman (33) and for a while Sidcup were getting back to the rate. But a fine spell of bowling from Dave Carey (10-0-49-3) kept control for us and took important wickets with his wily darts. The fact that all three of his victims were stumping’s speak to the quality of his art. Stan Barrett-Johnston bowled a tight spell at the death (4-1-8-2) to nail the victory down. The catching was shocking but our ground fielding was pretty good with Stephen Harvey, Stan Barrett-Johnston, Tony Hewitt, Rory Thomas and Gohar Shafique all making fine contributions to the cause.*

*Earlier John Greenwood had been ably assisted by Mark Davis (29) Stan (16) and Barrington Wilks (10 not out) but particularly Gohar Shafique (23 not out) to get us to a decent total on a tricky, sticky pitch with some variable bounce. Gohar was resolute and powerful in his stroke making and his partnership with Barrington will live long in the memory.*

*Sidcup CC are well known to us from the circuit and they are good people as well as fine players. We were pleased to be able to best them on this occasion precisely because they are so able. It was pleasing to play against my old and dear friend and colleague Tony Dhir and to witness the KRCL debut of his son Rohan. Young Rohan looks a fine prospect with many years of service to give to his club.*

*As for us we hauled ourselves in various states of disrepair to the club to take part in the 1st XI social night and its fine food. Some wonder if Barrington wasnt limping a little too much for effect - just letting the world know he had bowled ten overs. We drank some beer (Barrington drank Hooch) with old friends and roll home in the early morning.*

*Next week we will not have Mark Davis as he returns to his new home in Somerset. We know and respect all his reasons for leaving London and us but it is a sharp grief nonetheless.*

*But if the while I think on thee, dear friend,*

*All losses are restor’d and sorrows end. (L Johnston)*  
**Sunday 1st XI**

Won by 15 runs

SMCC 172ao (28.3) / Statics 157ao (22.3)

**Sunday 2nd XI**

Abandoned without play due to rain