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**Streatham & Marlborough Cricket Club**

**SMS – 15 August 2018**

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

**Overview of last weekend**

Wins for the 2s, 3s and 4s should provide some relief from potential relegation anxiety with three games left of the league season. The 3s in particular winning well chasing 250 with 7.3 overs to spare. This feat was matched by the Sunday 1s and was down in no small part to a new member playing his first game. Frazer Draper scored a match winning century from number 8 hitting a six to secure victory and bring up his 100 with a ball to spare. Well played! Worth also mentioning the following  other individual performances: Paul (69\*), S Singh (61), Steel (61), Cook (60), Catterall (10-3-29-5 & 46), Hyam (10-4-11-4) and Sachdev (8.2-3-33-4).

**6th XI Team Social - This Saturday - Sausage Sizzle**

Laurie and his 6th XI will be doing a sausage sizzle on Saturday after the games. A regular feature on the team social circuit and always well received.

**President’s Day – Sunday 26 August**

Come and watch a mini Test Match (2 innings of 20 overs per side) between Peter Edward’s President's Invitation XI and John Greenwood’s Chairman’s Invitation XI and meet up with your fellow SMCC players and friends for food, drink and merriment!

The bar will be open from 12 noon. Members and their families, friends and guests welcome.

**Social Calendar**

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| 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 |

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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: 16 - 22 August**

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| **Date** | **Start** | **Team** | **Opposition** | **Venue** |
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| Saturday 18 August | 12:00 | 1st XI | Purley | Home |
|  | 12:00 | 2nd XI | Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian | Away |
|  | 13:00 | 3rd XI | Old Rutlishians | Away |
|  | 13:00 | 4th XI | Old Rutlishians | Home |
|  | 13:30 | 5th XI | Blackheath | Away |
|  | 13:30 | 6th XI | Dulwich | Home |
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| Sunday 19 August | 13:00 | Sunday 1st XI | Mpingwe | Home |
|  | 14:00 | Sunday 2nd XI | Verdayne | Away |
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| Wednesday 22 Aug | 13:00 | Midweek XI | Southbank | 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: 9 - 15 August**

**1st XI**

Lost by 34 runs

Stoke D’Abernon 203ao (44.5) / SMCC 169ao (46.3)

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

**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**

Cancelled due to rain

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

**2nd XI**

Won by 2 wickets

Stoke D’Abernon 192ao (48.2) / SMCC 193-8

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

*Report: Sharif won the toss for the first time in weeks and chose to have a bowl on a damp, green wicket. Satpute and the skipper himself kept things tight early on but failed to create too many chances that would lead to the breakthrough. Both bowled a few extras which meant the score flattered Stoke D’Abernon a little. Gibbens replaced Satpute and made the first inroad. Sarwavkhan tried at the other end but had no joy so Sharif turned to spin with Sachdev at one end and Catterall at the other. Unfortunately, Stoke’s number 3 looked to be a very talented batsman as he punished anything loose and upped the rate considerably to put SMCC on the back foot. SMCC were less than impressive until now as they had the look and mentality of a side with little to play for this season. It was evident Sharif was far from pleased and was desperate for a breakthrough in order to get together as a group and re-focus. Catterall then provided as the dangerous number 3 chipped one straight back to him to fall for 66 off just 40 balls. Sharif had a “chat” with the group and things got better as Catterall turned the screw to take another couple of wickets, one of which was smartly caught at short leg by Williamson, before Sachdev returned at the other end to take a couple of his own. Both spinners applied the pressure and ended up bowling Stoke out for 192. Catterall ended a brilliant spell with 5-29 from his 10 as Sachdev took the other 4.*

*Johnson, Spry and Gibbens fell early in reply to leave SMCC in a spot of bother before Catterall and Prendergast looked to rebuild with some big hits back over the bowlers’ heads. Catterall fell trying one shot too many and Williamson joined Prendergast. Both looked to consolidate a little before picking the right balls to dispatch. Just as things were under SMCC’s control again, Prendergast fell which brought Fuller to the crease with the score at 107-5. Williamson took the attack to the Stoke bowers and displayed some powerful hitting to ensure run rate was never the issue. Having batted superbly, he was then a little unlucky to not clear the ropes once again and was caught at the boundary to leave a tight finish. Fuller then fell soon after and the Boro looked to be in trouble at 159-7 with an unfit Sarwavkhan in next. A couple of boundaries meant he could take the score to 177 before departing. 16 needed off 20 overs, with 2 wickets in hand was the equation that faced the skipper and Satpute. They just nurdled things around in the most boring fashion until the target was achieved with 14 overs to spare.*

*A win is a win but it’s fair to say it wasn’t our most convincing of performances. 3 games left, but with promotion no longer possible and safety always in the bag, we need to ensure we find the balance between enjoying ourselves and playing professionally. As captain for 4 years now, I know the importance of ending this season strong as it will stand us in good stead for next year’s promotion push!*

*Finally, good luck to Spry and co in their nonsense LMS Mickey Mouse play-off game on Thursday, I know it’s important to him as that is all he and Hugh spoke about all day... yawn. Also, all the best to Will as he begins his training camp ahead of the 2K19 fight night, he’s going to need it! (A Sharif)*

**3rd XI**

Won by 5 wickets

Normandy 249-5 (45) / SMCC 251-5 (37.3)

3rd XI League position – [6 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77486)

*Report: From the book of Wrighty "When the trumpets sounded,  Sahib and Ravi smited, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall of Normandy collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city." (A Mills)*

**4th XI**

Won by 9 wickets

Normandy 60ao (39.1) / SMCC 61-1 (11.2)

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

*Report: The 4s won by 9 wickets against a 9-man Normandy side that sadly are sinking without a trace.*

*I will spare you a blow by blow account of a game that was disappointingly one-sided. All of our bowlers bowled really well. That said, they batted bizarrely - nudging their way to 63 off 40 overs. You read that correctly. The skipper bowled 52 dot balls in 9 overs. We also fielded well - particularly Roshan who had arrived after what he described as a 'medium night out' looking like he'd had the world's biggest night out. Lad.*

*We knocked them off in ~ 11 overs, having briefly been worried that rain might deny us a deserved victory at a canter. In the process, your correspondent was chirped by the oppo, who claimed he had 'talked a total load of nonsense in the field'. Guilty.*

*The main talking point of the day, and of this match report, was an interesting liaison between two senior players the night before the game. In spite of their insistence that this was merely a decent meal with a quality bottle of red, rumours of a romantic spa break were spreading like wildfire throughout South-west Surrey. There was even loose talk of expensive full-body treatments, hot rocks, Reiki, and face packs. I will let the reader decide which is the more likely.*

*With safety secured, and this game put behind us, the 4s look on to tougher contests in the weeks ahead as we push for a record high league finish. (O Perkins)*

**5th XI**

Lost by 64 runs

Bexleyheath 132ao (40) / SMCC 68ao (30.5)

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

**6th XI**

Gap Week

6th XI League position – [6 / 9](http://krcl.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77288)
**Sunday 1st XI**

Won by 5 wickets

Southbank 248-7 (40) / SMCC 253-5 (39.5)

*Report: After conceding 248 to a Jon Thornton-led Southbank (Taz Taper's 2/29 the pick the bowling), the chase looked a tall order even before two of our top 4 were run out in the first few overs.*

*4 of our top 7 were out for single figures, but with Knott and Viswanathan having provided a small platform of about 50, Cook and Draper, batting at 8 and on debut for SMCC having played against us the previous Sunday, set about steadying the ship.*

*Steadying gradually turned to chugging along, with Cook moving through the gears while entertaining onlookers with a big six over the Karen Goodchild memorial bench and a switch hit for four. When Cook departed to an outswinger clipping the off stump that wouldn't have looked out of place at Lord's, the lower order were still left with around a 100 to chase off about 12 overs.*

*That Taz Taper then joined Draper at the crease but that he finished 16 not out tells you most of what you need to know about Draper's subsequent onslaught. With Cook gone, Draper put the ship into 'full steam ahead', launching a flurry of boundaries that took the team to the improbable situation of needing just 6 off the final over.*

*A few nudges, nurdles and hastily scrambled byes later, the equation was three from three, then three from two, with Draper needing a 6 to reach his ton. And reach it he did, from the second to last ball, with a glorious lofted drive back over the bowlers head to clatter into the sight-screen.*

*What an extraordinary debut by Fraser Draper, who is also a thoroughly nice chap. Hopefully the first of many games for SMCC.*

*No doubt Southbank will be looking for revenge when we play them again on Wed 22nd. (D Cook)*