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**Streatham & Marlborough Cricket Club**

**SMS – 29 August 2018**

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

**Overview of last weekend**

President’s Day took centre stage over the weekend and those taking part were in no mood to let rain spoil the celebrations. A last ball run out sealed a thrilling tie in the cricket before the captains sought alternative methods to find an outright winner. Hand hockey was convincingly won by the President’s XI who then threw away an early lead in the stump game. Ultimately, it came down to a good old fashioned boat race where the Chairman’s XI really showed its class and won at a canter. Given the weather, it was fantastic to see some many members (past and present) enjoying the day.

Back to the league and the 2s, 4s and 5s secured convincing wins whilst the 1s and 3s were able to secure their divisional status (if the latest tables are to be believed) despite losing. A few standout individual performances from the weekend which deserve some recognition: Stuart (92\*), Spry (54), Guest (7-1-20-5), Clark (9-4-27-5), Sharif (4.1-1-10-4) and Basir (7.2-1-12-4). Well done all!

**4th XI Social \*\*\* The Unofficial SMCC Awards for 2018 \*\*\* 1 September**

The final league weekend of the 2018 season will feature some of your very own experiences from this season. The 4s want to hear about the best sledges (and comebacks), the dirty wickets claimed and stories of achievement that have grown as the season has progressed. More information can be found on the [club Facebook site](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SMCricketClub/) with the deadline for nominations tomorrow – please make you get your entries in quickly by clicking [HERE](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOYPpI-ZCGhLMRcjYe5JLU_btzukUTm8-zQUk8i53Y0Uwuvw/viewform?usp=send_form)! Winners will be announced on Saturday evening after the games and some delicious BBQ food will be available. Hope to see you all there.

**Social Calendar**

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| 1 Sept | Final League Games Social 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: 30 August – 5 August**

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| **Date** | **Start** | **Team** | **Opposition** | **Venue** |
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| Saturday 1 Sept | 11:30 | 1st XI | Cheam | Home |
|  | 12:00 | 2nd XI | Egham | Away |
|  | 12:00 | 3rd XI | Banstead | Away |
|  | 12:00 | 4th XI | Banstead | Home |
|  | 13:00 | 5th XI | LESSA Christ Church | Away |
|  | 12:30 | 6th XI | New Ash Green | Home |
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| Sunday 2 Sept | 13:00 | Ladies Trust XI | Purley Redoubtables | Away |
|  | 13:00 | Sunday 1st XI | RNVR | Home |
|  | 13:30 | Sunday 2nd XI | Eltham | Home |
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| Wednesday 5 Sept | 13:00 | Midweek XI | Old Victorians | 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: 23 - 29 August**

**1st XI**

Lost by 46 runs

Old Rutlishians 250-3 (50) / SMCC 204-8 (50)

1st XI League position – [5 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77475)

**Ladies 1st XI**

Cancelled due to rain

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

**Ladies Trust XI**

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

**2nd XI**

Won by 7 wickets

Camberley 77ao (22.2) / SMCC 80-3 (13)

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

*Report: The 2s took on old friends Camberley in their final home game of the season. Sharif won an important toss and asked Camberley to have a bat. What followed was 10 wickets in just 22 overs for 77 runs. Guest was the pick of the bowlers as he returned figures of 5-20 from his 7 overs. He swung the ball both ways and bowled accurately, as he clean bowled 3 batsmen and trapped the other 2 LBW. Sharif returned his best figures for the season as he took the final 4 wickets to leave SMCC with a small chase. 13 overs after tea, and the game was won. Spry was in no mood to hang around and bullied Camberley’s bowling all over the park before trying to finish the game with a 6 and getting caught for 54.*

*A ruthless win to end our home season as we head to Egham looking to end the season on a high. (A Sharif)*

**3rd XI**

Lost by 5 wickets

SMCC 77ao (45) / Valley End 83-5 (19.2)

3rd XI League position – [7 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77486)

**4th XI**

Won by 9 wickets

Sunbury 155ao (43.4) / SMCC 156-1 (28.2)

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

*Report: In a battle for fourth spot on the ladder, the fixture away to Sunbury held much promise, but in the end, turned out to be a mismatch of grand proportion.*

*Under grey skies, we arrived to be advised that we were playing a team of Colts due to large number of players in the 1s and 2s at a wedding.  Now that could have been somewhat constructive, but given most of them were barely in high school, it wasn't going to be too much of a test.*

*Given that scenario and winning the toss, so as to avoid egg on ones face, Glazier elected to bowl as no one in the right mind would bat first on a deck with some juice, a damp outfield and under heavy skies.*

*It didn't take long for the action to start, with Rosh snaffling a blinder off the edge at 3rd slip in the first over to have one back in the shed for nothing. As the adults came to the crease first, there was a modicum of resistance offered. Clarky continued with the action taking the first four wickets of the day.  Honours for the remaining wickets were shared with Wilmott taking two and Raj, Rosh and Glazier taking one each. However, Clarky did come back to finish his nine overs and bag a Michelle - jug avoidance avoided. Fielding was sharp, catches held; in all, nine wickets fell to catches. One of their youngsters could, however, hold his head high, chipping away fifteen runs and bowling well later in the day.*

*All out for 155. A target that would give us something to chase and a bit of center-wicket practice.  Tea. Lots of sandwiches. Nothing superlative that required time to dwell. "Let's be done with this and get back to the club as it'll be ninety minutes in the car".*

*And that we did.  The Sunbury bowling attack lacked any real venom and allowed Rosh, Waff and Wrighty to bully the children and their guardians for the day into submission. Whilst Rosh was bowled for 24, Waff went on to hit 92\* at a rate quicker than a run a ball, his highest total for the club to date. Having been caught off a no-ball early in his innings whence he checked his shot having heard the call, he went to batter the ball around the park with ten boundaries in his innings. Wrighty (29\*) showed as much disdain for what couldn't even be described as a training run as he walked singles and played his last game for the season with a level of disgust for the opposition.*

*The bugle was briefly sounded, the game was over. Job done - in a canter. Fourth place confirmed for the season with a lead of fifty points over Sunbury and no way to catch third. (B Glazier)*

**5th XI**

Won by 6 wickets

NatWest 107ao (34.2) / SMCC 108-4 (35.4)

5th XI League position – [4 / 7](http://krcl.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77284)

*Report: "Oh, my dear old things. Welcome to The Griffin where SMCC have humbled the league leaders. "Thou art a plucker down of Kings", wrote William Shakespeare about the Earl of Warwick, and probably of this bowling attack, too. Uneasy is the head that wears the Kent League 2B crown! Ho ho ho, I'll have another sherry. Omer Basir's 4-12 reminded me of an Alec Bedser in full flourish, swinging it hither and thither, with sharp bounce poleaxing the hapless batsmen. Henly positioned an almost Jardinian field with 4 close on the legside, as NatWest flirted outrageously with edges squirting to all parts. And is that a pigeon? No, it's Geoffrey Boycott. Afternoon, Geoffrey..."*

*"Afternoon, Henry. What a performance that was. 107 all out is a tremendous result for some excellent line and length, in that corridor of uncertainty, as I constantly mention. Luke MacWilliam I thought was excellent. Left arm over? Ooh'eck, that's tricky. Like Alan Davidson in his prime. Movement off the seam, cutting back. What did he finish with, Andrew? 2-17? Delightful. No stick of rhubarb's going to hit that. And he got impressive support from Edd Kirby - a tireless performance with 1-26 for his 10 overs - he didn't let the rain affect his rythm or his line. Takes me back to a test at Headingley in 1965, Fred Trueman, uncovered pitches. Cricket as it should be. Like my 50th hundred in Northern Tranvaal..."*

*"Well, I'm afraid the producer has asked me to hand over to someone who'll use references from the last 50 years, so I'll pass you to Jonathan Agnew to take you through the SMCC batting reply. Aggers...?"*

*"Thank you, Blowers. Close of play here, as Streatham have demolished the former league leaders. Fairly comprehensive I must say - polished off a small total for only 4 wickets down. Tricky going on a pitch that took a lot of rain during the game, and against some miserly NatWest bowling that we've seen before is slow and unassuming, but unerring from a difficult length. The batsmen applied themselves impressively: soft hands and some careful leaving gave NatWest consistent belief wickets were coming, but there were few major dramas. Joining me I've got Michael Vaughan - what did you think of the performance?"*

*"Well, Aggers, as I seem contractually bound to mention the 2005 Ashes in every answer I give, I'd say this was like Tent Bridge all over again. Low total to chase, tricky conditions, but ultimately a fine team performance. Henly was watchful and fluent in his approach, Brook and Cook both curbed their natural tendencies to defend carefully, smash the bad balls, and consistently steal singles off the last ball of every over so Southworth didn't get any strike. But now I've got to go. I've not had a Twitter spat for over 5 minutes, and I can't bear to be out the spotlight."*

*"Well, thank you, Michael. That's all from us here at TMS. Thank you for your company in this most good-tempered of games. A nice change from last week, I think we all can agree. Do join us next time for the final test of the series. The final hurdle in the race for fourth!"(M Nicholas)*

**6th XI**

Won by concession

6th XI League position – [4 / 7](http://krcl.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77288)

**President’s Day**

Tie

Chairman’s XI 92ao (10) / President’s XI 92-8 (10)