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**Streatham & Marlborough Cricket Club**

**SMS – 11 July 2018**

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

**It’s Coming Home!!!**

A reminder that we will be showing the football this evening and (no matter what the result) the final on Sunday afternoon as well (with a bit of tennis beforehand). All welcome.

**2nd XI Social – Wimbledon Party**

This has probably slipped your mind because football IS coming home but it’s the Wimbledon Final on Sunday (and we planned this event pre-World Cup!)

We’ll be putting on an incredible BBQ with some Strawberries and Cream as well as Pimm’s to wash it all down. Not to mention the return of our famous alcoholic jelly shots – Pimm’s the flavour this time around.

Fancy dress is an option of course (tennis whites) – you may even be lucky enough to see yours truly in a skirt…

Please endeavour to get involved as these events are important to the future of our club” Bring friends, family, anyone you can! (A Sharif)

**Overview of last weekend**

Another mixed weekend with the Ladies 1st XI winning comprehensively, the 2nd XI chasing down 246 and a concession victory for the 6th XI. Highlights include 80 for Jodhan, 55 from Pharoah, 53 from C Knott, 51 for Rea as well as 4-67 from Hely.

The juniors also suffered more reverses than victories, mimicking their senior colleagues.  Onwards and upwards…

**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. 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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| 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 |

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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: 12 July – 18 July**

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| **Date** | **Start** | **Team** | **Opposition** | **Venue** |
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| Saturday 14 July | 12:00 | 1st XI | Old Wimbledonians | Away |
|  | 12:00 | 2nd XI | Leatherhead | Home |
|  | 13:00 | 3rd XI | Malden Wanderers | Home |
|  | 13:00 | 4th XI | Wimbledon | Away |
|  | 13:30 | 5th XI | Chislehurst & West Kent | Away |
|  | 13:30 | 6th XI | Hartley Country Club | Home |
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| Sunday 15 July | 13:00 | Sunday 1st XI | Cor Et Anima | Home |
|  | 11:00 | Sunday 2nd XI | Battersea Beavers | 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: 5 - 11 July**

**1st XI**

Lost by 7 wickets

SMCC 155ao (44.4) / Staines & Laleham 158-3 (38.4)

1st XI League position – [8 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77475)

Report: N/A

**Ladies 1st XI**

SMCC 248-5 (40) / Canterbury 65ao (21.2)

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

Report: This week saw the Ladies 1st XI (if I’m being pedantic it was really X) heading for the return visit against Canterbury Ladies 2nd XI (actually also not correct, as they were IX).  The heat was on early and the ladies were toiling hard and building up a sweat – thankfully at that point Captain Hassan made her first crucial decision of the day, putting on the air con, and after that the journey down the M2 was plain sailing.

Full of confidence after seeing England’s heroics on Saturday, the ladies bounded enthusiastically into Canterbury’s state of the art changing facilities for the long awaited unveiling  of their world-travelling kit.  And, oh my, it was certainly worth the wait.  The women’s specific cut, the unblemished white, soft, breathable fabric, the SMCC logo, the neat collar (did I mention the women’s specific cut?), one word – perfection!  Sure the trousers were a little long in the leg for some of us, Williams in particular having to sport a tuck-in/roll-up combo fudge fix but, if I say so myself, we looked magnificent and felt at least 20 years younger – just as well to balance our average squad age with that of our opposition!

Channelling the power of the new kit, with the toss won by Capt Hassan, we went into bat with the confidence of a team reborn, determined to turn the tables on our previous encounter with Canterbury and emerge victorious.  Jodhan and Wanless set a glorious run rate from the get go, with Wanless, for once, outhitting Jodhan with a series of boundaries (well for the first two overs – but I’ll take that) until the natural order of things was restored.   Jodhan settling into her usual masterclass of “tonking” the ball all around the fast running Canterbury pitch, bringing up her 50 with casual aplomb.  With the 100 mark passed without loss, it looked like the openers were settling in for the long run, until one tonk too many saw Jodhan (80) fall to the best of the opposition bowlers.   Williams came to the crease for her first outing with the bat for several games and settled in nicely – just as it looked like the two W’s were starting to get going, Wanless (43) fell to a borderline no ball/high full toss.   Hanslal took up the reins quickly with some characteristic hard hitting through the gaps, getting the runs flowing with Williams (cutting everything bar her long trousers) following suit, and a tidy partnership developed, until Hanslal (45) was caught at covers.  With the innings nearing the closing few overs, Slack (6) combined nice strokes and opportune runs from fielding errors but unfortunately fell again to a run out, Hassan (9) added some quick runs before falling, with the innings being closed out by Klomp (1 n.o.) and the long standing Williams (38 n.o.), for a marvellous SMCC total of 248 – 5 (40 overs).

Having carefully navigated a lovely tea of sweet and savoury items without damage to the gleaming kit, we took to the field to defend our total.  Selwyn-Kuzcera (4-0-12-0) who was unlucky to see a plumb lbw waived away and have a half chance catch missed at point (I did try..), opened with some economical bowling, despite being clattered into by one of Canterbury’s openers coming back for a, quite frankly, daft second and being run out (Capt Hassan).  Jodhan (4-0-8-2) literally came out all guns (you’ve seen them) blazing, the dry flat pitch adding that extra zing to her already speedy pace and took two top order wickets.  Quick success followed with Marin-Curtoud (Snr) (4-0-15-2) settling in to find her line and length and taking two well-deserved wickets c&b and lbw (a ball so plumb the entire team appealed from far and wide).   Hanslal (5-1-9-0) with trademark accuracy kept the run rate almost at a standstill.  Mazur (2-1-6-1), returning to the bowling line up after a short hiatus looked like she had never been away, her fabulous line and length delivering up a lovely wicket.  Klomp (1-0-7-0) provided some teasing balls for the opposition to try to deal with, and with the opposition rocking and the score now 55-6, Hassan made her last, most effective, call… spinner time!  Up strode Slack (1.2-0-2-2) from the boundary where she had been kept busy on and off (selflessly and without regard for her shiny new kit) hurling herself around like a ragdoll and making some absolutely spectacular sliding stops to save a smattering of boundaries.   She bamboozled the lower order with her spin revolutions and geometrically improbable angles taking 2 wickets in the blink of an eye.   And, as for Williams, having batted through almost 20 overs before tea, she still had the energy to bob up and down and side to side, act as chief chivvier and keep wicket on a fast surface in the late afternoon sun.

Turns out that for half the team this power play performance was driven by the lure of a traditional seaside fish supper after the game.  Regardless the source of the motivation, new kit or battered fish, it was a marvellous day out in the Kent countryside.  (T Wanless)

**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**

Won by 2 wickets

Kempton 246-9 (50) / SMCC 247-8 (48.1)

2nd XI League position – [3 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/169717)

Report: The 2s welcomed Kempton on a fine summer’s day. Kempton conceded the toss and Sharif chose to bowl first. Things didn’t get off to the best of starts as Sharif was carted back over his head on a few occasions by the Kempton opener who was batting riskily but prepared to ride his luck as he was dropped shortly after a couple of boundaries. At the other end however, his partner was struggling to get a run and didn’t get off the mark until his 40th ball before Sarwavkhan eventually bowled him for just 1 run. Unfortunately for SMCC, the runs continued to flow from the other end before Lee snared the wicket of Kempton’s  number 3. 85-2 at the first drinks break. Sharif turned to spin at both ends to try and stem the flow of runs but also grab the crucial wicket of the aggressive opener. Hely did just that as he trapped him LBW with the score at 119. SMCC hoped to put the squeeze on but on a flat track with a rapid outfield and short boundaries, it was difficult to apply any real scoreboard pressure. With the sun baking down, it was a day for patience and Hely kept chipping away before grabbing his second wicket before the second drinks break. Kempton’s number four was punishing anything loose and had soon raced to 80 before the returning Sarwavkhan had him caught by Clarke at long off. 196-5 and SMCC went up a gear as Sarwavkhan produced a direct hit run out from mid off. Hely then grabbed another two wickets as Kempton looked to score quickly with debutant Kirk taking two great catches at long on. Sarwavkhan then produced the games real moment of class as he picked the ball up cleanly at extra cover before hurling a direct hit with just one stump to aim at to bring the 9th wicket. Kempton declared shortly after on 246 from 50 overs.

Rea was reunited with Johnson at the top of the order and the pair got off to a good start by staying on top of the required run rate and putting on 62 for the first wicket when Johnson departed. Rea continued to punish the bad ball and run well between the wickets which forced the rest of the SMCC team to play “Guess Foxy’s age” before someone ruined it by looking on ESPN cricket (Rea played for Ireland in his younger life). Back on the pitch, another wicket fell with the score on 100 so that brought debutant Kirk to the crease. He started in great fashion as he drove the ball well through the covers to support Rea who went on to pass 50, his first for the 2s. Unfortunately, he fell for 51 to an awful delivery shortly after and SMCC were in a spot of bother at 116-3. Prendergast, Kirk, and Clark all fell just after getting “in”, each chipping in with 15s or 25s. Mayes fell quickly as well to leave the Boro in trouble at 198-7. Lee was batting nicely but was caught on the boundary as he tried to catch up with the increasing run rate. 211-8 meant SMCC needed 36 to win off just 30 balls. Sarwavkhan decided to smash three huge 6s and a couple of 4s to bring the rate back down to 3s as he and the skipper nudged a couple of 2s and singles to see the game home with 11 balls to spare.

This was a brilliant win to be involved in. I always say as a captain that if we can post 200+ batting first, it’s a massive psychological blow to the chasing side. Whilst we were disappointed to let Kempton reach 247, we knew the track was flat and the outfield short and fast. A little discipline and a couple of big scores would have seen us home. What makes the win even greater is everyone contributed with the bat to slowly chip away at the large total. To chase down 246 with the highest score being 51 says a lot. Let’s take that momentum in to next week’s crunch clash! (A Sharif)

**3rd XI**

Lost by 7 wickets

SMCC 195ao (53.3) / East Molesey 199-3 (38.3)

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

Report: N/A

**4th XI**

Lost by 7 wickets

SMCC 124ao (32.3) / SinjunGrammarians 125-3 (22.2)

4th XI League position – [6 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/169717)

Report N/A

**5th XI**

Gap Week

5th XI League position – [6 / 8](http://krcl.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77284)

Report: N/A

**6th XI**

Won by concession

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

Report: At last embattled and endangered skipper Johnston, new in post this season and unlikely to last unless results improve dramatically, pulls something from the hat. It is no secret that his captaincy has been found wanting at this level with naive decisions, lost tosses, bizarre tactics, loose fielding placement and rumours of an unhappy dressing room. It is also obvious the at his performances on the field have left a great deal to be desired.

And so it is something of a personal triumph for the notoriously taciturn and awkward Johnston to have engineered such a devastating result, entirely unaided by his teammates. Not even Wilks, Johnston's trusted lieutenant of many years, was party to the planning, brinkmanship and chutzpah that bullied Bexleyheath in to conceding the game on Friday morning.

Let us hope that this is the start of a new era. If not it may prove to be merely a postponement of the inevitable trapdoor. A club with the stature and following of S&MCC will not tolerate non-league cricket. (L Johnston)

**Sunday 2nd XI**

Won by 6 wickets

Goldleaf 124ao / SMCC 125-4