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**Streatham & Marlborough Cricket Club**

**SMS – 22 August 2018**

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

**Overview of last weekend**

The 6th XI put on another fantastic and fiery sausage sizzle social as we celebrated wins for the Ladies Trust XI, 4s, 5s and 6s over the weekend. The following individual performances from the weekend deserve some recognition: Malik (72\*), Glazier (64\*), Steel (61 – his third consecutive 50+ score), Kent (60\*), Selwyn-Kuczera (6-0-10-5), Carey (9.5-2-23-5) and Iftikhar (9-2-33-4). Well done all!

As we get to the business end of the season, the ladies section lead the way having finished second in the Trust league and being in pole position to win their 1st XI league. Most of the men’s teams are safely mid-table but the 1s and 3s would like a result this weekend just to confirm their status.

**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. The teams are as follows:

*Chairman’s XI: D Ellis (c), A Knott (wk), M Clark, N Davis, Jack Hughes, W Kay, R Patel, M Pickles, S Sarwavkhan, R Singh, P Vanderpant, S Wright*

*President’s XI: A Fuller (c), D Johnson (wk), N Dasandi, M Eldridge, C Hobbis, N Gibbens, S Keenan, F Knapp, A Mortimore, A Sharif, A Spry*

**Social Calendar**

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| 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: 23 - 29 August**

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| **Date** | **Start** | **Team** | **Opposition** | **Venue** |
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| Saturday 25 August | 11:30 | 1st XI | Old Rutlishians | Away |
|  | 12:00 | 2nd XI | Camberley | Home |
|  | 12:00 | 3rd XI | Valley End | Home |
|  | 12:00 | 4th XI | Sunbury | Away |
|  | 13:00 | 5th XI | NatWest | Home |
|  | 12:30 | 6th XI | Shooters Hill | Away |
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| Sunday 26 August | 11:30 | Chairman’s XI | President’s XI | Home |
|  | 13:00 | Ladies 1st XI | Leeds & Broomfield | Home |
|  | 13:30 | Sunday 2nd XI | Crossbats | 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: 16 - 22 August**

**1st XI**

Lost by 93 runs

Purley 286-6 (50) / SMCC 193ao (45.1)

1st XI League position – [5 / 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**

Won by 40 runs

SMCC 156-4 (30) / Godalming 116ao (28)

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

**2nd XI**

Lost by 8 wickets

SMCC 139ao (46.3) / Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian 140-2 (43)

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

*Report: With every man and his dog unavailable this week, three 4th XI players and a 14 year old were promoted to the 2's. Being new to the club, I was looking forward to playing for club legend Armani.*

*The TMW ground had seen better days, looking like a car park that had shat a cricket pitch out its back window in an emergency after Stella and curry. However, I was with a new bunch of guys and enthusiastic.*

*I could delve into the stats of the game, but I won't (well I will later on, a bit). This game was about trying to extract as much enjoyment out of a late season dead rubber game as we could, and Armani did a good job. The team warm up of Hand Hockey was great fun. It was mentioned in the pre game chat. I thought it was Deej being rude, so my fears of a perverted initiation ceremony were allayed.*

*We were put in on a deck that was damp. A bit squishy on top, but still solid underneath. Spry fell early top edging one that stopped in the pitch, which meant Roshan was in early. Deej and Roshan fought hard against a Laurel and Hardy opening attack. One guy was pretty quick, the other was deathly slow. Both were hard to score off. Roshan batted like he'd been facing this pace all season. Great to watch his bravery, especially with no helmet on.*

*Deej fell caught and bowled to the slow guy, so Kirk and Roshan carried on fighting and got us to near 100. There was then a mini collapse brought about by the oppo skipper bowling the nudest of nude spinners. He was, actually, crap. However, on that pitch I reckon it was a master stroke to bowl himself, as the pitch was not bouncing. It meant he could blob a delivery on a length and it would be lucky to get up over 6 inches. It was pretty hard to score.*

*Armani and myself then copped a barrage of hostile bowling from the quick opening bowler. I haven't faced that kind of bowling for years and it was exhilarating. I loved it. Armani batted like a warrior, absorbing hits from the bowler and trying to shepherd us to a total he could defend.*

*Tea was grey, dry and what you would imagine would be served up in an old people's home run by Jeremy Hunt.*

*What followed was, as Spry put it, "death by a thousand cuts".*

*TMW ground out the 140 needed in boring style. Fair play to them. Brendan Guest was unplayable by the opening bats, bowling a miserly spell. Armani was annoying them, so much so that one batsman decided to give him some advice (he was unprovoked, would you believe that?!). You can image how that went down.*

*Sagz (if I put an 's' at the end of his name it looks more an insult than a nickname) bowled tightly giving very little away, but was unable to break the main partnership.*

*Highlight of the day was when Will Kay came on to bowl. First ball was right on the money, and what followed was a mature spell of bowling that had the whole team whooping and clapping. We were loving it. Eventually he broke through pitching one on leg that turned to take middle and leg. Lovely delivery that had Eddie crowing.*

*This game could have been a boring affair as there was nothing to play for and S&M had been forced to put out a dramatically weakened team. We made it fun in the field, though, encouraging each other and having a lot of laughs amid the serious business of trying to work out how to get a couple of limpets out.*

*Will Kay.*

*Playing 2's cricket at 14 years old, bowling 10 overs, 1 wicket for 29 with two maidens, and making grown men look silly.*

*Please skippers, pick this guy every week. Your team needs it, the club needs it, and Will Kay will love it.*

*A pleasure playing as a fill in for the 2's - they made me feel like I'd been playing with them all year.*

*Cheers,*

*Wrighty (S Wright)*

**3rd XI**

Lost by 2 wickets

SMCC 130ao (45) / Old Rutlishians 132-8 (34)

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

**4th XI**

Won by 4 wickets

Old Rutlishians 177-9 (45) / SMCC 180-6 (42.5)

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

*Report: “This team is Waff’s bunny” “The day of the great escape” “You have a lot say for someone who is s\*\*\*!”*

*Some of the pre match chat as we faced Ruts in the return fixture after what was one of the 4s Houdini acts earlier in the season.*

*Pre warm up activity included Patel body lining Stuart in the nets whilst Southworth attempted to show he was a left arm bowler of note but much of his flight was ambushed by the branches in the nets.*

*Glazier won the toss and gladly inserted the oppo on a damp, muggy and overcast day. Ramani and Basir opened up bagging a quick 2 wickets to leave the oppo 7/2. Wilmott aka ‘Hello Kitty’ took a stunning catch together with some superb fielding throughout the day.*

*Their skipper and opening bat set about rebuilding and the opening bat began to tee off a little with 2 catches going down to Glazier. He would later make amends with the bat!*

*Yours truly came on and bowled a metronomic line under much chirp by his teammates.. ultimately it dispatched their skipper, no 5 bat and the opening bat which brought about a jubilant jump followed by a muttering to myself along of the lines of don’t do that again as I think I may of buggered my knee.*

*Speaking of knees, Southworth had a nightmare day firstly taking a full blown drive on his knee cap instead of tea bagging it and then dropping a dolly.*

*Hughes managed a 7.8 from the catching corden with his effort to dive into Wrighty’s crack.*

*Ramani and co swept up the tail but we were left with a feeling they got a few too many but the target was very manageable chasing 178 to win.*

*Positive start by Perkins and Stuart led us to decent opening stand before both departed with the former getting one of those balls that pea rolls under the bat!*

*Hughes and Glazier set about continuing the momentum amongst some dubious chat by Chuckles and “Yeah boy.”*

*Hughes pulled with efficiency racking up his obligatory 30 odd score before his contact lens made an escape whilst playing another pull.*

*A 4s run chase isn’t the same without a collapse and we duly obliged to set the late order into panic losing Ramani, Southworth and Patel for a combined 0!!*

*As the chairman remarked earlier to my Ghostbusters Stay Puft t-shirt, who you gonna call?.... Mr Chairman! Chairman and Glazier entertained us with many Sbresni dabs. The shot is trademarked by Justin- the money is in the post. Together with the skipper they set about dismantling the last 30 odd runs to lead us home to another W on the top pitch.*

*Glazier was the hero though as he batted steadily before opening up after gaining confidence to unleash a few lusty shots especially the 6 over cover. His 64 not out was his 2nd game winning knock of the season but by far his best knock for the Boro boys!*

*A post match beer in the changing room allowed us to reflect, recant the days tales and tonight discover a modern piece of art, that Sotheby’s will be auctioning off later this year, to reach our pavilion target with Peter Paul Rubens interpretation of ‘Oli advocating vegetarianism.’ (Ed… if you’ve not seen this then you need to check the club Facebook page for a most disturbing image). (R Patel)*

**5th XI**

Won by 37 runs

SMCC 145ao (37.3) / Blackheath 108ao (33.2)

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

*Report: "It's the best tea in the league. Two kinds of cake."*

*"They scored loads against us last time. Three very good bats."*

*"Guys, we've got an eleventh-hour drop out, but we've found a replacement."*

*"Sbresni?!"*

*WhatsApp group aside, we go to the only ground north of SMCC. Some huge totals in the rear-view mirror, so we're confident. But a park pitch? After this rain. Win that toss. Especially with that tea.*

*Bugger.*

*The skipper's in form, don't worry.*

*Double bugger.*

*Robin Pharaoh - great surname. Ooh, and good shots. Doesn't he hit it hard? These guys appeal a lot. A LOT. Too much now. Watch that language. Have some respect - for yourself*

*Really, everyone gets going, and then gets out. Khufu (26) and Chris Buttler (27) are the pick, but numbers 2 to 8 all get 10-20. The pitch occasionally plugs, rolls and springs. Lots of good shots, several bad ones, and a couple of unlucky dismissals. But not as many as the batsmen claim. There's some controversy - many aggrieved bowlers who don't fully understand the LBW rule - but we're confident 145 is a competitive total.*

*That cake. Sensational. Alright, let's win this. Luke MacWilliam's bowling well. He's bowling VERY well. Those three good bats don't look so good anymore. Angling it across and...not to hand! Deserved more than his 1-18.*

*Oh, so that's how you do it. Bowl garbage, and they'll spoon it to a fielder. Good catch though, Lewis Knapp. Good to have you back. But don't let Nicholas have another over. Bring Pharaoh on...ooooooh...caught and bowled first ball! But what's this? He's hobbling. Let's see how he goes...oh, no. It's over after three balls. The skipper will finish the over off.*

*Two of the big three gone. But they're accumulating nicely. They're 73-5 at drinks. They're exactly halfway at halfway. This is going to be close.*

*Henly's still going. He's actually bowling beautifully. He's going to taking himself off? Chair of Cricket and vice-captain intervene. Soon, Mitch.*

*Key here is to stay focused. There's a wicket. And another one. And...now the big scalp! This is going to be close. Oh, not more of this. Questioning every decision - and now your own umpire's? Your square leg umpire is even VIDEOING it to prove the point. Poor, poor, poor.*

*Paul Henly (9.3-3-22-2) and Steve Horlock (8-1-17-3) are very impressive. Paul especially is excellent. He needs some reassurance that he should stay on until his final over, and now...a run out? Well, that's just madness. They've gone from 82-4, to 103-9.*

*But what's this now? Apparently Paul's bowled too many. What do they want...to take a wicket back? Bring Mitch on. Give him the ball. Sweater to the umpire. Oh come on. The scorer's miscounted? Sorry, Mitch.*

*Six consecutive maidens build the pressure, and the game is ours. We've kept concentrating, and beaten a team pushing for the title. This is a great collective effort, and everyone did something. Hugs all round.*

*"It's a great unit you've got here. You're competitive, focused and welcoming." Thanks, Chair. That's lovely to hear. But it's even better to win. (M Nicholas)*

**6th XI**

Won by 7 wickets
Dulwich 127ao (39.5) / SMCC 129-3 (33.4)

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

*Report: As the flames from the deluxe gas barbeque mounted ever higher towards the heavens two things stand out from the general panic and bemusement. The first is the sight of the Club Chairman attempting to blow the conflagration out using the assembled might of his lungpower. The second was the polite enquiry from my wife as to whether any of the vegetable kebabs were now ready. There were more helpful inputs but I do not recall them. Thankfully the chairman, first-rate scientist that he is, returned with a fire extinguisher to avert tragedy. His modest observation that he did not know if it was the right sort of extinguisher to use on such a blaze did nothing to dent our admiration of and confidence in him. In future I will not allow Barrington to fiddle with the controls although it was touching to see a grown man pretending to be piloting the USS Enterprise.*

*The 6's social evening was a low key event restricted to what we do best - charring sausages. Earlier we had done a very passable imitation of a competent and united cricket team as we at last earned victory over local rivals Dulwich CC. In June we had narrowly failed to beat them, losing by 1 run, but today was our day.*

*I lost the toss and Dulwich elected to bat on a greenish looking Griffin track. Barrington Wilks (10-3-29-0) and Alf Grimsey (10-1-36-2) bowled tight and hostile opening spells and were backed by fine catching from Gohar Shafique who would end up with three good catches. Dulwich were 67 for 2 at drinks.*

*We knew they would come at us in the second half but Gohar Shafique (6-0-31-1) and Dave Carey (9.5-2-23-5) first would not let them get away and then ripped out the middle order. Very encouraging to see Gohar continue to improve as a cricketer and deliver a tight spell. Dave Carey is an excellent league bowler - the product of years of craft and experience.  Fine catching from Alf Grimsey, Stan Barrett-Johnston and Tony Hewitt helped enormously and saved the skipper's embarrassment at dropping yet another straightforward catch. Teifion Nangle kept well - 2 byes from a Barrington bouncer 10 feet over his head - and a stumping. The ground fielding was good all around the ground and the showboating from Hewitt and Barrett-Johnston was just about excusable. Ben Venables came on at the death to bowl very tightly and claim a deserved wicket.*

*Dulwich 127 all out.*

*Asad Malik, in his first game for the 6s and indeed his first game for S&MCC since he was a colt, opened up with Alf Grimsey. They batted sensibly waiting for the loose delivery and took us to 37 before Alf was bowled by the impressive R. Williams for 15. Stan Barrett-Johnston went out to join Asad and they put on 42 for the 2nd wicket before Stan got himself out for 15. Now Tony Hewitt went out to join Asad and helped the swashbuckling young man put on 25 for the 3rd wicket before perishing. Michael Simpson batted very solidly and sensibly to get us to the total and a seven wicket victory.*

*Asad Malik is a very capable bat. resolute in defence and brutal on the poor delivery. An amazing stroke of good fortune for us that his weekend plans fell through just as Neil Cook was forced to withdraw unwell on Friday evening. Of course Neil would have got 72 not out as well but thank the stars for Asad. All hail the chair of selectors who assembled this noble legion of warriors. (L Johnston)*

**Sunday 1st XI**

Lost by 5 wickets

SMCC 143ao (30) / Mpingwe 144-5 (32.3)