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**Streatham & Marlborough Cricket Club**

**SMS – 25 July 2018**

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

**1st XI Social – BBQ**

What would another sunny Saturday be without a BBQ?? The 1st XI will be putting on a BBQ and a (yet to be organised) event this weekend after the games – keep an eye on Facebook! All welcome.

**Overview of last weekend**

Another well organised social by the 5th XI with the BBQ and games night proving competitive! On the field, the highlight was an amazing chase by the 4th XI whilst the 3s picked up some much need points against their relegation rivals.  Personal highlights include 82 from Wright, Johnson (57), Snowden (55) as well as 4-10 from Paul and Derbyshire (4-56)

**Ground Work – Plea for assistance**

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| cid:image010.jpg@01D42418.4E1F5BC0 | Please note that this is an image of the WACA rather than our actual pitch but cracks such as this have appeared all over the outfield of the top pitch during this extended period of dry weather. We’ve managed to keep playing cricket but do need some rain soon to avoid having to book alternate venues to play. To keep us going, please help with the repair work if you are able. A few members have already earmarked Friday evening to do some work – I’m sure they’ll appreciate a hand - please see the Facebook post for further detail.  |

**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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| 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: 26 July – 1 August**

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| **Date** | **Start** | **Team** | **Opposition** | **Venue** |
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| Saturday 28 July | 12:00 | 1st XI | Addiscombe | Home |
|  | 12:00 | 2nd XI | Ashford | Away |
|  | 13:00 | 3rd XI | Battersea Ironsides | Away |
|  | 13:00 | 4th XI | Dulwich | Home |
|  | 13:30 | 5th XI | Ex Blues | Home |
|  | 13:30 | 6th XI | Sidcup | Away |
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| Sunday 29 July | 14:00 | Ladies 1st XI | Shepperton | Away |
|  | 13:00 | Sunday 1st XI | Franklin Lewin | Home |
|  | 13:30 | Sunday 2nd XI | Epsom | Away |
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| Wednesday 1 Aug | 13:00 | Midweek XI | Nomads | 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: 19 - 25 July**

**1st XI**

Lost by 9 wickets

SMCC 53ao (25.3) / Epsom 54-1 (12.5)

1st XI League position – [7 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77475)

Report:  *Who said that two hours of shovelling soil wasn’t the best preparation for a league game…? Either way, thanks to the 4s for swapping pitches with us. Didn’t seem to affect them as much as it did us! (D Ellis)*

**Ladies 1st XI**

Won by concession

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

**Ladies Trust XI**

Gap Week

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

**2nd XI**

Lost by 42 runs

Sanderstead 257ao (49) / SMCC 215ao (48)

2nd XI League position – [5 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/169717)

Report: *The 2nd XI travelled to Sanderstead - a team only a couple of points behind us in the table. We knew a draw wouldn't really help either side get back into the promotion race, so we expected some positive cricket (unlike last week).*

*We won the toss and took to the field, backing our batting depth to be able to chase successfully.*

*Dhruv and Saif bowled with good carry on what was a rock hard pitch. Will Williamson had injured his hand midweek so we discussed where to 'hide' him; naturally our first wicket was a catch he took with one hand and his chest. Sanderstead then put on a decent partnership, though we had chances. We managed to keep a lid on the scoring rate with tight bowling from Brendan, JJ and Hughie, but were struggling for breakthroughs. But a magic spell from Hugh before the second drinks break left them 4 down after 34 overs; their number 3 departed for a well made 63. We kept chipping away, but their number 7 batsman got going and hit 4 very large sizes to take them beyond 200. They looked likely to go well past 250, but a few wickets at the end from Gibbo (3-21) meant we bowled them out for 257. Dhruv and Hugh also ended with 3 wickets.*

*DJ and Spry started cautiously, but then Spry got a few big hits away and we were well set with a 50 opening stand. Spry (30), who incidentally put on 4kg in a week in Vegas, nicked off then Gibbo and Hugh were out LBW and chopping on respectively, we were in trouble on 90-3 and reliant on DJ. A mini recovery followed, but DJ (57) nicked off and Vanderpant edged a wide one that the slip caught with his legs, which left us at 129-5. The two Wills counter-attacked. Once Williamson departed for 25 at 169-6, we could have played for the draw but backed ourselves and continued to play positively. At 195-9, however, we had to bat out 8 overs for the draw - Will Bailey and Dhruv were applying themselves well. Unfortunately Bailey edged one to slip with only a couple of overs to go, but he had batted well for his 37.*

*Shame about the result, but a great day of cricket against a likeable Sanderstead side that played the game with a good spirit all day. Big game away to Ashford next week! (P Vanderpant)*

**3rd XI**

Won by 94 runs

SMCC 216ao (53.2) / Oxted & Limpsfield 122ao (34.2)

3rd XI League position – [8 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/169717)

Report: *N/A*

**4th XI**

Won by 2 wickets

Oxted & Limpsfield 276-6d (44) / SMCC 280-8 (40)

4th XI League position – [5 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/169717)

Report: *Stepping in for Glazier this week as he was celebrating the Mrs birthday, so off I went up to the club passing the gypsy enclave across the road that had manifested this week. Like many of us in the 4s it feels we have been permanently on tour so to return to the delights of our home ground was something of a welcome relief.*

*When the club captain calls you at 11am on a Saturday I tend to worry something is up. I arrived to be greeted by Daniel Ellis who asked if they could take the bottom pitch as officious umpires laid down the law due to the San Andreas outfield that was developing on the top pitch!*

*I duly obliged telling the 1s players us 4s players usually play on some rec grounds so this is still like Lords to us. The oppo skipper was kind enough to not kick up a fuss and keen to get the game on and as usual I lost the toss and Oxted decided to bat.*

*Carter and Williams bowled a superb opening spell stifling Oxted’s start. Oxted’s number 3 then decided to tee off around the short boundaries, launching a few sixes and losing our stash of balls. The hunting in the undergrowth unearthed a few balls none of which did a dam thing as the pitch played like a batting paradise as Oxted continued to dispatch our bowlers around the ground. The number 3 scores a relatively chance-less ton but one that you look back on think he rarely played a decent shot out of the MCC manual of batting. Williams, Carter, Muthamani, Horlock, Davies and Patel toiled away in this sensational summer but the baked ground and the hot sun was a tough ask as the oppo set us 277 to win.*

*Ellis remarks to me that it is a target that can be got- little did he know that this team has not achieved 200 all season. ( or he knew today was the day for a miracle...hallelujah!) What ensued was a top order that kept up against the run rate with Southworth sweeping effectively to get us off to a good start with Knott who in the last 3 weeks has been in top form. Wright was promoted to 3 and he duly obliged bludgeoning Oxted’s attack especially taking great delight telling the young colt well bowled after carting him for 17 in an over. The colts need to learn to play adult cricket and fair play to Oxted who had 4 of them playing. The opening bowler is one I’m sure who will be in their 1s set up when he is older.*

*Back to Wrighty who with Purdey continued to take the attack to the bowlers dispatching anything loose to the boundary. Purdey looked a class act- something about left handers... Haydenesque! By the time they went (Wright for a superb 82) we needed 70 odd with plenty of overs still in the bag. Williams and Hughes continued the assault with Coach lauding Hughes’s high left arm whilst driving through the covers took us to within 30 odd.*

*Then this wouldn’t be a run chase without a SMCC collapse as yours truly and Williams disappeared within succession to set the nerves jangling. Fortunately we batted all the way down to 10 (sorry Mitch) as Carter and Horlock took us to the brink and Carter finished it in style with a six.*

*What a run chase to knock off 277 in 40 overs, a tough task but a task the lads well and truly tucked into!*

*As usual many of the team were fairly inebriated by the end of the night as the jugs of beer and rum flowed. Coach even brought out his ‘rum punch’ much to Deej’s glee! There’s nothing like the feeling of winning to set you up for a Sunday hangover, the sofa and The Open to pass the hours by! (R Patel)*

**5th XI**

Lost by 98 runs

Beckenham 183ao (39) / 85ao (28.2)

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

Report: *I normally write the match report the same Saturday, on the Overground home. The mix of IPA, a regretful warm London Pride, and the sights of a tiny woman berating her husband ("you could have sat on your arse all day without moving your family from Manchester") brings out a flair usually lacking elsewhere. It allows me to put a positive spin on whatever happens; it ensures that heroic performances get the praise they deserve; and in extreme circumstances inspires me somehow to compare Paul Henly to Donald Bradman.*

*You should of course make sure on a Sunday morning that you've not got too carried away. Do a thorough spell check, and remove those terrible puns that seem so funny just before midnight. But mostly, you cram the article with enough florid rhetoric to shower the whole team with glory, whatever the result. But what to say this week?*

*We were bowled our for 85. At one point, we were 45-6. Chasing 185, we took two good opening bowlers and inflated their sense of self-worth. Blocking or swiping with little in between. Andy Dean applied himself diligently, and Cockar's 20-odd not out was brisk and entertaining, but otherwise the batting order played tentative shots to good bowling, and bad shots to slow rubbish.*

*Our bowling attack showed fluency and patience. Omer Basir, McWilliam and your correspondent probed and teased, and Asif exuded another forceful spell. Derbyshire delivered variety and persistence for his 4fer - it's really pleasing to see Alan taking wickets, and Andrew Brook's four catches included a full-length dive forward to scoop one inches off the floor with his wrong hand. For 30 overs, we bowled and fielded well - but 75% won't mean a first in league cricket.*

*The resilience and, most of all, fun around the barbecue afterwards suggests a group who will come away stronger from this bloody nose, and David Cook's party games have highlighted some frustrated batsmen who'll happily take a bowling spot next week. This is cause for reflection, not alarm.*

*The Manchester couple got off the train soon afterwards. Kira is a wise woman: "this is hard, and you've gonna have to do some stuff you don't like. But we've got to stick at it, Darren." Wise words, and ones we'll do well to take on board. (M Nicholas)*

**6th XI**

Lost by 8 wickets

SMCC 194ao (39) / Old Wilsonians 195-2 (35.2)

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

Report: *Match report bingo:*

*Blazing hot day - check*

*10 men - check*

*Stan gets out in the 40s again (44) - check*

*Gavin Buck keeps immaculately and bats intelligently (48) - check*

*Barrington bowls skilfully up the hill for no reward - check*

*Kirk smashes the cover off the ball and gets caught at third man - check*

*Kirk says - 'the ball was there to hit' - check*

*promising debut by youngster (Saif Waisullah 32 not out) - check*

*Wiley Dave Carey - check*

*Skilful OW's batters get the runs with ease - check*

*Another defeat - check*

*I get bitten to bastardy by evil insect squadrons at clubhouse - check*

*Words not used that could have been if life wasn’t so short:*

*punishing/elegant/powerful/potential/crushing/crucible/warm London Pride/jug/stupid/bloody/game/trees/christening/tape/tea/oh/well (L Johnston)*

**Saturday Friendly XI**

Lost by 116 runs

Foxbury Exiles 244-8 (36.5) / SMCC 128ao (35.3)

**Sunday 1st XI**

Won by 100 runs

SMCC 268ao (37) / Bethlem Royal Hospital 168ao (35)

**Sunday 2nd XI**

Lost by 6 wickets

SMCC 151ao (31.2) / The Times 154-4 (35)