**END OF SEASON ROUND-UP**

**FOR THE SURREY TRUST LEAGUE X1 2018**

The Trust League is for Clubs to develop their young cricketers and to give them the opportunity of playing against a mixture of Adults and other young cricketers of different ages.

The Trust League rules say Teams must play at least 7 U21’s, 5 of whom must be U18’s.

While winning is not the sole measure of success, we are nonetheless in a league :-

**LEAGUE POSITION (Tier 1 Group 1)**

7th place with 83 points-in a division of 9 teams where top place scored 115 points and bottom place scored 56 points.

Played 7, Won 1, Lost 6 (1 Cancelled)

Generally the games were 40 overs a side, but 2 of the fixtures were played as T20’s.

Our league position would suggest we had a tough season.

We won just the one game at home to Worcester Park mainly with (Senior) James Leck’s contribution of 101n.o.

The tightest game was the season opener against Walton-On-Thames where we were all out for 161 (James Leck again with 52) chasing Walton’s 164 all out.

Another tight game was away at Beddington where we were all out 120 chasing the home side’s 135 all out.

The remaining games were mainly one sided matches where we were on the wrong end of the result

BUT

the raw statistics don’t always tell the full story as the number of youngsters at the different age ranges varies from Club to Club, and from fixture to fixture and a 5 year age difference e.g. from U14 to U19, can make a big difference in the physical capabilities of the players and make some of the games an unfair contest.

**BATTING**

Batting was our weakness and only (Senior) James Leck with 167 in 3 appearances got over 50 runs all season.

In 4 games our scores were 107-9, 114-10, 89-10 and 167-10 and here we relied on Seniors Srikanth Vuppula (34) and Brijesh Patel (39) to get us to 167.

Batting was a problem as none of the youngsters managed to break 50 runs for the season - this was not through lack of opportunity as the youngsters batted through the order often with a Senior player at the crease at the same time.

But again the raw statistics may be misleading as although many youngsters played in the Trust team, not too many of the youngsters played all the games.

Availability for the Trust team seemed to mirror availability throughout most of the teams.

**BOWLING**

It was the young Bowlers who played a major part in lots of the games, usually bowling more than half of the available overs.

The main successes were

William Brewis (U13) 17 overs 6 for 82 with a best of 4 for 21

Sam Glynne-Jones (U14) 8 overs 4 for 32 in his one game

Theo Colvin (U15) 15 overs 5 for 69 with a best of 3 for 19

Oliver Harris (U16) 18.5 overs 6 for 101 with a best of 5 for 29

Tyler Shoare (U16) 19 overs 5 for 112 with a best of 2 for 22

Mention must also be made of Seth McDowell (U13) and Seniors Manoj Rajarethinam

and Peter Friend who in addition to bowling some overs of their own were usually at Mid-on or Mid-off to offer advice to the younger bowlers.

**FIELDING**

Always gave their best, often on difficult outfields. Examples of commitment in the field were Beau Dethridge taking a ball on his eyelid to save a boundary and wicket keeper Seb Driscoll often put his body in the way to stop the ball.

**SUMMARY**

An enjoyable season watching/umpiring our talented young cricketers.

Thanks to Peter Friend who not only provides on-field advice and encouragement to the youngsters during the matches but also does most of the off-field organisation.

Thanks as well to the scorers and for the Teas.