

2XI End Of Season Report

The 2nd team secured promotion on the back of a 2nd place finish in the league. A great response following the relegation the year before. This was achieved through a real squad effort with a total of 27 players representing the second team.

The batting department was well lead by the ever reliable Andy Wakely who contributed a mammoth 480 runs including two centuries. Will Bailey lead the chasing pack hitting 181 runs. Mentions to Luke Mills and Dan Taylor who together hit a destructive and game winning partnership of 115 vs Curdrige. The saying partnerships win games and this was proven this season with 3 100+ partnerships. Others played important supporting roles to help ensure we got over the line.

The success of the batting line up some could argue was down to the amount of pressure alleviated from them by what was a formidable bowling line up. Harry Wakely and Callum Simmonds jointly topped the wickets whilst Gary Dyer managed the best economy rate across all of the Hampshire Cricket Leagues whilst also taking an impressive 11 wickets despite few shots ever being played against him. Sam Wallace came into the side at the half way point often getting on top of batters with his movement with away and in.

This season 3 colts played 2nd team cricket, Harry Wakely, Ewan Whittikar and Dan Prentice. They each held their own and hopefully the experiences they each took will help them to become 1st team players of the future.

Jonjo Stovell and Ian White both earned call ups into the 1st team on the back of good performances as did Dan Duell who did so well we didn't see him again. This is a good barometer of how effective the 2nd team is.