

HYPHE & DIBDEN CRICKET CLUB AGM – 13 February 2025

2025 SEASON COLTS REPORT

2025 saw us having another successful year within the colts section, expanding to have an u17s team this year. We collaborated with Fawley and Lymington at the older age groups to help out with numbers as and when required.

Indoor training continued in the autumn term with a good turn out every Monday and in total around 40+ Colts trained regularly over the winter.

In addition, a number of new Colts came through from All Stars and Dynamos, re-enforcing the value these initiatives bring to the club. The league re-structuring from the previous year has started to settle in. We were able to continue to be able to enter teams in the Hampshire Junior Cricket Championship, west division at U9, U11, U13 and U15 age groups and this year also fielded an u17 team.

A huge thanks to the colts team managers & coaches, Adam Williams (Under 9s), Sheelan Shah (u11s), Simon Dixon & Dave Capstick (Under 13s) & David Parry (Under 17s) for their time through the season getting teams together, organising fixtures and persevering with results entry via Play Cricket, we embraced that more this year and it adds a certain benefit with the stats it can generate. Results were less of the focus this year but we certainly saw improvement as the season went on in many of the teams. Most importantly, we should be proud of the inclusive approach managers and captains continued to take, to ensure all Hythe & Dibden Colts, regardless of ability, were given maximum opportunity to play cricket in every match.

Further support was provided by Dan Prentice, Lizzie Prentice, Ian Prentice, Sue Froggett, Andy Woods, Tom Jones & James Page. Match days & training are so much easier when you have help at hand and we are grateful to all who supported our Colts teams. Chiv supported us brilliantly again this year with making every effort to get us on cut grass wickets whenever achievable which, i know, the colts appreciated!

We have seen Tom Jones and James Page both become qualified coaches, which is a great asset to the club.

Huge thanks to Dawn and Mike for their continued support to Colts cricket, the ever present Dawn for ensuring we are honest with our health & safety at training etc and keeping on track of finances and all things colts admin. Mike for his overall support (especially the bar!) and encouraging the pathway into adults cricket!

The 2025 season saw even further increase in the numbers of the Colts continue to play for the Hythe & Dibden adult teams which has been fantastic for the Colts development and great preparation for the transition to adult cricket. We are very grateful to the Team Captains for giving the Colts the opportunity to play and making them welcome in their teams, especially Jamie & Frazer, who were a great support this year. Even coming to watch some of the colts games to enhance the encouragement! A number of the colts continued to pick up awards in the senior teams, which is amazing.

Hythe & Dibden CC has continued to encourage and support Colts accessing County level cricket training via the Hampshire Regional Performance Centre player pathway and it is great to see a number of our Colts are part of the 2025/2 training programme, especially Ollie Dixon at full Hampshire level.

Looking ahead to 2026, we will aim to continue to have teams at all age groups and enter teams in Under 9, 11, 13, 15 & 17 age groups for the leagues and cups this year. We shall also be aiming to increase the number of girls signed on by running some Girl only sessions!

Finally, thanks to all parents for supporting the club and turning out on those dark, cold Monday evenings (Winter and Summer!) and to all the Colts for your commitment to training, great attitude and making it fun for us all. Looking forward to another great season.

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