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Defending a league title in any sport is difficult because as champions you are there to be shot at and so it proved for the first xi this season. Nobody thought it would be easy to replicate the success of 2012 but I don't think too many would have genuinely thought they would be relegated either. We will all have our own views on the causes of our downfall. For what its worth my own include unavailability (should that read commitment?) resulted in it being virtually impossible to pick the same side two weeks running the inability to bowl sides out resulted in only three 12 point wins and the loss of Jamie Summerscales's runs was a heavy mental burden which had too great an influence on the team.

It was not all doom and gloom and there were some positives notably George Hampshire having an excellent debut season (no doubt Barkisland are keenly watching his progress!) and a good defence of the Parish Cup ended at the semi-final stage going down to ultimate winners, Jer Lane. 2014 will not be easy and bouncing straight back is not guaranteed as both Northowram HT and Old Crocs have proved recently.

The seconds continue to raise the bar and once again achieved their highest ever league placing in finishing second behind Triangle. I have no doubt they would have challenged for the title had they not been badly disrupted by first team call ups, injuries and absenteeism. Despite losing five more matches than 2012 they moved from 3rd to 2nd but in years to come when we look back at 2013 I think there will always be a feeling that this could have been their year to win the title. An excellent quarter final victory over Triangle in the Crossley Shield could not be repeated when comprehensively beaten by Sowerby Bridge in the semis. The season ended on an unusual and disappointing note with the abandonment of the last league fixture due to the poor behavior of an opposing player. The League Executive totally exonerated SBCI when awarding the points 12-0 in our favour.

The Sunday team equipped themselves extremely well in Division One and in qualifying for the knockout stages of the Rod Warhurst Cup for the first time in at least ten years. On occasions it has been difficult to field 11 players and regrettably one match was forfeited when a side could not be raised. A number of teams have struggled this year for players and the league is looking at rule changes in an effort to make Sunday cricket more appealing especially to younger players.

Although silverware has just been beyond the grasp of our Juniors you will see from the reports in *Silly Point* that they continue to improve, have produced a number of players making their debut in open age cricket and several have been selected for the league's representative sides.

We hosted three Junior finals on a glorious August Bank holiday Monday and in 2014 for the first time in the club's history will stage the an open age final (20:20 competition). Support for Social functions has generally been mixed and bar duty has been the responsibility of too few people with Harry West working tirelessly on the Club's behalf. I do not apologise for repeating what I said 12 months ago "we are all members of a club and all players should look to play a part beyond making themselves available for selection".

J Hyland

FIRST XI

After a fantastic season in 2012 winning the league and cup double the expectation of many people in the Halifax league was for SBCI to be a strong contender for the league and cup again.

An early change to the team saw Jamie Summerscales leave and move to Barkisland, our neighbouring transfer team, which left a hole in our top order.

With the team looking to start the season in the same fashion as the previous year we were at home to newly promoted Clayton and got off to a winning start claiming 9 points with Tom Wood making his maiden club century.

Warley was our next home game which saw our new opening batter George Hampshire make his mark scoring 86 in 43 overs which gave us a match winning performance against our old rivals. Later in the season George became established as the first team opening batter with Tom Wood, when he claimed back to back centuries against Booth with a 109 and the following day 112 not out in the 3rd round of the Parish Cup against Northowram Hedge Top. Both George and Tom claimed 2 centuries in the season and their performances combined produced over 1200 runs in the league.

During the season we found it hard to gain momentum and pick up points due to inconsistent team selection and always being one step behind gaining the full bonus points.

Another semi final spot in the Parish Cup kept us going during the middle part of the season but another finals day came to an end when playing the eventual winners Jer lane. Before losing to them we knocked out Stainland, Mythomlroyd and Northowram at home which proves that we continue to have the ability and determination to drive SBCI to more cup glory.

The bowlers found it hard this season to bowl teams out, due to hard and dry wickets, but in the game against the eventual league winners Jer Lane I managed to pick up 5 wickets. This was one of three five wicket hauls in the season, with Matthew Hoyle and Ben Summerscales also picking up 5 against Booth and Warley.

As the season progressed we found ourselves at the wrong end of the table, Warley, Bradshaw and Sowerby Bridge were the only teams around us with Clayton battling to survive in the league. The last few fixtures wern't going to be easy having to play Booth away, Mytholmroyd, Sowerby Bridge and the league leaders Jer Lane away on the final day. We had to make sure by the time we played Sowerby Bridge, our final home game, that we were ahead of them. We managed to beat them with a great partnership between myself (40 not out) and Sam (58 not out) keeping the season alive, we were 4 points clear of them making it a two horse race to see which team would stay up.

Unfortunately we came second in that race, missing out by 3 points to go down on 130 points. We had a very hard season, with little luck going our way through it, but after 22 games and a semi final spot in the Parish cup, the table doesn't lie. We will bounce back next season, and with the introduction of new players to the team like Chris Dalby, and players coming through the senior and junior teams, SBCI CC, will be back in the top division in 2015.

Hope to see you all at winter training next season, starting February at the Cricket Asylum, in Sowerby Bridge. Dates and times to be confirmed.

Jamie Sykes



SECOND XI

Although Season 2013 can be claimed one of great success for the 2nd XI we were so close to so much more. With long serving skipper Simon "Scoffer" Scholefield stepping down I took over with very similar aims in mind as he had and I knew because he had told me so! Win the league, play in a Crossley Shield final and integrate the youth into an established strong team.

The season started slightly drier than the year before and with a trip to Clayton. Having lost the toss and being put in (you'll find a theme of me winning the toss and bowling first as the season goes on!) on what can only be described as a playful wicket we managed to scrape 107 all out with Lewis Firth top scoring with 34. Clayton reached 43 for 2 and where looking relatively comfortable before Matty Keast joined the attack and ensured Clayton where skittled out for 68 returning season best figures of 6.5-2-6-6 and ensuring a 12 point start. We lost the next game to Northowram (again) and travelled to Warley unsure what to expect from them or us. Having won the toss and putting Warley in James Pettinger (7-4-3-1), Ross Benson (12-8-12-6) and the slightly expensive Simon Scholefield (5.4-1-20-3) ensured we were back at the Stute for teatime, bowling Warley out for 43. Father and Son Scholefield then knocked them off for the loss of only 2 wickets. A bizarre game but one that will remain in the memory banks for a long time. I tried the same in the return fixture but they returned 223 for 8 and we lost by 2 runs.

We spent the majority of the season chasing Triangle for the League title and everyone had an eye on the last game of the season at home to Triangle as a potential title decider, in some ways that's what it became but for all the wrong reasons and with league intervention causing a delay on the final outcome. Having completed 21 out of 22 fixtures this year we finally finished 2nd (our highest ever Premier Division finish) 12 points adrift of Triangle. When I try and analyse the difference in 1st and 2nd it comes down to small margins, if we'd have taken 3 more wickets and scored 23 more runs across 4 games we would have been Champions. I've always been told it's always been a game of Ifs and Buts.

The Crossley Shield draw was kind to us with Stainland and Augustinians the first 2 rounds, Stainland was a walkover as they couldn't raise a team and after some interesting hitting from Augustinians lower order (143 all out) Matthew Scholefield (56*) and Sir Michael Wood (43*) took us into the quarter finals. Triangle became the opposition of choice! And they turned up on a lovely summer's day at SBCI with a spring in their step and keen to get the game going (obviously this is full of half truths and sarcasm, it was a wet miserable Sunday the covers had been sabotaged in the night and the wicket looked like it would provide some benefit to the bowlers). After some excellent fielding and great catching (no one was more surprised than me I can tell you) and figures of 9-5-12-5 from the captain and 5-2-19-3 from Matty Keast Triangle stumbled to 151 all out. Unfortunately leading wicket taker Simon Scholefield twanged a calf muscle that put him out for the rest of the season.

An excellent 65 from VC Matthew Scholefield ensured we limped home after a Ross Benson mighty swish put the Triangle Wicket Keeper off his game conceding 4 byes to gift us a semi-final place. Unfortunately we drew Sowerby Bridge in the semi's, the only team that beat us in every fixture last season, and they comfortably put paid to our Cup dreams, the only consolation being they went on to win the final.

So with a 2nd place League finish, a Semi Final cup exit, 3 victories over League Champions Triangle and bowling local rivals Warley out for 43 I can reflect on what has been an excellent season for the SBCI 2nd XI.

We managed to ensure that the Junior section has been well represented across the season with U17's James Pettinger, Fahd Hussain, Sam Bragg and Dan Vile and U15's Brad Holt, Ed Keighley and Niall Tyson all playing their part in our success. James Pettingers 1 for 3 off 7 against Warley will go down as one of the best opening spells seen from a junior in senior cricket and who could forget Niall Tyson's 56* of 26 balls, on debut vs Copley?

The averages have been kept a closely guarded secret this year (i.e. the VC gave up updating the website part way through the season, something about being a first teamer for a while...) However when it comes to fielding catching hasn't been our strong point this year but certainly Ed Keighley has never let us down with some great catching ensuring he has won the club fielding prize with 3.5 marks. The batting went to Matthew Scholefield scoring 589 runs at an average of 45.31 (HS 104*), Craig Potts was second with 326 runs at 36.22 including his first century (120*) vs Outlane. Other notable innings included Lewis Firth 126* vs Clayton, Simon Hampshire 118 vs Booth and another maiden century, including the "super starfish celebration", of 138 vs Sowerby from Charles Hyland who apparently got out trying to copy the shot of a 16 year old boy!!!!!!!!! The bowling was much closer with only 0.54 separating 1st and 3rd. The deserved eventual winner was leading wicket taker Ross Benson with 56 wickets at an average of 20.80 with a best of 6 for 12 off 12 vs Warley, 2nd Simon Hampshire with 28 wickets at an average of 21.00 (best 5 for 12 off 9 vs Triangle) and third Matthew Keast with 38 wickets at an average of 21.34 (best 6 for 6 of 6.5 vs Clayton). Special mention must go to Simon Scholefield who finished with 23 wickets at an average of 13.74 before injury finished his season as well as the bowling reputation of his son who completed his over bowling 5 balls for 14 runs after Simon had conceded only 12 runs off 5.1 overs. I obviously need to take more note of my predecessor and learn when best to bowl and on what type of wicket.

A huge thankyou to all who have helped this year especially all the Tea Ladies without whom cricket would not be as enjoyable! I'd also like to thank Alan Keighley for the regular gifts (away games only), jokes, weather updates and for scoring most of our games. Let's hope next year we can go one step further.

Simon Hampshire

"SORRY NO TEAM PHOTO THIS YEAR THEY FORGOT TO TAKE ONE!"

SUNDAY SECTION



The Sunday section have enjoyed another successful season with a third placed finish in Division one of the Sunday league and making it through to the knock out stages of the Rod Warhurst trophy.

In a tight seven team division (Booth withdrew from the league before the season started) where two sides were way out at the front, it was a tight battle to see who would finish in the only relegation spot.

Thankfully, our form around the middle half of the season picked up considerably to allow us to secure our top flight status with three games remaining. If the rain on the final day of the season hadn't totally wiped out our fixture against Norden, then we would have been confident of getting the necessary points required to overtake our visitors and secure a fantastic third placed finish. We can't complain too much as the weather has been kind to us, and aside from losing the last game to the weather, we only lost eight or so overs in a Rod Warhurst trophy game played at Rastrick at the end of April.

We put a disappointing start to the season to one side where we were comprehensively beaten by Triangle in the Rod Warhurst trophy group stages, by then beating Rastrick and Hedge Top comfortably to progress to the knockout stages. Making the most of players still in football mode, we were able to field stronger than normal sides with Sam and Simon Wood scoring centuries against Rastrick and Northowram respectively.

We bowed out of the trophy at the quarter final stage on a glorious day down at Copley with a 42 run defeat, where despite half-centuries from Lewis, Brad and Matty Keast, along with some late order runs from Fahad, we would come up short.

Our league campaign got off to the best possible start with a maximum point win over Northowram Fields. Once again, Keasty helped himself to a half century and with Fahad then taking three wickets we took advantage of our visitors losing a man who had to leave to go to work to bowl them out when only fifteen more runs were required for victory. Disappointing defeats against the top sides along with a two week break saw us heading into July with us needing some big performances to drag us away from the relegation battle at the bottom. The turning point of the season came at Blackley, where despite conceding more than 300 runs, and playing with ten men on yet another red hot day, we stuck at our task really well in bowling Blackley out, with Sam Bragg on his debut taking four wickets, and then not suffering an infamous Sunday team collapse with the middle order contributing to a total of 224 for 7. This meant that despite the defeat, we only took four points less than Blackley from the game.

The next two away fixtures saw us take maximum points versus Triangle, where 80 from Harry, 47 from J Hamsphire and 48 from Keasty saw us record a comfortable win and then a week later at Norden, where we almost made a mess of chasing only 110 to win, by slipping from 71 for 1 to 86 for 7. Will and Matty Keast had earlier done the damage by taking seven wickets between them for 55 runs.

Into August and our morning start away at Northowram Fields saw us take victory off the final ball of the match as Brad held his nerve to only concede five off the final over when seven were needed for the win. We then suffered a heavy defeat to Augustinians (our first match at home in 85 days!) a week later as summer holiday availability took its toll. Two weeks later, and for the first time in living memory, we had to forfeit our game away at Lightcliffe on the Bank Holiday Sunday, as we could only raise seven players, meaning that we only played two matches in the month.

Three matches at home to finish the season off and we started with another maximum points win against Blackley where Harry and Will took three wickets apiece, with Will then making 49 with the bat to see us home by four wickets. A week later, and it turned out to be a disappointing final match as despite John Greenwood scoring the first Sunday section league century of the season in a team score of 246, Triangle had too much for us and reached their target with five overs left.
The rain had the final say against Norden as the season finished on a damp note.

Overall, a very satisfying season for the Sunday section. We have used twenty five players over the course of the campaign which shows how we have struggled, at times to field sides, especially when the first and second teams have been in cup action on the Sunday. We have competed well in the division and making the knockout stages of the Rod Warhurst trophy was a bonus. Our four fixtures against the top two, Lightcliffe and Augustinians haven't seen us able to put our strongest sides, which was disappointing as we felt that we would have been able to compete against them.

We have enjoyed the extra quality that the second team players such as Matty Keast and Brad have brought to the side as well as the experience of 'seasoned' Sunday teamers- namely Jon Hampshire, Andy Boocock and John Scholefield. The captain has, as always led from the front and it was nice to see Will, Dave and Ikhlaq chip in with some scores.

A mention also to Brian Haigh, who took the gloves whenever needed, as well as bowling when required. It was also good to see the youngsters performing and we'll expect more of the same from Fahad, Sam and Niall next year.

A thank you to everyone who has made this season possible. So from the umpires to Mum's/wives/partners who have helped with teas and transporting people to and from matches, many, many thanks, as the season wouldn't have been possible without you.

Dave Brown

LEAGUE TABLES 2013

Premier 1st XI

Premier Division	P	W12	W4	T	Bo	Pts
Jer Lane	22	8	10	0	56	192
Blackley	22	8	5	0	58	174
Thornton	22	5	9	0	73	169
Mytholmroyd	22	6	4	0	67	158
Copley	22	7	2	0	60	152
Triangle	22	7	4	0	52	152
Warley	22	6	4	0	60	148
Bradshaw	22	7	2	0	51	143
Booth	22	5	4	0	63	141
Sowerby Bridge	22	5	4	0	57	133
S.B.C.I.	22	3	5	1	72	130
Clayton	22	1	2	1	85	108

Premier 2nd XI

Premier Division	P	W12	W4	T	Bo	Pts
Triangle	22	9	7	0	55	191
S.B.C.I.	22	9	4	1	53	179
Sowerby Bridge	22	8	6	0	51	173
Sowerby St	22	10	3	0	41	173
Copley	22	5	8	0	65	159
Booth	22	7	2	0	66	158
Warley	22	5	7	0	54	144
Clayton	22	5	2	0	55	127
Blackley	22	4	4	0	60	126
Northowram HT	22	4	1	1	68	124
Southowram	22	3	4	0	60	116
Outlane	22	3	0	0	50	88

Sunday Division 1

Premier	P	W20	W7	D8	L	B	Pts
Lightcliffe	12	8	3	1	0	27	216
Augistinians	12	5	3	2	2	42	179
SBCI	12	3	3	1	5	47	136
Norden	12	4	0	2	6	34	130
Blackley	12	2	3	1	6	62	130
NorthowramF	12	2	1	1	8	49	104
Triangle	12	0	2	1	9	62	84

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

It has been fairly quiet off the field in 2013 with no major projects undertaken for the first time for a number of years. The annual pre-season Nat West Cricket Force weekend was again well supported and as can be seen from the photo below there was still plenty of the March snow to be cleared just a couple of weeks before the opening round of fixtures. Although the weather this year was considerably kinder than last the heavy rains of 2012 have worn away several areas of the access track and it is our intention to lay some more concrete in the spring.

The new on field drainage installed below the pavilion and above the square has proved a great success and we now need to give serious thought as to whether or not it is worthwhile retaining the artificial wicket or digging it up and creating a new grass strip. It is a topic which is debated year on year but maybe the time is coming to do something although nothing can now be done until the end of next season.

Our annual Clubmark health check was again completed satisfactorily in September and 2014 will see the full three year assessment by the ECB.



UNDER 17's

We had some big success stories from 2013 for the SBCI U17's unfortunately none led to silverware but they all contributed to the future of the club. Firstly was the successful recruitment of 2 new U16 players who have both made a big impact on the seniors sides as well as the U17's already, a big welcome to both Sam Bragg and Niall Tyson.

The second was the integration of a number of our younger playing members into the U17 side Andrew Parker and Owen Mawer (U14) where permanent fixtures, while Ted Vile, Henry Lamper, Dan Brock, Dan Hill and Joey Gwillam (all U12) all made regular appearances and all of them contributed massively. Finally we once again had 3 players named in the League Joe Lumb (U17) side George Hampshire (Vice Captain), Nat Skirrow and James Pettinger all playing a year above themselves which is great to see.

On the field we played 11 games of which we won 8 comfortably in the other 3 we seemed to miss key players at the wrong time due to a variety of reasons and just fell short. The first four games saw batting as a strength with us never needing more than 4 batters to get past the opposition total, over the season George led the way scoring 352 runs at an average of 117.33. However the bowlers kept our scorer busier and we utilised 11 bowlers over the course of the season with new boy Sam Bragg leading the way taking 14 wickets at an average of 12.79. Also U12's Ted Vile bowled a great line and length and Henry Lamper turned the ball well often against lads 5 years their senior but were never phased. I felt fielding was a big plus for us with the younger players consistently putting their bodies (especially fingers Henry and Dan) on the line for the team.

Young Joey Gwillam (U12) stood in as wicket keeper for us for the last few games and deserves a special mention as he went home black and blue every week but kept coming back with a huge smile on his face, lots of potential there! Over the 11 games 6 different people claimed the fielding mark but Fahd Hussain and Andrew Parker caught some outstanding catches to share the Fielding prize with 2 ½ marks each.

It would be Remiss of me not to mention two U17 stalwarts Harry West, Assistant Manager in charge of team morale, constructive criticism (sometimes) and twitter and local Radio comedian Alan Keighley who kindly gave up his Monday evenings to keep the lads fed, watered and updated with the latest jokes oh and occasionally he filled in a scorebook as well! They make my job so much easier thank you both.

It was good to see more parents (and grandparents!) involved this year and I would like to thank everyone who helped run the shop and provide refreshments on a weekly basis the income means we can keep ploughing money into junior cricket at the club. As we don't have any player too old to play next season I hope to see you all again for hopefully another sunny summer, enjoy the winter break.

Simon Hampshire



George Hampshire in typical action V Sowerby Bridge

UNDER 15s

Our young u15 side have enjoyed a mixed season playing 9 games in total, winning 5 which included the forfeited one against Bradshaw who only had 6 men and losing 4.

In most of those games we were up against bigger, stronger & older lads. But our young team were never fazed and put in some very creditable performances when facing faster bowling than they're come up against before and also having the ball hit at them harder in the field, this should hopefully bode well for the future. We did suffer from a couple of injuries to digits during the season but these are both healed now with no ill effects I'm sure

We had notably close games against Northowram winning by 13 runs , Thornton in the cup winning by 7 runs and finally Southowram (who until then had only lost one game)again winning but just by 5 runs.

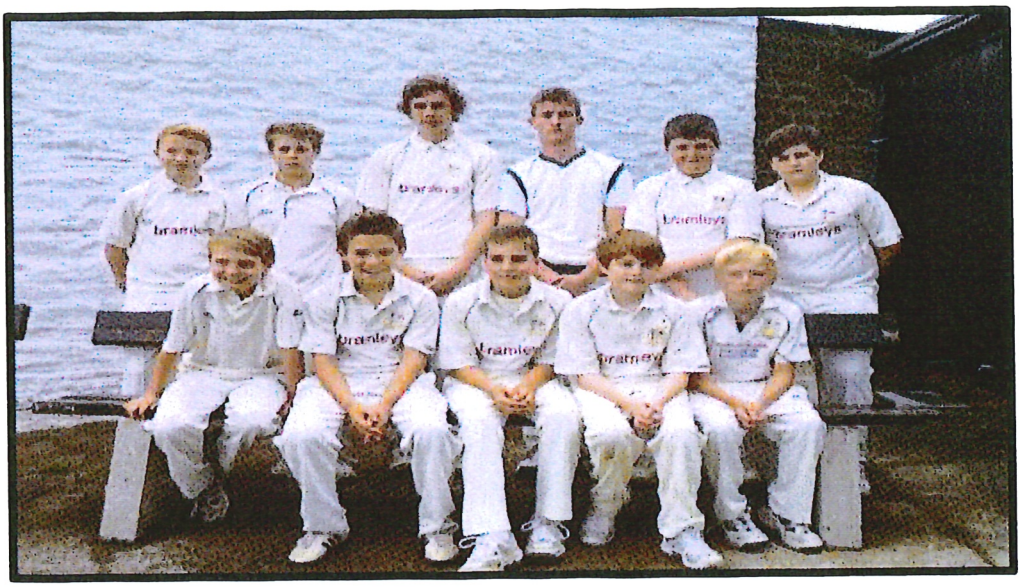
As expected Brad Holt was our only genuine u15 (until Nial Tyson joined late in the season) and was our main player scoring 179 runs and taking 9wktsl. However the younger players all helped with Owen Mawer scoring 75 Charlie Holt-Conway 88runs and Andrew Parker 84runs & 10wkts & Dan Brock 70. Other wkt takers were Richard (Ted) Vile 6 and Henry Lamper 5.

I think this team has impressed everyone during the season by the level of their fielding, shown by 6 different individuals winning the fielding marks, and in particular by taking some most outstanding catches, perhaps 2 of those are Andrew's and Owen's against Southowram which adults would have been proud of.

Prize winners are, both batting & bowling Brad with Ted winning the fielding award.
Most improved player goes to Owen Mawer who regularly contributed solidly to the u15 performances, was also a regular player for the u17's and was selected twice to play for the adult Sunday team. Besides the runs Owen scored took 3-5 late in the game against Southowram to swing the win in our favour.

Would like to mention Joey Gwilliam who took on the role of wkt-keeper part way through the season and showed a liking and real promise, being very brave on a number of occasions. Another one to watch out for in the future?

Mick Wood



ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

In 1954 the club won the first division and Collinson Cup in the Halifax Amateur League competition and it would be another five years before they would join the Halifax League. The minutes from the 1955 AGM record that "the club is very lucky in having many fine workers but there were a number who perhaps could do more and take some of the burden of running the club off the officials".
In 1967 both the 1st and 2nd teams finished 3rd in their respective leagues. A single wicket competition was played during wakes week and perhaps some of our older readers can advise whether or not league fixtures were suspended due to the holidays.



Four wise men enjoy the comforts of the Chairman's Box!!!

UNDER 13s

A fantastic season for our Under 13 side which saw them go through the league campaign unbeaten and reach the Collinson cup semi-final stage. In the league, we finished joint top, but had to forfeit the play off game to decide the winners as we only had seven available players on the date the league had stated that the play off game had to be played. As it currently stands, we are hoping to have an 'unofficial' play-off with Luddendenfoot at some point before the summer ends. To cap a fine season, we also had one player, Henry Lamper selected for the Under 13's Taverners side.

With summer behaving as it should have, we only lost one game to the weather, which ironically, was the one and only time we were due to face Luddendenfoot. The vast majority of the side was made up with the successful Under 11 side from 2012, and we carried on from where we had left off- playing some excellent cricket and comfortably despatching the opposition. All of our league games were won by comfortable margins with 27 runs being the narrowest margin of victory. As has happened in previous seasons, we have been hampered in our progress in the lack of quality in the teams we have faced. To beat teams by nine wickets or 75 + runs in a twenty over game is all well and good, but doesn't provide the necessary competitive game that the players require. We beat Booth in the final league match of the season by 75 runs despite the fact that we only played with nine men.

The cup campaign was a different matter as both Clayton and Stones provided much sterner opposition in our round robin group games. We had two excellent games against Stones where we were victorious in both of our matches by two, and then four runs respectively.

This was particularly pleasing as Stones have knocked us out in the semi finals of the cup stage in the previous two seasons. These two narrow victories ensured that we made it through to the semi finals, where, unfortunately we were outclassed by a very good Blackley side who beat us convincingly by nine wickets.

We have played exceptionally well as a team this season, but as always, there have been a number of outstanding performances throughout the campaign. Dan Brock and Dan Hill opening the batting have amassed nearly 400 runs between them this summer with them reaching the maximum 25 runs on no fewer than twelve occasions. Dan B also managed to take a hat-trick with the ball v Booth. Henry Lamper, Ted Vile and Charlie Conway-Holt were the other players to reach three figures with the bat for the season- (154, 156 and 104 respectively). Charlie and Ted were the only players to take more than ten wickets this season with Ted being the outstanding performer. He took 16 wickets at an average of 4.75, with his best bowling coming against Southowram, where he took three for two in eighteen balls. We have been excellent as a team in the field this year with Joey Gwilliam taking on the majority of the wicketkeeping duties and doing exceptionally well. Our catching and ground fielding is a step above anything else in this league and we have consistently taken excellent catches and had a least one run out per game.

With youngsters like Joe Walsh, Rhys Newman, Connor Martin and Angus Newton regularly playing for the Under 13 side, despite the fact they are still eligible for the Under 11 side, our future is in safe hands when combined with the excellent nucleus of the side which has served us so well in previous years.

A final thanks to all Mum's Dad's and anyone else who has helped out with the Under 13 section this season.

Tom and Dave



UNDER 11s

The under 11s have progressed well during the season which unfortunately did not consist of many games due to having no cup fixtures. The final number of games played was only 6!

The team has now got a nucleus of players who have played competitively against some very strong opposition. The team won 50% of those games played with the amount of runs scored being consistently higher than our opponents. The area the side needs to work on is bowling straight as in many games the oppositions top scorer was wides which count for two runs.

There have been some excellent performances by all the players with bat and ball and Rhys Newman has captained the team well and has led by example with some strong performances with bat and ball and in setting the fields.

Hopefully with the addition of some new players the under 11s can take a full part in the season by competing in the league and cup in 2014.

Thank you to all the parents who have bought the players to training and to games as well as helping out on match days.

Thank you also to Tom Conway and Robin Hanson with the coaching of the team.

John Greenwood



1st XI action V Sowerby Bridge



The above players enjoyed watching Australian Skipper Michael Clarke practice at Headingley's Indoor School. Lets hope they picked up some tips!!!

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