

SECOND ELEVEN (SATURDAY) CAPTAIN'S REPORT 1975

The overall Saturday playing record shows that nine games were won, seven lost and three left drawn. Included among these games were seven of the nine Chilterns League fixtures and here six were won with our ten-man side suffering defeat by seven runs at the hands of Marlow Park on Cup Final day.

These figures in effect represent the story of the season's cricket - a series of quite outstanding victories in the league and a somewhat indifferent performance outside it. Our eventual success in the league was in many ways made the more satisfying by the unpromising manner in which we began, for apart from the Marlow Park defeat we were able only to draw the Sunday fixtures with Fencibles and Farnham Royal although in the latter of these two games a gritty partnership between John Midlane and Charles Hawes won us a point after our position had earlier seemed hopeless. More importantly perhaps they prevented our opponents from taking five points from the match.

As the summer established itself however, we found our best form and secured authoritative victories over Richings Park, Stoke Green and Prices Risborough. In the first and the last of these games the opposition found Brian May and Alan Senior altogether too much for them and indeed this bowling partnership was responsible for twenty seven of the twenty nine wickets to fall in this group of fixtures. Against Stoke Green in one of the season's most memorable games, David Hawes scored a match-winning sixty runs and Rod Wright's 73 against Princes Risboro' was, in my estimation, the most elegant innings of the season.

A month later, the attack that we had by this stage of the season come to realise was totally irresistible, reduced Farnham Common to an abject 213-3, a total which was shown to be as inadequate as we had suspected by Keith Hawthorn's extraordinary after-tea assault. The following week brought the rape of Woburn although we subsequently did the decent thing and were to be found later that evening at a club wedding reception. It was the final game at Denham towards the end of August however, which saw the full consummation of our league season and this match (to pursue the marital metaphor?) became a struggle of truly epic dimensions. In response to our modest total of 111 Denham at 36-6 and 60-7 seemed a spent force but at this stage they found players apparently schooled with some rigour in the arts of defensive batsmanship by both Trevor Bailey and Ken Mackay, and for well over an hour we failed to take a wicket while these two advanced the Denham score to 98. Suddenly at twenty past seven we achieved two quick run outs and when Brian May bowled the last batsman we had dismissed Denham for exactly 100 in a remarkable 61 overs.

Outside the league we had our best victory against Hatch End late in the season, and wins were also recorded against Chalfont St. Giles and Evershed. Six other games however were lost.

Generally it was a highly enjoyable season and we fielded the most settled side that we have had for many years. It was especially satisfying to find that interest was maintained right through until the end of September. Undoubtedly much of the success that we did achieve was brought about by our opening attack - arguably the best in the club. Alan Senior deservedly led the second team bowling averages and the variety in his left arm bowling made for some very interesting cricket - as deep fine leg will confirm! Brian May bowled superbly in the first half of the season and must have achieved some sort of record for bowling unchanged when he was taken off for the first time in the season on June 7th at nearly ten to five. The success of these two denied our change bowlers much of an opportunity in the early weeks but by the end of the season both Paul Goodrham and Peter Gibbons had contributed some valuable spells.

The chief deficiency in our attack was clearly in spin bowling - despite the claims to the contrary of possibly half a dozen members of the side whose enthusiasm outstrips their ability. With the bat Keith Hawthorn's aggression at the beginning of the innings often gave us early advantage, and eventually Peter Gibbons adequately demonstrated that for too long we had failed to identify his true ability. Otherwise the batting was perhaps a little erratic for such a dry summer, although Colin Abbott developed a propensity for determined crease occupation and played a vital supporting role in a number of late order partnerships.

Lastly the thanks, I feel sure, of all of us to those who contributed in ancillary capacities - and especially of course to the ladies. The dedication to the cause shown by the cricketer's wife is surely one of the most ennobling features of human behaviour to have survived a largely decadent era.

Dick Duggan.

2nd XI Match Results - 1975

26th April	Taplow 167-8 dec. Royal Ascot 97-2	Drawn
↑ 27th April	Taplow 156-7 dec. Fencibles 88-6	Drawn (L)
↑ 3rd May	Marlow Park 137 Taplow 130	Lost by 7 runs (L)
4th "	Chalfont St. Peter 133 Taplow 127	Lost by 6 runs
11th "	Mill Hill Park 168-9 dec. Taplow 154-8	Drawn
↑ 18th "	Farnham Royal 160-6 dec. Taplow 109-7	Drawn (L)
↑ 24th "	Richings Park 41 Taplow 45-4	Won by 6 wkts (L)
25th "	Taplow 169-5 dec. Ibis 85	Won by 84 runs
31st "	Cricket Society 136 Taplow 66	Lost by 70 runs
1st June	Eversley 143 Taplow 118	Lost by 25 runs
↑ 7th "	Stoke Green 165-9 dec. Taplow 166-5	Won by 5 wkts (L)
↑ 14th "	Taplow 195-9 dec. Princes Risboro' 47	Won by 148 runs (L)
15th "	Taplow 183 Fleet 94	Won by 89 runs
↑ 21st "	Taplow 157 Amersham Hill 123-8	Drawn
22nd "	Cookham Dean 99 Taplow 103-6	Won by 4 wkts
↑ 28th "	Chalfont St. Giles 50 Taplow 51-3	Won by 7 wkts
29th "	Taplow 139 Monks Risboro 126-9	Drawn
↑ 5th July	Taplow 115 N.W. Poly 117-4.	Lost by 6 wkts
6th "	Eversley 201-7 dec. Taplow 93	Lost by 108 runs
↑ 12th "	Farnham Common 213-3 dec. Taplow 214-6	Won by 4 wkts (L)
13th "	Wallingford 91 Taplow 94-8	Won by 2 wkts
↑ 19th "	Woburn Marks 70 Taplow 71-4.	Won by 6 wkts (L)
20th "	Basingstoke 204-5 dec. Taplow 100-8	Drawn
↑ 26th "	Old Lyonians 125 Taplow 79	Lost by 46 runs
27th "	Kew 162-9 dec. Taplow 72	Lost by 90 runs
3rd August	Taplow 34 Braywood 34-4.	Lost by 6 wkts
↑ 9th "	OMT 199-6 dec. Taplow 170	Lost by 29 runs
10th "	Taplow 196-6 dec. Englefield Green 84-6	Drawn
↑ 16th "	Taplow 177 Evershed 126	Won by 51 runs
17th "	Taplow 156-8 dec. GWR 105-6	Drawn
↑ 23rd "	Taplow III Denham 100	Won by 11 runs (L)
24th "	Slough 130 Taplow 108-9	Drawn
25th "	Hillingdon 204-8 dec. Taplow 92	Lost by 112 runs
↑ 30th "	Old Gaytonians 158 Taplow 87	Lost by 71 runs
31st "	North Maidenhead 127 Taplow 122-9 (30 over match)	Lost by 5 runs
↑ 6th September	Burnham 174-4 dec. Taplow 133-9	Drawn
7th "	Denham 140-9 dec. Taplow 123	Lost by 17 runs
↑ 13th "	Hatch End 141-8 dec. Taplow 142-5	Won by 5 wkts
↑ 20th "	Burnham 167-5 dec. Taplow 34	Lost by 133 runs
21st "	Yateley 163-8 dec. Taplow 124	Lost by 39 runs
↑ 28th "	Taplow 68 Cove 69-0	Lost by 10 wkts

(L) -- Chilterns League Match

2nd XI Playing Record

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>
	41	13	17	11	4
Chilterns League	9	6	1	2	

Total Runs For:- 4951 for 343 wickets. Average runs per wicket 14.43

Total Runs Against:- 5196 for 321 wickets. Average runs per wicket 16.19

2nd XI Batting Averages - 1975

Qualification - 8 Completed Innings

<u>Name</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
G. Bowyer	9	1	340	110*	42.50
K. Hawthorn	13	-	307	94	23.62
R. Duggan	32	1	652	111	21.03
P. Gibbons	12	3	170	42	18.89
D. Hawes	11	1	186	60	18.60
J. Midlane	13	-	230	52	17.69
P. Lewis	15	-	199	44	13.27
G. Slade	19	-	251	41	13.21
C. Hawes	14	1	171	44	13.15
P. Senneck	13	1	153	42	12.75
D. Greenaway	17	3	160	35	11.43
D. Bunce	10	2	80	32	10.00
L. Taylor	12	3	89	20	9.89
W. Haley	13	-	122	52	9.38
D. MacDonald	9	-	71	23	7.89
D. Newman	15	2	89	27	6.85
P. Goodrham	17	3	80	21	5.71
J. Homan	8	-	39	17	4.88
S. Wigmore	20	2	84	24*	4.67
A. Senior	11	-	30	9	2.73

Also Batted

R. Wright	5	-	144	73	28.80
D. Wigmore	3	-	71	35	23.67
J. Murray	7	-	142	36	20.29
A. Perryman	7	3	74	24	18.50
R. Coles	8	2	108	25	18.00
C. Richardson	5	-	86	45	17.20
B. May	11	4	113	33*	16.14
A. King	10	8	32	9*	16.00
H. Collins	8	3	59	18	11.80
C. Abbott	13	7	65	13*	10.83
D. Hatch	3	-	30	22	10.00
D. Thornley	3	-	25	21	8.33
C. Floodgate	5	-	39	24	7.80
D. Pilkington	5	1	12	9	3.00
S. Barlow	4	3	2	2*	2.00

Also

S. Abbott 0	G. Adams 0	S. Christy 5	J. Duggan 4*, 1*
J. Elder 3, 4	R. Gauntlett 0	G. Gibbons 3	D. Goodrham 4
E. Goodrham 1*	A. Handley-Jones 4	R. Hayward 6	C. Kellett 7
A. King Jnr. 0*	R. Langley 6	K. Mitchell 10, 1	J. Pemberton 25
K. Richmond 19	C. Williams 11		

2nd XI Bowling Averages

Qualification - 40 overs

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
A. Senior	231	53	553	49	11.29
C. Floodgate	90.2	26	240	19	12.63
P. Gibbons	88.2	15	282	21	13.43
A. King	194.2	54	458	34	13.47
R. Coles	132	28	352	25	14.08
D. Greenaway	56	11	177	11	16.09
B. May	237.3	73	518	32	16.19
P. Goodrham	140	30	428	26	16.46
G. Slade	100.5	6	438	22	19.91
S. Wigmore	47	5	184	7	26.29
D. Bunce	86	17	238	9	26.44

Also Bowled

L. Taylor	3	-	11	2	5.50
R. Gauntlett	10	2	36	6	6.00
D. Thornley	31	9	56	9	6.22
C. Richardson	37	13	56	5	11.20
D. Hawes	37	6	136	11	12.36
J. Murray	28	4	67	5	13.40
A. Perryman	3.4	-	14	1	14.00
R. Duggan	3.5	-	24	1	24.00
J. Homan	9	1	49	2	24.50
G. Bowyer	8	1	26	1	26.00
R. Hayward	5	-	27	1	27.00
D. Wigmore	25	3	89	3	29.67
R. Langley	14	3	57	1	57.00
C. Abbott	16	-	88	1	88.00
S. Christy	1	-	2	-	-
D. Newman	4	-	10	-	-
D. Goodrham	1	-	14	-	-
R. Wright	3	-	17	-	-
C. Hawes	4	-	23	-	-
C. Kellett	7.5	2	23	-	-
J. Pemberton	6	1	23	-	-
K. Hawthorn	6	-	25	-	-
P. Senneck	5	-	36	-	-

Fielding

Catches

10	R. Duggan	6	A. Senior; C. Hawes; P. Gibbons; A. King
5	P. Lewis; G. Bowyer; S. Wigmore; D. Newman;	4	D. Hawes
3	G. Slade; D. Bunce; C. Abbott; B. May; L. Taylor;		
2	R. Coles; P. Senneck; J. Homan; R. Wright; D. Hatch; P. Goodrham;		D. Greenaway
1	J. Elder; J. Murray; A. Perryman; C. Floodgate; S. Barlow; H. Collins;		C. Williams; K. Hawthorn; R. Gauntlett; W. Haley.

Wicketkeepers

W. Haley	6 Catches	(6)	J. Midlane	5 Catches	1 Stumping (6)
D. Newman	2 Catches	1 Stumping (3)	D. Hawes	2 Catches	(2)
P. Lewis	1 Catch	1 Stumping (2)			

