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News

Late newsletter this week, caused by the editorial team being away on a fact finding mission in the Dodecanese (that's a group of 12 Greek Islands, rather than a geometric figure). We discovered lots out there....taramasalata, dolmades, retsina, halloumi, stifado (a very tasty beef casserole) and Greek women. Nice!

As we arrived back, we heard news of Cameron's innings (see the two reports below). The innings in question (160) is the clubs highest in its history and a remarkable achievement for someone so young. Well done Cam....lets have more of the same!

Reports

Saturday
1sts

Hey sports fans not much of a report this week, but another win for the first XI with good batting contributions from Sahil and Big Al and a good all round performance from Liam (let hope the injury is not too serious, but injuries are part and parcel....

As the first team lounged around the clubhouse enjoying a few post game beverages news reached us of the 2nd's game and word of a quite incredible innings which left most of us stunned and not really sure if we heard the details correctly, but correct they were not that any of still believed it though. It is always difficult for a club in our location and of our size so the best way to get players is to find them young, get Delboy to wave his magic wand and see what happens. I think we all know Cameron has ability, quite a lot of ability to be honest but at 15 years old playing men's league cricket what he did on Saturday is about the most amazing individual feat achieved during my 18 years at the club and that included Brett's 1000 league which I had the honour of watching and Ronnie's 10 wickets. Given his age and relative inexperience Cameron's 160 (yes 160) the last 100 came of 50 odd balls I do believe this is easily the highest league score by a Compton player and even more remarkable given that bowling is his main skill!!!! Cam played 1 game for the 1's last season and most of the older players who had not seen much of him were impressed with the way he handled the step up taking 1 wicket and a brilliant catch on the boundary. He is a really good kid (even if his hair colour is a wee bit odd at times) and if he carries on developing at this rate who know's how good he can become. But I think there was one prouder person than Cameron in the bar on Saturday and that was his dad Gary!!! Well done Cameron

After flopo's great day last weekend he returned to his room at the cat hill hotel & country club only to find ma's eldest Sarah entertaining some friends in her "excited" state ma burst out by say "girl's Flopo had a really good day today he took 6 from behind" the girl's heads all turned at once to look at flopo and all replied "lucky Flopo!!!" Oh Ma, please think before you talk. It looks like my days as a teenage porn star have held me in good stead!!!

Saracens League 5 – Top	P	W	D	T	L	NR	Bat	Bwl	Pen	Total
Knebworth Park III	9	5	0	0	3	1	22	24	-	206
Botany Bay	9	5	2	0	1	1	10	27	-	197
Langleybury II	9	5	1	0	2	1	20	8	-	188
Bayford & Hertford	9	5	2	0	0	2	8	9	-	187
Leverstock Green II	9	4	2	0	2	1	18	30	-	178
Berkhamsted II	9	4	2	0	2	1	23	24	-	177
Southgate Compton	9	4	2	0	2	1	16	21	-	167

2nd XI vs Hertford IV

On the hottest day of the year we fortunately won the toss and set about compiling a total that would be competitive on a ground that had a shortish boundary one side and a baked outfield that promised 4 runs if you avoided the fielders. We started slowly in the face of some tight bowling and fielding, but KW managed to get into his stride after 10 overs and we'd reached 79 before he was out caught behind for 44. At this time Cameron had been solid in defence but kept finding fielders with good attacking shots. After a particularly hard hit that travelled not very far from his bat KW urged Cameron to take his bat and what a good decision that was!

The next shot Cameron hit scorched to the boundary and you could feel the change in his confidence. At the other end Geoff was giving Cameron the strike at every opportunity and Cameron was taking full advantage, freely hitting 4's. In the 36th over Geoff was run out trying to get Cam on strike but by this time we had 128 and 4 batting points, with the thought that we



should get a few more with Cameron playing so well. What an understatement! 10 overs later we had almost doubled our score to 241 and Cameron was bowled by a full toss offering a tired looking shot for 160 - yes, one hundred and sixty, and one of the best club innings I have seen. Cameron smote (yes smote) 19 fours and 8 sixes from the 26th over to the 46th over!! I could write more on this innings but I'm sure that all those who were present and privileged to see it will be talking about it for ages.

I must also commend Arron for being a perfect partner for Cameron, rotating the strike but also hitting a few 4's himself, before being bowled with a few balls left and with our innings closing on 243 for 4 we had high hopes for the result.

When we took the field we knew we had to bowl well to keep the pressure on Hertford, but that is what we didn't do! I won't go on about the virtues of bowling line and length, especially as 2 of the wickets we took were the result of awful shots off poor balls, but there were so many poor balls that by the drinks break at 16 overs Hertford had scored 142 runs for the loss of one wicket. In spite of a team huddle and a determination to do better the winning runs came in the 33rd over for 3 wickets down.

One positive was that we did field well and Cameron (yes him again) took 2 catches. Alakh bowled his overs at just over 4 runs an over and Gary bowled 3 overs at the end, claiming a wicket, at just over 4 runs an over and that's all I'll say about the bowling.

I feel sorry for Cameron, having played a monumental part in this match to be on the losing side - and Cameron, where have you hidden my bat?

Saracens League 11 - Bottom	P	W	D	T	L	NR	Bat	Bwl	Pen	Total
Waltham X Rosedale III	9	2	4	0	2	1	22	30	-	122
Northampton Exiles III	9	2	2	0	3	2	10	14	-	104
Knebworth Park V	9	1	2	0	6	0	33	30	-	93
Southgate Compton II	9	0	1	0	7	1	40	30	-	80
Hemel Hempstead V	9	0	0	0	8	1	24	32	-	66

Upcoming Colts Fixtures

The colts teams are coming to the end of their season. Please support these games.

4 July	U11	Sunday	10 am	Wilf Slack	Away
8 July	U13	Thursday	6 pm	Wilf Slack	Away

Teamsheet		Saturday 3 July	
Team	1st XI - Home	2nd XI - Away	
Opponents	Bushey	Letchworth V	
Start Time	1.00pm	1.00pm	
Meet	12.00pm	11.30 am	
Ground	Hadley Field	St Christophers School, Barrington Road , Letchworth Garden City	
Away Directions	Situated within 5 minutes walk from our main Whitethorn Lane ground. Park in the carpark accessed via Cloisters Road by the indoor school swimming pool. Walk through to the cricket field.		
	A Shah	Captain	K Walker
	E Puddick	Rope off Wicket	H Williams
	A Frame	Outside Tables	D Rhodes
	Jaydev Ahir	Scorebox	Patel
	C Frame	Rope off Wicket	B Shearly
	A Heaney	Rope off Wicket	C Wallis
	A Grayson	Tea Tables	G Wallis
	S Shah	Outside Tables	A Pandit
	D Nicholls	Boundary	A Porges
	M Vulimiri	Screens	Arif
	D Driffill	Screens	Hancocks
Umpire	Day		Any Volunteers
Scorer	Lawless		Any Volunteers
		Sunday 4 July	
Team	Sunday XI - Home		
Opponents	Roxbourne		
Start Time	2.00pm		
Meet	1.15pm		
Ground	Hadley Field		
Directions			
Team	A Grayson	Captain	
	D Rhodes	Bar	
	S Shah	Scorebox	
	C Frame	Rope off Wicket	
	L Frame	Rope off Wicket	
	B Shearly	Tea Tables	
	C Wallis	Outside Tables	
	A Porges	Boundary	
	Aamir Fallil	Screens	
	Natham Halloran	Screens/Match fees	
	L Perera	Boundary	
Umpire	Any Volunteers?		
Scorer	Any volunteers?		



Andy Murray. Will he win Wimbledon? Who cares? It's only tennis!

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