



## MAORI OXSHOTT CRICKET CLUB COLTS NEWSLETTER

The Colts season is drawing rapidly to an end but the finale to the season will hopefully be as enjoyable as last week. There are match reports for you to enjoy overleaf, including the Under 15 demolition of Stoke D'Abernon, the Under 11 triumph over Esher (post match team photo alongside) in front of a large Friday night crowd and the continued rise of the Under 10 team.



Our longer term ambitions are about helping Colts graduate into the senior teams. In this context, congratulations go to Under 15 player Jonny Davies for representing the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in their victory at Godalming last weekend. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI has had Colts players involved throughout the season and all have performed admirably. On Saturday, though, we had a glimpse of the future as Chris Shaw batted for 90 minutes+ with maturity beyond his 15 years. A fine catch denied him a half century but his 47 was a landmark innings in his and the Club's progress.

Cup competitions have now reached the final stages and alas we are not represented. It is noteworthy however that the teams that knocked out our Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 teams have all gone on to be finalists.

There are still places on the first Summer Camp which starts on Monday and runs until Thursday (you can book for any number of days). The age range is 7 to 15.

Training continues for 2 more Fridays. Once again there will be match action to enjoy this Friday as the Under 9s entertain Epsom.

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### **Esher Under 8s 315 beat Maori Oxshott 284 by 31 runs**

Oxshott batted first on a very hot Saturday morning and scored a solid 284 against the Esher B's. The Esher As were playing on a neighbouring field and looked aggressive and slick (and that was just the parents!). Our u8s and u9s are superb at "stealing" runs and our aggressive running whenever Esher mis-fielded kept the scoreboard ticking over. Spencer McHarg, William Lynn, Callum Munro and George Vorster all scored boundaries and we looked comfortable against some good Esher bowlers. Our own bowling was mixed – everyone's first over was almost perfect while their second was wayward and/or expensive. The game had looked evenly balanced half way through Esher's inning but got away from us towards the end and Esher ended on 315. The heat probably impacted our concentration towards the end of the game. George was particularly unlucky with his bowling as he beat the batsmen with almost every delivery only to see balls disappearing to the boundary from edges or mis-fields. Thanks to Cooper Munro who struggled off his sick bed to play very well. Overall it was a very good performance by Oxshott who certainly looked capable of winning this match.

### **Maori Oxshott Under 10s 331 beat 267 by 64 runs**

On an overcast morning playing on the main Epsom pitch, Oxshott lost the toss and were put in. The openers struggled against some good bowling but the middle order steadied the ship really well leaving our final pair of Artie Wood and Jamie Brooker to cut loose with Artie scoring a brutal 47. Oxshott total 331. The bowling and fielding was of a high standard right from the start with a notable debut from an 8 year old Peter Jarrett. Backing up and concentration was excellent all through the 20 overs and everyone bowled at least 2 overs except Jamie who kept really well with one very sharp stumping. Also great to see Nico Hall turning out for us again and bringing his own fan club! Epsom total 267. Man of the Match could have come from any boy on the team but we gave it to Lucas Rasmussen for his bowling figures of 3 overs 2 wickets for 0 runs.

### **Maori Oxshott Under 11s 79-4 beat Esher 78 all out by 6 wickets**

The boys took a look at the opposition before the game and commented on the reputation of the table-topping neighbours. They were not intimidated, though. They were inspired. Sam Conlan removed the opener who had smashed 30 last year in his first over to give us an early breakthrough. Artie Wood then had a 3 over spell in which he twice had hat-trick opportunities – two clean bowled, two courtesy of catches from Liam Steele and Dominic Laidlaw. He finished with figures of 5-10. Luke Michels, Harry Buckland and Sam took further wickets with one run out, orchestrated by Olivier Van Druuten, completing the away team's misery. Good sides fight back and Esher had us 19-3 but Sam and James Watkins added 38 before the former retired with an excellent 30. Alex Frost saw us home with 16 balls to spare.

### **Maori Oxshott Under 15s 154-5 beat Stoke D'Abernon 52 all out by 102 runs**

Matt Ansell and Chris Shaw grabbed this game by the scruff of the neck with a whirlwind opening partnership. Chris just missed out on a half century but Matt was able to raise his bat and retire with an excellent 50. The home side slowed the run rate dramatically to raise spirits at halfway. These were quickly dashed, though, as the MOCC bowlers found line and length. Jack Lucas-Clements was the pick of the bowlers with his left arm spin. The fielders held catches and displayed great athleticism in what was a complete team performance. Part-time bowler, Chris Shaw, completed a memorable weekend by finding the edge of the last batsman's bat to allow Rahul Shah to end the innings with a caught behind.