

MAORI OXSHOTT CRICKET CLUB COLTS NEWSLETTER

Maori Oxshott Colts enjoyed a victorious weekend with wins for two Under 11 teams and another success for our Under 9s. The match reports overleaf show that all three were nailbiters that went down



to the final over/ball. This photo shows the pride of the conquerors of Teddington.

There is no let up in the fixtures and we face our biggest challenge of the season in putting out all seven teams who are due to be in action this weekend. In the early stages of the Summer we have had the opportunity to elevate younger boys to gain experience in the age group above but that option is not available to us this weekend. Added to the mix is a football tournament and full day rehearsals for Glee, not to mention Father's Day!

The weather forecast looks heartening and it would be great to see spectators flocking to the Club – Saturday morning for Under 11 action, followed by the 1st XI in the afternoon. Sunday sees the unbeaten Under 15s play in the morning and the Sunday team take on Pyford in the afternoon – something for everyone!

As we enter the second half of June, the end of the School term is rapidly approaching. This will mean that a few Colts will jet off for short or long summer breaks, but MOCC cricket will continue unabated. There are plenty of fixtures in July and training will remain a feature of Friday nights. Summer Camps are on offer, with details attached.

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Maori Oxshott Under 9s 268 beat Ashtead 260 by 8 runs

The visitors Ashtead batted first and were restricted to 260 following an all round display of disciplined bowling and hard work in the field. The pick of the bowlers were Stuart Brown, Zac Ridgewell and Peter Jarrett who all picked up wickets in their 3 over spells. Three run outs also helped to limit Ashtead's total.

In reply MOCC got off to a quick start with the first pair of Stuart and William Lynn accumulating a partnership of 46; the former top scoring with 28 including 5 fours. The Oxshott crowd began to relax but Ashtead stuck to their task taking 7 wickets in the next eight overs and leaving the final pair of Peter and Zac needing 10 runs for victory. With the score at 264 it all came down to the last ball, where a wicket would have seen the game tied, but Peter dispatched the ball over the boundary rope to secure a well fought win for MOCC.

Maori Oxshott Under 11s 325 beat Teddington 322 by 3 runs

MOCC fielded first and Teddington set a respectable target of 323 to win. Olivier Van Druten and Christos Carellas managed to get a wicket each with the most economical bowler being Alex Frost, who only conceded two runs from his two overs.

Oxshott started slowly but the second batting pair of Tom Casey and Zach Alfalahi accelerated in adding 24 runs. By the time the fourth batting pair, Ollie Sanders and Liam Steele, came in the tempo had to be lifted and they, too, managed to put on 24 runs. Most of these were in singles with some good calling and putting the fielding team under a bit of pressure resulting in a couple overthrows to the boundary in their favour.

With over 40 runs required by the last batting pair to secure a victory, 'Captain' Jamie Yorke responsibly rotated the strike to give the honours to Olivier, who took it upon himself to chase the runs to secure a victory. This was done on the last ball of the over and with the pair managing not to lose their wicket. Olivier top scored for the team with six boundaries in his tally of 33 runs in a partnership of 44. A thrilling match, which the boys, along with the vocal supporters, thoroughly enjoyed (even in the rain!). Man of the match to Olivier whose contribution secured an unlikely victory.

Maori Oxshott Under 11s 92 for 9 beat Claygate 88 for 6 by 1 wicket

A dramatic Sunday morning contest went down to the final over with victory secured by a Jamie Grubb boundary. MOCC had looked destined to fall short in their run chase until Artie Wood's impressive knock of 20 guided the visitors to within range of their target. His departure left the last pair needing 2 to win and James Watkins held his nerve alongside Grubby to overcome spirited and sporting opponents.

Oxshott had restricted Claygate early on with Luke Michels taking two wickets in two balls and Sam Conlan also making an early strike. The fielding was disciplined and the bowlers gave away very few extras in the form of wides. Barney Doyle trapped the resilient opener leg before but the home side were able to hit out towards the end and post a competitive total. Luke Michel's third wicket with the last ball of the innings ultimately proved crucial as the drama at the end unfolded.

Sandy Zabari contributed with bat and gloves with all other players bowling at least one over in a super team effort.