

Match Reports 2013

May 7 vs Swaffham Bulbeck

Last night saw the start of our cricket season. 12 matches to come, 6 in the League (We are in Division 3 of 4) & 6 friendlies including the Geoff Cripps Trophy match.

We played at home at Girton College in a League match against Swaffham Bulbeck. And we could point out to them our brand new pavilion though unfortunately it is not quite ready to use, hopefully soon.

9 mighty BAS men made the game, the Skipper lost the toss and we were put in the field.

Sam opened from the Football Road End and the Skipper from the Pavilion End. A good tight start with the Skipper starting with a maiden over. A boundary or two came as there were a few gaps in the field before Sam bowled the dangerous opener. The Skipper chipped in with a caught and bowled but they were ticking along ok as far as the run rate was concerned. Change of bowling as Phillip came on and a few streaky runs. Mike took the gloves off Ricky who came on to bowl. His second delivery is an early contender for 'Champagne Moment' as he got the line spot on off stump but a tad short as it bounced and bounced again, their Captain went for a big swish missed it and was bowled on the top of off stump. A couple of balls later and the batsman cracked one and the Skipper took a smart catch at short cover. In fact they all liked playing cover shots and the Skipper took a few cracks to his hands and chest. Ricky wasn't finished and took another wicket in his next over. Finishing with 3 for 23. Ian bowled the final over and with 9 players we had done well to keep em to 131 for 5.

Still it was more than a run a ball required. The pitch was playing relatively low but quite strangely their opening bowlers who were sharp hardly got any bounce apart from the occasional one. Our opening bats of Mike and Phillip were having to play round their ankles. Mike was managing but Phillip got a particularly quick one and was gone for 1. Ian played across the line and also went for 1. The Skipper came in and spoilt the symmetry of the score book as he got stuck in the crease and went for 0. Sam came in and played carefully, supporting Mike who was now finding the boundary rope. But we had slipped behind the run rate which was now sky rocketing. They kept plugging away until a good catch in the deep saw Mike go for a valiant 34. Sam kept chipping away. Ricky was unlucky as he played on for 1. Robert J kept Sam company but went for 3. Jon still going for the victory though he didn't heed his own advice, telling Sam to be careful of the quick singles called Sam through for a quick single and a direct hit saw him out for 2. Robert C was in but didn't get a chance to face a ball. And at the end of the innings we were 74 for 7. A few runs short of the total with Sam playing well for his 21 not out.

May 20 vs Champ

Monday night saw us play away at Champ, Fitzwilliam ground in a friendly.

The match saw 3 new BAS men don the whites, Andrew, Will, Tom W. And a hearty welcome to them.

And it was great having a full complement of players on the pitch. Champ went to bat. The lights at 6.05pm were already shining brightly on the pavilion and it felt like autumn. The pitch was green and it did zip through. Sam and Shane opened up. The Skipper had a pleasant word with the opener

as he pointed out he had been in the paper a couple of seasons ago for getting a century (not against us) Revelling in the recollection he pulled his second ball (not the best selection of Sam's bowling) and he was caught by James at square leg. Next came their best batsman. There were false shots and edges and good shots played. And runs were coming along. Andrew came on for his first spot of bowling for BAS and in his second over Sam took a catch deep on the boundary. Next ball and a catch by Robert C at mid on and a play and miss unfortunately on the hat trick ball. But Andrew did pick up another wicket later in his spell by hitting middle stump. Phillip came on and was right on the money and rocked back off stump in his last over. The Skipper bowled the final over and they had finished on 128-5. Their Captain complimented our bowling and our hurling ourselves around in the field.

It was a tad more than a run a ball and to be honest the batsman needed a davy lamp stuck on their foreheads to have a fighting chance. Especially with their opening bowler (a Steve Harmmison look alike) But this match he didn't spray it around, it was quick seaming and on off stump. The other fella was even quicker and they had the ball staying low. Mike got a questionable decision and off he came to the fed up step on the pavilion. To be joined by a few more hearty BAS men. Shane came back to drop an email to the Primary Club asking what other colour ties do they have. Tom W managed one more ball so didn't have to be cc'd in to the email. The Skipper only one ball more than that and was run out. And we had scored 1 run but were 4 down. Will stood firm but also joined the list of Os. We were in danger of beating our worse score of 25 all out. James was belligerent in defence and with Sam at the other end dot balls turned to occasional singles before James went for 6. Andrew stayed at one end while Sam now found a boundary or two. Robert J came in to replace Andrew when he was lbw. Robert too hit the boundary rope and as the first ball of the last over came down we were 53-7. Sam got a single and scarpered to the other end and sat on his bat (wisely) and Robert saw off the last of the bowling, with 6 not out. Sam finishing on a splendid dug in 29 not out. They had just piped us to victory.

June 4 vs John Lewis

Tuesday saw us play a league game against John Lewis at their ground.

The track was green and looked as though it would also have bounce. The Skipper won the toss and sent them in. Sam and Nick opened the bowling. Now they can all bat a bit in the John Lewis side especially the top order. But they were under the cosh and then middle stump disappeared and Nick had broke through. The big hitting number 3 got a few shots away before he was castled by Sam. The batsman were getting runs (Nick got another wicket) but mainly edges and there was some great jumping around by the fielders. The Skipper deliberately over heard the batsman chat about trying to see off the opening bowlers. He did mention that Shane was next on and he was lively. Somehow the batsman executed their plan and survived and they were 51-3. Shane came on, you could hear the batsman think 'finally a different bowler' he tried a pull off the first ball and dollyed it straight to Ricky behind the stumps 'that were too fast for you batsman'. And Shane was lively. Picking up two more wickets in his next over, the Skipper catching one at Short Cover and Ricky taking another behind the stumps. Phillip bowled another batsman middle stump at the other end. Shane's third over saw him clean bowl the dangerous number 6 and a catch from Mike at Point and Shane had taken a fifer. Finishing with figures of 3-0-15-5. The Skipper bowled out the last man with his third ball and they were all out for 80.

Not a big score to chase but more runs than we have got in a match so far this season so not a formality. Their opening bowlers were also right on the money. And it was a battle to get the ball

off the square. And after 3 overs we had 6 runs but had lost Mike lbw 4, Sam 0 and Nick 2. Ricky and the Skipper stayed in for a few overs but runs were hard to come by. A good catch and Ricky departed for 12. The Skipper joined him in the pavilion as he was bowled off his pads for 4. James was once more being obstinate at the crease and in came Shane, giving himself another opportunity to get the full set of Primary Club ties. But not this match. As he hit his first runs for BAS. 7 glorious runs later and he was caught out. The required run rate was over a run a ball now and we had to try and hit out and in so doing James was out for 8. Hardly any overs to go and we were struggling, a few more dot balls and it was slipping away. But heroics from Will. Rightly risking all in desperate singles, mighty whacks to the boundary and we may have a chance. But a good catch and he was out, with the top score of 17. With 2 balls to go we were on 66-8 we needed wides and then 6's. With a jovial cry of death or glory Jon tried his luck (good Yorker length bowling) but went first ball and Robert joined him in thumping through the different Primary Club ties. And we had just been piped at the post. But good competitive stuff.

June 11 vs Ridgeons

Tuesday saw us play a league game against Ridgeons at our ground.

The track looked a bit worn and the grounds man advice was to pitch it up. Mind if you didn't there was some bounce. They won the toss and in they went to bat. Sam for a change came in from the Pavilion End (stealing the wind) and Nick from the Football Road End. As always they were accurate and found the edge of the bat but it kept flying just out of the reach of the fielders. And as we looked to be getting on top they would then climb into a shot or two and were back on a run a ball. Change of bowling and Tom G and Shane came on and their overs followed the same pattern. This looked like it was going to be a close game. In the 8th over (of 15) Shane got the breakthrough as the batsman caressed it to point and Andrew took the catch. Phillip crashed through onto middle stump with his second ball. Shane took 2 more wickets and finished with 3 for 26. The opening bat was still in and runs were still coming. Andrew came on and kept up the pressure as he had the big hitting Chris (our old player) caught at point. Last over. Robert C proclaimed the Skipper would get a hat trick. The Skipper did point out to the batsman that they were on 'Nelson' (111) And with folk stood on one leg stump was knocked back. A few balls later the batsman charged and was stumped out by Ricky. Next ball caught behind by Ricky and the Skipper was on a hat trick. Unfortunately the hat trick didn't materialise but a 3 wicket over would do and they finished on 117-8.

So a tad over a run a ball to win. But we haven't got higher than 74 so far this season with the bat. Sam & Nick had opened the bowling for us and did the same with the batting. Their opening bowlers were lively and had it swinging and seaming. Sam got a good one and was gone for 2. In came his brother Tom G and with Nick they set about chasing the score down. Good bowling would keep em pinned down and then the ball sailed to the boundary in front of square, back over the bowlers head and with sharp singles we would be back on track again. This ebb and flow made for nervous watching but the boys in the middle kept their calm. The opposing Captain showed his worth as he set a really good field. Men on the boundary rope turning 4s into 1s while also keeping men stopping or trying to stop the quick singles. Cheers and applause broke out from the pavilion and Nick raised his bat to acknowledge his excellent 50. And when the partnership had got to a magnificent 82 Nick was caught out for 55. Deliveries were running out and we had to go agricultural to have a chance. So Ricky hit the boundary rope and picked up 2 more runs but we were into the last 2 overs and the opening bowlers had come back on and continued to bowl well. Ricky departed and the Skipper came in and had a valiant lash for a ball or two but he too departed. Shane was in and rightly made Tom G run for everything and the poor chap was out on his feet and

was run out for a terrific 37. One ball to go and Andrew strode to the crease. We needed 4 to tie. A moments sadness as we didn't get it but then hearty handshakes all round. They are a lovely bunch to play, it was a really exciting, close game. And we still may not have won a match this season but we are getting closer. Just wait till next week.

June 18 vs Milton Lambs

Tuesday saw us play a league game against Milton Lambs, Champions elect of Division 3 at our ground. A team of young, keen and talented cricketers. Their Captain won the toss and decided to have a bat.

It was clear from the first over that they were keen to get on with it and were prepared to have a dip as Nick raced in from the Pavilion End. A big slicing cover drive looked as though it had flown over Robert J's head but a leap and a two handed catch and they were one down. But even though they had said they had brought a team of bowlers. They could also all bat. Sam & Nick persevered but these boys could play and runs were coming quickly. One too many big hits from the other opener and Nick took a lovely catch in the deep off Sammy's bowling. The next man in could also play shots and it wasn't long before they had got to 70 odd runs. The Skipper moved fielders around, changed the bowling with Shane coming on but these boys weren't playing fair. They all had a large variety of scoring shots! A Champagne Moment Contender appeared as the ball was calmly on its way to the boundary rope, it kind of went through Ian as he charged after it to stop the boundary he slipped and inadvertently booted the slowing up ball over the rope for 4. The Skipper somehow managed to get away with a wicket maiden. And for the next few overs we kept a modicum of control on the run rate. The Skipper got a wicket in both his next two overs but stayed on an over too many as he got some tap in his last over. The runs were surging again as Phillip came on. He went for a single in his first over while also hitting middle stump and a nice catch in the deep from Sam. His second over saw another catch in the deep (Nick) and Phillip had taken 3 for 9. Still they had amassed 152-8.

There was speculation in the pavilion that it may take 3 innings to reach the target but as always we were optimistic as our openers Sam & Nick went in. And after 3 overs we were on the required run rate though Nick had gone l.b.w for 0. His Dad Ian replaced him and for the first time in his cricketing career had to come back to the pavilion and send in his membership to the Primary Club, it was a beauty that got him. And suffice to say from this point we fell off the pace somewhat though not through want of trying. Their bowling was lively, accurate and moving about. Sam was cleaned up for 8. A couple of lusty blows by Ricky and then another big hit. We watched thinking that has missed the fielder, will it be 2 or 4 runs. As the ball screamed past the fielder at mid on he calmly stuck out his arm as if being passed the port, everyone was flabbergasted as he nonchalantly took the catch. James & the Skipper were in and steadied the ship but mainly through dot balls. Before they went for 11 and 8 respectively. Shane got a quick fire 1 and Robert J unfortunately had to go and be cc'd into the email to the Primary Club (they are doing good business out of us this season) Tom W avoided being cc'd in before he made way and the last two batsman were at the crease Phillip and Robert C. Still with overs to go, but no thought of playing for averages, and more than a 100 runs still needed they went on the attack against the off spinner. It was going well until much to Robert C's horror he cracked it to the fielder at mid wicket who took a neat catch and he was out for 4. Phillip was not out on 2 and we had finished on 47 all out. Just a few runs short of our target, but never mind.

June 25 vs Champion of the Thames

Tuesday saw us play a league game against Champion of the Thames. They too had yet to win a league game so this was the proverbial 6 pointer. Mind we had played them earlier in the season and they had run away it. So how would we get on at our home ground. The Skipper once more is getting into the habit of losing the toss and they decided to have a bat.

Nick opened from the Pavilion End and the ball was flying past the outside edge. Tom G was bowling with controlled aggression and the batsman were under pressure from the start. A mad dash for a single. A flurry of activity in the field, the ball came speeding back to Ricky. The batsman's had his bat over the crease but didn't ground it and Ricky whipped off the bails and they were 1 down. Wasn't many balls later and the opener managed to hit Nick to mid on and Jon snapped up the catch and they were struggling. Tom G was bowling beautifully. Found the edge, Ricky took the catch. As the overs ticked by they were going at way less than a run a ball. Tom G castled 2 more in his spell finishing with 3 for 21. Their Captain was now at the crease and Shane and the Skipper were bowling. They bowled tidy stuff but the batsman with skill manoeuvred the ball around the field and the runs were coming. In our last two matches against Champ their Captain had scored 48 and 50 not out. At the start of Shane's last over Nick ran across to the Skipper to impart fielding advice. The Skipper took the wise words on board, moved Ian to extra cover and himself to mid off and two balls later it lead to a contender for Champagne Moment. Their Captain creamed a straight drive. The Skipper went airborne to his right in a full length dive and took a screamer of a one handed catch. First ball of the Skipper's last over big nick caught behind everyone appealed and nothing... Ricky asked the umpire what that noise could have been? The Umpire genuinely didn't hear it but the fact that the bat didn't walk got right up the Skippers nose and we could all tell. Culminating in a Sharapova esk grunt as he bowled the next ball. In fact the next few balls were wayward as his annoyance spilt over. Which did give him a chance as the batsman hit runs and ran by him to tell him that he should walk. Justice was done as last ball he knocked back leg stump. The tension only lasted that over. Phillip bowled the last over and we had restricted them to 104-7.

Back in the pavilion and 4 Champ men including the Captain came to the Skipper to apologise. The batsman was playing his first game for Champ, did nick it but didn't know what to do, but now knew that if you do that you walk. The Skipper had already shaken his hand and we were all smiles again.

They too had quick accurate opening bowlers but we could afford a few dot balls. A crack to the boundary from Mike and we were away. A run or two later and Mike got a beauty and was gone for 7. Tom G came to the crease and with such bowling had no choice but to play dot balls. Nick got a good one and was on his way for 2. Ian was next man in and with the opening bowlers still on joined in the dot ball fest. Ian was caught as he tried to force the pace and finally the openers finished their spells. Ricky and Tom G now attacked and runs were coming. And with half the overs bowled we still needed 60, so a run a ball from here would take us home. Tom G cracked a big shot which looked as though it would clear the boundary and so it would have if their very tall opening bowler hadn't caught it before it cleared the rope and Tom was gone for 18. The Skipper joined Ricky and the spinners were now on and more runs were added to the scoreboard. Ricky danced down the track but unfortunately was stumped for 14. Shane blasted a lovely straight drive before losing middle stump a few balls later and the run rate was climbing. The spinners were bowling accurate stuff and in trying to chase the runs down Phillip popped one back to the bowler who caught it on his boot laces and was gone for 0. Robert J picked up a couple of runs before the umpires finger was raised for l.b.w. The last ball of the penultimate over and the Skipper was caught at square leg for 13. Leaving Jon and Robert C to hit 30 of the last over for victory. A valiant effort but a bridge too far. They both finished on 5 not out and we finished on 84-9 a few runs shy of our target. Never mind, we will just have to win our first game of the season next week.

July 3 vs Allsorts

Tuesday saw us play in our last league game of the season, there are still many friendlies and the Geoff Cripps match to come. We were playing every other teams, including ours, least favoured opposition, Allsorts. As they have a great knack of being

Nick opened from the Pavilion End and the ball was flying past the outside edge once again. Tom G was bowling from the other end and the batsman got away with a few shots that managed to miss the fielders and scoot away to the boundary. First ball of Nick's next over and a smart catch was taken and they were one down. A few overs later and they were still struggling for runs and two catches taken in one of Tom's overs, the best being Mike running from Mid On, leaping and plucking it from the sky. Nick finished his spell with a Maiden and had figures of 4-1-11-1. Excellent stuff. He will be sorely missed as this was his last game of the season (off to Devon for a spot of work) The Skipper and Shane took over and sort of mirrored each other. The Skipper's first over was tight enough. Shane's got some tap. Second over and the Skipper got some tap and Shane's was tight enough. First ball of the Skipper's last over and he bellowed out a plum (hitting leg stump) appeal for l.b.w. The Umpire winced, pursed lips, twitched, started to raise the arm, stopped, winced, pursed lips and said 'not out' And a little like last week the Skipper wasn't a happy bunny. Phillip and Andrew finished the bowling with Andrew bowling a couple out and they had ended up on 120-5.

Back in the pavilion and the Skipper and their Captain had a few words that weren't that cordial.

Now 121 to win was a big ask for us this season as our batting has taken on the qualities of cracked, cheap porcelain off Bargain Hunt. But finally we were facing bowlers of not particular quality. Mind the opener took so long to get to his mark each ball there were thoughts of getting him a golf cart. Mike biffed the first ball to the boundary and we were off. After two overs we were right on the money. The ball sat up, Nick belted it straight to midwicket and was gone for 8. Mike cut one with pace and it went straight to backward point and he too was gone for 8. Oh dear, here came the fissures. Tom G popped one up and again we were finding the fielders and the catch was taken. Sam and Ricky had taken up the mantel. They like all the other batsman had to listen to the dull pointless chatter of their Captain (what a ...) and we could have all had a picnic every time he fiddled with the field which was about every ball. Ricky joined in the catching practice and was gone for 3. The Skipper stuck around for a bit, had an lbw appeal against him which lead him to have a word with their Captain before he dollied it back to the bowler for another catch (6). Shane belted it around for his 8 before being caught out. Sam had battled hard and at nearly a run a ball had got to 29 before being bowled. At least he wasn't caught. Will and Andrew decided they too weren't going to be caught but were bowled for 6 & 1 respectively. The game had somewhat drifted from us and in the penultimate over Phillip was lbw (Robert C 1 n.o) and we were all out for 79.

So relegation to Division 4 I am afraid. Still that means that next year when we are crowned Champions we will not only win a trophy but it will be medals all round. In the meantime 5 games still to go this season. Starting next week...

July 10 vs Ridgeons

Tuesday saw us play in a friendly match against Ridgeons, a delightful team to play against. Not a cloud in the sky so we decided for a change we would bowl 20 x 6 ball overs. We lost the toss and they went in for a bat.

Nick and the Skipper opened the bowling. And it looked as if the bowling was ok but the batsman loved it and the ball was careering around the ground. After 2 overs they had got to 25! At this rate they could get anywhere from 170 to even 200. After 5 overs they had moved on to 52. The Skipper took himself off and Andrew came into the attack. Runs were still coming until a delightful piece of cricket. The big hitting opener was fooled by a lovely slower ball, he popped it back and Andrew caught & bowled it by his ankles. Tom G was on and the run rate was calming. Another wicket from Andrew and their other opener had gone. The new batsman got their eye in and the runs started to come again. Will came on for his first ever over for BAS. He sprinted in, too fast for the batsman and it flew to fly slip and Ian took the catch and Will had got a wicket first ball! He followed it up by getting a nick the very next ball and Mike took the catch behind the stumps. He was on a hat trick. And was a hairs breath away from getting it. The run rate had slowed. But the new batsman got going again. Phillip was on now and helped to stem the tide by hitting middle stump. The Skipper bowled the last over and they finished on 143-5. We had done brilliantly to hold them to that.

Mind it was still a huge score to try and chase down. Tom G and Nick went to open. 7.2 an over was what we needed. With all this sunshine the track was playing quick so they opened with their slower bowlers and spinners. They were slow and accurate. Tom popped one back to the bowler and was gone for 6. Ian was next in and took a few balls to get his eye in and after 5 overs we had got 20. Runs then started to pick up as Nick was getting ones and twos and was playing some booming shots, one bounce to the boundary. Ian started to find his range and we were hanging on to the coat tails of the run rate. A maiden over put us in trouble and we really needed a couple of big overs. They duly came as both batsman were hitting the boundary fence. Halfway through the innings and we were on 62-1. They had been 82-2. More terrific cricket shots followed and applause broke out from the Pavilion and Nick raised his bat to acknowledge his 50. Ian, his Dad was backing him up and with 15 overs gone we had made it to 102. 42 to win off 30 balls. They then played the ace up their sleeve. We knew it was coming. Simon their usual opening bowler came on and he really is top draw and he was going to bowl 3 of the last 5 overs. They did well to get any runs off him at all. (More applause as Nick and Ian had put on 100 together) So they attacked at the other end and it was still possible. Simon's penultimate over and he bowled Ian who was valiantly attacking and he had gone for a terrific 33. Andrew came in and played astutely as he kept the scoreboard ticking over and getting Nick on strike. Final over and we needed 10 to win. Simon sprinted in, Andrew got a single. Next 3 balls were excellent and so dot balls. 2 deliveries to go, 8 to tie, 9 to win. All the fielders were on the boundary rope. But then Simon bowled his superb slower ball. Nick picked it and launched it in front of square and it flew over the boundary for 6! Last ball, 2 to tie, 3 to win. Nick cracked it away and they were running. The fielder charged in and as the throw came in they were sprinting back for the second and they made it. The match was tied.

What a fabulous, fun game. And what a star performance from Nick. Both sides stood and applauded as he walked off the field after scoring 91 not out.

July 17 v MCC

Tuesday saw us play in a friendly match against MCC (Mixed Cambridge Conservationists) A warm up game for the Geoff Cripps Trophy Match. We only had 8 so it had been arranged that they brought 14 and 3 very kindly played for us. One rule change when we play MCC. If you get to 20 runs you retire at the end of the over. Sweltering conditions, so once again we decided to play 20 x 6 ball overs. Before they went in to bat a photographer from the local paper turned up and a surprise for Phillip (organised by Sam & Tom, his sons) As Phillip had just had his 70th birthday and this would be his first match as a septuagenarian.

MCC went to bat.

Mike took the gloves so that Ricky could join the Skipper in opening the bowling. 4th ball and the Skipper hit middle stump. Ricky bowled with fire from the Pavilion End and the score board was turning slowly. The runs started to pick up with a very quick outfield. Samir and Will came on and the runs slowed for an over or two but then accelerated once more. One of our problems was that although our ground fielding was excellent when the ball was in the air we pretended it was made of soap. And in true BAS solidarity we all decided to play like this in the same match, mind none of em were dollies. So batsman number 2,3,4 and 5 sauntered back to the pavilion having reached their 20 runs each. Phillip had come on to see if he could have a perfect birthday match and pick up a wicket. Two new batsman came to the crease together and one went straight back to pick out a nice tie from the Primary Club as Will had him caught at short cover. Number 7 batsman retired with his 21 runs and with 3 overs to go they were 121-2. Phillip came back on for his second spell and hit middle stump. The Skipper hit off stump in his last over and Phillip kept it tight for the last over and they had finished on 128-4.

Mike (guest for the day) and the Skipper went in to open to face lively young bowlers and it was a slow grinding start. Mike was caught for 10 and the Skipper was lbw for 3. Samir (a guest but now a BAS player) was in with Rob (guest for the day) Rob too was lbw. And then a sight that we shall look forward to in matches and seasons to come as Ricky joined Samir out in the middle. No forward defensive shots here. This was swashbuckling stuff. A few play and misses and some mighty, mighty blows. Samir clearing the boundary rope with one. The leg spinner came on and it lead to a Contender for Champagne Moment. Down came the ball and Ricky played a fabulous reverse sweep and mullered it the boundary. End of the over and Ricky retired to the pavilion on 21. Next over and Samir was out for 21. We were still behind the run rate but we were still in the game. We would have to get on with it and in that attempt both Will and Mike threw their bat but were out for 0 and 5 respectively. Then in came Phillip. Could he cap his first match as a seventy year old with a bag full of runs? He gentled himself in with a few well places nudges, then leg glanced, drove, pull swept to the boundary. As the runs were coming the opening bowlers came back on. Jon and Tom W helped out at the other end before they were dismissed and Robert C kept Phillip company. As the final over came down the game had slipped away from us as we finished on 92-8. And Phillip had top scored with his personal top score for BAS on 23 not out. Another fun match in the sun.

August 6 v Over

Last night saw us play in the last match of the season. A friendly against Divison 2 opponents, Over at our ground. They were young, keen and talented and a couple

of divisions above us so it was going to be a bit of hard work. And so it turned out to be. They went in to bat and with good hand eye co-ordination they teed off. We tried a variety of bowlers and we basically all got carted round the park. At one stage it looked as though they might get to 200 but we stuck at it and they sneaked to 169-2. The highlight was Samir getting his first wickets for BAS..

Needless to say we all got a bat. And we did well to scramble to 81 all out. Mike top scored with 17. Ricky hit a ferocious 6 and ended on 13. The Skipper chipped in with 11 and Phillip and Jon battled well for the last wicket. It was still a lovely evening to be out playing cricket.

The season finished with a record of 10 played. 9 losses and 1 tie. And relegation to Division 4. Which means that this time next season. We will bounce straight back with promotion and promotion as Champions which will give us not only a cup but medals all round.