

Sunday Captains Report 2013

Hi everybody!

This is a difficult report for me to write because I only played in the last few games of the season but still I managed to get down to most games so will try my best to sum up the season correctly.

Well here we are at the end of another season for the Sunday side. According to play-cricket we played a total of 17 games, winning 5 and losing 12. This doesn't include our victory over Ewhurst but I can't currently copy that up due to an error in the scorebook (Sorry Major!). Still I think it's an unfair representation of our season as we played some pretty good cricket.

The reason for most of these losses is quite simple really in that we played some really good teams this year. The bigger clubs seemed to send down batsmen who were obviously out of form for their normal side so dropped a couple of levels to bully their way to some runs. Saturday regulars Elliot and Chris mentioned a couple of times this season that the side we had just lost to would give a full strength Saturday side a run for their money.

That's enough excuses for now so on to the highlights of the season. I'll start with the batting first of all

Batting

Rank	Player	Games	Inns	Not Outs	Runs	High Score	Avg	50s	100s	Run Rate
1	Chris Webber	11	10	1	438	118	48.67	0	1	
2	James McInnes	9	9	2	188	65*	26.86	2	0	69.15
3	Elliot Ransom	14	13	1	164	51	13.67	1	0	
4	Ade Forrest	17	16	0	161	49	10.06	0	0	
5	David Symons	12	10	1	140	42	15.56	0	0	
6	Adam Williams	5	5	0	125	58	25	1	0	0
7	Philip Macmanson	10	10	4	102	72*	17	1	0	69.9
8	Andy Clarke	9	8	1	84	24	12	0	0	
9	Adam Woodcock	7	7	0	74	28	10.57	0	0	0
10	Matthew Hunter	5	5	1	66	44*	16.5	0	0	0

From the table above it is easy to see that our star batsman with the wand was Chris Webber who took his status of Sunday bully to a new level by hitting his first ever century against Chessington U12's. That inspired us to victory over them this year and was a great captain's innings. James McInnes really came through as a batsman this year by hitting 3 50's against Whitely Village, Ewhurst and Hatherleigh. Only one of them is on play-cricket at the moment so apologies to him from me and Phil who is yet to put the tour results up. Another 50 missing from play-cricket is Elliot's in the charity match against Headley Court. That alongside his 51 at Old Pauline's was the peak of Elliot's batting on Sundays as most of this other innings ended with a trough.

David Symons hit 42 against Bank of England which helped with his transformation into a 3-dimensional cricket player but my favourite two innings of the year belong to Ade and Phil.

Phil hit his first ever 50 in the last game of the season against Whitely Village. It didn't matter I opened with him as a joke because he was in the running for the duck cup. It also didn't matter it was pouring with rain and it was on an artificial wicket. The main thing was he finally got it and the relief in his face was there for everyone to see.

Then we come to poor old Ade triggered LBW on 49 down at Charing Cross. It was a very hot day and Ade stuck at it for ages making a flat track look difficult but he got through it with "quick" singles. It wasn't to be though and we all missed out on what would have been the most celebrated 50 in history. I have no doubt his time will come again though

Bowling

Rank	Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best Bowling	5 Wicket Haul	Economy Rate	Strike Rate	Average	Percentage Team Wicket
1	Kajamoorthy Maheswaran 🏏	59.0	4	282	16	5/38	1	4.78	22.13	17.63	27.59
2	David Symons 🏏	50.0	10	203	9	3/23	0	4.06	33.33	22.56	17.65
3	Clare Webber 🏏	57.2	5	316	8	2/3	0	5.52	42.9	39.5	14.29
4	Chris Webber 🏏	46.0	3	204	8	2/20	0	4.43	34.5	25.5	16.0
5	Elliot Ransom 🏏	45.3	5	208	6	2/17	0	4.59	45.3	34.67	11.32
6	Phillip Macmanson 🏏	59.0	2	343	6	3/44	0	5.81	59.0	57.17	10.71
7	Razi Abbas 🏏	43.0	8	167	4	2/14	0	3.88	64.5	41.75	8.89
8	Michael Worrell 🏏	5.0	2	5	4	4/5	0	1.0	7.5	1.25	44.44
9	David Lawn 🏏	20.0	2	69	3	2/17	0	3.45	40.0	23.0	17.65

Top of the table is KP with a total of 16 wickets. Once again there are a couple more to be added plus there are a few instances where the opposition have added his name wrong which I have now fixed but may take a while to go through. His lack of pace was most batsmen's undoing and he was a top wicket taker by quite some way so very well bowled to him.

Surprisingly Dave Symons is second in the list with 9 wickets. I don't want to go on about it but Symo lost his way a bit with his bowling this year but I hope this gives him great encouragement for next season.

Third place was season debutant Clare Webber who bowled very well in her first season in men's cricket. Her line and length were always nagging along with her personality and hopefully she will continue to improve next year. Would also be nice if she stopped injuring our players as well!

The rest is as you would expect with Chris and Elliot picking up wickets when they have been required. I think most of you could have guessed that Phil bowled the most overs throughout the season. Let's just put his terrible average down to the pressure of captaincy... Even Michael Worrell makes it into the top 9 with his 4 wickets against seven sports. We could use the demon left arm more next season!

Fielding

Our fielding was pretty hit and miss this season with a lot of drops going down but this is pretty standard for the Sunday side. We have had an array of different keepers this year with Adam Woodcock, Symo, and James McInnes donning the gloves while James Burns also stepped in for half a game and did a good job. According to the stats Phil was the safest pair of mitts on Sundays with 6 catches while Elliot has been credited with 2 run outs.

Other notes about the season

Obviously the big highlight for the whole club this year was the charity day. I won't go into too much detail because I'm sure Kev and Phil will discuss it more in their report but I felt it was a great addition to the Sunday calendar and can only help the club move forward. I would like to thank Kev and Dave Lawn for all the work they put in alongside Symo and Phil who also did work behind the scenes to make sure the event ran smoothly.

One slightly worrying thing about this season was player availability. About half way through the season a lot of players seemed to fall off the radar for various reasons. During that time it seemed that Phil, Chris and I were always scrambling around on a Thursday to make sure we found some players. It wasn't just one or two either most of the time but luckily we managed it.

The reason we managed it was because the players we have are great club men who while may not have contributed massively with bat or ball this year really helped when they can. We couldn't keep Nick Blake away after he fractured his finger and he finally got a few games in at the end of the season doing fine leg to fine leg. He even had a bowl in the last game and it went very well, certainly caught the captain's eye for next year. KP helped on numerous occasions and reminded me so when he finally got to the ground. Andy Clarke was a big help this year as he always made himself available when the call came, often bringing his boy along straight from rugby as he hadn't had time to get home. I'm also sending this report to Phil Woods who has helped us out a couple of times this season and even came on tour as an "extra". Hasn't scored a run in Surrey yet but hopefully this will change next year. All these contributions have been much appreciated and I would like to thank you all for your help

The general atmosphere was very good within the team this year because everyone who played enjoyed themselves and played it in the right spirit regardless of the result. This may not seem too important to some of you but the fact most of the team hung around after the game for a drink and chat was a really good sign that the classic Park Hill way is still going strong.

On a final note I must say a special thank you to Phil and Chris this year as they have really stepped up when I have needed them to in terms of getting the side together and running the show on the field. Without their hard work a few games may have been cancelled so thanks again.

Next Season

My recommendations for next year are probably the same as I write every year. Nick mentioned in his report that he feels the Saturday side has a solid core of 9 players but I feel like we are some way off from achieving this on a Sunday.

I'm not saying we need a massive influx of new players but just a couple of guys who enjoy their cricket and want to play on Sundays. In an ideal scenario I would like some of the players who haven't played in a while but know the Park Hill way to come back and make the Sunday side more competitive.

Having gone through the current e-mail list there are a few of you who I hope to get in touch with before winter nets to see if I can get you to come back. Maybe the days of you wanting to finish mid table of the middle division have gone but why not come back to Sundays and enjoy yourself before it's too late.

I'm also hoping people like Daffyd and Ed make a return after a year off alongside one game wonders like James Burns and Jason Ford to give the Hill another go.

One way I was thinking of getting people back to the club was by organising more T20 games for during the week. It's not too long and may be a nice introduction back in to the game. We managed to play a couple this season and we had more than 11 interested each time.

Having said all that though I believe the club as a whole is still going from strength to strength and hopefully this can continue into next season. We have already started discussing the next charity day to make sure it is even better than the last one while Kev and I will continue to work on the website to give us a greater online presence.

On to a personal note about next year and just to give you an update I have been given the all clear to start the season fresh next year and will be able to get a full winter of practice under my belt. With this in mind I hope to continue with the captaincy next year if you will allow me. I feel like I have unfinished business to take care of plus it helps that Nick is planning to carry on because even though we do have our little squabbles I feel like the partnership is working well for the club. If you feel differently however don't be afraid to say it at the AGM. It's your chance to get your point across so please make sure you pencil it in your diary when we have a date.

It's a good time to be involved with Park Hill Cricket Club and I hope to see most of you at the dinner.

Up the Hill!!

Dan Ransom

Sunday Non-League Captain