



Darlington Cricket Club 2013 Season

UNDER 13'S REPORT AND AVERAGES

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Under 13 Season Round Up

The season began in fits and starts as the overlap with the football season caused havoc, both with team selection and the availability of opponents. It was two weeks in to the season before we actually got to play anyone, but the games soon came thick and fast.

The Lowery Cup campaign started with comprehensive wins against Newton Aycliffe, Darlington RA and Yarm, but defeats against Richmondshire and Sedgefield meant that we needed a conceded game against Barnard Castle to see us into the semi-finals. In the cup format, the top order batting was solid with very few wickets lost and the openers getting us off to a good start in every game. The semi-final was a different matter however, with Stockton bowling us out for just 34 to end our hopes of reaching the final.

The NYACC League provided an opportunity for everyone to show what they can do with the bat and ball, and highlighted a real divide between the top teams, and the others. Wins against Blackhall, Seaton Carew, Wolviston, Newton Aycliffe, Yarm, Hartlepool and Darlington RA were relatively straightforward, whilst games against Norton, Stockton and Richmondshire were always going to be difficult, although we ran Norton and Richmondshire particularly close. A surprise defeat away to Sedgefield dented our hopes of a top three finish, and we deservedly finished as runners up behind the other three, or as the best of the rest - depending on how you look at it!

The Darlington and District League gave us a chance to blood some younger players alongside a core of more experienced players. Arranging games seemed to be more difficult than winning them in this league, with heavy victories coming against the likes of Barton and Raby Castle. A 50 run defeat to Rockliffe (that still keeps the manager awake at night) blew a hole in our hopes of silverware however, and the return fixture may well decide who wins the league. Holidays and football tournaments mean that the season may drag on for some time yet, but we are still in with a chance of a league and cup double - or winning nowt, depending upon how you look at it!

Everyone has played their part this year, and a total of 25 players have turned out for us in one competition or another. Only seven of them will progress through to the U15 age group next year, leaving behind a strong nucleus of players to link up with some promising U11s coming through. It's also been particularly pleasing this year to see some of the squad recognised with call ups to Durham County, NYACC representative sides and older age group teams within the club.

Some Highlights of the Season (in no particular order)

- Chris Heron's consecutive 'not outs' in the cup
- Taking 13 wickets against Hartlepool including a Will Hamilton hat-trick
- Tom Horniman taking three wickets for one run in the opening over against Yarm
- Luke Sinclair's three wickets in four balls against Blackhall
- Rishabh Ray and Tom Horniman both hitting the ball out of the ground at Gilling West

- James Thorpe's four catches in one game against Seaton Carew including a stunning one handed dive
- Andy Naisbitt's direct hit from near the boundary to win the last game on the very last ball against Darlington RA
- Rishabh Ray's aggressive spell of bowling against Sedgefield to destroy Will Reynard's stumps twice
- Tom Naisbitt's four 'Gower-like' late cuts for boundaries against Sedgefield
- Scoring 96 without losing a wicket against Newton Aycliffe, including a rapid 29 not out for Jonny Pears
- Harry Yarrow's quick fire 23 not out against Yarm

A Few Moments to Forget

- Richmondshire hitting successive sixes in the penultimate over to snatch six points that looked like they were headed our way
- Losing 10 wickets against Rockliffe Park (how???)
- Being bowled out for just 34 in the semi-final against Stockton
- Losing at home to Sedgefield for the first time in years
- All the trips to A&E (Sam Butterfield, Tom Naisbitt, Archie Dalton etc.)

Five Strengths

- Catching - very few have been dropped
- We haven't given many runs given away in extras in the second half of the season
- We've got a solid and dependable bowling unit
- Excellent teamwork - especially when fielding close to the bat
- Good running between the wickets

Five Areas for Development

- Being able to defend the stumps when batting
- Punishing bad bowling by cutting and pulling the ball
- Scoring runs in places other than the area between mid-off and mid-on
- Being able to bowl full and straight when it's required
- Boundary fielding - getting anything on the ball to stop it

Some Moments to Make Us Smile

- Henry Williams' unbridled eagerness to get in to bat against Yarm
- Parents suffering multiple (audible) heart attacks against Newton Aycliffe as Jonny Pears and Rishabh Ray ran some quick 'singles'
- Chris Heron taking forever to get changed and pack his kit after games
- Our boundary fielding in some games
- Tom Horniman's ramp shots against Rockliffe - one went for four, the other took out his middle stump

All in all, the lads have been a pleasure to look after, and have set some very high standards on and off the field for sportsmanship and have been a credit to the club. We just need to lose a few less wickets next time!!!!

	Averages								
	Batting				Bowling				
Player	Runs	Dismissals	If No Dismissals	Average	Overs	Runs	Wickets	If No Wickets	Average
Thomas Horniman	274	10	0	27.4	76	307	20	0	15.4
Chris Heron	172	9	0	19.1	39.5	148	13	0	11.4
Johnny Pears	112	3	0	37.3	0	0	0	1	0.0
Rishabh Ray	246	9	0	27.3	68	208	28	0	7.4
William Hamilton	110	5	0	22.0	29	122	12	0	10.2
Harry Yarrow	66	4	0	16.5	17	55	5	0	11.0
Luke Sinclair	75	6	0	12.5	37	124	8	0	15.5
Tom Naisbitt	97	9	0	10.8	35	156	4	0	39.0
Andrew Naisbitt	45	5	0	9.0	27	122	9	0	13.6
James Thorpe	74	9	0	8.2	32.2	105	10	0	10.5
Sam Butterfield	92	6	0	15.3	25	105	6	0	17.5
Archie Dalton	61	9	0	6.8	19	89	5	0	17.8
Nick Whiston	33	4	0	8.3	18	94	7	0	13.4
Henry Williams	40	6	0	6.7	9	48	2	0	24.0
Elliott Williams	3	0	1	3.0	4	15	0	1	15.0
Leo Giacomelli	39	1	0	39.0	4	29	0	1	29.0
Bobby Jones	0	0	1	0.0	2	18	0	1	18.0
Lucas Buckley	3	2	0	1.5	1	6	0	1	6.0
AJ Wallis	0	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	1	0.0
Nathan Brown	21	1	0	21.0	6	19	0	1	19.0
James Bartram	1	2	0	0.5	6	37	1	0	37.0
Matty Harwood	5	3	0	1.7	5	24	2	0	12.0
Nathan Warwick	2	0	1	2.0	4	7	0	1	7.0
Jacob Warwick	4	0	1	4.0	1	2	0	1	2.0
Drew Charlton	2	2	1	0.7	3	6	0	1	6.0

UNDER 13 SEASONAL SUMMARY			
Batting			
Most Runs			
1	Thomas Horniman	274	
2	Rishabh Ray	246	
3	Chris Heron	172	
4	Jonny Pears	112	
5	Will Hamilton	110	
Highest Average (Min 5 Innings)			
1	Jonny Pears	37.3	
2	Thomas Horniman	27.4	
3	Rishabh Ray	27.3	
4	Will Hamilton	22.0	
5	Chris Heron	19.1	
Highest Score (Cup Format)			
1	Chris Heron	31	Darlington RA
1	Will Hamilton	31	Newton Aycliffe
3	Chris Heron	30	Newton Aycliffe
4	Jonny Pears	29	Newton Aycliffe
5	Rishabh Ray	27	Darlington RA
Highest Score (Pairs Format)			
1	Thomas Horniman	26	Raby Castle
2	Harry Yarrow	23	Yarm
3	Rishabh Ray	22	Richmond
4	Thomas Horniman	20	Barton
5	Chris Herron, Luke Sinclair, Rishabh Ray	19	Richmond, Barton, Barton
Most Sixes			
1	Thomas Horniman	3	
2	Rishabh Ray	2	
Bowling			
Most Wickets			
1	Rishabh Ray	28	
2	Thomas Horniman	20	
3	Chris Heron	13	
4	Will Hamilton	12	
5	James Thorpe	10	
Lowest Bowling Average (Min 10 Overs)			
1	Rishabh Ray	7.4	
2	Will Hamilton	10.2	
3	James Thorpe	10.5	
4	Harry Yarrow	11.4	
5	Chris Heron	11.4	
Best Figures (Overs-Runs-Wickets)			
1	Thomas Horniman	3-8-4	Yarm
2	Will Hamilton	3-1-3	Hartlepool
3	Chris Heron	2-3-3	Blackhall
4	Chris Heron	3-4-3	Seaton Carew
5	Rishabh Ray	3-8-3	Norton
Hatricks			
	Will Hamilton	3-1-3	Hartlepool

Thanks to all the players. Parents, umpires, coaches and supporters for everything in 2013.

