

2nd XI Captain's Report – 2023 AGS – (27.11.23)

- Finished comfortably 4th on 354 points.
 - 1. Maritime. 449
 - 2. Congleton. 400
 - 3. CBH. 378
- Win % - 50%. Played 22. Won 11. Drawn 1. Lost 8.
- We beat every team apart from maritime (who were exceptional).
- Congleton we stuffed away (even with KW).
- CBH we beat – should have been twice.
- First 4 games... Lose (Bollington). Draw (Barrow). Lose (Ashley). Lose (Maritime).
- Christleton – late in season defending 123. 4 overs left. Oakmere... turning point just after half way.
- Won 5 on the trot. Then 4.
- Struggled on slow wickets.
- But – save for 3 occasions... batting first always used 50 overs.
- Finished season strong.
- 2 bats in league top 20. GH (407). AS (350). 6/7 in 200+ *- AW/JS*
- TM – 26 wickets. DM – 24 wickets (* played only half). Top in league 53. TP – 23. GF – 19.
- Field – MS – 11 dismissals.
- Field – several on 4/5 catches. TM/TS/AW/GF.
- Theme – no outstanding individual. None. Comprehensive team effort.
 - Spirit, Appetite. Attitude. Resilience.
 - We found ways to win.
 - Roles. Responsibilities. Expectations.
 - Refuse to carry people. Harsh environment at times.
- 1s players... MH; BC; Josh H; JS; Ryan; Max R; Harvey even left out Okell.
- Team is about all of us:
 - Youngsters... AW and TM. Joe. Harvey. Max R
 - Newbies... Arun; Max S; Gorby. Charlie C.
 - Thill; Dan; Max; Josh; Ryan; Josh.
 - Oldies – Graham; Gary; Dob; Sandy; me
- Availability... excellent on the whole. Perhaps lacking in consistency. But always replacement.
- Season 1 was about familiarity, foundations.
- Season 2 was about expectations; resilience; culture.
- Season 3... we MUST look for promotion. Need to be better early season. Ruthless. Patient. Responsibility.