

U18/19s report 2017

In the 2017 season, the U18s competed in the South Manchester competition while the U19s competed in the newly formed East Cheshire league. Regarding results, this has probably been our weakest season as a team (this being the first time we have gone a season without winning at least one competition), getting beaten by 2 runs by Bowdon in the semi-final of the South Manchester competition, and finishing 3rd in the East Cheshire league. A large part of this is due to regular lack of unavailability due to holidays and players working in order to save money for university.

In terms of highlight performances; playing against local rivals Ashton on Mersey in the first game, scoring 196 with 3 retirements was a great way to kick off the season. Will Sarwar coming back after 2 seasons away from the game and hitting a straight 6 to win us the game against Didsbury, with Joe Gill taking a 4-wicket haul in the same game. Lastly, George Foreman's effort to retire in the semi-final while older batsman quickly fell around him; but you wouldn't have heard that from him...

However, it has also been one of the best seasons for me personally and I hope the team would agree. The social side of the matches have been great which is what Gordon wanted following some tough A-Level exams, with the majority of the team staying behind after the games; having a few drinks and generally socialising. This is what I feel being part of a team is about, being able to make friends in a competitive atmosphere with one common interest throughout everyone. Incidentally, 5 out of the 6 genuine U18s are all heading to Sheffield this year to start at university, where I hope (and believe) we will meet up at some point.

Many thanks have to go Gordon Cunliffe, James Gill and Ian Bloomfield. Most parents will see what coaches do on match/training day, but they do not realise how much work goes on behind the scenes in terms of administration and organising; not just from these guys but all the coaches involved at the club. Without these coaches, there would be no club. Gordon has been coaching this team for 8 years now, where we started as the U11 B team. Through his passion for the club and the team, and what must now be thousands of hours' time, we have become a team who not only win matches, but have a great time while doing it. If this isn't the role of a coach I'm not sure what is. James has helped with the team for a number of years now, as well as running the U15s. Not only this, James always seems to be there when Gordon needs someone to talk to about any issues the team may have, always offering sound advice. Finally, Ian has willingly umpired for the team and again helps the junior section with his usual positive attitude despite the fact his own son finished in the juniors 3 years ago.

Dave Cunliffe.

U18/19 combined averages

Batting

Name	Innings	Runs	Not out	Average
D.Cunliffe	9	203	5	50.75
J.Hugall	6	139	2	34.75
E.Brooks	4	87	0	21.75
T.Lett	6	86	2	21.5
J.Agnew	5	64	1	16

Bowling

Name	Overs	Wickets	Runs	Average	Economy
S.Higgins	25	10	137	13.7	5.48
J.Gill	22	7	144	20.57	6.55
R.Singh	19	6	78	13	4.1
T.Lett	18	5	84	16.8	4.67
G.Foreman	18	5	126	25.2	7

Brooklands U15s 2017 Season Review

Summary of Training

From early December we had the usual nets at Sale High School on a Friday evening. Gave a good opportunity to work on the basic skills of cricket, so not just nets but plenty of fielding sessions, the odd indoor game and when netting, targeted net sessions to work on a specific skill, ie bowling Yorkers, sweep shots, bowling just outside off, etc. The aim was to provide the team with practice at core skills that they can utilise in the forthcoming outdoor season

In addition to these sessions we ran concurrent nets at Old Trafford training with the older Juniors on Tuesdays. We were greatly assisted in these nets by Senior players who attended to offer guidance and advice, the aim being to get current club players to fine tune the Junior's batting and bowling, and impart matchplay knowledge. A big thanks to the Seniors who attended, Tom Mitchell, George Storrow, Hash and Luke Maitra, AJ, and especially Jim Harper who attended all the sessions. Their help and advice was much appreciated by the Juniors. A further aim of this set up was to assist the integration of the Juniors into Senior cricket, so a great addition to the training roster.

Squad

Numbers in the squad have remained healthy, always common in any sport including cricket that in the teenage years 14+ that youngsters leave the sport, so gratifying that the squad has remained virtually the same as previous years, so the bulk are U15s, with a smaller number of U14s.

Throughout training and matches we incorporated some U13s and U12s into the team, with the plan to assist the development of the younger players who were ready to make the stretch to play 2 or 3 years up. It gives a vital push to the most able players who might not be being fully stretched playing solely in their own age group, also helps with the integration of players between the age group, so helps develop the whole "one club" ethos we are keen to foster. The younger boys who played all showed what capable cricketers they are; highlights include U12s Charlie Mitchell's 31 not out against a strong Didsbury bowling attack.

Gratifying that all players without exception showed improvement in their cricket this season, a testament to their hard work and commitment to training.

U15s League and Cup

This season entered in the U15s SMJCL League, we finished second in the league to Urmston, the loss in the match between us and them being crucial, so a reversal of last year league results. Beyond the Urmston result we put in some excellent performances against strong sides such as Whalley Range and Hale Barns who have strong teams with county players in them.

In the U15s Cheshire Cup, we reached the last 4 of the competition before being defeated by Warrington in the Semi Final, disappointing for the players who had hoped for a rerun of a Brooklands/Alderley Edge Cup Final, in hope of gaining revenge!

Senior Cricket Participation

A key aim of the Junior section is to ensure that Juniors players not only play and enjoy Junior cricket but continue to play cricket beyond their teenage years. To facilitate this several years ago the Club decided to encourage the involvement of Juniors in Senior cricket at the earliest possible opportunity. Juniors can play Senior cricket from 13 years old, although key to this is ensuring players are ready and developed enough to make the step.

In the 2015 season the first few players from this squad played in Senior matches, mainly in the Sunday 4th team, captained by Dave Cunliffe, who continues to provide valuable guidance to the younger players. 3 years later this strategy is really paying off, all the players in U15s squad have played in Senior matches this season, from the 1st team to the 4th team, and have made a significant impact in these matches with their batiing, bowling and fielding.

The key objective is to get the Juniors to continue their involvement in cricket into their adult life, whether at Brooklands or where ever they move away to and set up their future lives.

This is the most satisfying part of coaching, it's nice to win matches and competitions, but the real bonus is helping young crickets develop a lasting interest in cricket, with all the benefits attached to what participation in cricket can provide, friendships, teamwork, respect, exercise, enjoyment and Teas!

A big thank you to all the other coaches at BCC, especially Ian Bloomfield and Gordon Cunliffe. All the parents have, as always been keen to help out. Biggest Thanks to all the U15s players, it's been a delight to coach them this year.

James Gill

Batting Statistics

Rank	Player	Games	Inns	Not Outs	Runs	High Score	Avg	50s	100s	Strike Rate
1	Joe Gill	12	9	4	273	49	54.60	0	0	-
2	Ned Atkinson	9	9	3	253	53*	42.17	2	0	-
3	James Hugall	11	9	3	252	44	42.00	0	0	-
4	Daniel O'Gorman	12	10	5	211	51*	42.20	2	0	-
5	George Foreman	9	7	2	102	30	20.40	0	0	-
6	Shriraj Mody	12	6	3	68	33*	22.67	0	0	-
7	Prithvi Mody	13	5	0	44	18	8.80	0	0	-
8	Max Yarwood	13	5	1	40	11*	10.00	0	0	-
9	Charlie Mitchell	5	2	1	34	31*	34.00	0	0	-
10	Hannan Tariq	10	3	2	14	12*	14.00	0	0	-

Bowling Statistics

Rank	Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best Bowling	5 Wicket Haul	Economy Rate	Strike Rate	Average	Percentage Team Wicket
1	Hannan Tariq	28.0	4	124.0	16	3/19	0	4.43	10.50	7.75	24.24
2	George Foreman	26.0	2	119.0	9	3/17	0	4.58	17.33	13.22	16.67
3	Prithvi Mody	30.0	1	157.0	9	3/9	0	5.23	20.00	17.44	11.39
4	Joe Gill	37.0	6	101.0	7	3/4	0	2.73	31.71	14.43	9.59
5	Eric Gornall	12.0	0	67.0	6	2/4	0	5.58	12.00	11.17	12.00
6	James Hugall	21.0	2	112.0	5	2/12	0	5.33	25.20	22.40	8.06
7	Max Yarwood	17.0	2	55.0	4	2/4	0	3.24	25.50	13.75	6.35
8	William Jones	8.0	0	61.0	3	1/1	0	7.63	16.00	20.33	9.09
9	Ned Atkinson	14.0	0	85.0	3	2/12	0	6.07	28.00	28.33	7.50
10	Shriraj Mody	27.0	2	118.0	3	1/1	0	4.37	54.00	39.33	5.00

U13's team report for 2017

Indoor training started all the way back in November 2016 with 18 indoor sessions at Sale High. We averaged about 13 lads per session and 21 lads came down in all, with 2 lads, Orin and Archie making all the sessions, well done lads.

The indoor training overlapped with the Trafford Indoor League and as U12's we were defending last season's win, which we did in style winning all our league games bar one, to Brooklands second team – it was nice to give them some hope!

The Outdoor season started with a few training sessions at Ashton on Mersey and Brooklands, with the best turn out of the season with 18 lads down for the first training session. We then probably averaged 12 or 13 down to each session.

In a season that saw us as an U13 team in the main filled with U12 players, playing some teams full of strength and who had mainly U13 players, on the whole we did well.

We won the Zonal league, winning 4 of our 6 matches, tying one and the weather winning the other. This league included game of the season away v Didsbury. Going into the last 2 overs Didsbury needed 3 runs to win with 3 wickets remaining. First ball of the penultimate over gave them two byes, so 11 balls to get one run. Changing his style of bowling, Charlie Mitchell bowled out the rest of the over leaving Captain Archie Smitham the decision to nominate himself to bowl the last over. Brave decision that paid off as Archie took 3 wickets in 5 balls and conceded no runs to tie the match from a very losing position. A great team performance that night also memorable for Fraser's first retirement with the bat.

Winning the zonal league took us into the top group for the group stages. Up against some tough teams, and some bad planning off two teams that led them to concede two games to us, we only actually played three games in this group, winning one and losing two. One of the lost games was to eventual league winners Lindow Gold, where we gave them a good game scoring 5 less than them but running out of batsmen with 1.5 overs left.

All in all some great performances all season, too many to mention here but massive thanks to the players from the younger age groups that played up to U13 level and really showed themselves well, Paddy Howarth, Sudanshu and Ben Cunliffe.

Batting retirements for Sam Ryder, Fraser Green, Charlie Mitchell, Ben Cunliffe, Matt Lomas all contributed to some of the wins. Support by middle order batsmen like Tom Kelly, Archie Smitham, Sudanshu, Sam and Dan Jordan, Edward Kesteven was good, but next season will hopefully see some of them pushing nearer retirement scores to support the team.

The bowling of Orin was consistent, and the performances all round in the field are improving year on year with some great catches being held, notably one by Alex this year diving and dropping low behind him to a ball going over his head. Good luck to all the U13's moving up as we lose out on Sam Ryder, Alex Irlam, Japman Ghura, Sam Jordan, Ewan Caldwell and Nathan Fowles moving up an age group.

Nearly all this can't be done without the support of parents, so thank you for the support you have shown your lad in getting them to training or games, if you've scored or umpired, helped tidy up or had anything to do with the team. It really is appreciated.

A huge thanks to Gordon Cunliffe, so often the master at pulling things together and for his coaching and enthusiasm for cricket and developing the lads. To David Cunliffe and Tom Lett who supported Gordon brilliantly and took on most of the indoor training to progress to their level 2 coaching badges, well done on that achievement. And thank you to the Senior Juniors who also took the time to come down to sessions and assist. George Foreman, Joe Gill, Dan O'Gorman, Sam Higgins, thank you, your tips and help have been very useful.

21 lads got a game at U13 level, and each played their part, so it was hard to pick some of the awards because everyone made a contribution,

Bowling Statistics

Rank	Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best Bowling	5 Wicket Haul	Economy Rate	Strike Rate	Average	Percentage Team Wicket
1	Archie Smitham	20.3	1	87.0	11	3/2	0	4.24	11.18	7.91	23.91
2	Thomas Kelly	24.0	2	95.0	9	2/12	0	3.96	16.00	10.56	19.15
3	Sudanshu Rajshetty	16.0	0	60.0	6	3/1	0	3.75	16.00	10.00	16.22
4	Matthew Lomas	18.3	0	55.0	6	3/7	0	2.97	18.50	9.17	19.35
5	Charlie Mitchell	24.0	1	71.0	4	1/0	0	2.96	36.00	17.75	8.51
6	Paddy Howarth	5.0	0	17.0	3	2/6	0	3.40	10.00	5.67	30.00
7	Orin Smith	12.0	0	49.0	3	1/3	0	4.08	24.00	16.33	9.38
8	Alex Erlam	4.0	0	22.0	2	2/0	0	5.50	12.00	11.00	22.22
9	Sam Ryder	1.0	0	3.0	1	1/3	0	3.00	6.00	3.00	12.50
10	Humayan Mahmood	2.4	0	25.0	1	1/4	0	9.38	16.00	25.00	4.55

Batting Statistics

Rank	Player	Games	Inns	Not Outs	Runs	High Score	Avg	50s	100s	Strike Rate
1	Charlie Mitchell	10	9	2	165	30*	23.57	0	0	121.05
2	Sam Ryder	6	6	2	115	33*	28.75	0	0	78.85
3	Matthew Lomas	7	6	2	110	32*	27.50	0	0	66.67
4	Ben Cunliffe	9	8	4	94	30*	23.50	0	0	42.86
5	Fraser Green	10	9	4	87	32*	17.40	0	0	100.00
6	Sam Jordan	5	4	1	43	18*	14.33	0	0	100.00
7	Sudanshu Rajshetty	7	4	3	37	17	37.00	0	0	73.53
8	Archie Smitham	9	7	1	35	15	5.83	0	0	54.00
9	Thomas Kelly	9	7	2	33	10*	6.60	0	0	71.43
10	Humayan Mahmood	5	3	0	19	14	6.33	0	0	-

Brooklands Under 9s – 2017 Season Review

The autumn began with Martin Bland announcing that he would step down after several successful years as under 9s lead coach. Martin was a perfect coaching mentor and left the squad in great shape with excellent organisation in place and a thriving squad including players in the normal 7-9-age range as well as a handful of younger siblings. Martin and his son Patrick remained part of the U9s coaching team through the winter season and were instrumental in making our first All Stars programme a success.

From early December, indoor Winter Training took place on Friday evenings at Sale Grammar School. Each week, 20-30 kids developed core cricket skills predominantly through tailored drills and game based learning with a large emphasis on fun. We also entered a development side in the Trafford U10s indoor league; whilst the team finished in the lower half of the table, the players gained their first taste of competitive cricket and really enjoyed the experience.

The winter season had seen a steady flow of new applicants as players brought friends and family along to the sessions. This, together with a widening range of players presented challenges to the safe and effective running of the squad so the decision was taken to split the squad for the outdoor season.

In May, Brooklands became a fully accredited All Stars cricket centre as part of the ECB's new grass roots initiative. Our first 8-week programme gave forty-one 5-8 year olds their first taste of cricket in a fun focused environment. At the end of the course 4 of our All Stars attended a special kids press conference with members of the England Test team ahead of the summer's test at Old Trafford. They got to meet Moheem Ali and Tom Westley and watched the England team train.

Our older kids formed the under 9s squad who moved outdoors from Easter to train on the astro-turf and latterly, the outfield. With a smaller range in age and ability, outdoor training could be better focused on developing a solid foundation of skills across batting, bowling, fielding and wicket keeping. The coaches and support staff were able to work closely with individual kids to achieve success and noted improvements in technical, tactical, physical and mental aspects of the game across the whole squad. After the squad grew to 25, entry was closed to maintain this model with new applicants added to a waiting list to feed next year's intake.

The U9s enjoyed a very successful season in the South Manchester Junior Cricket League (SMJCL). Drawn in zone 2, the team played home and away friendlies at 8 clubs across Trafford and North Cheshire. In total, we played 13 games, winning 9, losing only 3 (Hale Barns CC [h], Ashley CC[h & a]) and we even managed a tie in a rain interrupted thriller at Lindow CC! The 3 remaining games were lost to rain and fixture congestion. In total, 17 players from our U9s squad represented Brooklands cricket club in the 2017 SMJCL fixtures.

With some of this year's squad involved in last year's SMJCL Cup narrow semi-final loss to eventual winners, Alderley Edge, hopes were high in this year's competition. However, after a good win against Stockport CC in round 2, the team lost in the Quarter final to a strong Timperley CC side, playing on astro turf due to recent ground renovations.

We entered teams in four 6-aside cricket tournaments across the summer, which were great fun for players and families alike. At Warrington, our Bears progressed to the semi-final where they fell foul of a Bowdon CC mega blast. This would prove to be the closest we would get to a tournament final but having taken 2 teams to a scorching day at Poynton CC and 3 teams to SW Manchester CC lots of our kids got to experience the fun and competition of the tournament format whilst representing the Brooklands Bears, Badgers or Bees.

With the women's world cup taking place in England, improving girls' participation in the sport was a key objective for the ECB in 2017 and locally, a number of girls softball cricket festivals were hosted across Trafford. Having attracted a number of enthusiastic girls to our U9s squad over the past 2 years, we took the plunge and took a team along to the Sale CC Girls cricket festival in June. The "Brooklands Bobcats" had a great evening playing 3 games against girls as old as 12 and won their last game against Heaton Mersey CC. Plans are already in hand to take this team forward with further specific coaching and fixtures next season. The 2017 Brooklands Bobcats were Anna Howells, Isla Myddelton, Charlotte Reddington, Lottie Nicol, Rachael Cutting, Abigail Pauley and Rosie Gorman with new recruits already lined up.

It's been a fantastic and action packed year for Brooklands U9s. This of course would not have been possible without our coaches and helpers: Vinny Khunger, Andy Howells, Charlie Gartside, Martin & Patrick Bland, George Storrow, Chan Singh, Bill Nicol, Becky Myddelton, Dot McCoy, Jason Ingram, Sue Sykes, John Mills, Alistair & Jill Roger, Michelle McKenna, Cameron Buchan, Sam Higgins and James Robinson who all generously gave their time and energy to help light a spark in our young cricketers.

There were many memorable moments in my first year of coaching cricket. Seeing the players develop their skills, learning from experiences in games and watching them develop problem solving skills in tactical situations have all been rewarding. Add to that the big sixes onto clubhouse roofs, diving catches, quick singles and backing up and improved bowling accuracy and we should all feel very proud in our U9s squad. All of that said, the thing that has given me the greatest personal pleasure this year is seeing the U9s really bond together as a team. Seeing the players encouraging each other in the field, high fiving after wickets and celebrating together in victory has been a delight. They are a special group of young players and I look forward to many more great days in the future.

Ben Myddelton

Batting Statistics

Rank	Player	Games	Inns	Runs	Times Out	Net Runs	High Score	Avg	50s	100s	Strike Rate
1	George Myddelton	10	10	164	1.0	161.0	37	161.00	0	0	150.00
2	Joe Howells	9	9	146	8.0	122.0	34	15.25	0	0	112.07
3	Matthew Mills	8	8	142	5.0	127.0	33	25.40	0	0	130.86
4	Krishan Khunger	11	11	90	6.0	72.0	15	12.00	0	0	72.41
5	Sam Hill	8	8	87	3.0	78.0	16	26.00	0	0	110.00
6	Ronjay Roopesh	2	2	70	1.0	67.0	43	67.00	0	0	225.81
7	Jacob Bayliss	6	6	48	4.0	36.0	22	9.00	0	0	94.44
8	Ollie Gartside	5	5	37	1.0	34.0	14	34.00	0	0	74.00
9	Joseph Edwards	4	4	35	1.0	32.0	12	32.00	0	0	63.64
10	Finley Newton	8	8	34	2.0	28.0	14	14.00	0	0	50.00

Bowling Statistics

Rank	Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best Bowling	5 Wicket Haul	Economy Rate	Strike Rate	Average	Percentage Team Wicket
1	Krishan Khunger	18.0	3	53.0	9	3/3	0	2.94	12.00	5.89	15.00
2	George Myddelton	18.0	0	84.0	8	3/1	0	4.67	13.50	10.50	13.11
3	Ollie Gartside	12.0	0	27.0	7	2/1	0	2.25	10.29	3.86	15.22
4	Joe Howells	14.0	1	76.0	7	3/1	0	5.43	12.00	10.86	14.00
5	Jonah Featherstone	8.0	0	42.0	5	4/9	0	5.25	9.60	8.40	21.74
6	Sam Hill	16.0	0	44.0	5	1/1	0	2.75	19.20	8.80	8.62
7	Nikolaus Needham	4.0	0	30.0	4	3/6	0	7.50	6.00	7.50	50.00
8	Matthew Mills	14.0	1	61.0	4	1/0	0	4.36	21.00	15.25	9.30
9	Joseph Edwards	6.0	0	19.0	3	2/14	0	3.17	12.00	6.33	20.00
10	Finley Newton	12.0	2	38.0	3	2/4	0	3.17	24.00	12.67	8.57