

# What I did at the trials

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*Jonathon in action for the Sunday 2ndXI against Lingfield*

## Fielding

When I was at the trials I started off by doing some fielding. First we did normal catching then we did right hand catching then left hand catching, right eye catching and left eye catching. Then I did some slips catching off the ramp I was already warmed up so I catching the easy ones and the harder ones I almost caught. Then we did high catching, high catching is my strength so I knew that it would be easy and I was right; I caught all of my catches, but the last ones burned my hands because they were so high.

Moving on to throwing, throwing is my weakness so I focussed extremely hard. We were only aiming at one stump so on my first try I was well wide, but my other two were better. Next we had run to the other group that was backing up, when I was backing up it was quite easy because there was a lot of time to see the ball get yourself into a good position and then take the ball.

## Bowling

Bowling is my favourite thing to do in cricket. All we were doing in bowling was doing regular nets but it was hard to get used to the pitch and get into a rhythm. I found out at the end of my spell, I was bowling a good length to adult cricketers but to my age group I was bowling a shorter length. Usually when I am bowling, I think 'just to prevent the batsman from scoring' but in the nets I thought 'If you bowl a bad ball you don't concede any runs'. I didn't get any wickets but one of the balls could have been caught.

## Batting

I have improved my batting this season. I had a lot of confidence when I was in because I scored about 40 runs in two U12 games without getting out. I thought that was pretty good. When I got into bat I asked for middle and leg which I think is the best guard then my first ball I left but my second I hit it well off the leg spinner. At the end I struggled a bit but I didn't get out. The bounce was quite uneven on the pitch.

During the trials I had loads of fun and it made me want to enjoy my cricket even more next year. I will try and get into the trials again and do even better than I did this year.