2nd XI Report

Week One: St Virgils (3/75) DFT Hutchins (10/74)

Week Two: Hutchins 5(121) DFT Guilford (10/120)

Summary Week Two

Magoos on Fire. Surprise Upset Win.

A magnificent results for the up and coming Magoo team, defeating the Mr Towns led Guilford Young squad. The atmosphere was electric during the day with the anticipation of a great afternoon game, being the first time on home territory.

Guilford Young went into bat first and scored a respectable 120. The Magoos were up and about (led by captain Mitch Dance) and were keen in the field, however, the extra tally did mount as the overs passed. Not to be deterred, some great catches were taken (Angus Woodcock in the outfield) and stumpings recorded (Harry Purdon with quick hands). We were left with what we thought was reachable total to chase, even though in recent years we haven’t tallied a three figure total ever. All the bowlers performed well (Henry Garrett with speed and movement) with the wickets being shared around. In fact, the Magoos actually bowled out the opposition before the 20 overs were up – something of a new feeling.

Batting was strong throughout our innings with courage being shown by the top order with all batters wearing three or four of the quicker deliveries. Nick Cenin, while not making much contact with the ball early in his innings, hit a glorious six, with the ball nearly reaching Nelson Road. Reportedly one of the best sixes ever hit on the ground.

Stellar batting performances were produced by Harry Purdon and Elliot Hoystead, with other batsmen holding their own throughout the middle order. Unfortunately, Henry Forbes-Smith was clean bowled – the first time ever in career. In his post-game interview he commented that the ball hitting the stumps was not a good sound. Cameron Chilcott was unlucky to be stranded at the wrong end of the pitch with his fellow batsman, and was run out just as he was getting going.

We appeared to be approaching the GYC total with relative ease, until a few quick wickets raised the heart pressure just a little. Alistair Chilcott was magnificent in steadying the ship, hitting the winning runs. Wearing his glasses out to bat this season has seemed to make all the difference.

Whilst not needing to call on our specialist pinch hitters, Tom Whitehead and Sam McIntyre (batting at 10 and 11), these lads were ready to perform and get the job done.

Congratulations to all and bring on the game against the development squad next week. Also a thank you to the senior first boys who helped out umpiring and scoring - Brendan Hay and Henry Lane. Selwyn Hagan (12th man) was a great aid also. Finally, we appreciated the support by the 20 odd students and staff (including Mr Dean at one stage) that cheered the boys on.