



DUMBLETON CRICKET CLUB

Junior News!

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Nerves jangle - but our U15s bring home the Cup!

Congratulations to the U15s who beat Hatherley on Monday night in the final of the Cheltenham and District Cup - but there were plenty of bitten nails and frayed nerves by the end of it.

A good crowd turned up to see two unbeaten teams contest what turned out to be a very competitive final. Dumbleton had the honour of batting first and got off to a very good start with Matthew Cull (46) and Simon Slabbert (49) punishing the bowling to reach 84 off 11 overs. But after they were both out, the runs were harder to come by. Regular wickets fell as the team tried to push in the closing overs - but only Joe Harrell (16) was able to stick around for any length of time. Nevertheless, a total score of 140 was still very competitive - if not out of reach.

After some light refreshments (Martin Harrell particularly enjoyed his smoked salmon sandwiches) the game resumed. A great start for Dumbleton resulted in a run out in the very first over - but thereafter some wayward bowling and some good batting brought Hatherley right back into it.

They continued to keep up with the run rate and put on nearly 100 for the second wicket. But as the Hatherley batsmen attempted a second run, Rupert Salmon swooped from the mid-wicket boundary, collected it cleanly and fired in a pinpoint throw to wicket keeper Liam Brignull. Liam completed the run out to set up an enthralling finish.



Despite the set back and some good bowling from Joe Harrell and Simon Brookes, the Hatherley batsmen continued to play their shots as they crept ever closer to their target. With only 4 wickets down, they needed 11 runs to win off the last over. Step up Tom Foster ... who kept his nerve to pick up two wickets and concede only two runs to ensure that Dumbleton were crowned champions for the first time.

As well as winning the trophy, the umpires deemed that Matthew Cull should be given the 'best batsman' award and Tom Foster the 'best bowling' award - to make it a clean sweep of prizes for Dumbleton.

Well done to the team ... and of course to Tim Cull, their manager, on a great victory. **They now go on to play the winners of the Cotswold District in the County stages of the competition - probably on Monday at home.** Keep going boys - only 5 more rounds to go before we get to the national final!

Turn over for more news ...

U12s beat Broadway

For the 1st time this season Dumbleton batted 1st and at the halfway stage we were only on 216. But in stepped Jason and Patryk to put on 21 runs, followed by Ollie Pluncnett and James Brookes who scored 24 runs. James held up his end up brilliantly while Ollie cracked 4 fours on his way to 19 not out. In the end we set Broadway a target 269 for 4. They came out swinging the bat and while their 1st pair scored 25 runs they also lost 3 wickets to record a net run score of 13. The next two pairs were then reduced to minus scores after our best bowling and fielding performance of the season, and they eventually limped to a total of 231 for 10. Well done fellas, good performance.

U14s lose out by 7 runs

Having bowled well in the early stages, (Richard Eayrs 1 for 2), the Broadway batsmen gradually regained control to post a score of 265-4. Liam Brignull then hit an exhilarating 34 in our opening partnership. Unfortunately 4 wickets were lost by the next 2 pairs, leaving the last pair to make 40 for victory. Despite a fine knock of 24 by Henry Prudden, we ended the game 7 runs short on 258-5. Just shows the importance of keeping wickets in tact - one less wicket (worth 8 runs) and we'd have won the game! Although the 29 extras we conceded didn't help either!

Go Jo!

Congratulations to Jo Cull who played in the winning Worcestershire U13 girls team last week v Shropshire ... and pick up a wicket and a maiden.

Win/Lose records

- U15s - won 5, lost 0
- U14s - won 2, lost 2
- U12s - won 3, lost 2

Next Fixtures

- U12 - Sun 17th June v Bredon (H).
 - U14 - Sun 17th June v Bredeon (A)
 - U15s - Mon 18th June. **Cup game at home** (tbc) or Cheltenham Civil Service (A)
- Please come along and support if you can!

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