A STUNNING WEEK FOR SOME

Whilst the Men’s 1st XI are still finding their feet, the Women’s 1st XI pulled off a stunner at Potterne CC in their 20/20 encounter – including TWO centuries and a five-for. The Men’s 2s and 3s both had great wins against strong opposition. Poor 5th XI are yet to place boots on turf.

Meanwhile, we enjoyed Nasser correctly pronouncing our club’s name on Sky whilst we watched Joe Weatherley and Jimmy Adams in partnership at the Ageas bowl – Joe doing exceptionally well to see Hampshire home. The Crowd were enthralled............................

EARLY WARNING DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

St Cross Symondians POKER NIGHT is now confirmed for Thurs 5th July at one of the club’s great supporters and sponsors - Greens Wine Bar, Winchester. £25 entry is for dinner and ‘entry to the big game’. All standards are hugely welcome, and even if you haven’t played before, this is just a club fund raising evening. 7pm sharp arrival please and we can get everything moving and enjoy what has been a fun evening in previous years. Seats are going fast so please can you email me at matt@mplmarkets.com asap to save yourself a space.

Matt Perry-Lewis

GREAT INITIATIVE BEING MANAGED BY FORMER CHAIRMAN ANDY SHARP – PLEASE HELP

I have agreed to take on the project of upgrading the children’s play area at the ground.

We urgently need outdoor play equipment in a reasonable condition plus a wooden play house which can double up as a store room. Alternatively, any new apparatus that you want to donate yourself or via a contact/supplier would be most welcome!

If anyone has any outdoor play equipment can they please drop off at the ground behind the lower pavilion. If you have anything that needs transporting can you contact me on 07920 452528 or email andy.sharp@ageasbowl.com.

I am also looking for a couple of volunteers to help set up and maintain the area plus a chippy or someone handy with a saw to help build an enclosed lidded sand pit.

This is a major part of our social project to engage young children and families at the club so please help where you can. Many thanks - Andy
Women’s 1st XI Report

Our Ladies travelled deep into Wiltshire to the bucolic village of Potterne, where a charming ground with temptingly small boundaries awaited us for an ECB Women’s National Club T20 match. We won the toss and chose to bat first, and openers Gabby Dunnage and Finty Trussler put on 52 in 5 overs, with Gabby hitting two 6s into the adjacent field. When Finty was lbw this brought Lucia Kendall (on her 14th birthday) to the crease, and the Gabby/Lucia partnership a lot of people have been looking forward to developed into a monster, with powerful shots to all corners of the ground. Both reached their centuries in the same over, and the partnership was worth 180 runs in just 13 overs when both retired not out. Gabby hit 16 fours in addition to the two 6s in her 100 not out, and Lucia hit 19 fours and two 6s in her 105 not out. The Potterne ladies fielding was courageous, putting their bodies on the line to get in the way of the fusillade of shots. We lost a couple of quick wickets once Gabby and Lucia retired, but then batted through to set Potterne a very challenging 250 to win.

Lucy Counsell was back to full fitness, and bounding in at pace she took two wickets in her first over, to catches by Caity Smyth and Rebecca Moore. Potterne skipper Hannah Morgan at the other end was showing particular liking for the backward square boundary, which she ended up clearing 5 times. She put on 51 for the third wicket before her partner was bowled by Lucy in the 10th over, and Lucy repeated the feat with her next ball. In her following over Lucy took her first ever 5 wicket haul through a catch by Gabby, to finish with 4-1-11-5. Whilst Hannah battled gamely on, wickets now started to fall regularly at the other end – a cool run out by Rebecca, a smart stumping by Caity off Gabby, a clean bowled by Gabby and a catch by Nicole Blaxland off Emily Parekh. That left Potterne on 125-9, with Hannah 96 not out, 1.3 overs left and their no 11 coming to the crease with a runner, having got in the way of a Gabby drive earlier. Everyone at the ground and on the field was willing Hannah to get her century, and with some sporting field placements from our team she managed it with three balls to spare – the first Potterne lady to hit a century!

So, a pretty memorable match – three centuries, 379 runs scored in 40 overs, and a very hospitable and picturesque club to visit; we hope to meet them again.

Our reward is a 320 mile round trip to Neath in the next round on Sunday! Win that and we are then at home next.

Magnificent work, Gabby (left) and Lucia (right).
## Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Report

Brilliant win for the twos this week.

After losing the toss and being asked to spend 3hrs in the sunshine Totton got off to a flyer but with the introduction of "Wooly" Woolvine and "Stinky Pete" Howarth we managed to peg them back nicely. Enter the young spin twins Pez and Swinca and a nice 2nd spell from Howie and we restricted them to 218 which we were all really happy with. A team decision to send in "Wogger" Aldridge at the top of the order got us off to a good start but a top order wobble left us with a lot to do 6 down with still nearly 100 to win. Enter "Screech" Hadfield and Matt "the allrounder" Howarth and victory was assured. Great confidence boosting win, onwards and upwards.

(Ed: sorry, unable to translate – I think they won!)

## Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Report

A lovely spring Saturday at St Cross saw the 3s take on Bishops Waltham. Steve Berryman won the toss and rightly chose to bat in what looked a very good pitch. St Cross made a good start with Raj Naik and Josh Merluk putting on 40 until Josh was caught behind for 27 after some beautiful shots! Graham Barrett came in and batted beautifully with Raj who was caught for 19. Steve Berryman came to the crease and put on a partnership with Barrett, a few too many dot balls! The score was 140 with 10 overs left and Barrett was gone for a well made 67. In came Brad Aldridge, sending the ball over the rope on his second ball and again a few balls later. His brilliant knock of 29 gave us some momentum towards the end. Berryman fell for 47 with 4 overs left. We finished with 233 from our 50 overs which was respectable but probably under par.
Tea was fantastic, thank you Carol Aldridge! In came Bishops Waltham, Steve Fryer opening up - first ball: beamer and “first and final” warning, second ball: high full toss, third ball: almost a wide and fourth ball, he’s bowled the opener. The batsman was livid! A great start for St Cross. Harry McGee came in at 3. He played fantastically, latching onto any loose bowling, he quickly got to his 50. St Cross picked up frequently but McGee was still in and had his 100 up. A wicket each for Naik, Aldridge, Merluk and Ed Hands saw them still needing 5 an over from the last 8. Fryer then picked up the big wicket of McGee for 125, a brilliant catch on the boundary by Josh! It was an exciting finish, they needed 17 off the last 2 overs and Steve Fryer picked them both up cleaned bowl, finishing with figures of 9.5-0-43-6, greatly pleasing those perspicacious enough to have him skippering their Fantasy League team. A fantastic game to have played in and to have watched. We go again next week away at Fareham.

**Women’s 1st XI Report – From previous week**

**LADIES 1ST XI (137-1) beat ROYAL NAVY LADIES (133 all out) by 9 wickets**

Our Ladies had a comfortable win over the Royal Navy in a 40 over friendly at United Services Portsmouth. The Navy took first knock, and it was soon apparent that our bowling radar was malfunctioning. We delivered a plethora of wides and in addition 7 over waist height no balls, which led to two of our bowlers being removed from the attack under the new laws (both were spinners who would not have been affected last season). In between we delivered enough good balls and executed a couple of slick run outs to restrict the Navy to 133 all out in 35.1 overs. Nicole Blaxland and Maisie Ayers took two wickets each, and there were also wickets for Mandy Mowatt, Emily Parekh, Rebecca Moore and Stella Newton. Nicole's safe hands pouched all three catches taken.

When it was our turn to bat openers Finty Trussler and Maisie proceeded cautiously and saw off the opening bowlers, before with the score on 37 in the 10th over Finty was bowled. That brought Lucia Kendall to the crease, and with Maisie sensibly letting her take most of the strike the Navy were soon taking in water. Lucia mixed sensible running with powerful hits, the best being a 6 off a free hit, which cleared the boundary from the same pitch used in our 3rds abandoned match the previous day. In 27.2 overs the target was reached, with Lucia unbeaten on 69 (off 55 balls) and Maisie, who played a solid supporting role, was unbeaten on 28.

**JUNIOR WEEKLY ROUNDUP**

**U9B**
Sun 20th May, 09:30
Trojans 315/2 251/8 St Cross Symondians
Trojans won by 64 runs

**U9C**
Sun 20th May, 10:00
Fair Oak 274/5 252/5 St Cross Symondians
Fair Oak won by 22 runs

**U9D**
Sun 20th May, 09:30
St Cross Symondians 274/4 250/3 Ropley
St Cross Symondians fielded an all-girls team to beat Ropley by 24 runs

**U11B**
Sun 20th May, 10:00
Twyford 42 76 St Cross Symondians U11B
St Cross Symondians win

**U13A**
Mon 21st May, 18:15
St Cross Symondians 152/4 46 Fair Oak (County Cup 2nd round)
Dominant all round display as St Cross Symondians win by 106 runs

**U13B**
Sun 20th May, 09:30
Longparish 62 149/3 St Cross Symondians (Barfoot Cup Round 1)
St Cross Symondians won by 87 runs
This weekend’s senior fixtures are as follows –

Saturday
1sts – Bashley (Rydal) - Away
2nds – Trojans – Home
3rds – Fareham & Crofton – Away
4ths – Rotherwick ITW – Home
5ths – Tichborne Park 3rds – Away

Sunday
Ladies 1sts – Briton Ferry Steel – Away

Bank Holiday Monday
Ladies 1sts – Hampshire GU17 - Home

Thank you, as usual, to all our sponsors - and a reminder to send us any relevant news that you wish to convey and we’ll include it in the next edition