



Old Wilsonians' CC Colts Day
22nd July 2008

Another gloriously sunny day again for Colts Day which kicked off this year with the U9s and U11s merged into one group for the morning session.



Nick Bier and David Pilgrim took control and organised a two hour fun session.

Some of our committed mums turned up and made their way to the hot kitchen to start preparing lunch for the cricketers. The youngsters had to be dragged off the field of play for a quick snack and then persuaded Nick and David to let them continue for another hour before the U13s arrived.



The main afternoon session kicked off with an U13s match.

It was great to see so many of the U11s scoring so many runs. Rather a lot of wides were bowled but we'll put that down to the fact that these colts had just had their hot dogs and burgers!



Wickets were shared out and well done to all those who played.

Simon Goatcher and Robert Frost were assisted by some of our older colts who were keen to umpire and score which meant that the committee were able to have a break for a while.

“Our lazy committee”



“cooling down”

3.30pm saw the arrival of the older colts, many of which had spent the day at school, including my son Kenny. This off course meant a quiet day for the spectators since Kenny wasn't available with his usual mix of songs for all the "4s" & "6s" hit. He got his own back a few days later at the 6-A-Side tournament and subjected us to 12 hours of "great songs".



Next year I think I may do the "mix" so that us "oldies" can hear a few tunes we recognise!

The U15s were mixed up and had two new skippers and wicket keepers for the day. A good match took place with the "World 2nd Best XI" beating the "World 1st Best XI".

By 6pm Steve Millward was starting to get itchy fingers and needed to umpire, so the final game saw him stride to the centre of the ground and take his place for the U16s v U15/U17/U18/U19 match. Andy Spedding who was hoping to have a day off from scoring was reluctantly persuaded to, since nobody else would! The U16s won the toss and elected to field. The U15/U17/U18/U19 team batted well and their innings saw the first half century of the day. The U16s also batted well seeing the second half century. Again wickets were shared out one a piece by both teams but the U15/U17/U18/U19 team proved just too strong for their younger club mates and won.



This final game was the noisiest game of cricket ever watched – not because the players were loud, but because Old Wilsonians' was the venue for Hawes Down Year 6 leavers disco. Music pumped out solidly for 2 hours and there were a few faces I recognised with their noses pressed up against the glass for the entire party, wishing they were playing cricket rather than dancing!

Having no floodlights we finally called time at 9pm. Stumps and flags were put away and colts reluctantly went home leaving Christopher Day (Jack's Dad), winner of the Howizee scratch card, happily spending his winnings in the bar!

A few thanks now:

Ladies in the kitchen - Nancy Whitaker, Margo Lawrence, Stephanie Jenkins & Val Cox.

Bar men – Ian Pilgrim & Ian Forbes

Coaches – Nick Bier, Rob Frost, Simon Goatcher, Aaron Steel, Dave Pilgrim.

Steve Millward for umpiring.

Denise Pilgrim & Andy Spedding for assisting wherever was needed on the day.

Matt De Freitas, Head of Hawes Down, who allowed his children (OWCC Colts) the day off school to attend.

All those parents who turned up to support the Colts.

Lastly all the Colts who as usual behaved extremely well and make us adults so proud. Looking forward to next year!

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