

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Team Report - 2015**

Yet again the 2nds exceeded all expectations. I have to admit at the start of the year I would have taken mid table obscurity, getting promoted was beyond what I felt we could do.

How wrong I was.....

Us and Berkhamsted stood above the rest of the league in skill and in the way we played our cricket, pretty much fearlessly, which did at times lead to some interesting games and collapses, but at the same time it also led to some pretty comprehensive victories.

In terms of standout players, I firstly have to thank my VC Rohan who skippered quite a few games as well. His 448 runs at 37's were invaluable to providing solid starts week in week out. It also showed that the more you play, the better you get; something some other players could take note from.

Our bowling attack was brilliantly led by Delly, he just missed out on the batting and bowling double by 1 run; however his aggressive bowling was just the foil we needed to the accuracy of Andrew Neal, Ray & Willy B.

Again at times I felt like one of the older plays on the field (thanks to Ray for making me feel not too old) which is a sign of a strong club. Young players such as Andrew N, Willy B, Ed Rogers, Gavla, Brooksy, Tom Wilson & Matt Rose are going to be the backbone of this club and all are already showing encouraging signs and skills in what is a very competitive league. The team also benefited from some old school experience, it's great to see Mullers & Ben B back playing reasonably regularly and of course Razor who has taken to the Wood spirit with open arms.

Final words go to our amazing non playing team, including Chadders, Franklin, Stevie Ord, Helen, Jean, Claire, Ken & Rob Moore. The team would not function without you, thanks.

Hopefully more of the same next year, in what again is the highest the 2's have ever played in.

One complaint – Last year there were about 6 weeks of nets during the winter where there were no 2's players.....no wonder we lost the first game. Take note

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