

CHORLEYWOOD 4th XI

2016 Season Review

Played 18

Won 7

Lost 3

Rained off 2

CWCC conceded 4

Opposition conceded 2

41 players in the season

2016 was always likely to be a difficult year for the 4s after the loss of Simon. But despite some selection difficulties, the fact that we won 7 matches meant we were comfortably mid-table and safe – and, in fact, this was a good overall result. After the first 8 fixtures, we had only managed to complete 2 games (1w, 1L, remainder n/r). We then had a good run of 8 fixtures with 6 wins and 2 losses before the season fizzled out with two concessions.

This middle '8' of matches demonstrated why the 4s can work so well with a balance of colts and adults gelling into a good team. There were a lot a good moments, but some I would highlight were:

- Brian Saunders safe hands at first slip
- Luke Sutcliffe's bowling and wicket taking (13 at 10.92)
- Ian Sutcliffe's return to cricket
- Charles Davies' leg spin – very effective in the 4s
- Alex Saunders 5 for 6 at against Radlett
- Sean Lindsay's 6 for 31 against his old club, Rickmansworth
- Nick Gumm's second spell against Langleybury where the batsman failed to lay bat on ball for 2.5 overs before being clean bowled!
- Paul Danbury's enthusiasm for the game

I would also add that the support of Ian Sutcliffe, Brian Saunders (and his sons, when available), Adrian Bryant and others helped make the season work and allowed all of us to enjoy our cricket when we got the chance to play!

I have two selections from the season – player of the season and colt of the season. Player is easier because he demonstrated his love of the game, worked hard to improve throughout the season and helped us win two matches with his batting – Paul Danbury for getting crucial runs and key wickets, plus setting an example in the field. As for colt, this was harder because they all excelled at some time. But for his all round enthusiasm, preparedness to play wherever he was asked to and evident love of the game – on top of his stoical batting and teasing leg-spin – it is Charles Davies.

Roll on 2017 with the colts to the fore and good luck.