

### **Sports Report: Cloister Time, Week 8**

This is a belated Week 8 report covering the sporting action from before the exeat weekend.

#### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June: Cricket**

##### **Yearlings A v Churcher's College; Hampshire County Schools Cup Semi Final**

Playing on Lord's (thanks to Kim and his groundstaff) on a rare balmy evening, Churcher's batted first and some tight bowling from the new ball pair of Seb Morgan and Jack Bristowe restricted the score to 14 off the first 4 overs before spin was introduced into the attack in the form of Sam Humphreys and George Bowder. Both bowled with good control and were supported by some excellent fielding (6 catches in total including 3 for Morgan and 2 for Ted Miers) and smart field placing. Humphreys took a wicket with his second ball and finished with 4-15 from his 4 over spell. Morgan returned to the attack and his pace was too much for both the unfortunate batters and one of the recently purchased T20 stumps which now needs replacing (much to the annoyance of both the MIC Cricket and the Chief Accountant). There were wickets too for Amaar Malik and Vikrant Kheterpal.

Yearlings' openers Malik and Will Alexander set about chasing down the victory target of 93 with an opening stand of 40 before Alexander fell to an outstanding catch in the 7<sup>th</sup> over. Malik played well before playing across a straight one to be bowled for a run-a-ball 28 with the score on 70 whilst Morgan batted in typically positive fashion with some powerful and attractive stroke play and victory was achieved with 8 overs to spare.

The sometimes-grumpy coach seemed well pleased with the team's all-round performance on this occasion and is no doubt keen that the standards which have been set are maintained for the remainder of this season's campaign and beyond. (MCE)

##### **Development XI v Hampshire Cricket College (h)**

A Development XI chased impressively on Tuesday evening, having been set 241 to win in 35 overs. After Byers helped us start on track, LFJ and Batten then scored 165 from 136 balls for the 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket and, despite having needed 95 from the last 10 overs, won with 11 balls to spare. Batten made 70\* whilst Wilf reached his hundred with the winning stroke. Hants Cricket College brought a decent side and it was a very competitive game. (JMB)

##### **Fencing v St Swithun's**

Our young fencing team of Adam Porter (H) , Gleb Koval (E), Alexey Martynenko (E), Seb Yap (H) and Rajesh Pakrashi (H) fenced St Swithun's yesterday in New Hall from 7pm to 9pm, and won 15-10. (CC)

##### **Inter House Tennis: Senior House Doubles final**

Representing Freddie's were Chris Lee and Xingchen Cao and for Furleys, Axel Blakey and Freddie Van Every. The Freddyites stormed into an early lead taking advantage of an unsettled opposition and taking the first set 6 -1. This had the effect of stirring the Furlyites into action and set two became a closely fought encounter. Gradually, Furleys inched ahead finally taking the set 6 -3. At one set all the deciding championship tie-break came into effect. However, the momentum was

with Furleys and the somewhat bemused Freddyites never really engaged. Furleys made quick work of the tie-break 10 -3, and with it, the title. (TERC)

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

#### **Cricket: JCA v Salesian College, Hampshire Schools County Cup Semi Final**

On Meads, JCA scored 176-2 in their 20 overs of the Cup semi-final. Nicholls scored 73 with 24 from Claisse and 43\* for Kulkarni. Mike Wimbush did the early damage with the ball with 3-20 whilst Captain Hockey took 2-9 from his 4 overs to ensure the win.

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June: Cricket**

On Thursday, lots of well poised games were spoiled by persistent rain. Lords had restricted Charterhouse to 184 and were 70-1 from 15 overs but could not get back onto the pitch. Jun Colts A had amassed 150-5 in 20 overs, declared away their last 5 overs in order to get the game moving but also could not get back on.

### **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> June**

#### **Cricket: Lords XI v Old Wykehamists (h)**

Despite torrential rain for the previous 24 hours, we started a 45 over match on time, thanks to the great work of our wonderful groundstaff. The pitch understandably offered good assistance to the bowlers and we were put into the bat. At 48-2 off 12 overs we were reasonably placed, however a mid-innings batting collapse saw us reduced to 95-7, down to some good spin bowling from old boys Egleston and Flatt, but also some indifferent shot selection. Henry Nichols held form scoring a polished 52 and with some tail end resistance we managed to post 131, which was below par.

Both Sam Tall and Alex Claisse bowled with great intent and we beat the bat on several occasions and did manage 2 quick wickets to give us some hope, however Egleston and Seb Byers batted with great tempo, impressing with their running between the wickets to win by 8 wickets with plenty of overs to spare.

#### **2nd XI vs Old Wykehamists (h)**

OW XIs beat Lords and 2nd XI in a rare double for the old boys, Freddie Egleston (D, 2014-2019) striking 50 to win on Lords.

Sporting quote for the week:

*"Anyone who thinks quitting is an option in training will think the same in the arena when things get tough. Quitting is never an option for winners" (Anon)*

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