

SECTION 6 – COUNTY AGE GROUPS - BOYS

Sussex U10 - Boys

Sussex under 10s have enjoyed a good start to the season which is a continuation of the hard work in the winter. The winter resulted in a squad of 15 players including 5 players from last year's squad. The squad had 6 weeks together at Hove this has allowed the team to establish an excellent team spirit and a willingness to learn.

So far we have played 7 games winning six and losing one by one run. The boys have used the same warm up drills for batting, bowling and fielding prior to each game and their improvement as a fielding unit has been commented upon.

Essex the first game of the season, we successfully chased with some responsible batting by Ryan and Jordie. The bowling and fielding was in patches superb with a few moments lacking concentration bowling wide's became a habit.

We travelled to Surrey who scored 174 which was a good recovery they were 95-1 after 14 over's. However a very mature run chase led by Ted Smith (a very impressive 95 not out), Tom Haynes 48 figured prominently.

Surrey visited at St James and again Surrey scored over 170 we again chased it down with Jay, Hugo and Tom Haynes who finished up 71 not out leading the way.

Middlesex away, we had them 12-4 however, they managed 116 all out mainly due to a lack of concentration and forgetting to do the basics well. In an exciting chase we failed by 1 run in away the boys learnt a lot from this game.

Guernsey we batted first and struggled but a very good bowling and fielding performance- due in part to the three Fridays work at Blackstone on fielding and catching.

The two games before Taunton against Hampshire and Guernsey both at Blackstone with one victory and one defeat both games enabled the boys to learn, particularly batting plans, We didn't bat well against Guernsey each batter thinking the next would score the runs it was only our depth of batting with everyone chipping in with a few runs got the boys to a reasonable score. However our bowling and fielding was exceptional which enabled the boys to win.

Against Hampshire we never recovered from losing quick wickets early on, we saw some very cavalier batting and the boys did not score enough runs, however the bowling and fielding put us in with a chance Jay Hartard taking three catches at slip all difficult chances and all the bowlers trying their best they lost by a couple of wickets.

Off to Taunton which was a very successful three days for the boys with two victories Essex by 8 wickets and Cornwall by 9 wickets with our last game rained off with Shropshire 6 for 3. This time all batsmen thought out a plan and stuck with it with some very responsible batting with all the batters and in particular Ted Smith showing they are willing to graft if it benefits the team.

The boys won their group and everyone of them can be proud of that, all year the boys gelled and worked as a unit and the season relied on every member of the squad working for the good of the team. The boys catching and throwing have been exceptional and the number of direct hit run outs has been a credit to the hard work they have put in. Special mention must be given to Ted Smith having scored 228 run in his 7 innings at an average over 50 and one of our youngest players Nick Oxley taking 14 wickets. Finally the coaches would like to thank the parents for the support and

enthusiasm and for helping with scoring and producing some excellent teas. A mention must go to Max "the Beast" Rivers for his footballing skills, the bruises are still being treated.

Simon Funnell

Coach

Sussex U11 - Boys

Our first three games for the u11s were against Middlesex, Essex and Surrey at Blackstone and although the boys have come up short on all three occasions, we have played some very exciting cricket in all matches.

In all three matches we have found ourselves chasing large totals. 191 v Middlesex. 205 v Essex. 192 v Surrey. On all occasions the boys have come up short by the odd few runs, which for an under 11's team shows great application and maturity.

I have been very proud of the way the team have concentrated and put into practice all the hard work done in the winter months. Sussex has been by far the strongest fielding side I have seen all year. There have been some notable performances with both bat and ball from all members of the squad especially from some of the first time county cricketers.

We have a very good blend of pace, spin and young batting talent in the side together with an excellent team spirit and work ethic. I'm convinced that we will soon get into the winning habit, and the boys are all looking forward to our next game on 3rd August against Kent.

After a break from county matches throughout July, the Sussex under 11's played Kent in a rain affected game at Beckenham where we came 2nd to a very good side, the strongest we had played so far. We then went to Steyning C.C. for a home game against Hampshire where we were put in on a wet wicket, achieving 138 for 8 in our 45 overs. We bowled well throughout their innings and had them 7 down in an exciting game. Sussex having the worst of the conditions!

We moved on to Taunton with spirits a little low looking for our first win of the season. Rain greeted us again and the first game off against a weak Cornwall side. We were restricted to a 20/20 match against a very strong Kent side where we lost by 50 runs on another wet pitch. After a spirit lifting evening with wins at football and practice of our celebration dancing and singing, the boys were raring to go on day 3. We took on and beat tournament favourites Lancashire! Bowling them out for just 92 and knocking them off for 4 wickets.

Days four and five Sussex we were a different side. Showing confidence in themselves in all departments of the game. We ran out easy winners against Shropshire and Oxfordshire, making us runners up in a tough group to the worthy winners Kent.

There were many notable performances with bat and ball but to pick out individuals would detract from what was an excellent team effort!

I must mention that these young boys were a great credit to both their families and Sussex CCC all season, showing great spirit, team work, concentration and dedication on the field and behaved impeccably off it!

It has been a great pleasure for me to have been involved with the under 11's this year and I know I speak for my manager John Tomsett too.

Jerry Heath

Coach

Sussex U12 - Boys

Well here we are at the end of another hectic year of cricket! It began with a much improved Area programme before last Christmas, from which we found 3 very talented players to join the u12 squad this year. It just proves that the boys who are prepared to go back to the Areas and prove themselves will not be ignored. We then had a combined programme of 14 weeks at the Indoor School at the county ground which included sessions with Bill Filby on the mental side of the game, and also with Simon Sheldon who is the strength and conditioning coach for the County. The boys had a fantastic base to work with going into the Summer, and with 14 games on the agenda and 3 hour development evenings almost every Friday, we looked a very hungry and prepared unit!

Our first game was away to Essex, where we played on a very slow and low track – not conducive to exciting stroke play. However both teams had to bat on it and Essex definitely made best use of it. They scored 153 off their 40 overs, which was a credit to their batsmen as our boys did not bowl too badly. We looked very rusty in the field with our field settings and boys were out of position on too many occasions. We have worked hard on bowlers making sure they are bowling to a field they need to set, but we did not do this very well. Anthony Surrage bowled superbly with his leg spin on debut and picked up 3 for 8 off 8 overs. We still had a very good chance of chasing the total, but looked like we were batting on a different pitch. The boys lacked application of the conditions and too many batters went back on a pitch not bouncing at all. Ben Shoare and Sam Cooper threatened with a partnership and Anthony Surrage looked comfortable, but our run chase ground to a halt with us making 82 for 9 off 40 over. A lot of work to be done!

Our second game was away to Hampshire where we were greeted by a much better looking pitch. We won the toss and decided to try and set a total, which proved to be a good move. Fynn Hudson-Prentice played very well for his 67 and he was supported well by Dom Barnes (19) and Sam Cooper (25). We ended on 172 off our 45 overs which seemed about par. We needed to bowl well and pick up a couple of early wickets to put some pressure on them. We didn't bowl badly but lacked that penetration so they managed an opening partnership of 60. The introduction of the leg spinners brought a couple of wicket with Ben Shoare and Anthony Surrage bowling very well. It proved to be too little too late as Hampshire passed our total with 5 wickets in hand as well as 5 overs.

Our trend of playing brilliantly for the first half of a game continued against Surrey, where we bowled first and restricted a very good side to 108 all out. All the bowlers bowled with a great deal of discipline, and we held onto our catches. After the break we managed to make an above average bowling attack look like a world class one. Too many batters got starts and then threw their wickets away, and not taking responsibility for themselves. The boys need to learn that they cannot blame the pitch and the umpires all the time. A very disappointing game as we don't seem to be learning from our mistakes.

If the boys needed motivation to play a game of cricket, they sure got it when they were allowed to play on Lancing Colleges' main square against Middlesex. There are few better places these boys will get to play. Dom Barnes won the toss and we decided to bat first on a decent looking pitch. Middlesex bowled with discipline, but Dom led from the front with a very good 86 and was well supported by Sam Cooper (26) who looked like he had a big score on the cards as well. Nick Klein then trapped their opener LBW without a run on the board, but the Middlesex batters then gave our lads a lesson in batting in partnerships. Although none of them made a big score, their middle order had 2 good partnerships of 64 and 49 which sealed the game for them. The boys all bowled well again, but once again we lacked that killer instinct and penetration.

We now had another 4 days of cricket in a row as we played in an ECC competition against Guernsey, Jersey and Denmark U13 teams. I was hoping that we could get some momentum going, and the boys managed to show their full potential. The teams we played against had a few players who were physically bigger, but player for player we were more skilled and had much more strength in depth. We played Guernsey first game and they won the Toss and batted. Their skipper Josh Kirk batted very well and looks a very good player. Our boys took a bit of tap early on, but showed great tenacity and maturity to fight back and keep them down to 203 off 45 overs. It was time for our batters to show what they were made of, and it was probably the most significant innings of the season. Dom Barnes (84) and Fynn Hudson-Prentice (65) put on a second wicket partnership of 134 which clinched the game for us.

Denmark were our next opponents and we batted first with Fynn Hudson-Prentice continuing his good form with 84, and good contributions from Ben Shoare (47), Sam Cooper (26) and Adam Mates (21*). 202 was always going to be a good score, and although Denmark fell well short of the target our bowlers lacked discipline and we did not manage to bowl them out. To give them credit the Danish team had a few very promising young cricketers amongst their ranks.

We had got the momentum going in the right direction, so we decided to bat first again against Jersey. Amazing what a bit of self belief can do! We posted 246 with Dom Barnes (36), Sam Cooper (83) and Anthony Surrage (35) doing the work at the top of the order. We showed our strength in depth again with Jonny Phelps (28) and Oli Rivers (21) batting very well in the middle order.

We had made the final against Guernsey and they were looking for revenge! It was going to be a tough test for our boys to show big match temperament, and to show us some character. Guernsey won the toss, and again elected to bat first. They threatened with a big second wicket partnership, but once that was broken our boys managed to take wickets at fairly regular intervals restricting them to a very gettable 158. Ben Shoare bowled 9 very tidy overs of leg spin taking 2 for 24. Dom Barnes and Sam Cooper opened and got the chase off to a good start. It was however Fynn Hudson-Prentice once again who held the innings together with a good 54. It was always a very close game though and Guernsey never gave up, giving our lads a lesson in keeping the pressure on. I was glad that our middle order needed to show some fighting spirit again, and John Barrons reverse sweep for a fine boundary pretty much summed up the positive mood that had developed in the camp. We got home with 4 wickets and 5 overs to spare. A great week of cricket (in the sun) and we now have that belief!

Our final game before Taunton was against Hampshire at home, and we were hoping to put our best foot forward against a good Hants side. Cricket as always is a great leveller, and the boys came back to earth with a bump, losing a very good game by 7 runs. So near but so far! We did well to restrict them to 148 off their 40 overs, but then made the age old error of a number of batters getting starts but not building any significant partnerships.

Off to a very wet Taunton, where our first game was against a surprisingly weak Worcester side. Sussex managed to look a far more professional outfit to win by 9 wickets after bowling them out for 75. All the bowlers did well, with Keelan Shoulders, Anthony Surrage and Ben Shoare picking up 2 wickets each. Dom Barnes, Fynn Hudson-Prentice and Sam Cooper combined to knock the runs off. Unfortunately the game on the Tuesday was rained off, but we did manage to lose a friendly 20 20 game against Shropshire. Our bowlers were given a chance to bat, and it proved not to be as easy as it looks on the TV!

Wednesday was a crunch game against Cornwall. The pitch was soaking, but credit to both sides - the boys just got on with it. A 35 over game we bowled first and did well to keep them down to 105. Once again the bowling was all very tidy, but Ben Shoare and Oli Rivers did very well. We then managed to make a very close game of it, however credit to the Cornish bowlers who bowled

tenaciously. In the penultimate over of the game, with 1 wicket in hand, Nick Klein managed to hit it straight to mid off only to be dropped! Fortunately he hit the first ball of the final over into the mid wicket boundary to send players and supporters into a frenzy!

Cheshire always have a strong side, so beating them was a great achievement. Probably one of the best all round performances of the season! We batted first and Dom Barnes and Fynn Hudson prentice once again batted well putting on 60 for the first wicket. Anthony Surrage and Sam Cooper also got decent starts but we then fell away a bit to end on a reasonable total of 169 on another damp pitch. Our bowlers showed a great deal of patience to bowl them out in the 37th over, with Oli Rivers and Ben Shoare once again the pick of the bowlers with 3 each.

Our game against the Dutch was called off so Sussex managed to retain the trophy- a credit to the boys and to Sussex!

It has been a great season and I would first of all like to thank Graham Irwin for his help with the coaching and managing the squad. Also to the staff at Blackstone where we have managed to have great practice facilities at our development evenings on Fridays. Also thank you to all the mums – Lesley Mates in particular - for their help selling hotdogs and doing teas, as well as the dads for scoring – Jeremy Cooper in particular for all his efforts.

Finally to the boys who have bonded into a fantastic team. Whether or not you end up as pro cricketers, I don't want you to lose focus on why you play this game. You will make friends for life and it will develop you into a better person as long as you keep your feet grounded – ultimately cricket will make sure that you do!

I look forward to being involved again with you all in the near future.

Tim van Noort
Coach

Sussex U13 - Boys

Our season started slowly as our first game, a friendly against Kent, was abandoned 24 overs into the match. We were 98 - 2 when the heavens opened, with Harry Finch (43*) batting well.

Our first ECB Cup match was away to Hertfordshire at Broxbourne Cricket Club. We batted first and amassed 191 - 6 in our allotted overs, and leading the way was Harry Finch (58) who was well supported by Ollie Harris (39) and Callum Jackson (31). In reply, we bowled Hertfordshire out for 56 with all the bowlers making an impact, especially Abidine Sakande who took 3 - 2.

In our next ECB Cup match Surrey were the visitors at Blackstone. We once again batted first and made 165 - 9, with Callum Guest (41) top scoring. Surrey won the game by 2 wickets, having needed 21 runs from the final 2 overs.

Our next game against Kent was once again abandoned, this time after only 1 ball.

Hampshire were the next opposition we faced at Blackstone, and we batted first and made 186 - 7, with Callum Jackson (50), Callum Guest (34) making vital contributions. An excellent bowling performance restricted Hampshire to 158 - 8, with Abidine Sakande and Tim Moses both claiming 2 wickets apiece.

Our next ECB Cup game was a re-arranged fixture against Berkshire at Slough Cricket Club. We made 187 - 8, with Harry Clark (42) and Dan Wells (37) being the top scorers.

Another fine bowling display resulted in us bowling Berkshire out for 98 runs, with the wickets being shared amongst the bowlers.

We then took our annual trip down to the Taunton Festival. Our opening game saw us take on Shropshire, and we amassed a huge 279 – 4, with Tom Howard (83) and Harry Clark (58) sharing an opening stand of 158. Harry Finch (74*) kept the momentum going until the declaration. We managed to bowl Shropshire out for 157, with only a couple of overs remaining. This was largely thanks to a superb spell of 4 – 11 from Ryan Herrington, who was also supported by Geoffrey Lawrence (3 – 32).

Worcestershire were up next, but unfortunately this game was lost to the weather with us restricting Worcestershire to 132 – 9. In reply we were 4 -0 when the rain came and the game was abandoned.

The colourful Dutch were next to face us, and we made an impressive 254 – 5 with George Eldridge (101) scoring a century at Taunton for the second year running. He was well supported by Callum Jackson (37) and Harry Finch (37*). We then bowled out the Dutch side for 96 runs, but out of this total gave them a disappointing 47 extras! Hywel Jones led the way with 4 – 13.

Our penultimate game was against Cornwall, where they batted first and made 125 - 5 from their 30 overs. We struggled with the bat, but managed to get within 1 run of their total so the match ended in a draw.

Finally, our last game of the season was against Cheshire to determine the winner of the Festival. What looked to be a very exciting game ended up being typical of the summer and was washed out after we had made 204 – 5, with Tom Howard (43) getting us off to a good start. Callum Jackson (45*) and Abidine Sakande (42*) shared in an excellent partnership. In reply, Cheshire were 33 – 1, when the downpour began, but luckily we had amassed enough bonus points during the game to secure the Festival trophy.

Thanks to all the players for their hard work and commitment, and a special thank you to Norman Gifford for all his support throughout the summer. Mr Howard, Mr Grant and Mr and Mrs Lawrence must also get a mention for kindly offering to score during the season.

Dominic Clapp
Coach

Sussex U14 - Boys

The under 14 county side's season can be summed up as one with lots of flashes of brilliance but a general lack of consistency. However towards the middle of the season, we started playing more as a unit which was evident in our two games against Hampshire as well as the game against Berkshire. Yet against teams like Surrey and Essex we could not handle the pressure and were outplayed in the skills department as well.

During the season, on the bowling front, Stuart Whittingham and Joynal Ahmed bowled some really hostile spells and were unlucky at times. Harry Towler bowled quite economically but the two spinners who deserve a special mention are Matthew Bidlake and Harry Metters, both of whom had only started bowling spin this season. Harry on his part was also outstanding on the field throughout the season.

In the batting department, Rob Willway and Hugh Richards were the pick of the batters with Eswar Kalidasan, Jay Barclay and Callum Guest supporting them.

So where do the under 14s go from here? They have to think about their game and work extremely hard in the areas in which they have been advised or they personally feel the need to improve in order to get close to the stage of "unconscious competence" and the only way it can be achieved is by repeating the skills required over and over again till they become second nature.

Raj Chaudhuri
Coach

Sussex U15 - Boys

Played 10 – Won 1, Drew 1, Lost 6, Abandoned 2

Like for so many the 2008 season was severely hit by the weather. Our opening 2 ECB Cup fixtures against Hertfordshire and Berkshire were both abandoned without a ball bowled.

Our first game away to Surrey in the ECB Cup was a disappointing start to the campaign. Having bowled with such discipline (Jack Parsons 4-9 from his 10 overs and Jethro Menzies 3-24) and applied pressure in the field, reducing Surrey to 158 from their 50 overs, Sussex batsmen failed to capitalise. Sussex fought back from a difficult start but were eventually dismissed for 133 with only Tom Harvey and Josh Levene getting into the 20's.

Sussex took on Northamptonshire at Blackstone in the ECB Championship game. Sussex batted first and after being really well placed, they stuttered to 151 all out with only Owain Jones (77) and Jamie Chapman (34) making a contribution. As was the case throughout the season, Sussex fought well with the ball (Nick Gunning 5-44) and were backed up by some excellent fielding. Sussex continued to apply the pressure and prevented Northants reaching their target. Northants were 153 – 9 at the close.

Sussex took on Kent in the next Championship game away at Beckenham. Sussex batted first but were unable to put any meaningful partnerships together, losing soft wickets at regular intervals. Only Owain Jones (33) and James Howard (39) made contributions. Sussex were dismissed for 185. Sussex bowlers again gave the team hope as the two spinners. Jack Parsons (2-30) and Nick Gunning (3-28) applied the pressure. Only an innings of 81 from a young Cowdrey batting through with the tail saw Kent home 9 wickets down.

The next Championship game saw Sussex take on Hertfordshire at Blackstone. Herts batted first and were restricted to 183 with Jack Parsons and Nick Gunning again in the wickets. Sussex in reply never threatened and were unable to get any partnerships going. Our batting again failed to deliver as we were dismissed for an under par 126.

Sussex took on Surrey in the next fixture. Sussex batting first began to show signs of the potential within the batting line up as Owain Jones (49), James Chapman (45) and Tom Harvey (69) helped post 215. Sussex bowlers stuck to the task and bowled with good control. The introduction of the two spinners turned the game with Jack Parsons (5-32) and Nick Gunning (4-54) securing a Sussex victory.

Kent were the next opponents as Sussex looked to build on the good performance against Surrey. Batting first Sussex were soon 2 wickets down but a good partnership between James Chapman (46) and Tom Harvey (31) helped rebuild. When they were both dismissed Sussex were skittled out for 163. Kent eased to victory despite another 4 wickets for Jack Parsons.

Sussex played Buckinghamshire at Steyning in the next ECB game. Bucks batted first and posted 207 with John Glover claiming 2 wickets and Nick Gunning 3. In reply, only Tom Harvey stood firm with a good innings of 54 as the woes of our batting continued. Sussex were bowled out for 166.

The final game was away to Middlesex. Sussex batted first and registered their first centurion of the season, with Tom Harvey carrying on his good form passing 100. Sussex posted 196, which never troubled their opponents as they eased home with the loss of only 2 wickets.

As a squad we bowled and fielded well but our batting on the whole, although it improved, was not good enough. As long as our players continue to raise the bar and strive for excellence, then they give themselves every chance of reaching their potential.

I would like to thank Chris Waller for his continued support, input and enthusiasm and also to John Hartdidge, our scorer. Their support is greatly appreciated. Finally I would like to thank the entire squad for their commitment and effort throughout the summer. I enjoyed working with you.

Andy Cornford
Coach

COUNTY AGE GROUP – GIRLS

Sussex U15 - Girls

The season started with a friendly against Hampshire at Lancing College and this resulted in a victory by 65 runs with Georgia Adams scoring 80 and Sam Wright taking 4 wickets.

Our first championship game was away to Middlesex with everyone feeling very confident for the season ahead after our win the previous week. Middlesex did not prove to be very strong and after a long journey, Middlesex were bowled out for 30 runs with Hannah Phelps taking 3 wickets and Sam Wright 4 wickets. In reply we got the 31 runs needed but did not lose 2 wickets.

Essex at Garon Park Southend was our next trip and this was to prove far more difficult. Essex batted first and scored 163 for 6 in 35 over's. Chiara Green the pick of the bowlers with 3 wickets for 29. In reply we fell one run short at 162 for 8 having needed just 8 runs from 14 Balls. Sofie Cowley with 54 was top scorer. This was very disappointing, but started to show a pattern that was to continue through the season, in that if 3 or 4 of the girls did not all perform, the remainder had not shown the necessary improvement to make us a stronger unit in all areas of the game.

We then played Surrey at Lancing College and we batted first and scored 182 for 4. Sofie Cawley making 64 runs and Chiara Green 54. Surrey were bowled out for 80 with wickets shared.

Our next game was Kent at Lancing College. We batted and scored 109. Georgia Adams 45 top scored. Again this showed our batting to be in need of improvement. We did however bowl and field very well and restricted Kent to 106 for 9 to win by 3 runs. Chiara Green 2 for 22 and Georgia Adams 3 for 19, being the pick of the bowlers.

The return against Essex at Lancing College again proved disappointing. We batted and scored 153 for 7. Chiara Green 39 and Sofie Cawley 33 top scoring. In reply Essex scored 157 for 4. Chiara Green 2 for 16.

The return game against Kent was again similar our performance being very poor. We scored 122 all out. Georgia Adams 28 in reply to Kent 132 for 7.

However, we did finish on a high against Surrey scoring 211 for 6. Sofie Cawley 61, Georgia Adams 59 and Chiara Green 31. We then bowled Surrey out for 81, with the wickets being shared between bowlers.

It was evident throughout the season that there is a great deal of room for improvement if we are to compete with the sides that seem to be improving at a greater rate than ourselves. Some girls have not shown the improvement expected in their overall game and this they need to work on themselves as well as when they attend the winter training sessions.

Three girls again stood out, these being Sofie Cawley, Georgia Adams and Chiara Green; unfortunately I cannot select all three for the player of the year award so I have chosen someone who I think made the most progress throughout the season and works hard on improving her game, this being Izi Noakes for my most improved player of the year. Well done Izi!

Pat Green
Coach

Sussex U17 - Girls

Over all 2008 was a fairly successful season for the Under 17s although it was disappointing to only finish third in our group of six. At times, we played some excellent cricket but two below par performances stopped us from finishing higher or, maybe, even winning the division. The girls won 5 out of 8 completed games which was a very creditable effort. The three defeats came at the hands of Kent, who beat us on the first day of the season, Essex and Surrey.

Essex was disappointing after scoring over 200 runs as we lost the game without taking a single wicket. The effort in the field was not all it could have been and we missed a couple of good run out chances. In the Surrey game, the strongest batting line up we had all year collapsed to 105 all out. Although we were much better in the field, we still lost by 6 wickets.

The rest of the season saw some very good performances and results. The bowling was strong with the wickets shared evenly between Pippa, Michelle, Mel, Lucy, Emma and Chelsie. The batting relied heavily on Mel, Tash and Lucy but the team posted 3 scores over 200. We beat a poor Hertfordshire team by 9 wickets and by 228 runs with Mel and Tash both scoring half centuries and Emma Gill taking 5 wickets for no runs! Middlesex were also weak. We bowled them out for 54 and scored the runs for the loss of 2 wickets. The girls carried out the game plan very well as the weather was threatening and a full game looked unlikely. We did well to bowl Surrey out for 127 at Blackstone and won convincingly thanks to a score of 75 from Lucy.

Finally, we won a tight game against Surrey by 39 runs. Tash scored 94 and Mel 72. Surrey looked like they would get closer to our score of 235 but Michelle took 5 wickets and Pippa took 2 to seal a well deserved win.

Three resounding victories against Herts and Surrey was a great way to end the season and good reward for all of the hard work the girls put in. Sometimes it took a bit of effort to get them warming up properly and ready for the games, but when they were on the pitch, the results were good. Once again, I've enjoyed running the team this summer and watching the development made by some of the senior players.

Andy Ferguson