

Sports Club AGM 2018 - Cricket report

Under sunny skies all 3 Saracens Hertfordshire Cricket League teams enjoyed fairly successful seasons. The first team finished a creditable fourth in Division 1 and the second team came seventh in Division 5B. The rejuvenated third team finished second in their League and gained promotion. After the struggles of recent seasons it was pleasing that, with a number of former players rejoining, supported by some new recruits, the Club were once again able to field three League sides.

Notable individual performances included League first team hundreds from Charlie Willis and Chris Sargent and a sparkling 150 plus for the second team by Alex O'Sullivan. Conor Ridley performed consistently with bat and ball throughout the season for the first team and George Davies, Liam Robinson, Gagan Dissanayake and Steve Humphries all made match winning contributions for the first team. Young Tom Patrick bowled consistently for the second team throughout the season and Flynn Gore continued to show his potential.

The junior section continues to make a massive contribution to the Club, both financially and through player development. Thanks to Paul Sargent and all the unpaid coaches and match managers for their support. We fielded 9 sides in the Hertfordshire junior leagues from Under 9 through to Under 15. Four sides made the knock out stages of their respective leagues with the Under 11's reaching the semi finals of their competition.

The Club successfully hosted 4 Hertfordshire age group matches with the highlight being the two day Under 17 match where Suffolk successfully chased down 404 to win the match. The Club also hosted two ICC Under 19 world cup matches involving Holland, Norway and Italy. We received very positive feedback with the condition and appearance of the ground receiving plaudits from everyone involved. Thanks go to Dave Gadsden and his team for all their hard work. We hope to be able to host more County and representative games next season.

Off the field the social atmosphere was great. We enjoyed a successful race night and quiz evening and the Phil Tufnell evening was enjoyed by all those who attended. As ever the match against Lashings was a great social success. Thanks to everyone who supported cricket throughout the season including our main sponsors Skeltons Wealth Management and Reynolds Salter.