

Under 10s: first win of the season at Ostlers Lane!

Sunday 25th April – home

North Bucks Girls 234 for 5

SSCC 273 for 4

The U10 Team recorded the first win of the season at Ostlers Lane this year. With 8 out of the 10 players making their debut in hardball cricket - it was a great performance from the U10 Team to make a winning start to their league campaign.

SSCC won the toss and decided to bowl on a fresh and cloudy morning. Thomas Ashton opened the bowling from the loop road end and quickly got into his stride taking a wicket in the first over.

Matthew Parkin came on from the Bowls club end and after a nervous start of 3 wides he only conceded 1 more run in his 2 overs! Chloe Ayre and Thomas Ashton replaced the opening bowlers and delivered a very tight 4 over spell. The Old Stratford combination of Oliver Baggett and William Gooch were next to bowl and quickly settled taking 3 wickets between them. Then Captain Frank Crossley soon had the Batsmen in a spin with a very tidy first over and ably backed up by Tom Richards. Michael Wells completed the bowling performance with 2 great overs and a lovely smooth run up!

The fielding was excellent – with the only point needing work on being the backing up for throws! The fielding performance of the day has to go to Oliver Sharp behind the sticks, making his debut Oliver looks to have made the position his own!

With SSCC restricting North Bucks girls to 234 this total never looked enough. The opening batsmen of Oliver Sharp and Michael Wells set off solidly retiring after 4 over with the score at 211. Chloe and Tom picked up the momentum with with some smart running and clear calling moving the score to 235. hloe and Tom pushed the score passed the total. With the rule of losing 6 runs / wicket the only way to lose was with a tumbling of wickets. North Bucks Girls bought on their best bowler - making his debut was Harry Lines who was making up the numbers and he finished with a very creditable 3 Overs, 2 wickets for 9 runs !.

Some bludgeoning blows from William and Ollie Baggett saw the total rise to 247 - William hitting the first boundary of the day soon followed by Ollie. With the game now safe Thomas Hoy and Frank Crossley batted sensibly and Matthew Parkin and Thomas Ashton saw SSCC reach a very pleasing 273 for 4.

A very pleasing all round performance! It is very hard to award a man of the match but this goes to Oliver Sharp for his work behind the stumps and opening the batting. Well done everybody and looking forward to the next fixture against Buckingham.

The team was: Frank Crossley (Capt), Oliver Sharp (W/K) Thomas Ashton, Chloe Ayre, William Gooch, Matthew Parkin, Thomas Hoy, Oliver Baggett, Michael Wells, Tom Richards