

Under 16s crash to defeat against North Crawley

It may have been a hot and dry evening at Ostlers Lane last night, but there were plenty of ducks in evidence as Stony under 16s went out to bat. With a 100% record this season up to this point, we're at a loss to work out what happened.

Things started badly in the first over as Rory was run out without facing a ball. Two more wickets fell in the second over (Kevin and Tom), and so most of our top order batting had gone after 9 balls with the score on 3 for 3. George and Joe then attempted to slow things down and stay at the crease, but again in the 8th over wickets fell on two successive balls (Joe and Andrew), and an early finish was on the cards. George started to let loose, but two more wickets fell in the 10th over (Connor and Glyn), making it six straight bowled from the far end. Something in the pitch perhaps? In the end Stony limped home to 51 all out in the 15th over, with George (20 not out) and extras (16) our top performers.

When we took the field our bowling was tight, but with such a small score to defend, it was never going to be easy. In the end, North Crawley didn't score any faster than we did, and used only two balls less in reaching the target. But they had wickets to spare, and despite some good bowling, they won by 6 wickets. No one was available for comment after the game...

SSCC Under 16s 51 all out (14.5 overs)

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| Kevin Wijesinghe | bowled | 2 |
| Rory Newman | run out | 0 |
| Tom Moore | bowled | 0 |
| George Humphries | not out | 26 |
| Joe Manktelow | bowled | 4 |
| Andrew Ellemore | bowled | 0 |
| Connor Furness | bowled | 0 |
| Glyn Lewis | bowled | 0 |
| Sam Brightwell | caught | 1 |
| Faisal Naseem | caught | 1 |
| Paul Brown | LBW | 1 |
| Extras | | 16 |

North Crawley 55 for 4 (14.3 overs)

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| George Humphries | 4 – 1 – 12 – 1 |
| Andrew Ellemore | 3 – 2 – 1 – 0 |
| Connor Furness | 4 – 0 – 20 – 2 |
| Sam Brightwell | 3 – 0 – 9 – 1 |
| Kevin Wijesinghe | 0.3 – 0 – 4 – 0 |
| Extras | 14 |