

## Under 15s: bowlers come good on chilly night at Ostler's Lane

**SSCC under 15s 97 all out**

**Great Brickhill 74 for 6**

**SSCC won by 23 runs**

It may have been the middle of June and the sun was shining, but it was a cold and windy Monday evening at Ostler's Lane, with most of the spectators retreating to the warmth of the club house to watch this game.

Stony batted first - not a bad thing as the light looked like it would fade quickly with some heavy clouds around—but with a couple of exceptions our batsmen decided it was an evening for kamikaze shots, and so gave the Great Brickhill lads an hour of catching practice.

After reaching a worrying 33 for 5, Tom Moore and Tim Bell came together at the crease, and finally managed to bring some stability to the team. Tom was top scorer with 36, but Tim played a vital part in staying with him, making sure that we didn't suffer a complete collapse, and helping us to at least use up most of our overs. There were enough extras being thrown away (21 wides) by Brickhill that the longer we stayed there, the better our chances of a half-decent total. Tom and Tim ran up a 50 partnership, and with Ollie Anderson also staying in the middle for a while too, in the end we made it to the 19th over before losing the final wicket. However, the total of 97 was some 30 or so runs short of an acceptable total.

So with the light looking dodgy as the clouds gathered, our bowlers went on the attack with a brief to be tight and accurate, and avoid the 29 extras that Brickhill gave us. To a man, Stony's bowlers were superb and bowled tightly, putting pressure on the opposition from the start. Abdul Satter and Ffred Bollom opened the attack, and although wickets were difficult to take early on, they kept Brickhill's batsmen under pressure and behind the modest run rate from the start. Things were starting to look up.

Eventually Ffred and Abdul both picked up a well deserved wicket each. Matt Baker joined the attack and also helped both to keep the score down and increase the required run rate. The middle order then found Rory Newman's spin bowling difficult to play, adding only 8 runs off his four overs, and pushing the required rate up well into double figures. Lawrence Kidd added some good bowling towards the end, and Brickhill heads started to drop. But it was Glyn Lewis, with 3 for 19, who was the star of the bowling, ripping out some key batsmen and ensuring that—in the end—it was a surprisingly comfortable victory (23 runs), and one we weren't expecting at the break. Well done everyone.

**Stony Stratford Under 15s 97 all out (19.2 overs)**

Rory Newman	caught	6
Lawrence Kidd	bowled	5
Tom Moore	caught	36
Glyn Lewis	caught	2
Matt Baker	caught	0
Abdul Satter	caught	0
Tim Bell	caught	13
Ffred Bollom	bowled	3
Ollie Anderson	bowled	3
Joe Williams	LBW	0
Jake Thorburn	not out	0
Extras		29

**Great Brickhill 74 for 6 (20 overs)**

Abdul Satter	4-0-14-1
Ffred Bollom	4-1-14-1
Matt Baker	2-0-7-0
Glyn Lewis	4-0-19-3
Rory Newman	4-1-8-1
Lawrence Kidd	2-0-15-0