

## Stony Stratford U10 Match Report

# U10 Bucks Cup Semi Final

Venue: Chesham

Date: Friday 9th July at 6.15pm

Opponents: Chesham

### **SSCC U10 Team**

Frank Crossley (Capt)

Sam Mainard

Thomas Ashton

Chloe Ayre

Charlie Groves

William Gooch

Oliver Baggett

Thomas Hoy

Oliver Sharp

Matthew Parkin

### **Summary:**

The reward for a successful League campaign where the Stony Stratford U10's finished second was a trip to Chesham to contest the Bucks semi final – a Finals day at Stowe school beckoned if successful.

The scene was set at a picturesque Chesham cricket ground on an extremely warm evening for some quality cricket – Frank Crossley lost the toss and Chesham decided to bat first.

This game was going to be a tough test for Stony Stratford in their first year of U10 cricket with Chesham boasting 4 county players.

Opening the bowling for Stony Stratford was Matthew Parkin and after a nervous first few deliveries soon found his line and length clean bowling the Chesham opener. Chloe Ayre supported Matthew with some tidy bowling.

Sam Mainard and Oliver Sharp were the next bowlers and this was Sam's best bowling performance of the season only conceding 3 runs in 2 overs and taking 1 wicket. Oliver Sharp also bowled very tight with his left arm pace conceding only 5 runs in his 2 overs.

However, some very impressive batting from the Chesham number 5 tilted the game their way as he scored 47 from his 4 overs. Oliver Baggett and Thomas Ashton bowled well and Oliver was rewarded when clean bowling the Chesham batsmen.

Thomas Hoy and William Gooch were the next bowlers for Stony Stratford with both bowling tightly and Thomas taking a wicket.

The last bowling pair of Charlie Groves and Frank Crossley bowled exceptionally well with Charlie taking 1 wicket and conceding only 3 runs and Frank very unlucky not to be rewarded with a wicket for his efforts.

The Chesham batsmen set Stony Stratford a formidable total 327.

The opening batsmen for Stony Stratford were Oliver Sharp and Sam Mainard, both batted exceptionally well against a very good opening bowling attack. Oliver Sharp defended and stroked the ball around gracefully. Sam was resolute and hit the first boundary of the Stony Stratford innings.

Charlie Groves and William Gooch were the next pair and our first wicket fell with William caught at point.

Thomas Ashton and Oliver Baggett both batted sensibly and with the run rate increasing Thomas, whose batting in the last few games has been very impressive, hit 2 cover drives for 4.

Chloe Ayre and Thomas Hoy were next to the crease and hit 3 boundaries between them Chesham continued to make runs difficult to come by with some excellent accurate bowling.

The last pair of Frank Crossley and Matthew Parkin was left with an impossible total and in the effort to score runs wickets fell.

Stony Stratford finished on 278 for 7.

Whilst the U10's lost this game to a very strong Chesham side this was their best performance of the season and they should look back on their achievements this year with pride.

The comment from the Chesham manager was 'Stony Stratford has some very good young cricketers and this was the best side he had played this year!'

The man of the match award goes to Sam Mainard who bowled 2 overs for 3 runs taking 1 wicket and was undefeated in scoring 5 runs with the bat.

Well done to all the U10's who have represented Stony Stratford this year.