



SPORTS REPORT

23 June 2023

S3/S4 Boys' Cricket Match, Cowes Enterprise College, Wednesday 21 June

Team:

S3: David, Finlay, Joe, Harry, Arun, Ethan, Tom, Nikita, Taylor

S4: Joe, Wilf (C),

Result: 82-30

Report:

On another sunny and hot afternoon, the Priory S3 and S4 cricket team headed over to Northwood Cricket ground for a 16 over match against Cowes. Captain Wilf met with his opposite number for the coin toss. Wilf chose to field first and set up the team. A 16 over match means that we required 4 bowlers to bowl 4 overs each. Wilf, Joe A, Harry and Tom were given the task, with Wilf and Joe leading. Joe Kirby has been working hard on his wicket keeping skills and took position behind the stumps. Wilf and Joe alternated for the first 6 overs against a team which contained 4 County players. That said, Priory played some lovely cricket, communicating and pulling together as well-oiled machine. The first wicket was taken by Joe K off a fast ball, and he reacted very quickly to stump out their batter. Then, in the same over, a ball was sent high in the air and into the safe hands of Ethan. Out! Wilf and Joe A meant business and took a wicket each with an over of each other. We were playing fantastically well as a team; we have practiced fielding and bowling a lot recently and it was really showing here. Our next bowlers stepped up and a great delivery once again sent the ball high and into the quick and safe hands of Wilf. We lost a few runs here with wide balls, but Tom and Harry have only recently been learning the correct technique and they did a great job – the wide balls are nothing to worry about. It happens! Proving the point, Tom bowled out the next batter and Harry followed suit in his next over. Two great balls, straight into the stumps. Cowes hit a couple of 4's but they were taking risks and Joe A ran out the player at the bowler's stumps. Harry bowling for his final over, took the ball straight back into his hands from a bounce and also ran out the batter. Really impressive work from the Priory team. All the boys came together in the field and worked hard to keep the score down. 16 overs bowled and out for 82.

Priory into bat.

Cowes opened with their County bowler and the boys were a bit stunned by the speed of the ball. Our boys did really well in the field to combat the higher skill level but one on one against this quick bowler was a difficult task. Given that the wicket keeper also played at this level, we had a hard fight on our hands. Light kisses off the bat saw the wicket keeper take out both Joe K and Ethan. Joe Ayres took a big swing at a quick ball, sending it high behind and once again into the hands of the experienced wicket keeper. We scored a few runs and gained more against other bowlers, but when Harry and Nikita were both caught off some great strikes on the ball, we knew this wasn't our day. All out at 30 runs.

No excuses against this opposition, they had some talented players. Team Priory should be proud of what we achieved today. Some of our players had never played before and David Cottrell stepped up literally at the last minute to play. Our training has been limited to a lot of fielding work due to the exams, and this showed today. Our practice to date led to some great work in the outfield, but next steps involve more batting technique against quick bowlers – then this team will be very difficult to beat.

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Sports Star Awards:

Our week finished on Friday with the annual Sports Day event, with Juniors in the morning and Seniors in the afternoon. It was a great day with the whole school pulling together to make it happen. As such, this week there are no individual Sports Star Awards; there is simply no way of singling anyone out given how much work so many people put in. Instead, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Sports Department and the entire teaching staff for making the day run so smoothly, as well as the Sports Captain, Prefects, Heads of House and the remainder of S4 for doing a top job in helping to marshal the day. But most of all I want to thank all the pupils, young and old, for the determination and passion displayed, and the way in which they won and lost. All the pupils were stars at the 2023 Priory Sports Day.

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