

SSCO Year 5/6 Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament.

Held at Garons Park Cricket Ground on Wednesday 8th June 2011.

Sixteen teams from across the borough took part in a super afternoon of cricket. Schools were divided up into five pools of three teams. In our pool we narrowly lost our first game against Earls Hall by 1 run. In our second game we had a close battle with Milton Hall. We won by 37 runs. We then had to wait for all pool games to be played to see if we progressed to the quarter finals. This seemed like an eternity. As runners up in our group we were not definite to progress further, only the top three would go through. All the teams lined up in front of the pavilion and awaited the announcements. The organisers explained that it had been very close and they had to double check the results. The eight finalist schools names were placed in a hat and the draw was made. We waited with baited breath as the first 6 names were reads out. As the second from last team was announced 'Alleyn Court' we were through to the quarter finals and our opponents were Bounemouth Park. We opened the batting, our first pair of Louis Barthaud and Louis Hassan started our innings with an excellent display of big hitting scoring 34 runs in their allotted two overs. This pattern continued with Sean Selvester and Fintan Eeles-Nolle clearing the boundary at will. We had posted a very high score of 294 in our eight overs. (Each team starts with 200). Our bowling and fielding proved too strong for Bounemouth Park who tried hard right up to the last ball. This win put us through to the semi – finals where we faced Blenheim.

Sean won the toss and put Blenheim in to bat. Their opening pair proceeded to dominate our bowling attack and score freely. However our fortunes changed when Louis Hassan took three wickets in one over and gained a run out in the next. This inspired the team to bowl and field brilliantly. We kept Blenheim to a low score, however they took early wickets (each wicket taken removes 5 runs from your score) and we looked like we were in trouble. The timely arrival of Mr. Davies and Mr. Carr to swell the ranks of Alleyn Court supporters had the desired effect. Adam Stubbington arrived at the crease having struggled with the bat in earlier games calmly proceeded to hit the first three balls he faced for six! This gave us the boost we needed and swung the game in our favour. We then progressed to the final.

The playing conditions were not good. Rain had been threatening all afternoon and the wind was blustery and sometimes gale force. Just before the final the skies turned black and it poured down. However despite being wet and cold we were put into bat against Chalkwell. They had a very strong and accurate bowling attack which limited us to a score of 210 runs, despite Aaron Gordon playing some good driving shots. They then started very nervously but eventually won by a 25 run margin. This was a tough final with all boys giving 100% effort. I was very proud of the boy's team work and cooperation throughout the tournament. They are a great group to teach. Well done team!!!

My thanks to all the parents and supports who helped with transport and cheering

The silver medal squad: Sean Selvester (capt), Louis Hassan, Louis Barthaud, Calum Saunders, Toni Abatan, Adam Stubbington, Finton Eeles-Nolle, Archie Lee, Aaron Gordon.



What a great looking team!



Archie keeping his eyes on the ball.

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Captain's Report.

When I went on the day I was really nervous because I knew that we came first place so the pressure was on us to retain the first place medal. On the first game against Earls Hall, we batted first and I was the wicket keeper. We ended up batting very good getting four's and six's but when we came to field we got a couple of outs and when we had two overs to go Toni was bowling and if he had gotten one wide or no ball then they would be leading. But Toni did not get one bowl off target and they didn't get any runs so the pressure was all on me. When I got to my last bowl they just got a run at the end which gave them the victory. I thought it was a very fun day and I'm glad we came 2nd.

Sean Selvester (capt)