

2006 season.
Barnards Green Cricket Club
Saturday 2nd XI – Skippers Report.

The seconds had a mixed season, at times playing some very competitive cricket against good sides and capitulating against poor teams. Things were made a little harder by not being able to field the strongest eleven week in week out, due to players' unavailability, Scully [snr] taking over a valuable roll with the fourths, and of course the promotion of the better youths to the first team. PH and Paddy played leading roles in the first team squad, but also Sam, Jon and Lewy all appeared for the firsts at different times. Although it much weakened the seconds it was pleasing for the likes of myself, Scully and GG to see that our efforts in 2005 had at least brought rewards to the promising youngsters.

This season leading roles were given to TC [jnr] and Scully [jnr] and they did not disappoint. TC opened and scored 88 at Pershore. Scully batted for long periods and became difficult to remove. Both bowled well with TC unlucky not to pick up more wickets than his bowling deserved. Scully on the other hand did not bowl as well as last season but could not stop taking wickets. [It's a funny old game].

New player to the club Roger Thompson went from strength to strength, finishing top of the batting averages and bowling steadily at difficult times. GG was his usual flamboyant self, easily the best keeper in the league, as well as the best dressed (and the fairest) umpire. Jason started in positive form but his season seemed to dwindle away along with his enthusiasm. Jack played the way he does, one fantastic "Jack-Attack" at Eastnor followed by a run of failures. And I for once had to perform on a few occasions to good effect with the ball.

Shane Thompson had a taste of men's cricket. Hopefully with a little coaching his raw talent and enthusiasm might just bring rewards in the future. The legend, Dave Creese, was once again brought out of retirement in our hour of need and did not let us or himself down. A special mention to Robin and Dave who helped out the team often at very late notice, and of course we were indebted to our scorer Anne Wilson who GG pinched off the MCC. Anne was much appreciated by the junior members who's job she took over. It is a long time since i have seen a score book so neatly compiled at The Green. It was a lot easier to compile match reports from Anne's book than the collective efforts of our Chase students!

So, after all said and done the season was enjoyable, and with a little bit more application I am sure we could have finished near the top of the table.

Phil.