

Darlington CC Under 15s

2013 season

Report and Averages

Summary of 2013 season.

The season started off brightly with a good win against a very good Sedgefield side with Alex Simpson hitting a very good 50 ably supported by Lloyd Horner. We were helped by the home teams best player being run out. Good tight bowling from all involved then saw us home

The season then went into somewhat of a freefall as we lost Alex to his new school and skipper George Olney injured his thumb, this left just Will Heathcote from the previous years under 15s and the lack of the older age group put a lot of responsibility on the younger players who to their credit responded well in adversity.

As the under 13s play on the same day and we were unable to call on them we were always struggling for numbers in the first half of the season, this culminated in the lowest point of the season when we turned out against Seaton Carew with only 9 men one of those being under 11 Nathan Brown. We were well beat and back in Darlington by 11.30.

After that we then had to concede a couple of games as I didn't think it fair to put the lads in a position where their heads could have easily dropped.

My holiday followed the game and a special thanks to Derek Coates who managed to raise a couple of bodies from Carmel and 2 further additions from Barney school meant we turned up against Wolviston with 12, I am sure this was done to wind me up. So thanks to Phil Olney and Peter Armstrong for taking the game in my absence. The great news was we won thanks to an excellent partnership from Lloyd Horner and debutant Harry Watson who proved a valuable addition to the team with bat and ball.

The following week as I was thinking of who to leave out, I didn't have to think too long as the cry offs came for a number of reasons which just convinced me more I was being wound up by the 12 at Wolviston.

Things looked up in the later part of the season, our best performance was a resounding win at Barney where our total of 160 was too much for the home team, there were 50s from Alex Simpson and a maiden one for Lloyd Horner. Further wins against Yarm thanks to 5 for 28 from George Olney and Hartlepool thanks to a 37 not out from Ollie Smith, lifted our spirits before ending the season a low, losing the derby to the RA on the last day of the seasons, which left us in mid table which I must admit was higher than it looked at one point.

The positives for the season were the performances of the younger members of the side, Lloyd Horner, Ollie Smith, Jack Parker, Danny Brown and Mathew Moss all had their moments during the season and hopefully bodes well for next year with crop of talented under 13s coming through.

The real highlight of the season was the number of the lads who represented the under 17s and 3rds. Alex Simpson, Will Heathcote, George Olney, Jack Parker and Ollie Smith, all had their moments of success and none looked out of place which is great news for the clubs future.

I would just like to thank the lads for sticking with it through a difficult season and hopefully next year selection should not be so much of a problem and to the ladies in the shop on Sunday morning who do a fine job.

Bryan Smith (Manager)

Under 15 Averages 2013

Under 15s batting Averages 2013

player	innings	runs	top score	average
Loyd Horner	11	247	50*	30.9
Ollie Smith	9	152	37*	21.7
Danny Brown	8	85	25*	21.3
George Olney	8	99	32	12.4
Will Heathcote	9	78	23	9.8
Mathew Moss	8	56	20	8.1
ALSO BATTED				
Alex Simpson	5	176	54*	58.7
Harry Watson	4	45	36*	15.1
Max Thompson	6	24	14	4.8
Jack Parker	6	12	7*	3.1
James Jemmeson	3	8	8	2.7

Under 15s Bowling Averages 2013

PLAYER	overs	runs	wickets	best	average
George Olney	24	115	7	5 for 28	16.4
Loyd Horner	35	186	11	2 for 14	16.9
Will Heathcote	32.3	173	8	2 for 8	21.6
Jack Parker	26	130	5	1 for 11	26
Danny Brown	31	198	6	2 for 12	33
ALSO BOWLED					
Mathew Moss	11	56	3	2 for 11	18.9
James Jemmeson	11	83	3	1 for 14	27.7
Danny Brown	31	198	6	2 for 12	33
Harry Watson	15	35	1	1 for 9	35

