

Under 11 Cup Final

11th September 2011

In a competitive game yesterday SCC failed at the last hurdle, losing to Hutton in the U11 Cup Final.

SCC were put into bat first and were immediately on the back foot, losing Ballington early with score 0-1. Hutton set an aggressive field to put our batting order under constant pressure. Newton was out for 16, followed by Barnes for 10. Some spirited power hitting from Harry Farmer kept the run rate ticking along until he too was out with a top score of 19. At the other end our batsmen were never allowed to settle & wickets kept tumbling with a number of excellent close catches.

After 16 overs SCC had only managed 55. It was then a case of 'the tail wagging the dog' as our tail-enders of Prasad, Dymond & Tuckwood decided to have a go. SCC finished all out in the 19th over scoring 78.

With a half decent total to defend SCC took to the field. Fierce bowling from the opening pair of Newton & Ballington kept the run rate down, but could not dislodge either of the openers. By the 5th over Hutton had only 6 runs on the board. Their opening pair began to settle however and find their rhythm. Hutton continued to pick off singles coupled with the odd boundary. By the 10th Hutton were bang on the run rate at 38-0. A series of LBW appeals & run out chances failed to yield any results until late on in the Hutton innings. As SCC set a more aggressive field to choke off the singles & apply more pressure, their batsmen found the gaps & sealed the win early in the 19th over – finishing on 79-1.

The standard of play throughout the game was to a very high standard & this was noted by the umpires and CEDB officials afterward.