



The Only Way is Owens Issue 6



Hello and welcome to another edition of TOWIO! So much has gone on, again, in the past 3 weeks since the previous newsletter, with the junior training going from strength to strength with 30 children now signed up for cricket at the club on a Monday evening. It is hoped that the Junior O's will play some cricket against other clubs in the area in the next few weeks.

I would like to say a massive thanks to all the coaches and ladies who have given up their time to ensure that the start of the junior season has been such an amazing success.

Secondly a big thanks to all for arranging the quiz night. I wish I could have been there as it looked like loads of fun.

Junior Cricket

As I said, we have had a wonderful start to the season with the junior program, with 30 new juniors coming down the club. We are so excited about welcoming any child who wishes to give cricket a go.

We have wonderful facilities and also a great coaching team and the junior season is free in 2019 as we want every child to be able to start a lifetime's journey in the game at our club and hopefully like Brad and Ralph Lane and many others they will achieve the success and have a long career at the club.

We aim to run cricket coaching at the club throughout the summer and right through to the end of August this year, plus run a cricket camp as well.

We are also undertaking 5 school visits in the next 2 weeks where we will be coaching the entire school in a day, so I am looking forward to getting lots of children down from those schools through our high tempo all-inclusive sessions in the school.

If you know of anyone who wishes to play cricket or come down and give it a go please contact me on 07885 995414 or ooooo@hotmail.com. They will be given a wonderful welcome.

Senior Review

1st XI

We opened our First Championship season with a home match v Reed CC when Brad lost the toss and we were inserted into bat first.

We started well with a fine 65 run opening partnership between Connor Robson (23) and Chris Whitworth with a booming 69 off just 57 balls, with valuable contributions from Chris Palmer (26) , Joe Satt (25) and skipper Lane we reached a challenging 189 all, being bowled out with just over 4 overs remaining

In reply we battled very hard with some top bowling from Rob Sibley (2-25) and Adam Clark (2-27) keeping things very tight and with a few balls of the Reed innings

left we were in the box seat. Sadly their number 10 hit his first ball out the ground for 6 to see them home by 2 wickets with just 2 balls to spare, much to the disappointment of the lads who had played so well .

On the 18th May we travelled to Ampthill Town, Brad won the toss and elected to bat first. After 14 overs we had raced to 75 but sadly had lost 6 wickets, with Robson hitting a quickfire 28 off just 13 balls , before a skipper's inning from Lane with 75 off 79 balls and valuable stays from Jordan Cleghorn and Sibley taking us to a defendable 204 all out, crucially with nearly 9 overs to go.

In reply a solid reply from Ampthill saw them reach 89-2 before a spate of wickets from Sibley 3-33 and Rhys Carter 3-41 saw them teeter at 153/8 before a 50 partnership saw them home by 2 wickets in the 48th over.

On the 25th May we hosted Hoddesdon Town, winning the toss we sent them into bat.

Hoddesdon rushed out of the blocks reaching 100 in just the 16th over with opposition skipper Walters 83* and a booming 145 from Broodryk seeing them reach a very imposing 321-8 in their 50 overs. Pick of the bowlers were Sibley 2-43 and Clark 2-48

In reply we failed to keep up with the imposing run rate set by the opposition and with losing wickets at regular occasions we reached 182 all out in the 40th over, underpinned by 37 from Palmer and 64* from the skipper

On the 1st June we hosted Dunstable, welcoming new overseas Usama Mir it was hoped that the boys would turn around their league form and get back to winning ways.

Losing the toss, we were put into the field and with a watchful opening partnership by the Dunstable openers it was feared that we would be chasing a big score. However a fine all-round bowling and fielding performance by the lads saw them fall to a very chaseable 160 all out, with Mir with 2-41, Sibley 3-17 and Sam Boothby 4-31 wreaking havoc on the opposition.

The excitement of our innings soon disappeared, with us falling from 44-2 to just 60 all out with only Whitworth (10) and Palmer (14) reaching double figures

2nd XI

On the 18th May we started our campaign with a game v Datchworth, losing the toss we were put into bat

What followed was a wonderful display of hitting from Jordan Carter, who hit an amazing 167* with 14x4 and 9x6, hitting the ball to all parts of the ground as we raced to 294/4 in our 45 overs backed up by solid contributions from Atta (50) and Paropkari (28)

In reply we took 3 early wickets through a great opening spell from Richard Hattrell, before a 141-run partnership put the game in the balance, before some tight bowling at the end saw us home by 35 runs.

3rd XI

On the **11th May** we travelled to face Northwood in our season's opener

Winning the toss, we elected to bowl first. Sadly, things didn't go to plan as Northwood reached 228/3 off their 45 overs.

In reply we reached 93/8 off 43 overs to see us defeated by 134 runs

On the **18th** after Chorleywood conceded to give us maximum points, we arranged a friendly v Arkley at home. Batting first we reached 151 all out before demising in the 46th over, with starts all down the card, with Skipper Ian Tyler top scoring with 22.

In reply Arkley made short work of the chase, passing the total with just the loss of 2 wickets in the 37th with Akash Rajput being the pick of the bowlers conceding a miserly 24 from his 10 overs

On the **25th** we travelled to Abbot's Langley, losing the toss we were put into the field, on a warmish day. The opposition got off to a fine start before John Nelson (3-31) and Steve Carter (5-16) demolished the batting to see them fall to 108 all out in the 35th over.

In reply despite wickets falling regularly we reached our target with the last ball of the game with the ever-youthful Alan Hunter underpinning the innings with 33 to see us home by 3 wickets.

On the 1st June we took on Totteridge 4th XI with us once again losing the toss. We lost 2 early wickets before a fine 40 from Tim Lane and a great 74* from Glenn Taylor saw us reach 213-9 off our 45 overs.

In reply the game was always in the balance and with the scores tied with TMCC having 9 balls remaining, they saw their last man caught behind by substitute wicket keeper Tony Palmer to see the fairest result after a great game of cricket: a rare tie. Pick of the bowlers was acting skipper Alan Hunter with 4-48

The Tour

On the bank holiday weekend a team of Old Owens players and family members made the journey to Norfolk for their yearly cricket tour to the Wensum Valley. We were entertained by St Andrew's CC and Reepham and Salle.

After a victory on Sunday in which we scored more than 200 in a 20-over thrash sadly the dodgy summer weather curtailed the Monday game after we had batted, an innings in which Daddy Lane and both son Lanes made superb fifties.

A massive thanks to all who organised the tour and also for all who made the journey. A lot of new friendships were made on the tour.

Fixtures for the month

Date	1 st XI	2 nd XI	3 rd XI
8/6/2019	Hemel (Away)	Rickmansworth (Home)	Old Eastcotians (Away)
15/06/2019	Letchworth (Home)	Greenwood Park (Away)	North Enfield (Away)
22/06/2019	Leverstock Green (Away)	Pirton (Home)	Old Elizabethans (Home)
29/06/2019	Flitwick (Home)	Totteridge (Away)	Northampton Exiles (A)

Come down and support and be the 12th man you will be give a warm and friendly welcome and a cuppa as well 😊

World Cup Cricket Day

We will be running a world cup cricket day at the club on the 28th Of July with it being focussed on being a family day with lots going on like a tennis ball 6 a side competition and also lots of entertainment as well. Hopefully be a celebration of England success in this years world cup fingers crossed 😊

More details about this in the next newsletter 😊 but leave that date free in your diary.

#Strivewithawill Jim





