



# The Only Way is Owens Issue 7



Hello and welcome to another edition of TOWIO (and yes we admit, we went straight from issue 4 to 6 – whoops!!).

I know I say this all the time but so much has gone on in the past few weeks. I have been blown away by the amount of children we have had down at the club for our Monday night training sessions, we have now reached **over 50** young players in our junior section! A massive shout out to all of the coaches who give up their time to coach and inspire the next generation to play cricket and also to Debbie and Fiona for acting as registrars and hostesses par excellence on the evening as well.

Plus a massive thank you to Tim who works so hard to keep building our club and has given me the chance to head the junior section at our club. I am sure that the section will go from strength to strength and develop the next generation of Old Owen's senior cricketers.

It has been great to visit lots of local schools in our community as we aim to make a massive difference in children's lives and inspire children and parents alike to take up cricket.

## Family Fun Day – date for your diary!

We will be having our 1<sup>st</sup> ever Family Fun Day on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2019 when from 11am we will be playing our first junior fixture v Winchmore Hill U11. After that we will be having a family 6-a-side cricket day and lots of side events, plus a BBQ (Tony - please do not let me in front of that as I have no idea how to cook) 😊

## Could you coach the Junior O's?

With more than 50 Junior O's now registered we need even more coaches and helpers! Are you, or is anyone you know, a qualified coach at any Level? Would you be interested in becoming qualified? Becoming a Level 1 Coach, which allows you to support a Level 2 coach, takes as little as 6 hours. We would LOVE you to join our team and be a part of our success! If you are interested please contact Jim via the details at the end.

## Joining the seniors

If you are looking at playing cricket again or starting cricket **we have had many parents playing senior cricket at the club in the past few years**, so you will not be the only one. It is all about having fun and is not about ability as we have 3 Saturday teams so if you fancy coming down please contact the email or number below.

If you fancy coming and having a net, we train every Thursday night from 6-8 pm and all are welcome.

We really look forward to seeing you all this summer and let's make this the best season in our proud history as we continue to build the blocks to build a legacy for the community for generations to come 🤝

If you are about for a game please let me know on 07885 995414 or [ooccd@hotmai.com](mailto:ooccd@hotmai.com)

## Senior Review

### 8<sup>th</sup> June

The **1<sup>st</sup> XI** travelled over to Hemel Hempstead, winning the toss we promptly put the opposition in on a damp track and got off to a fine start restricting them to 38/3 before 106 from Gareth James and strong contributions from further down the card saw them reach 266/7 in their 45 overs. Pick of the bowlers was Jack Bloxham with 2-29

In reply we got off to a steady start before Chris Whitworth (13) and Conor Robson (0) fell with the score on 22, which left us always playing catch up. Some fine hitting from down the bottom from Ralph Lane with 47 took us to 152 all out to see us defeated, once more, by 114 runs

The **2<sup>nd</sup> XI hosted Rickmansworth** losing the toss we were asked to bat, with both openers falling early doors, it was left to Ben Hull (42) and Naman Paropkari with a fine 101 to take us up to a challenging 225 all out in our 45 overs.

In reply after a devastating opening display from Andrew Sutton who bagged the top 3 on his way to 3-25 we were unable to stem the tide and after a ferocious 100 from Shah the away team reached their target with 19 balls and 6 wickets left.

The **3<sup>rd</sup> XI travelled to Old Eastcotians** losing the toss we were put into field. The OE's openers getting them off to a fine start before the introduction of the evergreen Ricci Achillini (2-46) and Alan Hunter with an amazing 6-35, including a hat-trick, saw them all out in the 43<sup>rd</sup> over for 169.

In reply we were sadly never in the run chase, losing wickets at regular intervals and falling to 92 all out in the 39<sup>th</sup> over, with Richard Hattrell top scoring with 43 from Number 8.

### 15<sup>th</sup> June

The **1<sup>st</sup> XI hosted Letchworth** hoping to get their season up and running. Losing the toss we were placed into bat and struggled throughout, only passing the 100 mark with a solid 34\* from skipper Brad Lane to see us all out in the 47<sup>th</sup> over for 114.

In reply new recruit Usama Mir bowled from the start troubling all batsmen with his variation taking 3-61 in his 15 overs before Letchworth passed the total in the 30<sup>th</sup> over for the loss of 3 wickets.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> XI** had no game away at Greenwood Park due to the rain.

The **3<sup>rd</sup> XI** travelled to local rivals North Enfield and won the toss and elected to field first, which after the removal of both openers early by Rob Hattrell seemed like a fine decision, before some powerful hitting by the North Enfield boys saw them reach a formidable 261-6 off their 45 overs. Wickets were shared around by the team.

In reply we lost Ken Rowsell and Naman Paropkari early doors before a solid partnership from skipper Ian Tyler with (57) and Alan Hunter with (52\*) saw us to a respectable 140-5 off our 45 overs to see us fall short by 121 runs.

## **22<sup>nd</sup> June**

The **1<sup>st</sup> XI travelled to Leverstock Green** in a must-win game with only them below us in the league and neither side having tasted victory yet. Losing the toss once more we were put into the field. A solid opening partnership by the opposition underpinned their innings as they looked to bat us out of the game, before the introduction of Usama Mir bought us back into the game. Bowling with beautiful control he finished with 6-60 in his 20 overs, backed up beautifully by Rob Sibley with 3-29 off his 14 overs to see the Green bowled out for 182 after 60 overs.

In reply we got off to a steady start thanks to 24 from Rhys Carter and 28 from Conor Robson before a clatter of wickets saw us on the edge at 106-6, before a fine 52 from Mir backed by 29\* by the skipper saw us on the brink of victory before a trio of wickets left us with one wicket left and 6 needed for victory. Luckily Brad had a calm head and carried us home to see us win by **1 wicket** to see us record our first victory of the season!

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI hosted Pirton**, and on losing the toss we were put into the field. A devastating bowling display from Rick Martin saw us dismiss them for just 60 in the 30<sup>th</sup> over with Rick finishing with 5-12 from his 9 overs.

In reply we made light of the total overtaking their score in just the 16<sup>th</sup> over with just 2 wickets down, Paul Martin top Scoring with 26\*

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI sadly due to player unavailability had to concede their match with Old Elizabethans.

## **29<sup>th</sup> June**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> XI hosted Flitwick** on a blistering hot day, looking to build on the fine work of the week before. Losing the toss **again** we were placed in the field, where the opposition reached 144-1 before we fought our way back into the game and a good finish saw us wrap up the Flitwick innings in the 60<sup>th</sup> over for 205. Pick of the bowlers were Mir with (4-64) and Sibley (3-54) again.

In reply we started steadily before losing a couple of wickets to see us at 48-3 before Mir came to the crease and had a splendid innings hitting to all parts on his way to 92 off just 50 balls before falling at 171/5 to see us with plenty of overs to go but

sadly we could not quite finish the game off, falling 17 runs short at 188 all out in the 44<sup>th</sup> over.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI travelled to Totteridge.** Winning the toss we elected to bat first but with wickets falling and runs being at a premium we reached just 112 all out with Andrew Sutton at Number 10 top scoring with 34 to give us something to bowl out.

In reply after removing the top 3 cheaply the TMCC boys carried it home in the 27<sup>th</sup> over for the loss of 4 wickets

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI travelled to Winchmore Hill** to face Northampton Exiles. Winning the toss, we decided to bat first due to the heat and despite everyone chipping in with a few we fell to 139 all out in 43 overs with Shaun Flook top scoring with 33 and extras chipping in with 38.

In reply Northampton Exiles passed the total after 33 overs with the loss of 6 wickets to see us lose by 4 wickets.

### **6<sup>th</sup> July**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> XI travelled to top of the table Shenley.** Losing the toss we were sent into the field. Shenley got off to a fine start with the big hitting Thurston racing to 35 from 29 balls before being the first to fall on 48. After which wickets fell at regular intervals, with no batsman getting themselves in before we forced them to collapse for a low 127 all out in the 42<sup>nd</sup> thanks to a fine all-round team effort by everyone. Pick of the bowlers were Sibley 3-8 and Mir with 3-22 (again).

In reply we got off to a slow start losing Robson (2) and Carter for (10) before Chris Whitworth with a rock like 36\* and Chris Palmer took us closer to the target, with us taking it home just before tea in the 41<sup>st</sup> over with 5 wickets in hand to see us record our best result of the season backed by some great teamwork all-round. The evening ended with a top drawer BBQ and fine display of "dancing" from the MWAGS (and a very reluctant Sibbers).

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI hosted Northwood.** Losing the toss and fielding first the opposition got off to a solid start with all the top 7 scoring double figures before some hitting by Tari with 73 at the end took them to 233/7 off 45 overs. With Paropkari being the pick of the bowlers with 2-27.

In reply we got off to a lovely start with Kishan Changlani (36), skipper Andrew Battersby (46) and Paropkari with 51 keeping us in the races before losing a few quick wickets pegged us back as finished just 17 runs short on 216-7.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI hosted Cockfosters** and once again lost the toss, Cockfosters set off at a fine rate and finally reached a very challenging 273/2 off 45 overs with a welcome debut for Darren Whitlock (father of Junior O's) who bowled well in tandem with Rob Hattrell.

In reply after getting to 47/6 a 9<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership by Achillini (44\*) and Hattrell (45) took us to a very respectable 189/9 off our 45 overs.

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