

U13s Wreak Revenge Over Crypt

On a lovely warm July evening, the Rich's U13 cricketers took revenge for last year's finals defeat with a thoroughly convincing and clinical win over Crypt, and in so doing laid to rest the spectre of Crypt as their bogey-team.

Put into bat Rich's suddenly found themselves at 12 for 2 in the fourth over with the ball starting to swing dramatically. Andy Daughtrey announced his arrival at the crease with a magnificently pulled six over square leg and with an initially cautious Robert Miller set about the task of building the foundations for a commanding total.

The Crypt bowlers could not establish a tight line and with Miller growing in confidence, runs started to accumulate at a steady rate of 6 an over. With Daughtrey's retirement upon passing 25 runs, Amit Patel joined Miller and soon both batsmen had joined Daughtrey in passing 25 runs. Jack Griffiths ensured that the runs didn't slow in the closing overs with some daring, supportive running. The Crypt bowlers didn't help their cause either conceding 22 bowling extras, as Rich's closed their innings on 120 for 4.

Crypt started well enough with 23 runs off 4 overs but at the cost of two key wickets to Daughtrey. Then in his first over Robert Miller weighed in with two wickets in two balls and with Patel at the other end weaving his flighted magic, the Crypt batsmen had little effective reply. His two wickets (to fine catches by Tremlett and Hathaway) and a run out from an excellent piece of out-fielding all but sealed Crypt's fate. It was left to Hiram and Hathaway with a wicket a-piece and another superb run out with a direct hit by Tremlett to close the Crypt innings at 72 all out. Victory well deserved by 48 runs.

The side thoroughly deserved their victory, especially the way they set about defending what was an eminently gettable total on the plumb Archdeacon pitch and fast running outfield. Astute field placings by captain Daughtrey for each of his bowlers, who were given committed and totally focused fielding performances from each player, saw to it that the Crypt batsmen were frustrated and pushed into errors of judgement as they struggled in vain to impose themselves and score freely.

Well Done to AD & all his U13s!!

