

U12 Cricket – Season 2006

P-10; W-7; L-3

A season noted for its teamwork, enthusiasm and enjoyment. Plus a couple of very close and exciting games! The players showed great commitment at all times - theirs was a 'never-say-die' attitude which was specially evident in the City Challenge final, when chasing an increasingly remote victory target against some very tidy bowling and excellent fielding, the players nudged, nurdled, smote and drove their way back into contention, falling eventually by only 17 runs and in the process creating an exciting and enjoyable to watch game. Chris Green's late-order 29 not out was one of the best 'pressure' innings I've seen in any form of cricket.

Even more exciting was their passage in the County Cup. Having comfortably disposed of Severn Vale by 29 runs, they travelled to play Chipping Campden – the game went right to the last ball and Rich's held their form to win by two runs. Excitement! Tension!! But nothing to compare with the semi-final against Marling. Again defending a modest total, Rich's took Marling to the last delivery of the match but unfortunately this time they were on the wrong side of victory.

As they grow and improve the experiences they will acquire along the way should make this useful little team a very good one indeed in the seasons to come. It's been a joy to work with them this season and I wish all the squad great enjoyment from their cricket – for that has been and will continue to be the key to their successes - their total enjoyment of the game.

P J Brown

