

Colts Report 2011



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Southgate Compton's colts had a successful 2011 season. The U15s won their league, whilst the U13s and U11s also had some success, especially considering the squads were rebuilding, with a number of players new to cricket.

The under 15s won 5 of their 8 league games, losing one to rain and losing the other two. Alakh Pandit scored over 200 runs, with Terry Lovell and Peri Arif scoring over 100. Alex Mindell was the top wicket taker with 10, though he went for over 7 an over; Alakh, Peri and Zak Carr all got 5 or more wickets.

The under 13s were dominated by the performances of Deniz Arif, who scored the most runs and took the most wickets. Ian Caistor-Parker and Robbie Wallis scored over 50 runs each, whilst the team found wickets very difficult to come by. This meant that they only achieved 2 victories, both over rivals Cockfosters.

The under 11s won three of their games, as they added some new players to those more established. With the bat Richard Mindel scored over a hundred runs, whilst Sam Brazier and Chloe Frame scored around the 80 mark. However it was newcomer Kieran Durrans who starred with the ball, taking 10 wickets, with Richard also taking 6.

Our thanks go to all the managers, scorers and umpires, as well as the coaches, without whom the season would not be possible.

An innovation this year was to change the format of the colts' awards. Rather than a brief presentation after the last Monday night training session, we had a do on a Friday evening, including a BBQ. This was very well supported and a great night. The colts also came out in full support of the annual club barbeque, which was great to see. However, except for those playing in the adult sides, the colts and seniors could mix more. We will be looking at ways to integrate the club further next year.

On the coaching front the future looks bright. We will have four new coaches next year. With Dave Brandon and Liam Frame doing their level twos and Ben Shearly and Sahil Shah the level one qualification. On the manager side, we will be looking for parents to take this over, having already had one couple volunteer. This should help to get parents more involved in the club and realise its for them as well.

All in all, a successful season and with the continued efforts of those already involved, as well as some new volunteers, next year should be another good year for Compton.