**Sunday 2nd XI report, 2014 Season**

Second season syndrome occurred this year, with a win ratio of just under 50% for eleven completed games for Jack Metters and I as respective captains, a slight decline on last season’s efforts.

However, there were promising performances from junior players once again; Cameron Young contributed runs at the top of the order and with the ball at the death; Louis Luscombe gained more experience with the gloves taking some excellent catches; and Charlie Brown along with Ellie Botting contributed with wickets at regular intervals.

With the bat, Jack Metters boosted his average with two crowd-pleasing hundreds; Curtis Howell hit one in a shortened 20 over game, including eight sixes, a top effort from him, and finally a special mention for James Harrison who was twice dismissed on 87, coming so close to his maiden Findon hundred. On the bowling front no individual 5-fers were taken; with the wickets shared between the usual suspects; Matthew Flower, Joe Childs, Tom Lawson, James Henman, Rob Whittington and young Harry Metters all contributing.

With an average of 66 with the bat and 18 with the ball, the leading all-rounder of the season is a close relation of mine, Matthew Flower, putting to bed the debate of who the superior cricketer in the family is.

My thanks to Paul Judges for his assistance in team selection; Mandy Bridson for organising the fixtures; Steve Duffield and Gary Botting for running the bar; Karen Whittington and Dave Young for scoring; and finally a big thank you to all the parents of the various players who provided lifts each week.

Regards,

Jon Flower