

9/5/15 Home to Steyning – Draw. Played 1, drawn 1, 8 points, league position 8 / 10.

The opening league game of the season and a visit to the home of cricket by Steyning. Findon won the toss and chose to field. Steyning managed 207-7 with Simon Grant being their star performer, scoring 72. Steyning declared with three balls of their overs remaining, the wickets having been shared about. There was no real stand out bowling performance, other than Coxy bowling uninterrupted for 13 overs finishing with 1-33.

Findon started well with Boxy, buoyed by his club record 180 odd for the third team the week before, scoring a rapid 74 and supported well by Tinman at the top of the innings. Starts from the ever reliable Spot; Tiger and Chappers in the middle order kept things ticking along but we eventually finished up 11 runs short of victory with 2 wickets still in hand. Nobby & Byers standing firm at the end. Byers 4 from 1 ball blocking out.

16/5/15 Away St James Montefiore – Draw. Played 2, drawn 2, 21 points, league position 8 / 10.

Week 2 and an away trip to St James who won the toss and on a warm sunny day inserted Findon, who scored well throughout the innings and finished up 268-7. Runs again from Boxy (64) and a good stand from Hawkey and Chappers who both finished up with 55; Chappers managing an all run 4 to bring up his 50.

St James' opener Chettleburgh & extras were the thorns in Findon's side during their innings. Chettleburgh carrying his bat for 111 and extras (34 wides!!) accounting for 49 more in St James 211-6 reply forcing a draw.

23/5/15 Home to Lindfield – Lost. Played 3, drawn 2, lost 1, 24 points, league position 9 / 10.

A quick game's a good game..and Lindfield's visit to the furlong was just that. Lindfield (eventual promotion winners) won the toss and inserted us whereupon we struggled to 135 all out in 40.3 overs. A few starts in the innings with a top score of 28 from Legge, but with two Lindfield bowlers taking four a piece, it was not enough to post a competitive score.

Lindfield made short work of the 2nd innings, knocking it off in 31.3 overs for the loss of 3 wickets. Jackson and James doing the damage with 48 and 52 respectively.

30/5/15 Away at Goring – Won. Played 4, won 1, drawn 2, lost 1, 54 points, league position 8 / 10.

Last game in May and a trip down the road to the old foe. Findon inserted Goring who were bowled out for 214 in 49 overs with Boxy taking 4/34 along the way and Cam Young 3/37. Five Goring batsmen got starts and the extras chipped in healthily again too (30).

Findon successfully chased down the total with 7 wickets down and just over nine overs to spare. Scores came from Tinman (42) & Tiger (49*) who was making up for his earlier bowling stint but the major contribution was from Coxy (53). It's always nice to beat Goring and especially on their own ground. Bring on a few beers.

6/6/15 Away to Chichester Priory Park – Lost. Played 5, Won 1, lost 2, drawn 2, 64 points, league position 9 / 10.

Our first trip to Chichester Priory Park and a fairly convincing loss to report. Findon won the toss on a sunny afternoon, choosing to bat, where upon some members of the team very quickly found the pulled pork and apple sauce baps on offer from the snack bar in the park. Boxy got off to a storming, pulled pork fuelled start, scoring 85 quickly but unfortunately he was the only one to really trouble the scorers with the only other score of any note being a late order 21 from Spokesy. Carver was the culprit for Chichester taking 5/43. Findon posted only 170 all out in 43.3 overs. Continuing on the food theme for the day, tea was a cooked pasta and sauce dish which the Findon team fell upon and may account for our second innings performance.

Hopkins set up the second innings for Chichester scoring 40 at the top and whilst Lamby took regular wickets finishing up with 5/48 it was the hard hitting, quick fire innings of Jonathon Heaven, who scored 45 in 29 balls, which put Findon down. Chichester finishing with 171-8 in 41.4 overs.

13/6/15 Home to Ansty – Won. Played 6, Won 2, lost 2, drawn 2, 94 points, league position 8 / 10.

A comprehensive win against Ansty this week, who went on to be relegated at the end of the season. Findon inserted the visitors and Chappers did the demolition taking 6/19 on the way to dismissing Ansty for 88 in 31.2 overs.

Findon made short work of the less than par total, completing the innings in 11.1 overs for the loss of only 1 wicket, Tinman 30* & Coxy 47*.

20/6/15 Away to Middleton – What do you know?? – Draw. Played 7, Won 2, lost 2, drawn 3, 108 points, League position 8 / 10.

A trip to Middleton who won the toss at 12.30. Game over: let's save ourselves the bother, call it a draw and get back to the bar...Findon scored 253-8 in 53 overs with Boxy getting 50 and Coxy scoring 67. Shoulders taking 4/57 for Middleton

The total as expected was too great for Houchen's men who finished up 216-9 in their 47 overs, Warren and Rufey making decent runs for the home side, 66 and 47* respectively and Nobby getting the best bowling figures, taking 5/32.

27/6/15 Home to Eastbourne – Lost. Played 8, Won 2, lost 3, drawn 3, 122 points, League position 8 / 10.

A good game at home to eventual league winners Eastbourne, with Findon winning the toss and batting. A good total of 244 all out in the 53rd over gave us false hope of a win. Contributions from Legge (56), Tinman (34), Coxy (36), Hawkey (34) and Chappers (32) all helped the scoreboard along.

Eastbourne reached the total for the loss of 8 wickets in 45.1 overs with Borsoi scoring 72 and Orr 55 (all behind square and most narrowly missing his own wicket to the despair of the bowlers).

04/07/15 Away to Pagham - Won. Played 9, Won 3, lost 3, drawn 3, 152 points, league position 8 / 10.

Last game of the first half of the season and a trip to Pagham and the unmissable Wayne (fatso) Green bowling a long spell and taking wickets from the road end (5/57 from 18.3). Hawkey and Chappers batting together again in the middle order rescued us from 50-5 to 218 all out in 48.3, with Nick falling one short of his half century and Chappers out on 78, knackered on a hot afternoon. Another notable moment from the first innings saw a Boxall pull shot/top edge which went higher than most of us had ever seen a cricket ball go (until club weekend that is) and the fielder not lay a hand on it.

An excellent opening spell from both Dunkley and Lamby put Pagham on the back foot early reducing them to 20ish for 4. Interestingly 8 Pagham wickets fell to catches during the innings which will astound you if you had seen us play this season, four of them by wicket keeper Louis Luscombe. The only scores posted by the batsmen were from opener Dickins who went for 45 and that man again Green who was unlucky when out for 55. The captain had just instructed Chappers to stop bowling crap or he was off when Green hit one back straight and Chappers stuck an arm out only to find the ball wedged in his hand.

Pagham were dismissed for 151 in 35.4 overs leaving us with a very OCD favourable: Won 3, Lost 3, Drawn 3 for the first half of the season.

11/07/15 Away to Steyning – Won. Played 10, Won 4, Lost 3, drawn 3. 172 points, League position 8 / 10.

Game of the season for many of us this week and another away game, this time at Steyning. Findon won the toss and elected to field after we had raised a very hungover Bernie from the middle of the square. Plenty of toil on another hot afternoon followed, with little reward for the bowlers. Despite his condition Bernie managed two of the five wickets taken but this effort must have improved his condition for the second innings. Pagham declared after 46 overs, fairly smug, with 309 on the board. Burfiend was eventually dismissed for 98, Barnett still considers himself extremely unlucky as he was dismissed for 48 by a Smithy stumping. Simmons and Taylor ended the innings 47* & 38*.

Tinman lead from the front but at 9-2 things didn't look too clever. Bernie to the crease and after a slow start, only scoring 28 of the runs in the stand of 86 for the next wicket (Tinny went for 63), Bernie let fly to all parts of the ground and no bowler was safe. Aply supported firstly by Cam (45 from 134 partnership) then Chappers (31 / 57), Bernie steered Findon to victory finishing up with 143*. We won the game at a canter with 5.4 overs to spare and five wickets in hand, where upon the bar in Steyning's club house broke down and we hot footed it back to the furlong to celebrate.

18/07/15 Home to St James Montefiore – Won. Played 11 Won 5, lost 3, drawn 3. 200 points, League position 6 / 10.

Runs again this week for Bernie, 94* for a Findon side chasing down 219 set by St James Montefiore, 8 down in their 53 overs. Runs from Troak (98) and Howick (46) helped set this total and the wickets shared around but there's no keeping Bernie out of the action:- 3 wickets and a run out just to keep himself ticking along.

Findon took just 39.2 overs to get the runs and alongside Bernie's contribution Tinman chipped in with 36 and recent addition Joel Baker with 35.

25/07/15 Away to Lindfield – Won. Played 12 Won 6, lost 3, drawn 3. 230 points, League position 5 / 10.

An early text from the skipper, who was off sunning himself somewhere, to tell us not to be in too much of a hurry to get to Lindfield as he had word that the square was under water did not bode well this weekend, even less so when the discussion at the ground was whether to use the strip that had been prepared or the one lower down the slope that might be dryer??

The game got off to a delayed start, thankfully Legge had won the toss and opted to do the only thing you could do on a shocking looking, damp track, let them bat and see what it did. The answer was lots. Wickets were shared about by all the bowlers and Lindfield were dismissed in 43.3 overs for 156.

The track improved a bit for in the Findon innings although it was still a bit spiteful here and there. We knocked the runs off in 36 overs with several batsmen taking on the responsibility of digging in for a while. Tinny and Coxy got 24 and 23 before Ballers and Chappers came together for a useful 50 run partnership to bring the win into sight before Chappers went for 31 and Ballers finished the innings 37* and we had reached the total 6 down with Legge moving himself further down the order with each wicket that fell.

1/08/15 Home to Goring – Lost. Played 13, Won 6, Lost 4, drawn 3. 243 points, League position 4 / 10.

Findon won the toss and batted.

Findon 209 ao in 51.1 overs. Lewis 79 & Legge 39. Afridi 4/51.

Goring 210-6 in 40.3. Coutts 67 & Marriott 49.

Not able to do the double on local rivals Goring this season as they won comfortably this weekend. Findon choosing to bat were dismissed for 209 in the penultimate over of their 53 with J-Lo top scoring with 79 and only Legge's 39 notable amongst the rest. Afridi the stand out man for Goring taking 4/51.

Goring reached their target 6 down in just 40.3 overs with Coutts scoring 67 and Marriott 49. 4 of the wickets for botting but 2 for Nobby and 2 for Ellie.

Strangely having lost this week we climbed a place in the league table?? Up to fourth and some discussion amongst the players at to how we need to lose a couple to avoid the promotion battle!!

08/08/15 Home to Chichester Priory Park – Lost. Played 14, Won 6, Lost 5, drawn 3. 250 points, league position 6 / 10.

Not much to write home about this week, a modest total set by Findon batting first with only Tinny's 36 notable. Harry Randall took 5/95 for Chichester Priory Park who then took 43.4 overs to get the runs but only lost 2 wickets doing so. Hopkins 79* and Lamb 54.

15/08/15 Away at Ansty – Won. Played 15, Won 7, Lost 5, drawn 3. 280 points, League position 6 / 10.

Pressure of promotion battles well and truly off and so back to winning ways this week. Ansty inserted us and with scores from Tinny (62), Tiger (52) and Nobby (33) we posted 240-6 in our 53 overs. Ansty could only manage 98 ao in reply in 22.3 overs with Boxy and Nobby taking 3 each.

22/08/15 Home to Middleton – Lost. Played 16, Won 7, Lost 6, Drawn 3. 292 points League position 6 / 10.

Our friends from Middleton were the guests this week. Boxy won the toss and batted scoring 69 at the top of the order. Things were not looking rosy until Legge came to the crease scoring a quick fire 50* including 4 sixes, two of which not only cleared the pavilion but ended up halfway up the hill too. Findon posted 206-7 dec in 52.5 overs.

Middleton chased down the total with relative ease in 34.3 overs for the loss of 5 wickets with Hansford scoring 74.

29/08/15 Away to Eastbourne – Lost. Played 17, Won 7, Lost 7, drawn 3. 295 points, League position 6 / 10.

Lost again this week and doing a sterling job of maintaining our desired mid table, comfortable position.

A very much looked forward to trip all the way to Eastbourne on the Saturday of club weekend was our treat this week. Nobby won the toss and we batted, very much aware of our dismal performance on the Saffrons ground the season before, there was a cheer when we passed the 63 run mark. A start from Tinny (24), and later Coxy (35), helped us to 130 ao in 48.5 overs with Jones taking 5/21. Not nearly enough on that ground against the eventual league winners, who cruised past the total for the loss of just 3 wickets in 25.2 overs. The two openers put on 110 for the first wicket with Purdey scoring 60 and Orr 44.

5/09/15 Home to Pagham – Lost. Played 18, Won 7, Lost 8, drawn 3. 302 points, Final league

Last game of the league season and hosts to Pagham in a bit of a dead rubber this week as both sides were mid table and unable to do much but swap places.

Pagham won the toss and inserted Findon who set 141 ao in 50.1 overs. Legge & Rob Whittington both scoring 42 and Kent taking 5/18.

Pagham knocked them off for 6 in 32.3 with the runs and wickets shared around.

Our huge thanks go to Alan for umpiring and to Paul for not.....letting us go out without a full complement of players despite the stress and heartache this involves each and every week, not to mention hours spent on the phone. Another massive thank you to our scorers, especially Debbie but not forgetting Dave and Dunks who also did us a turn when needed.

Thanks to Izzy for putting on a great tea spread for us when we were playing at home and also to Duffs and Spot for running and stocking the bar in such a cheerful way always with smiles on their faces.