

ST FAGANS CRICKET CLUB

3RD TEAM REPORT 2009 SEASON

A difficult season on the field but I would like to think that we were a better side at the end of the season than the beginning. This improvement came from a number of the younger players getting used to the standard required and buying in to the team spirit.

We finished 8th in the league i.e. outside the usual relegation places. I also note that we beat the champions Cross Keys near the end of the season, one of our 4 wins.

We used over 30 players during the season so it is difficult to get consistency of performance (other than poor), given that we are playing 1st teams of other Clubs.

On the batting side, our star performer was Mark Lewis who hit over 370 runs, over 20% of our runs. Congratulations to Mark and Andrew Williams who both scored centuries. Rob Ridley was also a welcome addition to the side, providing runs and wickets.

The bowling throughout the season was hit or miss with far too many wides bowled. The youngsters, namely Brinning, Raunak and Sadiq all improved as the season progressed and should benefit from the experience. The youngsters were backed up by Huw Evans, when available and the spin twins King and Ridley. My congratulations to Jack Lansdowne who started in the 3rds and ended up in the 1st team, there's hope for me yet!

My thanks to everyone who played for the team, Simon Joseph who does a fantastic job getting the 5 teams out every week, David, Peter, Len and Gareth for the wickets/ground preparation, and of course to the tea-ladies for the best teas in South Wales.

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