

## Match Report Week 2 Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011

FVCC 228/2 lost to Staithes CC 334/6 by 106 runs

Reigning Premier League Champions Staithes CC visited Wilsons Lane on a belter of a batting strip. Valley, currently ravaged by injuries and availability gave a Premier League Debut to Carl Jackson. Staithes' aggressive opening pair, Chris Barrett and Ian Dixon set about the young Valley attack from the word go and raced to 50 in just the 10<sup>th</sup> over. There was no let up as the pair put on 115 before Barrett was trapped leg before by Shaun Topham for 64. Dixon continued to smash the ball to all parts as he made a fine 87 (14x4 3x6) before Jonny Hays got one through his defences. Enter Simon Bowes, one of the leading all rounders in the league, and he continued the blitz with a hard hitting 77 supported by kiwi keeper batsmen Scott Major who made 28 in a quickfire 4<sup>th</sup> wicket stand of 68. A massive total was in sight and the visitors passed the 300 mark in just the 41<sup>st</sup> over and finally finished their innings on 334/6 in a show of powerhouse batting. Carl Jackson claimed 2 wickets on his first appearance, whilst Shaun Topham and Jonny Hays also claimed 2 apiece. Valley's young team could go one of two ways and thankfully captain Dave Morris led the reply in determined fashion. Hays opened with his skipper for the first time and the pair put 55 on for the 1<sup>st</sup> wicket before he was well caught at mid wicket off the bowling of Simon Bowes. Morris continued to look at ease and supported by Joe Bradshaw (24) took the score to 114 before the youngster fell, playing across the line to spinner Steve Thornton. Lewis Wannop came in for his first knock of the season and started positively as, with victory impossible, valuable bonus points were on offer. The skipper recognised the opportunity and upped the tempo, scoring all around the park as he reached his second Premier League hundred. Wannop followed suit as he made a fine 38 not out (5x4 1x6) as he and Morris put an unbroken 114 for the third wicket. Dave carried his bat for a sublime, unbeaten 126 which included 18x4 and 4x6, a fabulous effort and well deserved as he guided his team to eight points. For the second week running, Valley gained full batting points, a positive and whilst the team went for over 300, the effort shown was admirable.

Sherburn CC 141/5 beat FVCC II 138 all out by 5 wickets

The seconds showed great heart as they travelled to one of the leading sides Sherburn CC and put in a good effort but lost by 5 wickets. Batting first, Valley posted 138 all out. Several batsmen contributed with Graham Jackson (23) Matt Kennedy (23) and Phil Holden (22) all posting useful scores but the hosts bowlers Ben Simpson (4/49), Nick Dobson (3/14) and Mike Holtby (3/25) had other ideas. Sherburn's dangerman Craig Sanderson (48) opened the innings but faced good bowling from youngsters Josh Gretton, Greg Dixon and Jermaine White. White claimed 3/26 in a 9.3 over spell but Sherburn eased home in 30.3 overs for a five wicket win.

Flamborough II 163/7 lost to FVCC III 182/5 by 19 runs

The thirds visited Flamborough II and returned with an excellent 19 run win. Colin Arnott led the way with the keeper batsman making a fine 61 (7x4 1x6) as he anchored the innings. There were good contributions from Ian Fleming (23), Alex Glass (21), David Ledden (28) before a late assault from Liam Poole (31no) saw the visitors reach 182/5 after 40 overs. An enthusiastic Valley team took to the field and Phil Lee (2/44) claimed the first two wickets. Liam Glaves also took 2/43 and Alex Glass marked his first game of the season, backing up his good innings with figures of 2/21 from 8 overs as Flamborough made 163/7, falling 19 runs short. A fine effort from the thirds as they registered their first win of 2011.

FVCC IV v Ravenscar II – Forge Valley unable to field a side

For the first time since reforming the fourths, back in 2003, the team failed to have enough players to fulfil the fixtures. It is hoped this will be resolved in time for week 3 of the season.