

Mixed fortunes for senior teams as Juniors kick off

Firsts win at Cheltenham Civil Service, Seconds lose to Oldlands

FIRST XI WIN BY FIVE WICKETS

Poulton continued their good start to the season with an excellent 5 wicket at Cheltenham Civil Service. The visitors won the toss and elected to bowl on a beautifully prepared wicket, Poulton opening bowlers included 16 year old Luke Armitage who was soon in the action snaring opener Smith to a sharp catch in slips by Mark Higginson. Mark Wright was bowling well at the other end and was quick to strike picking up Willis-New LBW for just 2.

This though brought Nicholls and Williams to the crease early and they soon built a healthy partnership, although the bowling was tight the pair scored well and they soon notched up the 100 partnership.

Siddiq Khan, Richard Young and Andre Duffus were asked to bowl and break this partnership but it was Andy James who nipped out Nicholls first ball for 44 and then soon bowled Williams for 59.

CSS with overs running out started to increase the



Jodie Lawrence attacks the Oldlands bowling on the way to his second fifty of the season.

run rate and it was Febery who attacked the Poulton bowling and was soon raising his bat for his half century.

In the final few overs Armitage returned and picked up 2 more wickets finishing with good figures of 3-43 and CSS total on 215-6.

In reply to this decent total Higginson and Khan batted well with both batsmen playing lovely scoring shots

Week's best batting

1st XI Mark Higginson	56
2nd XI Jodie Lawrence	50+
1st XI Andre Duffus	48
1st XI Siddiq Khan	48

Week's best bowling

1st XI Luke Armitage	3/42
1st XI Andy James	2/48
1st XI Mark Wright	1/27
1st XI Andre Duffus	1/40

TEAM NEWS FOR MAY 9/10

First XI v Frampton on Severn (H) 1400.

Will Bathurst (c), Siddiq Khan, Sam Denning, Rob Hill, Matt Coleman, Richard Young, Andre Duffus, Mark Higginson, Andy James, Mark Wright, Andy Loubser

Meet 1330 at Englands

Second XI v St Philips North 2nds (A) 1400.

Contact Matt Genever/Mark Allen for match details

Sunday XI v Cheltenham Civil Service (H) 1430.

Dave Dunn (c), Sam Denning, Luke Armitage, Joe Gardiner, Jodie Lawrence, Joe Hammond, Will Bathurst, Mark Gardiner, Sam Young, David Witnall

Meet 1400 at Englands

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in all areas. Khan especially with his wristy technique hit some glorious boundaries through covers. However just short of his half century Khan edged Stephens for 48.

Sam Denning then joined Higginson but was soon bowled for 5 bringing the veteran Lou Coleman to the crease, the pair built again but after passing his 50, Higginson was bowled via Robinson's off breaks. Skipper Will Bathurst replaced him, grafted but was soon on his way after being bowled once more by Williams for 7.

Coleman and Duffus were now looking at 100 needed of the last 15 overs and Duffus upped the tempo and was soon playing his usual Caribbean shots hitting 7 boundaries including 2 huge sixes.

This put Poulton in a more relaxed position and Coleman 44* and Young 7* saw the game out with 3 overs to spare. An excellent team performance played with good spirit on both sides

SECOND XI LOSE TO OLDLANDS

Despite a second consecutive 50 of the season from Jodie Lawrence the Second XI were unable to bet- visitors Oldlands 2nd XI who batting first notched up 230/6 off their 45 thanks to some dropped catches.

In reply Poulton fell just short of the fifth batting point, bowled out for 190 in the last over, but not before Jodie Lawrence's helped himself to more runs.

JUNIOR CRICKET RESULTS

U13s (79/8) v

Cheltenham (75/8)

On a glorious summer morning, Poulton welcomed Cheltenham to a home fixture.

The match was conducted in a good spirit with all players taking a bowl. Cheltenham Under 13s batted first and the loss of three early wickets created pressure on the remaining batsmen.

Opener Alistair Brunt stayed to hold the innings together with a gutsy 24 runs and was joined by skipper Jack Holder and together they built up a steady partnership until Holder was caught by James Cowley off the bowling of Danny Gordon-Walker.

Additional runs from Schofield (11) and Mech (8) saw Cheltenham reach 75 for 8 in their 20 overs. Dan Hill's 3wickets for just one run was a great performance.

In reply Poulton were immediately under pressure from some excellent Cheltenham bowling and lost 5 wickets whilst only scoring 22 runs.

However a partnership and some excellent quick running between Max Sandilands (27 not out) and Thomas Barnes (15) recovered the Poulton innings and Max steered the home side through to victory in the 17th over.

U11s (109/3) v

Ashton Keynes (29/3)

Poulton under 11s loaned 3 players to Ashton Keynes in order to give 18 boys a balanced 9 aside game.

Poulton batted at a good pace throughout their 16 overs to finish on 109 - 3. Calum Higginson, Alexander Carruthers and Robbie James each retired their innings in order to allow more players to bat.

Ashton Keynes batted well against tight Poulton bowling, but found it difficult to score runs. George le Maitre batted through the innings for 10 not out as Ashton Keynes finished on 29 - 3.

U9s v Cirencester

Poulton U9's began their first match with excitement. Playing a "pairs match" Poulton won the toss and elected to bowl first.

Cirencester batted well and reached a total of 272. Poulton went in to bat and chased hard with all players playing some great shots, exploiting the leg side boundary.

Unfortunately, due to the wicket count, the game finished with Poulton losing by 1 run.

All the players worked hard and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

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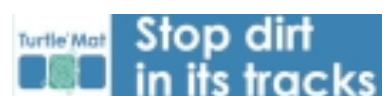
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