

# U13s through to county final, First XI win

## U13 XI BEAT LYDNEY TO MAKE COUNTY CUP FESTIVAL

### Lydney 64 all out lost to Poulton 65 for 3

Poulton Under 13s welcomed visitors, Lydney Under 13s in the Gloucestershire County Cup quarter finals.

Deciding to bat first the Lydney top order were swept aside by Poulton's bowlers Ollie Armitage and Dan Hill leaving Lydney on 31 for 6 in the fifth over.

A spirited partnership from Evans and Kear brought the score to 60 but the breakthrough wicket from Tom Barnes then ushered in the final collapse to 64 all out.

Poulton openers Max Sandilands and Tom Barnes batted with calm and picked up early singles and the first wicket fell at 34 in the sixth over.

Skipper Joe Beckett played the captain's innings of 24 not out taking Poulton to victory in the eleventh over.

Poulton Under 13s now play in the County Cup Festival this Sunday.

## U15 XI LOSE TO STROUD IN CUP

### Poulton 98 all out lost to Stroud 99 for 1

Travelling to Stroud for their county cup quarter final Poulton faced several very impressive cricketers in a Stroud Under 15 side on Monday 22nd.

An impressive batting display in the first four overs by opener Tom Groombridge (24) fresh from his success in the first XI

was halted when he came away his wicket attempting to continue hitting the Stroud fast bowler back over his head.

Wickets continued to fall in the middle order but initially Oli Purvis held his ground against the pace of Stroud's attack waiting for the second string bowlers.

When they came on, Jamie Gordon-Walker and then Oliver Newman both with scores of 17 rescued the innings, playing some skilled stroud spin bowling from both ends either off the back foot or by coming down the wicket to meet the ball as it pitched.

The pair of them added vital runs to push the total to 98 runs from 18 overs as Poulton were eventually bowled out.

Stroud batsmen picked up all the singles available and an early wicket from Groombridge gave Poulton some hope. In the end Kieran Smith steered Stroud home to victory in 16th over for the loss of just one wicket.

## FIRST XI WIN VITAL MATCH AT APPERLEY

Poulton's First XI travelled to the idyllic Apperley on Saturday

### Week's best batting

2nd XI Mark Gardiner	125
1st XI Mark Higginson	72*
1st XI Andy James	72

### Week's best bowling

2nd XI Craig Musty	4/45
1st XI Mark Wright	3/30
2nd XI Joe Gardiner	3/52

## TEAM NEWS FOR JUNE 22

### First XI v Cirencester (A) 1400.

Will Bathurst (c), Siddiq Khan, Tom Groombridge, Rob Hill, Sam Denning, Mark Higginson, Andy James, Mark Wright, Richard Young plus two

*Meet 1315 at the park*

### Second XI v Woodpeckers 2nd XI (H) 1400.

Mark Allan (c), Mark Gardiner, Joe Gardiner, Jon Gardiner, Keith Denning, Craig Musty, Ian Musty, Rich Mendum, Liam James, James Graham, Jody Lawrence.

*Meet 1315 at Englands*

### Sunday XI

No Game

## STOP PRESS:

### Dinner and Dance Final Appeal

Just a final reminder that those of you who have not yet bought your Summer Ball tickets need to hurry up and do so.

This is THE Poulton party this year. There will be an end of season awards evening but there will not be a dinner and dance so if you haven't already done so... get your ticket for the ball!

It will be a great night... I'm gutted I can't go because of work but I don't want you to be because you didn't. Great band, great food, great club. GO!

Rosanna Armitage is in charge, Tel no. 850 005.

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for a vital game on one of the best wickets in the league.

Overnight rain prompted skipper Will Bathurst to bowl first in the hope that the pitch would have a little in it for the bowling attack spearheaded by u17 Luke Armitage and u15 Tom Groombridge.

With Ian Coggin being caught behind off the latter in the second over, it appeared that it was the right decision. However Rowan Leeke then started liberally battering the ball all over the ground on his way to a swift 58 when he was trapped LBW by Mark Wright (3/30 from 12).

After that, the Apperley innings and brisk scoring rate lost its way with wickets falling to Wright, Armitage (2/43), Andy James (2/31) and Groombridge who also had a stunning direct hit run out after a misfield.

Poulton's fielding in general was much improved and Rob Hill was back to his best taking three catches behind the stumps. The innings closed on 198 after 45 overs.

In reply, Poulton's innings got off to a poor start with both Siddiq Khan and Sam Denning departing hardly troubling the scorers at all between them.

This brought Andy James to the crease who had spent the morning limbering up with a bowling machine on full speed. As a result he found the going a little easier and rocked onto the back foot regularly to pull short balls over the short leg side boundary for six.

Mark Higginson meanwhile remained at the other end preferring the more sedate method of ones and twos. Both batsmen scored 72 although Higginson carried his bat, hitting the winning runs having stepped up the rate after the departures of James, Duffus, Lawrence and Armitage.

Higginson was partnered at the crease by Tom Groombridge (21\*) who capped off a superb day walking down the crease to the Apperley fast bowlers on several occasions. Poulton reached their target with five overs remaining and the skilled Rob Hill, Will Bathurst and Mark Wright still in the hutch.

### GARDINER HEROICS NOT ENOUGH TO SAVE SECOND XI

A brilliant 125 from Mark Gardiner was not enough to save the second XI from a nail-biting defeat to the Woodpeckers.

Mark hit the first century of the season as his side chased 233 to win. His innings included 22 fours and one six.

Only son Joe (25) and skipper Matt Genever (26) could provide any other regular scoring shots as the seconds fell 10 runs short in a memorable game.

### REST OF THE YOUTH RESULTS

#### Cirencester U15s 120/5 beat Poulton U15s 119/5 by five Wickets

This was a close friendly that had the match winner in doubt until the final over and gave both teams a great opportunity to test out new bowlers and batsmen in competitive play.

Poulton opened with Oli Purvis hitting 50 in a partnership of 72 runs with O'Leary who as Captain also took 3 catches.

Walker and Herbert were very positive new bowlers for Poulton and Vice Captain White impressed in the field.

Cirencester and Poulton were both pleased at stretching their big squads. Smith of Cirencester hit 50 giving his team mates a great platform to build from and eventually win.

#### Slaughters u11 92/3 lost to Poulton u11 100/3

Poulton won the toss and opted to bat in this 16 over game at Great Rissington. Will Doyle and Robbie James both retired on reaching 25 runs. Elliot Pitt and Tom Svensson reached double figures against enthusiastic Slaughters bowling and fielding. Poulton reached exactly 100/3 at the end of the 16 overs.

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Slaughters found it hard to score off the bat, but the consistent habit of bowling wides by the Poulton bowlers meant that Slaughters reached a respectable 92 – 3. More than half the total was achieved in extras. Poulton won the game by 8 runs.

### **Poulton u9s lost to Cirencester u9s by 10 runs**

Poulton U9's arrived at Cirencester Park with a team that allowed some new players their first chance of competitive cricket.

Captain, Charlie Hill, won the toss and decided to bowl first. Harry Skelton opened the bowling and took

early wickets, keeping the scoring down.

When Cirencester started hitting runs, Cameron Walden, Xavier Cegarra and Tom Vinnicombe were all lively in the field with some excellent stops and backing up. Ben Ramsey bowled well, taking wickets with some excellent line and length deliveries. Cirencester reached 234.

Poulton opened the batting with Ben Ramsey, who immediately hit a couple of fours and a six. Ryan Brookes and Chris Cartwright also batted well, both playing picking some good shots to play.

However, Poulton were narrowly beaten by ten runs, reaching 224.

## Dates for the Diary

### June 27th

1st XI v Cirencester 1st XI (a)  
2nd XI v Charfield 2nd XI (h)

### July 3rd

The Summer Ball 8pm (h)

### July 4th

1st XI v Cirencester 1st XI (h)  
2nd XI v Charfield 2nd XI (a)

### July 5th

Sunday XI v Lydiard Millicent (h)

## 2010 Tour Planning Committee Appeal

Hopefully 2010 will bring better financial times for all those associated with the club and as a result, I am keen to start planning a tour for next season.... possibly once the senior season has finished in September.

We have not had a club tour for many years and its about time we addressed that whether we do something in the UK, Europe or somewhere rather more exotic!

I would like to get a committee together to help me get started on the planning process and get several proposals together.

I would like this to be a club tour involving some junior section games too. There is no reason why we can't set our sights on places South Africa or the West Indies even if we do end up with something a little more local!

There is plenty of time to both plan and save.

However to get this off the ground I need some others to join me on a tour committee, I'd like two adult players, a parental representative and a youth section representative. So.....

### **Volunteers please!**

Please drop me an email on [w.m.bathurst@googlemail.com](mailto:w.m.bathurst@googlemail.com).

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would like to invite you to the second

# "Not a Cricket Ball"

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009

**Grad School (who played before) will be coming back to ensure the evening goes as well as last time!**

Book a table of 10 or join another table [but hurry as this is nearly sold out](#) Reservations on a 'first paid' basis. Dress code Not formal but white.

7.30 pm: Pimms Reception

8pm: 3 course meal to include pig / lamb roast

Carriages at 12.30 am

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