



ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

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U11 Cricket 2022 Report for the Chronicle

One word can sum up the season for the U11 A team this year – unbeaten!

The campaign started in great anticipation with a trip to Junior King's. The dark clouds held off for the morning and the journey but disappointingly after about 5 overs the heavens opened and forced the fixture to be abandoned. This eventually proved to be the lowest point of the season with the fixture being the only one not to win!

Thankfully, for the rest of the term, the weather gods were much kinder to us. The next fixture saw the team made up of (for the first time) a mixture of boys and girls take on King's Rochester. Batting first, St Edmund's scored an impressive 155 – 6 in their 20 overs with promising batting performances from Josh Robinson and Morgan Abbott. King's Rochester were then skittled all out for just 55 with Emily Surridge, Audrey Taylor and Ben Holcroft taking wickets.

The next week saw us take on Ashford School in what was a low-scoring affair with St Edmund's scoring just 70 all out. However, in bowler-friendly conditions, Ashford could only score 60 themselves handing St Edmund's another victory.

Attention then turned after the half term break to a 6-a-side tournament hosted by Kent College. St Edmund's were pooled against Junior King's and Ashford School again so the opposition was somewhat familiar but nothing was taken for granted with St Edmund's winning both games to top their group. We then headed across the road for the knockout stages with a semi-final against Wellesley House. We looked in trouble at first only scoring 38 in the allotted 5 overs but St Edmund's restricted the opposition to just 32 to book our place in the final to face the hosts. In the final itself, St Edmund's batted first and scored an impressive 55 runs in the 5 overs and whilst Kent College started their run chase well, our score proved to be just too much and victory saw St Edmund's crowned champions of the tournament for the first time in its 22-year history!

The final few weeks of the summer saw us face Wellesley House and Kent College once again but this time in the more traditional 11-a-side and 20 over format. Yet again, some impressive performances with the bat, ball and in the field saw St Edmund's triumph to achieve an absolutely phenomenal unbeaten season!

Elsewhere across the age group, it was excellent to see every boy and girl across Forms 5 and 6 represent their school this term, whether in a hard ball 20 over game or a soft ball

pairs game. Whilst it will be difficult to replicate the superb achievements this term, the potential coming up through the age group is exciting to see.

It is hard to pick out individuals, but special mentions must go to Captain Robert Scholer for his excellent leadership and work with the bat, Alex Morrissey for his superb wicket keeping and batting and Niyam Patel, who as a Pupil in Form 4, stepped up to face opposition two age groups higher magnificently.

Congratulations all!

Mr Adam Southey



(The U11 A team celebrating an unbeaten season with a victory at Wellesley House)



Champions!



(It was excellent to see some U9s step up to play hard ball cricket for the first time against Kent College)



(The U11B team waiting to bat against Spring Grove)