

THE SIREN

Tales of the Monk & Fisherman

30th & 31st July



With the expulsion of Walthamstow from the SNEL the 1s and 2s found themselves without a game this week. Some players chose to spend some time with the other half, some practiced and some offered their services to the other sides in the club. Read on and find out how they all did in this weeks Siren.

Players – 5 weeks to go, please make sure that for the exciting culmination of the season we have a match report for each side. Please offer to do the job for your skipper as a thank you for all that they do for you throughout the season. If it continues to be the skippers writing the reports and me having to chase up for it there will be no Siren in 2012.

Please send reports to me by Monday lunch, jamesholmwood@hotmail.com .

Thanks - Homer

1s v Stow

Conceded by Walthamstow

20 points to SOSEMT in the hunt for promotion

2s v Stow

Conceded by Walthamstow

20 points to SOSEMT in the fight to avoid the drop

3s v Rayne 1s

Rayne 134 all out

SOS & EMT 138-2

4s v Buckhurst Hill

SOS & EMT 300-8 dec (Vajinder Paul 126)

Buckhurst Hill 208-6

5s v Tillingham

Tillingham 173-8

SOS & EMT 174-3 (Chris 'I'll go anywhere for a knock' Maher 76)

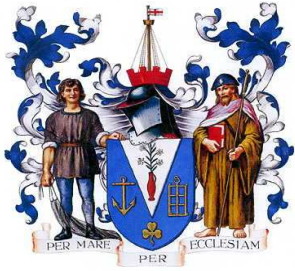
By Scott Silver

Receiving a text explaining that Tillingham was closed due to the flower show we were given new information to find the ground. Little did we know that when we would arrive that we would be playing in someone's back garden! The day became even more surreal when the owner of the house explained that the Dutch u13's come over every year and play on this track. (If its good enough for them its good enough for us).

With a couple of extra players this week it was day where we needed to bat first to aim for maximum points. I lost the toss again and we were put into the field on a day where the sun decided to make an appearance.



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Opening up with myself and Roy Anderson we were keeping things tight as Tillingham's opening pair made a stupid call for a run and Bobby Mills whipped into the keepers hand and Foster took the bails off professionally. (Please Note that this was the only good thing that bobby would do all day)

Roy in the next over took another wicket and they were now struggling on around 20 - 2 off 8 overs. However there number three would be there only saving grace as he went on to score 87. However missing a stumping and a fairly easy catch his score would not off been this high. Tillingham finished off on 173 - 8 as we couldn't quite push through the last couple of wickets. With the skipper confident of the strength in batting and the track playing extremely well I knew we could knock off the runs fairly easily.

John Fessey and Chris Maher took to the strip and without both batsmen needing to touch the ball we were on 16 off 3 overs.

John was unfortunate to get bowled to a ball that came back and Darren Fessey missed a straight one to see Foster Congrave came out to bat to save the day.

Chris' 76 was a key knock, he did become quite bogged down as the pills he was taking made him see about 2 bowlers and 6 balls but Fosters attacking mentality kept the runs ticking over and the target becoming ever closer.

As I came out to knock off the last few runs we needed to hit 175 for an extra point but in my own excitement we only managed to hit 174. However a win is a win and we are one step closer to getting ourselves out of the relegation zone.

A good Win Boys and a big thanks to Kevin Grant who was a great filler for the side and was great in the field.

6s v Chingford

Chingford 258-7

SOS & EMT 131 all out

Sun v Leigh

SOS & EMT 294-6 (Dave Bunce 129)

Leigh 89 all out (Raj Ahmed 4-71)

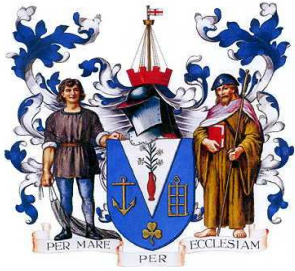
On a scorching hot Sunday SOSEMT turned up at Chalkwell Park to find a ground locked up and the opposition with only 7 men (a regular thing when Skipper Norfolk is not there!!!). However, keys and extra players were duly found and surprisingly Leigh chose to bowl on what looked an excellent batting strip and quick outfield.



Chris Gore reflects that he may have missed the boat!!

TK and Chris Gore opened up and after 1 smear through the leg side Gore was caught at square leg and this brought the experienced pair of Scott Elliott and Tom together to steer the relatively youthful SOSEMT side through a torrid opening spell with the ball nipping around and rearing up off a length. The pair battled manfully and kept the score ticking over through a number of deflections and edges from the pace on the ball, at one stage it was queried with the umpire whether the wicketkeeper had to be in the 30 metre circle given the distance he was standing back and still taking the ball head high.





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After the lacker wore off the ball the pair expected the bowling to get easier but with the young leg spinner and the not so young Ken Sandeman bowling in tandem and men round the bat waiting for the bat pad from the ball exploding off the pitch it was equally as tough. The pair grafted through to drinks and took a well deserved squash with the score at 1/121 with TK 53* and Scott 34*.

The boys carried on after drinks and for the 1st time could leave the arm guards and helmets on the side and looked to up the run rate which they did with some blistering shots to all corners of the ground which attracted a large crowd to watch the game from the boundary. Knowing pace was to come back they decided this was the time to push on and firstly Scott eeked his way to 50 and then to a standing ovation from the watching public Tommy made his 100, sadly after making his ton the wily Ken Sandeman was brought back and his turn and bounce produced a bat pad chance which short leg gladly snaffled and despite hanging around Tom looked up to see Bob Southward raising his finger to signal the end of his vigil.

Chris Maher joined Scott and they upped the rate when spin was replaced with medium pace and took the score past 250/2.

With 2 overs to go and Scott on 95*, Chris decided to play forward and was castled by the leg spinner, Sheldon Skeggs followed and in the same over Shaun Grant was also removed to start a middle order collapse.

With 5 needed for his 100 the opening bowler decided that Scott would be looking to play forward and decided to bounce him which was met with a calypso style hook that sent the ball towards Westcliff's pavilion and from the next ball Dave Enderby scampered through for a single which took the experienced 35 year old to a hundred that reminded this correspondent of Mike Atherton's 185 at the Wanderers in 1995.

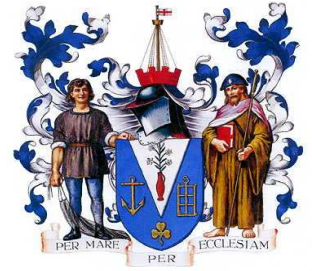
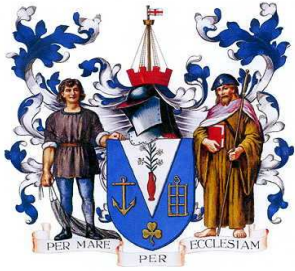
Sadly he was denied a red inker when Enderby turned his back on and ran him out. Maybe this was to afford him a richly deserved standing ovation from the growing crowd, only Enderby knows!!



After an excellent tea the Seaside took the field knowing that 294 was only a par score and with a bowling attack not in the oppositions class they would have to bowl well to be competitive.

Fortunately young Luke Bunce decided he would take the lead and knocked over three quick wickets which would have been 6 had he not had three dropped catches, one from his Dad which would possibly be classed as the easiest you would ever see and also from Dave " I never drop the nicks " Enderby. After his spell Shaun Grant came on and on what was an increasingly turning pitch took 4 wickets and allowed us to bowl Leigh out for 89.





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Centurions



Kevin Grant	1s	23 rd April	106* v West Essex
Steve Hunt	2s	30 th April	127 v Old Brentwood
Glen Norfolk	2s	28 th May	102 v Benfleet
Numan Khan	1s	4 th June	101* v Wickford
Tom Kenton	2s	4 th June	100* v Wickford
Glen Norfolk	2s	2 nd July	101 v Horndon
Vajinder Paul	4s	2 nd July	165* v Horncurch
James Holmwood	2s	9 th July	131* v Orsett
Vajinder Paul	4s	30 th July	126 v Buckhurst Hill
Tom Kenton	Eve		105 v Eastwood
Tom Kenton	Sun	31 st July	103 v Leigh
Scott Elliott	Sun	31 st July	100 v Leigh

Michelle Pfeiffer's



Max McNamara	Sun	1 st May	6-19 v Belhus
Chris Gore	6s	7 th May	5-66 v Old Southendians
Vajinder Paul	6s	14 th May	7-52 v Chingford
Patrick Kearney	4s	21 st May	5-23 v Wickford
Mark Irvine	3s	4 th June	5-33 v Brookweald
Patrick Kearney	4s	4 th June	5-46 v Woodford Green
Lucas Wiggins	U11a	5 th June	5-8 v Rankins
Maxwell McNamara	1s	25 th June	6-41 v Harlow
Maxwell McNamara	1s	2 nd July	6-39 v Horndon
Vajinder Paul	4s	2 nd July	6-96 v Horncurch
Scott Elliott	2s	9 th July	6-46 v Orsett

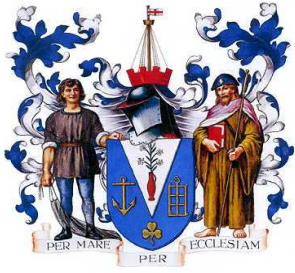
Where are the Monk and Fisherman next week?

1s	v	Leigh	@ Southchurch
2s	v	Buckhurst Hill	Away
3s	v	Brookweald	@ Ecko
4s	v	Wickford	@ The Garrison
5s	v	Rayleigh	Away
6s	v	Old Parkonians	Away
Sun	v	Basildon & Pitsea	@ Southchurch

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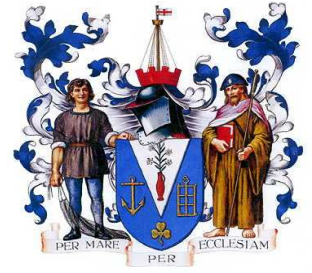


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SOS & EMT CC Cricket Tour to Chester 2011 - CANCELLED **August 14th to August 19th**

Guys,

It is with great regret that I have to cancel this year's Tour.

The numbers are just not strong enough to allow the Tour to go ahead.

I have tried getting more people involved but there is just not the interest.

I will arrange getting all you monies back in the next couple of weeks once I have had the accommodation deposit back etc. I have until tomorrow to cancel the accommodation other they will keep the 25% deposit already paid.

I hope to get down the Club before the end of the season for a few beers, good luck for the remainder of the season.

Steve



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