



Hambrook CC Youth Section

Season 2012 Report to AGM – Friday 21st September 2012

- Firstly I would like to wholeheartedly endorse all the thanks from the Youth Section that have already been made to those in the background – without whom, the club could not function.
- In 2012 the Youth section continued to make steady progress in developing future senior players for Hambrook CC. Of particular note is the strength in depth we will have within our current U13 and to a lesser extent U11 squads. The U15 squad has some players who will cope in the transition to senior cricket whilst a number of others may struggle or indeed may not make the transition.
- The weather caused much disruption to fixtures. I cannot recollect a season where I felt so much under pressure on my personal time in terms of the work needed just to keep things on track. The support and words of encouragement from parents and club members during this time was much appreciated.
- The youth section has made great strides in its delivery of meaningful and structured pre-season training programme – it has been well supported by the majority of the team managers. Some of the older youth players were involved in the programme delivery to younger age groups. The sessions were planned and delivered by myself – they remain challenging to everyone but also great fun to all participants. These sessions have continued to run at a profit of income over expenditure.
- In season training – greater structure was introduced to the U11 and U13 sessions. Individual as well as team needs were looked at and worked on – gone are the days of just netting. Full fielding drills, importance of warm ups and mental preparation are now becoming the norm for our current U13's. A lot of work was also completed on the ABCS (Agility, Balance, Coordination and Speed) and in line with the ECB LTAD model. Other items such as nutrition, fitness and hydration have also been introduced albeit only on a limited basis at present.
- Coach Education – Thom Manning and Nathan Warren both completed their UKCC level 1 coaching accreditation. All qualified coaches maintained their membership of the ECB coaches association and thus remained fully insured for public liability via the Coaches association.
- Results amongst all age groups remain good – the majority of teams being in credit in wins over losses.

- The Kwik Cricket programme was expanded this year with an U7's programme. They also played some friendly matches as well as having regular training sessions.
- Two development teams were introduced – U11 and U13 to either help those needing a gentler/ social introduction to the hard ball or to give those not regularly in the league team(s) the opportunity to play and learn.
- For the first time ever we had players involved in the boys district performance squads run by the GCB – 3 x U12 (Thom Wheeler, George Hanham, Billy Hankins), 2 x u13 (Louis Martin, Billy Diamond), 1 U15 (Connor Williams-Hicks. Others such as Ben Scrase were selected for the BYCL representative teams.
- Danika Dyer continued to impress within the Gloucestershire Girls and Women's performance programme – she captained the Gloucestershire U17's v Devon and was also selected for the Senior Women squad to play Ireland at the county ground in the Women's county championship.
- The youth website has seen continued success this year – with signed up members receive a weekly news email. Traffic levels remain buoyant with the youth website ranked within the top 100 clubs on the substantial Pitchero network more often than not.
- Use of technology for team selection was also used in 2012. The U13 trialed the use of an online selection tool called teamer.net – it has proved very successful by reducing the number of emails and phone calls needing to be sent or made. It is hoped this system will see greater use in 2013.
- The Youth Section sub committee have continued to support the delivery of a financially viable, robust, and sustainable youth programme at Hambrook – I thank everyone involved in the Youth section for their continued work and support of what has been achieved to date – there is however more work needed for us to improve on and also support the senior section through what may be a difficult period.
- A special mention to Carol for all her work with player registrations and related admin duties. Also thank you Martin Scrase for keeping our bank account in order and the coordinating of playing kit/ clothing again this year.