



Cobham Avorians Cricket Club

Academy Report 2007

Too much rain and inconsistent availability let the U13s down in 2007. We ended up 6th in the West Surrey Youth Cricket League out of 10 teams with just 2 wins and 3 matches un-played or abandoned due to the weather. A run rate of just 4.43 runs per over (the lowest in the division) I think tells the tale. Only towards the end of the season when we beat Epsom did we show how strong a team we could be. With a couple of new expected players in 2008 there are high hopes for the under 14s and a place in the top 2 or 3 should not be out of reach.

The under 11s came 5th out of 11 teams in their first season of competitive cricket with just 1 win (in their first game of the season) but this young team – many of whom had never played a cricket match before this season – will continue to develop and I'm sure will continue to equip themselves well in 2008.

We entered a girls under 11s competition for the first time in 2007, coming second narrowly losing in the final to Redoutables on their home ground having beaten Shepperton (one of the strongest female clubs in the country) in our first ever match.

Will be entering U14s and U12s teams into the West Surrey Youth Cricket League in 2008 and running U11s, U10s (possibly U9s) and Girls U12s friendly matches.

Indoor coaching starts in January, followed by indoor nets in April and then the first outdoor session at Avorians at the end of April.

We have a new coach in Steve Frise who is taking his level 1 coaching badge in January and we welcome him on board. We are always on the look out for more coaches and volunteers, please let me know if you think you might be able to help out from time to time.

Thanks to all the coaches for their help during the season – we couldn't do it without you!

Darren Talbot



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Academy Finance Report

Year to October 2007

I am pleased to report on the finances for the Academy for the year ended October 2007.

Our income was £6617, being largely made up of subscriptions £3323, coaching fees £949 and donations and sponsorship £1422. We remain most grateful to all those who made donations and to our sponsors, Fuel for Kids and H B Foods.

Our coaching costs for the year were £2835, equipment and balls were almost £1000, and ground costs were £1015, Cost of sales, affiliation costs and other general costs were £953.

The overall out-turn was + £839, which is money that provides us with a small float for the year ahead.

Budget 2008

The major financial decision we have made this year is to abolish match fees for Colts games. This will avoid the operational issues of trying to collect money after games and trying to remember who still owes! To alleviate the financial impact of this, we are raising slightly the subscriptions for those who are most likely to play most games. Thus the annual subscriptions for 2008 will be:

U11 and above	- £90 per annum
U10 and below and ladies	- £70 per annum
Child of a member who pays a senior subscription	- £45 per annum
Additional brothers and sisters after first member	- £25 per annum

Due to increased coaching costs, 2008 will be a tough year for us to hit our budget, and we intend to run a series of raffles and small functions across the season to try to avoid a loss in the 2008 season.

If anyone wants a copy of our final accounts for 2007, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Peter Worth

