

Avorians Cricket Club

Academy report for 2005

2005 was an exceptional year for the Academy.

Having started the year with only 6 members, the future of the Academy was looking in some doubt. However a sudden influx of members lifted moods instantly and by the end of the year we finished with over 30 players.

Such is the strength of the under 13 group, both from a numbers and skill perspective, we have entered a team into the West Surrey League for 2006. If availability is good I am confident we can push for promotion in our first season.

In 2007 most of the under 13s will still qualify as they are mostly 11 year olds now. However for 2008, whilst we will be able to field an under 15s team for the first time, we will be left with no under 13 team unless we can boost the numbers of under 11s over the next 2 years. That must therefore be the focus for 2006. There is the possibility of a tie up with Parkside School and this will be progressed over the close season. Any other ideas are welcomed!

We are planning a firework night and a Christmas party during the close season and for the first time we will have winter nets for the Academy.

My thanks to Ashley Golder, Brian Burgess and Matt Jacobs for their coaching support without which we would not have had such a successful year. All being well Ashley and Brian will be joining me on the level 1 coaching course in March 2006. Matt is already qualified to that level.

My thanks also to John and Carol Lane for their support in keeping the ground playable and the kids (and parents) fed and watered.

Having ended 2004 in pieces, I end 2005 eagerly anticipating an even better 2006.

Darren Talbot – Academy Director

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