



THE RADLETT REVIEW

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Good Evening everyone and welcome to this month's issue of the Radlett Review which is packed full of the latest Radlett Cricket Club news. If you have any feedback on the newsletter, good or bad, then please let us know – we'd love to know people are actually reading it!

Sunday 14th July – what an amazing day!

The day England (& Wales) won the cricket World Cup in what has been described as the greatest ever match, also turned out to be one of the greatest ever days in Radlett Cricket Club history.

4 Teams across the club turned in trophy-winning performances which was just reward for the hard work of the players, coaches and managers of the teams.

We'll start with the youngest of the trophy winners - the U11's. Having come close on previous occasions, in 2019 the Radlett U11s stormed to finals day losing just 1 game en route. In the semi final they renewed an old rivalry with Harpenden, who had beaten them in the final 2 years previously. Radlett scored 112 and in a see-saw game managed to bowl Harpenden out for 106 in the 19th over. In the final, West Herts were the opponents - a team the U11s had beaten twice already this year but a terrible start left them on 45 for 8. Some excellent grafting got the boys up to 78. Not a great score but one that was defensible. Hopes were hanging by a thread at 54 for 4 but some brilliant bowling saw West Herts bowled out for 59 and the cup and victory secured.



U11's – 2019 County Champions

For the U12's a change of division this year saw them head away from the traditional West Herts / Bushey hub but with the new scenery came many concessions and with only 4 games played it was difficult to gauge how much of an improvement they had made. Winning the Lancot trophy the week before was an indication everything was tracking well and after defeating Berkhamsted in the semi final we were all set to resume our rivalry with West Herts until Ickleford blew them away in the other semi. Having never played the Tigers it was a good challenge for the boys. After a cautious start against very disciplined bowling we slowly increased the run rate before a final flourish helped us to 124. Ickleford were always in the game until the run rate became a little too steep in the final overs; Radlett's strong bowling and hard work in the field contributing to a number of run outs. Ickleford ending up 8 runs short. The team have now won 4 successive Herts Championships from U9 to U12 – an outstanding achievement.



U12's – 2019 County Champions

Another team repeating success was the U14's. A mixed season for availability, and ultimately results, meant a tough away quarter final at St Albans, the best ranked team in the county, but a superb all round performance secured a final berth. Finals day started with a comfortable win over Berkhamsted but the final was a tense affair against Welwyn Garden city with the margin of victory just 4 runs – it's great to see that many of these boys have already represented the senior teams as they continue their cricketing development.



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Not to be outdone by the Juniors 20 over success, the Seniors captured the Herts County T20 at Cobden Hill later that afternoon.

Some early morning rain had spiced the pitch up, but that didn't stop Radlett batting first in the opening semi final and racking up a competitive 139 for 7. Adil Zareef the pick of the batsman with a typical swashbuckling 48. In reply Reed never got going and succumbed to 58 all out.

The second semi final was won without a ball being bowled as Totteridge Millhillians failed to materialise – Hertford cruising through to the final.

With doubts about the pitch, having won the toss Hertford decided to bat first but through a mixture of both spin and seam



Radlett 1st Team - 2019 T20 County Champions

bowling we managed to bowl Hertford out for 101 off 19.1 overs but the visitors sensed an opportunity. This sense was quickly snuffed out though as skipper Kabir Toor smashed 49 not out off 39 balls and overseas player Nathan Smith with 28 in 19 made the chase looked very easy, with the Hertford total surpassed with 6 overs still remaining.

The events that then unfolded at the World Cup rounded off a spectacular day at Cobden Hill and you may have seen some of the reaction on social media this week - a truly outstanding day!

Vitality Blast T20 Middlesex v Gloucestershire – Sunday 11th August

Just one other notice to provide you and that is there are only 3 weeks until Middlesex take on Gloucestershire, as the Vitality Blast comes to Radlett Cricket Club. Don't miss the likes of England world cup winning captain, Eoin Morgan, Dawid Malan, Steven Finn, Paul Stirling and Mujeeb ur Rahman in action at your local club.

Tickets are available via the shop at Middlesexccc.com

We will also need volunteers to help on the day and by volunteering you will be able to get in for free – we will have loads of jobs to do and if it's a nice day we expect the club to be packed – if you are able to volunteer please speak to Colin Warne