

Sat 9th May 2009 v Pedmore 3rd XI Cup Competition

The inaugural outing of our 4ths proved to be an hugely enjoyable but cold event with a large number of Old Hill players having their first taste of senior cricket. Pedmore produced a highly competitive and experienced team and having won the toss batted first to knock a impressive first innings total. In reply Old Hill proved to be resolute with a magnificent performance from Hamza 'Hamster' Ahmed battling through the whole 45 overs to score a fantastic 64 not out.

Sat 16th May 2009 v Worc Nomads Away

The Fourth XI had a great win in their Cup game at Worcester Nomads. Batting first Old Hill scored 185 for 8 wickets with 12 year old Hamza Ahmed scoring 69 and 15 year old Reece Shilvock 56 in an opening partnership of 134 runs. In reply, Worcester Nomads were 84 for 4 wickets off 28 overs with Hamza Ahmed 2 for 15, Jon Barrett 2 for 16 when the storms arrived. Old Hill won the match on a faster scoring rate to reach the Semi Finals to be played on 29 August 2009.

Sat 23rd May 2009 v Stourport Home

The Fourth XI lost their match at Spring Meadow being bowled out for less than 100 with Stourport reaching their target for the loss of 4 wickets to win by 6 wickets. Stourport Fourth XI 20 points; Old Hill Fourth XI 1 point.

Sat 30th May 2009 v Alvechurch & Hopwood Away

The Fourth XI managed to salvage a losing draw from their game at Alvechurch and Hopwood. The hosts batted first and scored 207 for 8 wickets (45 overs). A very young Old Hill side then found the going difficult and could only manage 85 for 9 wickets (45 overs) in reply, thanks mainly to the sterling efforts of 13 year old bowler, Lewis Javaid, who stayed at the crease for the last 8 overs to ensure a draw, having already taken one wicket for 10 runs in his 4 overs. Alvechurch and Hopwood 24 points, Old Hill 4 points.

Sat 13th June 2009 v Pedmore Away

The Fourth XI won a low scoring game at Pedmore. The home team batted first scoring 97 all out with Sam Vaughan returning figures of 5 wickets for 9 runs. Old Hill's innings got off to a bad start and they were reeling at 36 for 5 wickets. However thanks to a partnership of 60 runs between Captain Irshad Ahmed 23 and Neil Pestrige 30 not out, they got home with 4 wickets to spare to win the game. Pedmore 97 all out (2 points), Old Hill 99 for 6 wickets (20 points).

Sat 20th June 2009 v Rushwick Home

The Fourth XI match against Rushwick at Spring Meadow ended in disappointment, mainly due to the number of dropped catches by the youngsters, 10 in fact, which was a major contribution towards the visitors total of 197 for 7 wickets off their 45 overs. In reply after being 12 for 6 wickets, Old Hill reached 114 all out off 29 overs thanks to a tremendous rear-guard action by young Hamza Ahmed 37 and experienced Neil Pestrige 59 not out with a 60 plus partnership, but it was not enough to save the day. Old Hill 3 points, Rushwick 24 points. Rushwick won by 83 runs.

Sat 27th June 2009 v Rushwick Home

The Fourth XI won a roller coaster game at Pershore. Put in to bat, Old Hill found themselves on 66 runs for 8 wickets before Captain Irshad Ahmed (53) shared in two major partnerships - first of 50 runs with Frasor Alsop and of 40 runs with Lewis Javaid helping Old Hill to a total of 152 all out (44 overs). Pershore were then "shot out" for 52 runs (19 overs) with Hamza Ahmed taking 3 wickets for 3 runs and John Barrett 4 wickets for 9 runs. Old Hill 24 points, Pershore 4 points

Sat 4th July 2009 v Hagley Home

The Fourth XI were involved in a nail-biting game at home to second placed Hagley. Having first use of the wicket, Old Hill scored 198 - 8 wickets off 45 overs with Irshad Ahmed 47 not out and Neil Pestrige 35 the pick of the batsmen although Nathan Davies (26) featured in a stand of 70 runs for the eighth wicket with Captain Irshad Ahmed. With Hagley needing 18 runs for victory off the last over bowled by the Captain, Old Hill held their nerve as the visitors finished on 197 - 8 wickets giving the home side a creditable winning draw. Old Hill 14 points, Hagley 6 points.

Sat 11th July 2009 v Hagley Home

Old Hill (10 points) 216 - 6, Hagley (7 points) 100 - 3. Match abandoned as a draw.

The Fourth XI had a winning draw at Hagley. Taking first knock, Old Hill totalled 216 - 6 wickets thanks mainly to a partnership of 109 between Captain Irshad Ahmed (50) and Neil Pestrige (76). After claiming 3 early wickets, Old Hill had to settle for a winning draw when the rain arrived but all in all a good all round performance by the youngsters.

Sat 18th July 2009 v Worcester Nomads Home

Old Hill (5 points) v Worcester Nomads (5 points). Match abandoned.

The Fourth XI game due to be played at Spring Meadow against Worcester Nomads was abandoned without a ball being bowled due to the effects of the heavy rain of the previous days.

Sat 25th July 2009 v Stourport Away

Stourport 211 - 7 (15 points) drew with Old Hill 193 - 8 (8 points).

Hosts Stourport batted first against Old Hill Fourth XI scoring 211 runs for the loss of 7 wickets off their 45 overs with Joel Foster taking 2 - 43. In reply, the visitors totalled 198 - 8 wickets off their 45 overs with an opening partnership of 92 runs between Neil Pestrige (69) and Hamza Ahmed (34) although Ahmed was handicapped by severe cramp as the closely fought game ended in a draw.

Sat 1st Aug 2009 v Pedmore Away

Old Hill (5 points) Pedmore (5 points). Match abandoned.

Again, the Fourth XI game against Pedmore was abandoned before a start could be made due to the inclement weather conditions.

Sat 8th Aug 2009 v Rushwick Away

Rushwick 101 (21 points) beat Old Hill 51 (4 points) by 50 runs.

Old Hill Fourth XI game away at leaders Rushwick ended with a very disappointing outcome. The visitors' youngsters reduced the home side to 50 - 8 wickets with Hamza Ahmed 3 - 5 and Lewis Javaid 3 - 21 the main wicket takers, but from this point onwards Old Hill appear to be the victims of a number of debatable decisions. The home side eventually totalled 101 all out off 41 overs and the visitors were then 51 all out off 22 overs.

Sat 15th Aug 2009 v Alvechurch & Hopwood

Old Hill (24 points) match conceded by Alvechurch & Hopwood (0 points).

The Fourth XI game scheduled between Old Hill and Alvechurch due to be played at Spring Meadow was conceded by the visitors due to the unavailability of a number of players.

Sat 22nd Aug 2009 v Worcester Nomads

Old Hill 129 - 8 (3 points) drew with Worcester Nomads 204 - 2 (17 points).

Fielding a very young and inexperienced team, Old Hill Fourth XI managed a creditable losing draw at home to Worcester Nomads who batted first and scored 204 - 2 wickets off their 45 overs. In reply the home side could only compile a total of 129 - 8 wickets thanks mainly to Captain Irshad Ahmed (43), Hamza Ahmed (34) and Ryan Dimmock (24) leaving them some way short of their target with 45 overs completed and had to settle for a losing draw.

Sat 29th Aug 2009 v Hagley

Old Hill 67 - 6 beat Hagley 66 by 4 wickets.

Old Hill Fourth XI won their Worcestershire Knockout Cup Semi Final against Hagley Third XI away at Hagley to reach the final of the Plate competition. The home team batted first and were 'shot out' for 66 runs with Abrush Ali taking 5 - 13 and Hamza Ahmed 2 - 8. Old Hill's reply got off to a disastrous start and they found themselves struggling on 30 - 6 wickets before Neil Pestridge (20 not out) was joined by Khalid Mahmood (20 not out) and they steered Old Hill to victory by 4 wickets with an unbroken seventh wicket partnership. The final will take place next Saturday on a neutral ground.

Sat 5th Sept 2009 v Feckenham Away

Old Hill Fourth 137 - 7 beat Feckenham Third 136 by 3 wickets

Old Hill Fourth XI ended the season on a high by beating Feckenham Third XI by 3 wickets in the WCL Plate Final at Hopwood to claim the silverware. Old Hill chose to field first and Feckenham were bowled out for 136 runs in 44 overs with Khalid Mahmood taking 3 - 26 and Hamza Ahmed 2 - 14. In reply Old Hill reached their target in 36 overs scoring 137 - 7 wickets with Joe Thorn (53) and Neil Pestrige (42) the leading scorers as Old Hill took the trophy.