

Albrighton Cricket Club

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1st XI Captains Report – Adam Shimmons

Well that was a season. My first as captain where we have not been relegated so thank you all for that.

With it being a season of straight win lose games it became a season to be brave and go for the win which with the exception of the game against Wellington where they knocked off 100 in the last 10 overs we were on the winning side of all the close matches.

The team once again managed to get the youngsters playing well with the support of a couple of slightly older guys to make up the numbers. Thank you to Jogi and Andy for their support through the season getting the team together and the helpful advice.

The season itself we welcomed back the run machine Chris Morris who batted well through the season and bowled as well. Sam, Pete, H, Alex, Bilal and Ben Noakes all contributed well through the year. Alex consistently opening the bowling and doing it well. We had guest appearances from Woody, Darren, Will and special mention of the constant injuries but dedication of Brett who supported the club and the team tirelessly through the season. However, player of the season and gold star player had to be Siv who Batted and Bowled as Mr consistent. If he could learn to call and umpire he could be the whole package.

It was a pleasure to captain this year with a team who just got on with it. They played with a smile on their faces and won and lost as a team.

The win against Wroxeter Away has to be the highlight of the season and my time as captain over all the years. We were cruising until an unfortunate umpiring decision and then out of it until the introduction of Billy Bash Jogi. Hitting 6's for fun and then Pete hitting the winning run off the last ball. Amazing. Of course, in that game we also have to mention the most unorthodox hat trick of Chris Morris and the bowling of H who kept the score so low for us to chase.

Thanks as always to the Club and all that make the place such a special place to play even with this weird season, Darren, Karyn and the committee who all tirelessly work to keep this brilliant club on the up and the ground looking so good.