

Sports Report

Week Ending 6th July, 2008.

CRICKET

On Monday, the **U14A** side played Manchester Grammar School in the Lancashire Cup Quarter Final. The opposition batted first and were 168 for 9 off 35 overs with Fahad Ashfaq (2 for 25) and Michael Ferguson (2 for 28) being the pick of the bowlers. In reply Michael Ferguson (28) and Zaki Malick (20) provided the only real resistance as the team were bowled out for only 75 to lose by 93 runs.

Also on Monday, the **U14B** side played The Grange School. The side won the toss and batted first scoring 101 for 3 with Umar Ibrar (45 not out) and Harry Slingsby (18 not out) providing an excellent partnership. In reply, the opposition were bowled out for 48 with Seif Mahmood (4 for 7), Chris Hughes (1 for 5) and Daniel Mulqueen (1 for 4) causing most of the damage. The team won by 53 runs.

The **U13's** played Birkdale School on Monday in the Lancashire Cup. The team posted a commanding total of 125 for 2 thanks to Tom Parton (62) and Alex Breckin (47). Richard Riley and Alex Breckin both bowled with discipline to secure a 25 run victory for the team.

The **U12's** completed an impressive 51 run victory against The Grange School on Monday. All batsmen contributed in registering 114 for 6 off their allotted overs. In reply, the opposition could only manage 63 for 8 with Matthew Bowen and Daniel Farley picking up most of the wickets.

The **1st XI** played QEGS, Blackburn on Tuesday in an all-day game. The visitors batted first and posted a commanding 238 all out. Rob Ferguson (2 for 10) and Matthew Travis (2 for 57) were the pick of the bowlers. In reply, the team lost too many cheap wickets throughout the innings and eventually crawled to 108 all out. Rob Ferguson (17 not out) provided some resistance towards the end but it wasn't enough to avoid a 130 run defeat.

On Wednesday, the **U13's** played in the quarter final of the Lancashire Cup against Audenshaw School. The side made an under-par total of 86 for 8 with Tom Parton top scoring with 26. Alex Breckin and Richard Riley both bowled very well and were backed up by some excellent fielding from Tom Parton and Reece McGadie. However, the opposition hung on to reach their target with only 2 wickets remaining.

Also on Wednesday, the **U12's** were in action against West Hill School at the same stage of the competition. The side recorded 105 for 5 off their 20 overs with George Owen (25 not out) and Matthew Bowen (27 not out) proving to be the main stays of the innings. Conor Gaydon bowled well but this was not enough to avoid a 6 wicket defeat.

On Thursday, the **1st XI** played Kirkham Grammar School in a timed game. The team batted first and managed to post 217 for 5 declared thanks to a majestic 119 not out from Michael Howarth. He was well supported by Michael Farley (32). The opposition set about their task in a positive fashion and looked to be cruising to victory until Rob Ferguson (4 for 31) and Matthew Travis (3 for 30) grabbed key wickets to eventually dismiss the visitors for 184, to secure a much-deserved 34 run win.

TENNIS

On Saturday the Northern Schools **U14** tennis championships were played in atrocious conditions at Pocklington School near York. Two teams took part. BGSB I, Luke Costello and Tom Pickersgill, played extremely well to win through 3 rounds before losing narrowly in the semi-final to Wilmslow High School. BGSB II, Stephen Hoyle and Luke Finlayson, went out to the eventual winners in the second round of the plate competition. Special thanks go to Luke Finlayson who was a last-minute replacement.