

Over 50's Captains Report 2020

Great year achieved by the group. !! I'm a proud Captain to say the least.

We set out with a few objectives in mind and formulated a medium to long term plan with 2021 Championship in mind - All things being equal of course.

Amidst covid and its associated issues, we managed to achieve our main objectives with time to spare.

1. Our playing numbers increased from approximately 17 to 36 who had either played before, new members or members who made themselves available this year. We had 9 regular members who did not make themselves available this year.
2. For the first time in many a year we did not have to ask a single member from the over 60 or over 70's group to fill in because of late call offs or lack of numbers - this was applicable for every single game this past season. We were oversubscribed for availability for every game. A testament to the commitment of players in our age group who wanted to play
3. Through the increase in players, the standard increased immeasurably .
4. We achieved winning success and could easily have finished runner up in our mini league had we managed to get over the line in 2 other matches. The pain still lives on but the desire is there.
5. We played 23 different combinations of members across the games we played giving as many new members a taste and opportunity of what to look forward to in the future.

Although the cricket has finished, the work goes on behind the scenes to ensure we remain a focussed unit and one that wants to progress to better levels.

The results of playing numbers and the enthusiasm of the group have resulted in us looking at ways of creating a second representative team going forward. We really do need to keep the interest at a high and not lose any players to the dreaded "I won't get a game so I'm going to give up" scenario.

A personal note of thanks to Pat D, Chris B and Roger C for their support and guidance through this season. We've had many more ups than downs this season which only augurs well for the future.

Watch this space

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