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Under 13's

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FANTASTIC!!!!!!



An amazing season was rounded off in superb style as in four days Londesborough won the York and District Junior League under 13's cup on Thursday; followed up on Saturday by a league play off semi final victory and on Sunday the cherry on the cake with a crushing victory in the play off final. Fifteen matches, fifteen wins is a record of which to be very proud. What's more, no

opposition side came close to challenging this very talented team. This has indeed been a season to remember.

Inevitably in such a good side, some talented boys have not had the chance to shine that they deserved, but all have contributed to the season, and all deserve the plaudits, not just the stars of the team.

Robert Mellor, James Humble, James Laudage, Tom Armstrong and Billy Salmon all performed very well during the season when called on.

Angus Field, Rory Stephenson and Tommy Hudson contributed significantly but missed out on the final matches - partly because the under 11's did so well too.

Charlie Cartwright, Phil Mitchell, Toby Stephenson and Owen Raper did not get much chance to bat or bowl in the last three matches, but all fielded well and without complaint, having been instrumental in earlier victories, playing really well to ensure that the finals were reached.

Lewis Medley, Matthew Richardson, and Harry Gamble bowled and batted with distinction throughout.

Joe and Ben Shingles. Jonty Atkinson and Nathan Saltmer were outstanding throughout the season and all represented East Yorkshire at under 13 level, with Nathan also starring for Yorkshire B. Ben and Jonty formed a solid opening partnership, Joe's bowling was consistently threatening and Nathan captained the side with increasing maturity, batted with class and at the end of the season spearheading the bowling attack.

Cup Final - Londesborough 97-3 beat York 64-9

In a delayed York and District Junior League cup final at Woodhouse Grange, Londesborough Park under 13's overcame a young York team by 33 runs, jubilantly to retain the trophy.



Batting first Londesborough were again given a solid if unspectacular start by reliable openers Ben Shingles and Jonty Atkinson, with 45 on the board without loss after ten of the allotted twenty overs and few problems. The pace then slackened rather than increasing and Londesborough lost their way a little as York fielded with verve and bowled accurately. Ben retired on 30, Jonty was caught on 29 and talisman skipper Nathan Saltmer was comprehensively bowled for a duck. The tempo was eventually raised. Joe Shingles and Lewis Medley ran with urgency, including an all run four of the last ball as

Londesborough reached 97 for the loss of three wickets.

York lost wickets early as Jonty bowled tightly (three overs, one wicket for just two runs) and Nathan bowled with too much pace for the batsmen to deal with, picking up 2 for 8 in his four overs. Joe Shingles at first change added three wickets as York crumbled to 19 for 4 before

recovering to make 64. Londesborough's fielding was also top notch. Toby Stephenson threw in with power from deep mid off for Matthew Richardson to complete a run out and six catches were held, two by 'keeper Owen Raper including one off a thick edge standing up to Shingles. York competed well to the end but could not threaten the Londesborough total. Charlie Cartwright completed the match with a deserved wicket in the last over.

Play-off semi final LPCC 73-6 beat Dunnington 47-6

An interesting match at the Park began with heavy dew still evident on the green sward. Having elected to bat Londesborough struggled to 23-1 after ten overs, seemingly unable to hit the ball off the square. Initial concern regarding Ben and Jonty's batting skills evaporated when the sponge like spherical object masquerading as a cricket ball was replaced by a rather more orthodox version. Runs started to flow more freely as initially disconcerted batsmen played their shots. Nathan retired after playing 30 and Harry Gamble contributed a crucial 12 before wickets tumbled in the search for quick runs at the end. 73 did not seem like a comfortable score to defend, but only Malton had scored more against Londesborough this season. Nathan and Jonty (four overs, 1 for 5) bowled very tightly from the off and a couple of LBW's got rid of early batsmen playing across the line. The dangerous Tom Loten remained but was unable to accelerate as Londesborough's bowlers maintained their stranglehold, well supported in the field. Joe snapped up 2 for 5 in his four overs, Lewis 1 for 7 in four and Matthew 1 for 3 in 2. Phil Mitchell pouched two excellent catches and when Loten eventually opened up he was expertly caught on the deep mid-wicket boundary by Ben. Job done!



Play-off final: LPCC 105-2 beat Thixendale 72 all out

A splendid day at picturesque Bolton Percy saw Londesborough Park under 13's complete a league and cup double in the York and District Junior League with a sweet victory over spirited Thixendale.

Londesborough were indebted to skipper Nathan Saltmer, who lead a strong bowling attack with five wickets for nine runs, reducing Thixendale to 21 for 6 before they recovered to 72 all out, 33 short of Londesborough's 105 for 2 in the allotted twenty overs. Joe Shingles started the early Thixendale collapse with a superb direct hit from wide long on to run out opener Matthew Besford. Saltmer followed up immediately with a fiery spell to take three wickets, including a fast yorker which splayed the stumps of Thixendale skipper Matt Proctor. Shingles' very reliable left arm swing accounted for two more Thixendale batsmen (both bowled) and from a desperate position Thixendale were always unlikely to recover.

So it proved, though Thixendale battled on well, with Scott scoring an excellent 30 before enforced retirement. A good catch from Lewis Medley at mid



wicket was a precursor to the final over in which Saltmer polished off the tail, and Londesborough celebrations ensued.

Earlier, inserted Londesborough began steadily in the face of tight bowling from Proctor and Besford. Openers Jonty Atkinson and Ben Shingles took singles offered by a deep set field and relished occasional boundaries. Both progressed to 30 before retiring. Saltmer and Harry Gamble pushed on but real acceleration to a formidable total failed to materialise as Thixendale fielded tenaciously and must have fancied their chances at the break having scored 111 to win their semi final.

However it was not to be, as Londesborough launched their formidable bowling attack, which proved to be sufficient for a comfortable victory and completion of an unbeaten season - played 15, won 15.

Good luck to all next season, whether in the under 15's or under 13's, both of which will be strong teams again.



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