

# The Bugle

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## Stag do's, 'veteran' 1<sup>st</sup> XI's and Euro exits

June 2016 will be remembered by most across the country as the month that Roy Hodgson succeeded above all others at providing a European exit strategy. However at Bledow it'll be remembered for a narrow loss in the regional village cup final and a stunning Saturday result that will go down in Bledlow folklore.

## Senior Match Reports

### Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June: 1<sup>st</sup> XI win @ Didcot 1<sup>st</sup> XI

Despite getting lost on the way to the ground, forgetting the warm up gear and not partaking in the warm-up, captain Moore won yet another toss and elected to field on what certainly looked like a bowler friendly pitch.

Didcot got off to a solid start, reaching 25-0, before an over of madness from Matt Bolton produced 3 wickets for no runs. First he nicked off one of the Didcot openers, then a mix up between the two batsman saw number 3 run out for 0, and finally he bowled the next man in first ball. Two more quick wickets followed to leave Didcot reeling at 48-5. An impressive sixth wicket partnership looked like getting the hosts back into the game but a wicket each for Reckers and Tom saw Bledlow back on top with the score 110-7. Didcot's tail got them up to 160 before being bowled out.

Tom and Olly went out to bat with 10 overs play left before tea and were 30-0 when tea was taken. After tea Olly attempted to come back for an over ambitious second run and was narrowly adjudged run out blaming one too many slices of pizza. The score was 60 when Tom was out caught and bowled which started a tough spell for the batsmen as Will and Harry struggled to score against a good combination of spin and seam bowling from Didcot. Will was dismissed for 0, kicking off the nerves in the Bledlow dressing room. Bledlow then lost a further 3 wickets for 40 runs to leave a tricky 50 runs to win with just 4 wickets remaining. However, a counter attacking partnership of 52 between Marcus and Hawkesy saw Bledlow home with 13 overs left.

### Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June: 2<sup>nd</sup> XI lose vs Buckingham 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

**Buckingham 247-7:** Geoff Tombs pick of the bowlers with 2-20.

**Bledlow 183 all out:** Graham Keens weighing in with 51 and Ben Moore returning to form with 38.

### Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June: 2<sup>nd</sup> XI lose vs East Oxford 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

**East Oxford 251 all out:** Long afternoon in the field but good bowling performances from Ben Moore (4-65) and Andy Reclik (3-52).

**Bledlow 210 all out:** A good chase from Bledlow giving the batsman confidence for the rest of the season. Marcus Goodchild with 58, James Basu with 44 and Ben Moore again in the runs with 30.

### Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June: 1<sup>st</sup> XI lose @ Great Brickhill 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

The skipper Tom lost the toss but got his way as Brickhill elected to bat first on a green pitch. Things got off to a great start with the Pearces tying down the opening batsmen. This first led to a run out created by Matt Bolton, and then three quick wickets for Dave, leaving the home side struggling at 35-4. Brickhill's batsmen then dug in, a tortuously slow 5th wicket partnership of 43 restored some hope to their innings. However, the change bowlers of Matt Bolton and James Hawkes continued to chip away to leave Bledlow needing 148.

The opening partnership didn't last long with Olly adjudged LBW for 4. Harry Bartlett came in and put on a quick 43 run partnership with Tom before falling for 19. Bledlow then struggled to 85-5 before a good stand between Charlie Downes and Sam Mudie looked to have us on course for victory. They were both dismissed with the score on 123, leaving 25 runs left to win. Another quick wicket meant the game was slipping away until the Pearces came together and managed to take the team to within 4 runs of victory before Matt was bowled. This brought new man Don Woodward to the crease. With just 2 runs to win, Dave hit the ball to point on the fifth ball of the over and set off for the single that would level the scores, however a direct hit resulted in Don being run out and Bledlow losing the match by a single run.

### Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June: 2<sup>nd</sup> XI win @ Challow 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

**Bledlow 166-8:** An important middle order stand between Sam Mudie (44) and Geoff Tombs (31) got Bledlow to a respectable score.

**Challow & Childrey 162 all out:** A fantastic bowling and fielding performance gave Bledlow their 2<sup>nd</sup> win of the season. Matt Lomas and Joe Harman taking 3 wickets a piece,

### Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June: 1<sup>st</sup> XI win vs Wallingford 1<sup>st</sup> XI

It was like rolling back the years as the 'veterans' were called out of voluntary retirement to make up the numbers on Saturday, as the bulk of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI were staggering their way around Great Yarmouth. Early nerves and tensions were extinguished when Rob Fitzgerald was told to sit down and be quiet, well before the start, and the warm up consisted of Andie Witney 'nipping' home for a jumper. Bowling first, Bledlow made runs hard to come by and the Chairman received his first ever official warning for dangerous bowling when he landed a full toss on the opener's leg stump, only to see it called no ball. Apparently the considered opinion of both umpires was that this was the act of an aggressive opening bowler. The batsman went on to make 52 before the Chairman dismissed him for a second time! Ben Moore and the express bowling of regular keeper Bartlett accounted for the majority of the wickets, reducing the visitors to 178 all out. Widely observed as the 1s best bowling performance of the season so far, backed up by some athletic fielding from the oldies !? The batting response showed great promise, for the first 2 balls. At the end of the first over we were two wickets down and from then on there followed a steady trickle, which was only prevented from becoming worse by the batting of Harry Bartlett, who didn't appear to be facing the same bowling as everyone else.

At 121 for 8 the game came alive. An unbroken partnership of 61 for the 9th wicket brought about a victory that never looked in doubt. The Chairman's valuable contribution of zero from 20 balls and the cool headed dissection of the field by Bartlett had the crowds on their feet, as the winning total was reached with overs to spare. Harry ending up 131 not out off just 112 balls.



Guess the average age of the victorious 1<sup>st</sup> XI and get a special mention in next months edition! Entries via twitter or to [bledlowcc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bledlowcc@yahoo.co.uk).

### Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June: 2<sup>nd</sup> XI lose vs Long Marston

Ben Moore lost the toss and we are made to bat. With a bit of rain around we got under way facing a top of the table Long Marston side with Keeno and Marcus opening up. This partnership wasn't to last long with Marcus trying to smash a ball on the up and snicking off. Bloomers came in at 3 and went for 2 missing a full ball looking to drive. Keeno looked rather comfortable until guiding one straight to gully. With George Harman in at 4 playing his first game of the season and a maverick move from captain Moore promoted 1st team No.11 to bat at 5 didn't reap reward as Kingy went for just 1! As a familiar story for the 2s started to unfold, Tombs and George were able to slow the collapse and made a partnership of 47 as George after a promising innings was out for 40. This led to another collapse and a poor total of 114 was posted.

Andy Reclik and Joe Harman took the new ball and both started with a wicket a piece in their opening overs. 2 down in 3 overs and we started wondering if we could pull this out the bag! The bowlers continued to create lots of pressure with the batsman wanting to score more freely than they were able to. Kingy and Ben kept chipping away taking wickets. Some great fielding kept the pressure on the opposition to make sure it wasn't an easy 25 points for them. But chasing 114 we were generally pleased with the performance in the field the allowed us to pick up 7 wickets.

## Players of the Month

### 1<sup>st</sup> XI Player of the Month

#### Harry Bartlett

Another stellar month for the young wicket keeper batsman. His 131 out of a total of 178 against Blewbury and Wallingford won't be forgotten for a long time.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Player of the Month

#### Geoff Tombs

Tombsy has been Mr Consistent both with bat and ball in the 2nd's this year and had another very good June.

### Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June: 1<sup>st</sup> XI draw @ Shipton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

After torrential rain on the drive over we were greeted with the soggiest of outfield. Eventually, after an early tea and the game begin shortened to a 32-28 over match, stand in skipper Matt Pearce lost the toss and Bledlow were put in to bat. Both openers fell relatively cheaply and wicket followed quickly to leave Bledlow 45-3. An aggressive partnership between Harry and Charlie looked to be getting Bledlow up to a big score before Harry was caught behind for 41. A series of poor shots followed leading to Bledlow losing 4 wickets for just 4 runs. Dave then came to the crease and added some calm to proceedings as him and Charlie added 22 for the 9th wicket before Charlie was out for a composed 31. Dave and Dan then added a further 23 runs for the last wicket to the score up to 149.

The Pearce brothers opening the bowling and immediately put Shipton under pressure restricting them to 20-3 from 10 overs. James Hawkes didn't let the pressure off whilst Dave continued to pick up wickets ending up with figures of 4-23. At 38-5 the hosts seemed to have given up all hopes of victory and were now just looking to hang on for the draw. Bledlow still managed to chip away at the Shipton batting line up, resulting in us needing just 1 wicket from 4 overs. Despite some big appeals and near misses we came up just short.

## Junior Cricket

Most of the junior league games have now finished. Thanks to all those who played their part in an enjoyable season. Training continues on Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> and will be followed by the Presentation evening. It'd be great to see another large turnout.

## Batting Averages (Min 2 innings)

	Name	M	I	R	Ave
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Harry Bartlett	7	6	349	70
	Tom Moore	5	5	171	43
	Charlie Downes	4	3	71	24
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Marcus Goodchild	4	4	116	29
	Graham Keens	6	6	170	28
	James Basu	3	3	68	23
Sun XI	Marcus Goodchild	3	3	190	190
	Will Woodward	2	2	185	185
	Sam Mudie	4	4	228	76

## Bowling Averages (Min 20 overs)

	Name	M	O	R	W	Ave
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Matt Bolton	5	40	101	11	10
	Dave Pearce	4	49	154	13	15
	James Hawkes	4	47	166	11	17
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Joe Harman	4	28	86	5	17
	Geoff Tombs	8	39	155	7	22
	Andy Reclik	7	48	231	10	23
Sun XI	Oscar Frost	3	14	58	7	8
	Mark King	2	14	40	3	13
	Tom Moore	2	14	61	3	20

## Dates for your diary

Jul 9 <sup>th</sup>	JR memorial Race Night	8pm to late
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Junior training, Presentation Evening & BBQ @ BVCC	7:30pm
Sep 16 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Presentation Evening @ PRGC	TBC