



2023 Season Review

The 2023 season for Evenley Cricket Club will go down as one of the most successful seasons in the club's history. Our 1XI won promotion back to the SNCL Premier League after winning the division 1 title on the final day of the season. Our 2XI won promotion to division 2 after finishing second in the league in Division 3 and our midweek team saw success by winning the Buckingham midweek league shield against Waddesdon after we finished 3rd in our midweek league.

Our 1XI won the league title on the final day of the season due a statement victory away against our title challengers Thornborough. Joe Walker playing a crucial part in the game by taking a hat trick to thwart Thornborough's innings. Our record for the season had the first XI winning 11/13 games with a further 3 games cancelled due to poor weather. Runs were free flowing in our first team with regular scores of over 200 in our batting innings, notable mentions go to Ben Patterson (515 runs, high score 142) Robbie Turvey (512 runs, high score 115) and George Fox (387 runs, high score 87*). Notable mentions on the bowling side include Harry Brown (19 Wickets, best spell 5-30) and Harvey Baul (12 Wickets, best spell 3-29). Overall a fantastic season for the first team captained by Jonty Devine and George Fox over the course of the season, we had 29 players represent the 1XI all making important contributions. Our 2XI claimed promotion on the final day of their season. The record for the season ended with winning 7/10 games with an additional 4 lost due to poor weather. The Second XI also made it to their league semi final in the T20 knockout cup.

Notable performances from the side over the season included bowling Brackley CC out for 49, Bowling Woodford Halse out for 77 and Towcestrians for 79. With the bat the second XI scored over 200 against Printers, Preston Bissett, Woodford Halse and Towcesterians. Notable mentions for batting are Matt Wethey (178, high score 48), Kian Brooke (199, high score 126) and Kieron and Morgan Thomas scoring 116 & 111 over the course of the campaign. From a bowling perspective mentions go to Tom Benton (14 Wickets, best spell 4-19) and Kye Cosby (13 wickets, best spell 3-8). A positive season for the Second XI with strong performances and massive improvements from some of the youngsters in the team, captained by Thomas MacFadyen, Matt Wethey and Tom Benton we had 29 players represent our 2XI team.

Our midweek league campaign saw us finish 3rd in the league with a record of 8/11 wins, including victories against, Finmere, Silverstone, Brackley, Westcott, Maids Moreton, Preston Bissett and Marston St Lawrence. A third place finish left us in the league shield final where we played and beat Waddesdon in a match which saw us post 129-9 of our 15 overs, partly due to a monumental start from James Connor who hit the first over for over 20. In reply Waddesdon could only manage 109-5 from their 15 overs due to top bowling from Jonty Devine, Kye Cosby, Joe Walker, Kian Brooke and Harvey Baul and Ben Armstrong. The midweek side was captained through the season by Josh Barber and Robbie Turvey who both did a great job.