

Junior Indoor Cricket Report

U11 League: The New Year started with a game between Margate B and Broadstairs B, with both teams still looking for their first wins of the season. Broadstairs batted first and made a bad start when Harry Carter struck an early blow. Ben Pryce (12) and Marius Thompson (25*) then came together with the team's largest partnership of the season to help their side to a very respectable 103-3. Margate came out fighting and, with Harry Carter (17*) playing the sheet anchor role were still in the hunt at the halfway stage. However, wickets for Matthew Marson (1-18) and Ben Pryce (1-7) together with an accurate couple of overs from Marius Thompson, who conceded only 6 runs, ensured that the chase was fruitless as the reply was restricted to 83-2. **Broadstairs B won by 20 runs.**

Some smart fielding soon saw both Sandwich openers run out as Nelson seized the initiative. However, Oliver Nedderman and Lewis Thornby dragged their team back into the game before Thornby was dismissed for 20. This loss did nothing to slow Nedderman down as he advanced his score to an unbeaten 35 and lifted his team to 103-4. In turn, Nelson struggled against some accurate bowling, typified by Nedderman and Thornby who both achieved that rarity in indoor cricket, a maiden over. Only Tom Coyne with an unbeaten 27 and, briefly, Jack Fowles with 11 were able to make much impression on the bowling as Nelson were restricted to 68-3 in reply. **Sandwich won by 35 runs.**

U13 League: Second played first when Broadstairs A played Nelson. Broadstairs batted first and made a flying start as Henry Collier (31*) and Elliot Fox (25*) both scored freely and took the score well past 50. This gave the rest of the batting to take risks and left Nelson powerless to stem the flow of runs. Broadstairs eventually posted a very impressive 127-3. If Nelson were looking for a good start, this was to be denied as a smart bit of fielding saw them lose a wicket in the very first over. Harvey Laws (27*) and Josh Attwell (25*) tried desperately to get their team back into the hunt, but were always struggling to score quickly enough against some accurate bowling and tigerish fielding. As a result, Nelson could only reach 76-4 to suffer their first defeat of the season and lose the coveted spot at the top of the table. **Broadstairs A won by 51 runs**

Broadstairs B and Margate may not be enjoying the best of seasons, but they served up an absolute thriller in their latest game. The Broadstairs' innings turned into a one-man show as Farjad Yasir made the best score of the season as he carried his bat for 41* out of a total of 91-4. The pick of Margate's bowlers was Ben Robinson who picked up 2-20, although Sam Chivilo proved difficult to get away, finishing with 1-11 from his 2 overs. Margate slumped in reply as Oliver Moore took 2-11. However, opener Ben Robinson hung around for 16, but when he went it was all down to last man Aaron Faulkner. He batted as though he was sure that victory was still on the cards until, with two balls remaining, the scores were tied. Margate had lost 5 wickets by now, so had to score one run to win. The outcome was jubilation or despair, depending on your loyalties, as Faulkner was out. **Broadstairs B won by virtue of having lost fewer wickets.**

U15 League: Broadstairs B could be said to be the architects of their own downfall in the game against Old Hartsdonian as their bowlers conceded 69 runs in extras. The top order took advantage of this generosity as George O'Neill chipped in with 25*, supported by Todd Jordan (17) and Jack Wheeler (11), with Old Harts reaching 131-4. Wheeler then picked up 2-15 to leave Broadstairs gasping as the top three batsmen contributed just 6 runs between them. Senura Ratiyala, with a

personal best of 36* and Jamie Fowler (20) restored some pride, as they took their team to 96-5. **Old Hartsdonian won by 35 runs.**

Broadstairs A set off confidently against Margate, with Callum Morgan and Alfie Huntley both scoring freely. However, when Huntley reached his 25 and Morgan was dismissed for 23, Margate came back into the game, spearheaded by Sam Chivilo (1-18), and put the brakes on. Following a flurry of wickets, Huntley came back in and took his score to 33, but Margate would still have been pleased to have dismissed their opponents for 97. However, Morgan had not finished with them yet as he followed up his runs by taking 2-18 and put Margate under pressure. Alex Strong battled away for 17, but Craig Alder, (2-11) and Connor Morgan (1-16) ensured that any hope of an upset was dashed as Margate were bowled out for 64. **Broadstairs A won by 33 runs.**