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A Message From the Chairman

In his first year at the helm, Ben Francis looks back on a season of transition, challenge, investment and community spirit that has set a firm foundation for the future of the club.



As I come to the end of my first season as your Chairman, it provides a welcome opportunity to reflect on our journey over the past twelve months. It has certainly been a season that has tested our resolve but has also showcased our strengths, presenting a picture of mixed fortunes on the field but one of unwavering commitment from club members off it. While the scorecards tell part of the story, the real narrative is one of investment in our players, our facilities, and the very future of our club.

On the Field

It is fair to say our senior teams experienced the full spectrum of emotions this year. I must start by highlighting our 1st XI on a strong league campaign. Building on last season, they secured a highly commendable 4th place finish, demonstrating a consistency and quality that sets a strong benchmark for the club. Similarly, our 5th XI once again showed the spirit and depth of talent we possess, narrowly missing out on a promotion spot but playing an entertaining brand of cricket throughout.

We must, however, be candid about the quality of some of our other cricket and the challenges we faced. The relegation of our 2nd and 4th teams is undoubtedly a disappointment for the players and the club. A significant factor this season was a

persistent struggle with player availability, which stretched our resources and made it difficult to gain any momentum. Nevertheless, league tables do not always capture a team's full contribution. Both these sides performed a vital role in providing a platform for our promising young cricketers to transition into the senior game. The experience those players gained is an investment that, while not reflected in points this year, I'm sure will pay significant dividends in the seasons to come.

The Future is Bright

The future of our club lies in our youth, and on that front, the news is incredibly bright. A major highlight of the season was seeing our U19 Harriers storm their way to a league title, a magnificent achievement and a clear sign that our development pathway is working. Their success is a credit to both their talent and the dedication of their coaches over years. It's important to recognise this pipeline of talent begins with our All Stars programme, which was once again a hive of energy and enthusiasm - it has been wonderful to see so many youngsters developing their skills.

Old But Gold

Alongside our youth, the success of our well supported Vets team is pleasurable to see. Is it the cricket or the 'Smithy Tea' I hear you say? Regardless, they continue to enjoy their cricket



and demonstrate that class is permanent, well sometimes! Thank you to Brad, the players and spectators who continued to make veterans cricket something we all look forward to.

Investing in the Club

A key part of our long-term plan is to continually improve the facilities for our members. This year, we were delighted to complete a major refurbishment of our bar. It has been wonderful to see it being utilised and enjoyed. Our investment continues into the off-season with work being undertaken to improve our main square. This is essential maintenance that will drastically improve the quality of our playing surfaces for years to come. A refurbishment of the kitchen area is also being planned, along with a freshening up of the main clubhouse.

Thank You

A cricket club runs on the goodwill and effort of its volunteers, and I cannot let the season close without extending my sincere gratitude. Firstly, to our captains. This year, more than ever, the role went far beyond setting a field on a Saturday and they worked assiduously behind the scenes to ensure we fielded teams each week, despite the

unavailability issues faced. To every coach, committee member and parent, thank you. Your time and dedication are the foundation upon which our club is built.

On that note of dedication, it was a moment of immense pride for the entire club to see my predecessor, Brian, receive a thoroughly deserved award from Essex CCC for his outstanding contribution to cricket. It is a testament to his immense work over three decades and a reminder of the strong foundations I have the privilege of building upon.

In closing, my first year in the role has shown me exactly what this club is about: resilience, community, and a shared passion for the game. While it was a season with its share of hurdles and limited silverware, it was also one of forward momentum in many areas.

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Chairman

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1st XI Season Review

In his second season as 1st XI captain, Matt Verrinder led Rayleigh to a strong 4th place finish, building on last year's progress and setting the platform for a promotion push in 2026.



Building on last season's 6th place finish in Division 1, and following a settled off-season, the 1st XI entered 2025 with high hopes of challenging for promotion back to the TRMEL Premier Division.

A challenging start to the league campaign followed with three defeats, though Sam Verrinder's blistering knock of 87 off 49 balls vs Totham reminded us of the individual quality throughout the team!

Our first victory came in game 4 vs Woodham and proved a key turning point. After some Turnbull magic with 5-47, the 1st XI chased down 163 in tricky circumstances following Littler's dreadful Achilles injury, with Frost hitting a crucial 30* including a monster six over the pavilion to see us home!

From there, momentum built as the batsmen set multiple demanding totals which underpinned a phenomenal seven-game unbeaten run. Ellis struck a masterful and record-breaking 192 from 142 balls to move 2nd in Rayleigh's all-time highest individual innings list in a huge win vs Broomfield, while there were key knocks from Cook (67 & 71), Lynch (73), Sam V (66*), Keene (52) and



Harmsworth (60*) - securing four consecutive victories and putting RCC right in touch in the promotion race.

Unfortunately, defeats against the top three sides in Division 1 followed, though there was still plenty to celebrate in July and August as our bowlers really stepped up in increasingly friendly batting conditions. In a very dry summer, remarkably the 1st XI only conceded 200+ six times all year. The seam attack was led by Sam Verrinder (27 wkts), with Hood, Turnbull and Frost all taking more than 20 wickets - ably supported by Patel, whose control in the middle overs didn't bring the wickets he deserved. To have those five bowlers combine to bowl 530 overs between them and take 85% of our 1st XI wickets this year was incredible - and an absolute joy to captain and keep wicket to.

The 1st XI also set strong standards in the field throughout the year, with superb ground fielding consistently led by Keene and Harmsworth and complemented by reliable catching behind the wicket from Lynch, Turnbull and Frost. These high standards regularly removed key batters, restricted opponents and proved decisive in delivering wins in multiple close matches - a testament to the squad's commitment to regular midweek fielding training and our pre-game warm-ups!



Some personal skipper's highlights of the year:

1. Beating promotion-chasing Ingatestone by 116 runs having fought back from 134-7 to post 209 thanks to a quality 66* from Sam V, then skittling them for 93 - undoubtedly our win of the year!
2. Handing 1st XI debuts to three young RCC stars - Murrell, Hart & Skillett - and then umpiring while Henry smashed a phenomenal 103* off 67 balls for his maiden 1st XI century and third consecutive ton - another all-time Rayleigh record!
3. Watching Keene (3-25) and Ox (2-23) bowl 15 overs unchanged at the death to secure a thrilling last-ball tie vs Great Baddow in a game where we looked dead and buried!

My 1st XI captain's highlight of the year though undoubtedly goes to James Ellis for his breathtaking 192 vs Broomfield - an innings of pure class and one that we will never forget!

So, in summary - 2025 was a successful season for the 1st XI with everyone contributing to a strong 4th place finish in Division 1. The perfect foundation to build from heading into 2026. Thanks to all of the players who committed and contributed to such a fun 1s season - it's an honour to lead you lads!



1st XI Batting Statistics

Player	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	High Score	Average	50s	100s	S/R
Sam Keene	16	1	358	54	23.87	2	0	51.90
James Ellis	9	1	357	192	44.63	0	1	100.85
Samuel Verrinder	13	4	356	87	39.56	2	0	141.56
Steven Lynch	13	0	312	73	24.00	2	0	80.37
Sam Harmsworth	15	3	265	60*	22.08	1	0	61.14
Ian Turnbull	13	0	211	53	16.23	2	0	62.60
Jonathan Cook	11	1	197	71	19.70	2	0	63.96
Jason Ox	10	0	172	44	17.20	0	0	76.44
Bala Rajagopal	4	3	121	46*	121.00	0	0	113.08
Danny Frost	7	3	120	30*	30.00	0	0	129.89

1st XI Bowling Statistics

Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	BB	Economy	S/R	Average
Samuel Verrinder	126	28	457	27	5/26	3.63	28.00	16.93
Greg Hood	98.5	9	507	26	4/37	5.13	22.81	19.50
Ian Turnbull	106.2	6	494	22	5/47	4.65	29.00	22.45
Danny Frost	92.4	12	422	20	4/33	4.55	27.80	21.10
Mihir Patel	105.2	22	367	18	4/18	3.48	35.11	20.39
Jason Ox	20.3	1	96	6	2/13	4.68	20.50	16.00
Bobby Mills	11.3	0	89	5	5/65	7.74	13.80	17.80
Sam Keene	40	5	183	4	3/25	4.58	60.00	45.75
Calum Mayfield	23.2	3	111	3	2/14	4.76	46.67	37.00
Richard Abley	34	2	195	3	1/39	5.74	68.00	65.00

Division One Table

Pos	Team	Played	Won	Loss	Tied	Bat Pts	Bowl Pts	Points
1	Rettendon 1st XI	18	14	2	0	49	82	366
2	Ingatestone & Fryerning 1st XI	18	13	3	0	46	84	354
3	Southend-on-Sea & EMT 1st XI	18	12	4	0	59	83	350
4	Rayleigh 1st XI	18	9	7	1	45	73	278
5	South Woodham & Burnham 1st XI	18	9	8	0	45	59	251
6	East Hanningfield 1st XI	18	7	9	0	42	58	245
7	Great Totham 1st XI	18	7	10	0	52	63	204
8	Ilford Catholic 1st XI	18	5	11	0	39	58	193
9	Great Baddow 1st XI	18	3	12	1	45	53	170
10	Broomfield 1st XI	18	2	15	0	45	47	122

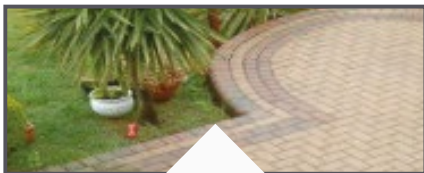


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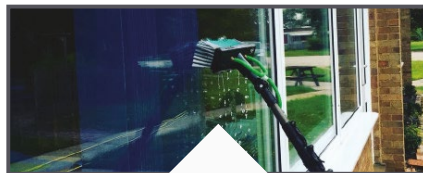


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2nd XI Season Review

In a challenging season that ended with relegation, the 2nd XI still showed promise through standout performances, the emergence of young talent, and a series of narrow defeats.



After having high expectations going into the season, we unfortunately fell short of what we wanted to achieve as a side, finishing bottom of the table and facing relegation into Division 4 next year. It was a tough campaign, but there were still plenty of positives to take away.

One of the highlights was seeing three players aged 21 and under make their 1st XI debuts – Sam Skillett, Ryan Hart, and Henry Murrell. Henry's form was particularly special, hitting three consecutive centuries (two for the 2s and one for the 1s), proving that the youth system in the club is working and that the future is bright.

With the bat, I was pleased to lead from the front, finishing as top run-scorer with 451 runs, including four half-centuries and a best of 72. Matthew Walker also contributed consistently with 344 runs, while Murrell's 282 at an average of 47 and Balkwill's superb 114 were standouts. Skillett and Sean Miller both chipped in with valuable knocks, Miller's runs coming at a strike rate of 145 that regularly shifted momentum in our favour.

The bowling attack also had its share of strong performances. Nick Green led the way with 20 wickets from nearly 140 overs, consistently keeping things tight - even on flat tracks. Aaron Mayfield and Ryan Hart both picked up 16 wickets each, with the latter picking up important runs throughout the year.

We were also highly competitive throughout the year, with at least five games going right down to the wire. We lost to Old Chelmsfordians on the last ball, went down to Springfield in the final over, were edged out by Great Woking in the last three overs, and pushed Navestock all the way to the final two overs at home. On top of that, we had one more nail-biter that finished in a dramatic tie off the last ball (which Skillett skillfully shoveled into the roof of the pavilion). With a bit more luck in those key moments, we would have comfortably been safe from relegation - but that is the nature of cricket.

My focus as captain has been on developing youth and giving opportunities, and I hope it's clear that this policy is paying off and will support the club in the future. I'll be looking to continue this approach into next season and I'm confident we can bounce straight back into Division 3 where we belong.



2nd XI Batting Statistics

Player	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	High Score	Average	50s	100s	S/R
Richard Nolde	15	0	451	72	30.07	4	0	84.41
Matthew Walker	18	1	344	80	20.24	2	0	57.46
Henry Murrell	7	1	282	119	47.00	0	2	108.46
James Balkwill	8	0	243	114	30.38	1	1	74.43
Bala Rajagopal	10	0	196	39	19.60	0	0	71.27
Sam Skillett	8	3	191	54*	38.20	1	0	118.00
Sean Miller	9	0	179	55	19.89	1	0	145.53
Ryan Hart	11	0	178	40	16.18	0	0	65.35
Jake Ashworth	6	1	172	51*	34.40	1	0	63.46
Andrew Barker	7	0	156	61	22.29	1	0	51.66

2nd XI Bowling Statistics

Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	BB	Economy	S/R	Average
Nick Green	139.5	21	600	20	4/31	4.29	41.95	30
Richard Nolde	73	4	474	18	3/38	6.49	24.33	26.33
Aaron Mayfield	76.4	8	416	16	4/23	5.43	28.75	26
Ryan Hart	87.1	9	434	16	4/47	4.98	32.69	27.13
Tom Godfrey	70	4	356	14	3/29	5.09	30	25.43
Joshua Mantle	46	5	254	7	2/5	5.52	39.43	36.29
Sam Skillett	70	9	356	6	3/41	5.09	70	59.33
Ben Hoskins	30.2	2	150	5	2/25	4.95	36.40	30
Tom Neale-Peppiatt	7	1	59	4	4/59	8.43	10.50	14.75
Bobby Mills	16.4	0	93	3	1/11	5.58	33.33	31

Division Three Table

Pos	Team	Played	Won	Loss	Tied	Bat Pts	Bowl Pts	Points
1	Purleigh 1st XI	18	15	2	0	54	80	382
2	Brookweald 1st XI	18	13	4	1	59	90	368
3	High Easter 1st XI	18	9	5	2	54	67	281
4	Navestock 1st XI	18	9	6	0	50	57	275
5	Great Wakering 1st XI	18	9	9	0	58	70	272
6	Springfield 3rd XI	18	8	8	0	56	51	251
7	Great Waltham 2nd XI	18	5	11	0	54	56	206
8	Eastwood 1st XI	18	5	11	0	43	61	200
9	Old Chelmsfordians 2nd XI	18	4	12	0	45	51	179
10	Rayleigh 2nd XI	18	4	13	1	50	58	175

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3rd XI Season Review

Trevor Nunn returned to Rayleigh action in 2025 and helped the 3rd XI adapt to life in Division 6, regrouping mid-season to secure a strong 6th place finish, highlighting a season of resilience and promise.



After not being able to play much cricket last year, it was a great privilege to be asked to captain the side this season. With the league restructuring over the winter, it was equally unexpected to find ourselves placed in Division 6 - a tough but exciting challenge.

One of the big positives was the strength of availability throughout the season, with a solid core of players turning out week after week. The lure of proper teas and cake at home games, kindly supplied by Mrs Mayfield, may well have helped boost numbers too!

On the field, we made an encouraging start, winning two of our opening three matches and showing plenty of promise. The fixture list was not kind, however, and as the season progressed we came up against several of the division's strongest sides in quick succession, which saw us slip to six defeats in a row. To the team's credit, we regrouped mid-season and came back strongly, putting together a run of four consecutive wins that all but secured our place in Division 6 for next year.

With the bat, there were plenty of highlights across the season. Neil Noble led the way, scoring 397 runs at an average of 44, including a superb unbeaten 147* - the standout innings of the year - along-

side two further half-centuries. Mike Mayfield was ever-present, contributing 346 runs with a fine maiden century to his name, while Andy Scogings added valuable stability opening the batting, supported by James Isherwood and Richard Barker in the middle order.

The bowling attack also delivered some excellent performances. I was proud to lead the attack, taking 20 wickets at under 18 apiece, supported by Andy Long (16 wickets, best 3-22) and Richard Barker, who complemented his batting form with 15 wickets at an average of just over 20, including 4-34. David Archer picked up 15 wickets, while Sangeet Prasad proved both economical and effective with 13 wickets at a miserly average of 17.85. Benny Mahoney also chipped in with 10 wickets, highlighted by a fine 4-28.

The highlights of the season included several tight contests that could have gone either way, as well as a remarkable home win against Ardleigh Green that will live long in the memory. Those results saw us finish in a very respectable 6th place.

Looking ahead, there is a strong platform to build from. With the squad settled, younger players coming through, there is every reason to believe we can push on and challenge even higher up the table in 2026.



3rd XI Batting Statistics

Player	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	High Score	Average	50s	100s	S/R
Neil Noble	11	2	397	147*	44.11	2	1	71.92
Mike Mayfield	14	1	346	105	26.62	1	1	97.74
Andy Scogings	10	1	273	69	30.33	1	0	72.22
James Isherwood	11	0	233	85	21.18	1	0	70.82
Richard Barker	6	2	196	71	49	2	0	112
Trevor Nunn	13	3	167	40	16.7	0	0	64.98
Oliver Barker	10	1	163	58	18.11	1	0	61.74
Brad Walker	11	1	114	27	11.4	0	0	35.4
Andrew Barker	3	1	91	37*	45.5	0	0	65
Xavier Garms	6	1	77	35	15.4	0	0	46.39

3rd XI Bowling Statistics

Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	BB	Economy	S/R	Average
Trevor Nunn	113.5	23	359	20	4/11	3.15	34.15	17.95
Andy Long	81	12	354	16	3/22	4.37	30.38	22.13
Richard Barker	72	5	308	15	4/34	4.28	28.8	20.53
David Archer	97	4	504	15	4/25	5.2	38.8	33.6
Sangeet Prasad	62	8	232	13	4/16	3.74	28.62	17.85
Benny Mahoney	42.3	6	211	10	4/28	4.96	25.5	21.1
Xavier Garms	35.3	1	194	8	5/43	5.46	26.63	24.25
Cameron Mantle	31.3	2	139	7	4/27	4.41	27	19.86
Kalpesh Patel	14.1	0	84	6	3/39	5.93	14.17	14
Ryan Hart	17.1	3	75	5	3/33	4.37	20.6	15

Division Six Table

Pos	Team	Played	Won	Loss	Tied	Bat Pts	Bowl Pts	Points
1	St Johns (Billericay) 1st XI	18	15	1	0	50	74	380
2	Ardleigh Green & HAB 2nd XI	18	10	6	0	58	73	302
3	South Weald 2nd XI	18	10	6	0	39	69	279
4	Springfield 4th XI	18	8	7	0	44	63	259
5	Epping Foresters 2nd XI	18	9	6	0	41	63	244
6	Rayleigh 3rd XI	18	7	10	0	46	69	235
7	Eastwood 2nd XI	18	7	8	0	42	55	233
8	Tillingham 2nd XI	18	5	10	0	51	52	207
9	Great Baddow 2nd XI	18	3	11	0	44	50	192
10	Ingatestone & Fryerning 2nd XI	18	4	13	0	56	57	185

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4th XI Season Review

While the 4th XI's final league standing did not reflect their ambition or effort, the season was marked by memorable wins, personal milestones and a camaraderie that promises brighter days ahead



As the last of the embers died within the fire of the 2025 cricket season, the 4th XI were sadly not in a league position that matched the ambition, expectation or application of the team and its players.

The spectre of poor availability that hung over the club in 2025 had a part to play and it was sad irony that when we were most affected (or needed the result); the opposition did not have the same problem, and on occasion were inexplicably strong. The final league position is of course there in black and white, but even so, the teams position doesn't feel quite right. Indeed, if you were to take the teams point total to all but 3 of the other divisions, then we would be safe (but unfortunately that's not how it works).

Even though we were on the wrong end of results, and in spite of where we were in the final reckoning, there was a spirit and enjoyment for the game that did not want to die and many reasons to be positive for the future. The camaraderie was palpable and the good vibes that I hoped would be in the team remained intact till the end. We were in the main competitive, we were very rarely rolled over and back in the clubhouse early to cry in our drinks

As a Captain it was a wonderful rollercoaster of emotion. The prospect of relegation was haunting,

the beating of the Chelmsford Super Kings in the final over (both home and away) felt incredible! Oliver Guinn hitting his first 50 in Adult cricket, off the last ball of the innings, to give us maximum batting points was euphoric!

We have individuals coming away from 2025 with notable personal milestones in both batting and bowling departments. After a slow start, Terry Martin scored runs for fun on his way to becoming Rayleigh CCs top run scorer for the year. Oliver Guinn hit his first and second Adult fifties and came away with a season best runs total. At the opposite end of the league appearance spectrum, Duncan Baldwin came away with his highest runs scored in a year. Rayleigh's Mr. (John) Wright did John Wright things and (on his way to scoring his 13,000th club run) came away with a bucket of runs and fistfuls of wickets. Our other marvellous (Chloe) Martin came away with a personal milestone in number of league/season wickets, best bowling figures in a season and a remarkable "inspector gadget" arm catch that sent a discombobulated CSK captain back to the pavilion.

I would like to thank every individual who played in the 4s this year for their contribution. Sometimes you take a step back to push forward. This season will not define us as we have an undeniable wealth of quality young players pushing their way to the fore. Watch out 2026, we're coming for you!

4th XI Batting Statistics

Player	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	High Score	Average	50s	100s	S/R
Terry Martin	16	1	595	84	39.67	5	0	81.06
John Wright	15	1	416	77	29.71	3	0	109.19
Duncan Baldwin	13	0	292	48	22.46	0	0	46.95
Geoff Morgan	13	1	268	115*	22.33	0	1	89.93
Oliver Guinn	11	2	226	64*	25.11	2	0	74.59
Steve Gosling	7	0	105	46	15	0	0	35.35
Jake Deacon	3	0	76	53	25.33	1	0	95.00
Tom Neale-Peppiatt	9	1	74	31	9.25	0	0	73.27
Yousuf Khan	6	1	69	28	13.8	0	0	90.79
Mark Callaway	5	1	57	21	14.25	0	0	47.90

4th XI Bowling Statistics

Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	BB	Economy	S/R	Average
John Wright	76	6	321	17	3/15	4.22	26.82	18.88
Chloe Martin	89.5	5	523	16	3/30	5.82	33.69	32.69
Andy Long	24	8	74	8	5/18	3.08	18.00	9.25
Geoff Morgan	98.4	14	380	8	2/12	3.85	74.00	47.50
Cameron Mantle	24	6	95	6	4/34	3.96	24.00	15.83
Tom Neale-Peppiatt	49	4	221	6	3/38	4.51	49.00	36.83
Joshua Mantle	31	5	155	5	2/29	5.00	37.20	31.00
Riley Hughes	43.3	0	274	5	1/18	6.30	52.20	54.80
Andy James	21	1	130	4	2/56	6.19	31.50	32.50
Sam Levett	31	1	163	4	2/34	5.26	46.50	40.75

Division Nine Table

Pos	Team	Played	Won	Loss	Tied	Bat Pts	Bowl Pts	Points
1	Old Chelmsfordians 4th XI	18	15	2	0	66	75	389
2	St Johns (Billericay) 2nd XI	18	11	6	0	58	62	304
3	Ardleigh Green & HAB 3rd XI	18	9	7	0	68	53	281
4	Galleywood 3rd XI	18	9	9	0	52	63	259
5	Chelmsford Super Kings 2nd XI	18	8	9	0	64	55	240
6	Hutton 4th XI	18	7	8	0	57	56	234
7	Rankins 2nd XI	18	8	9	0	54	63	223
8	Great Totham 3rd XI	18	6	11	0	54	58	216
9	Upminster 2nd XI	18	6	9	0	40	52	212
10	Rayleigh 4th XI	18	4	13	0	63	43	178

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5th XI Season Review

In Smith's last year of captaincy, the 5th XI secured a second successive 3rd place finish in Division Ten, built on steady contributions with bat and ball and the club's highest win rate of the season.



It was another fantastic season for Rayleigh 5th XI, finishing 3rd in Division Ten once again – a consistent and impressive achievement for all who played. We can be proud of the fact that we won more games than we lost, ending the season with a 57% win rate, the highest of any league team in the club.

The season had its highs and lows, but throughout it all, the squad showed spirit, determination, and great teamwork. With the bat, Phil Hammond led the way with 471 runs, including two fine centuries and an average just under 40 – a superb return at the top of the order. He was well supported by James Offer, who not only excelled with the ball but also added 296 runs, twice passing fifty with a remarkable strike rate that kept the scoreboard moving. Dave Turner chipped in with 266 runs of his own, including a battling half-century, while Ben James made valuable contributions in the middle order, striking a fluent 61 in his best knock of the season. A lighter highlight came when Turner batted so slowly against Great Waltham that he opted to retire himself – a story sure to be retold for years to come!

The bowling unit was equally impressive. James Offer once again led from the front, taking 18 wickets at an outstanding average of just 16, highlighted by remarkable figures of 4 for 4. He was ably

supported by Sangeet Prasad, whose economy rate of just 2.39 was miserly, alongside 13 wickets including a best of 4 for 12. Tobias Allen and Andy James added depth and control to the attack with consistent wicket-taking performances.

In the field, the energy and commitment from all players was second to none – with Offer, Ben James, and Ben Allen outstanding all year. One of the proudest moments came in the final game of the season, when we stopped Navestock from winning the Division, showing the fight and determination that has become a hallmark of the 5th XI over the last few years.

It's been a truly enjoyable year of cricket, played in the right spirit and with plenty of success. A big thank you goes to every player who contributed throughout the campaign – your efforts made this season one to remember.

The next captain of the 5th XI will now look forward to building on this platform and pushing even higher in 2026.

5th XI Batting Statistics

Player	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	High Score	Average	50s	100s	S/R
Philip Hammond	13	1	471	118	39.25	0	2	83.22
James Offer	13	2	296	68*	26.91	2	0	167.23
Dave Turner	14	2	266	50*	22.17	1	0	43.25
Marc Smith	10	3	182	47	26.00	0	0	113.04
Ben James	9	2	132	61	18.86	1	0	48.53
Sangeet Prasad	5	2	118	39	39.33	0	0	86.76
Shane McDonagh	7	2	81	48*	16.20	0	0	67.50
Elliot Davies	4	0	60	24	15.00	0	0	59.41
Yousuf Khan	5	0	54	31	10.80	0	0	75.00
Mark Callaway	5	3	53	19*	26.50	0	0	49.53

5th XI Bowling Statistics

Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	BB	Economy	S/R	Average
James Offer	91.1	16	289	18	4/4	3.17	30.39	16.06
Sangeet Prasad	56	14	134	13	4/12	2.39	25.85	10.31
Marc Smith	57.2	9	306	13	4/13	5.34	26.46	23.54
Tobias Allen	39.4	3	180	9	3/9	4.54	26.44	20.00
Andy James	27	3	136	6	2/13	5.04	27.00	22.67
Shane McDonagh	33.1	4	135	6	4/23	4.07	33.17	22.50
Ben James	19.4	2	109	5	2/4	5.54	23.60	21.80
Thomas Barker	15	1	77	4	3/13	5.13	22.50	19.25
Oliver Milchard	20	2	103	4	3/12	5.15	30.00	25.75
Yousuf Khan	23	2	146	4	2/6	6.35	34.50	36.50

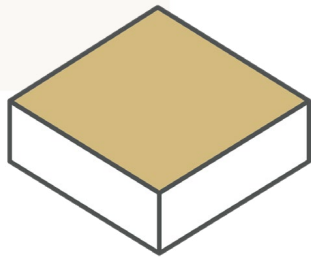
Division Ten Table

Pos	Team	Played	Won	Loss	Tied	Bat Pts	Bowl Pts	Points
1	Basildon & Pitsea 5th XI	14	8	3	0	41	43	272
2	Navestock 2nd XI	14	10	2	0	40	47	264
3	Rayleigh 5th XI	14	8	6	0	35	54	217
4	Rayleigh Fairview 2nd XI	14	7	6	0	39	50	207
5	Old Chelmsfordians 5th XI	14	4	8	0	45	39	177
6	South Loughton (Mathews) XI	14	5	7	0	48	29	138
7	Great Waltham 3rd XI	14	5	8	0	29	41	125
8	Eastwood CC 3rd XI	14	3	10	0	31	34	116

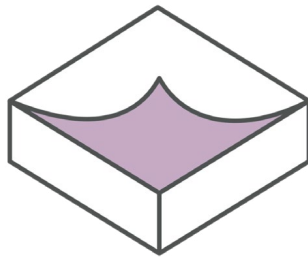
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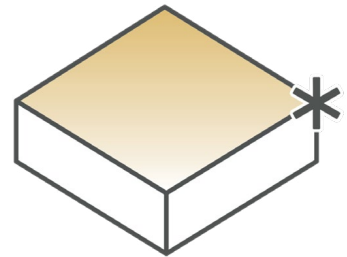
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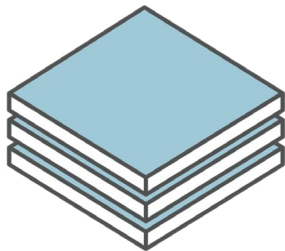
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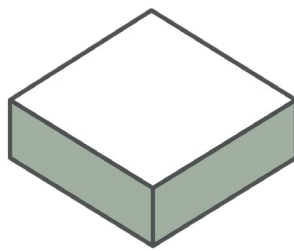
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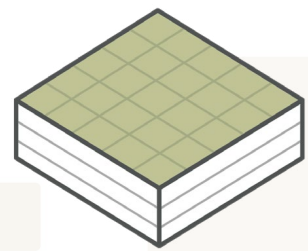
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6th XI Season Review

The 6th XI enjoyed their strongest season in years, finishing 5th with nine wins, improving performances across the board, and a blend of senior stability and colt talent shaping the side's (and the club's) future.



Rayleigh 6th XI finished the 2025 league season in 5th place out of 10 teams, with a record of 9 wins, 7 defeats, 1 conceded and 1 abandoned match. In total we earned 234 points, including 48 batting bonus points and 54 bowling bonus points - a fair reflection of the way we competed throughout the season.

We started strongly and even topped the league at one point, before results began to slip away slightly as the summer wore on. At the halfway stage, after 9 matches, we sat in 4th place with 5 wins, 3 defeats and 1 abandoned fixture. What stands out is that our win rate of 52.9% was the best we've managed in at least seven years, far above the long-term average of around 26%.

With the bat, Steve Rothern led the way with 399 runs, while Chris Poole's 90 was the highest individual score of the season. Chris also struck the ball harder than anyone, finishing with a strike rate of 132.92. Partnerships from Rothern, Poole, Mark Bailey and Simon Lennox often carried us to competitive scores, though the lack of depth when availability became an issue was clear during the tougher mid-season spells.

Our bowling unit showed real resilience. Colts such as Luke Gould, Shri Balamurugan, Josh Rockenbach and Arvin Ghatuara all bowled well under pressure, with Shri finishing as leading wicket-tak-

er with 16 and best figures of 4 for 23. Their efforts - and the fact several were called up to higher teams - show how well they are developing.

The season also took its toll on some of our senior players. Steve Adams and Andy James played through injuries to keep us competitive, while perhaps the most remarkable story came from Duncan Bond. After working his way back from a serious knee injury, he returned to action in the second half of the season, only to end the campaign being knocked unconscious in the final game. A committed effort if ever there was one.

Overall, this was one of the strongest seasons the 6th XI has had in recent memory. A top-half finish, nine wins, and clear progress in both batting and bowling made it a very enjoyable campaign. The blend of senior experience at the top of the order and talented young bowlers leading the attack gives real hope that we are seeing the next generation of players who will go on to play higher up the club.

6th XI Batting Statistics

Player	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	High Score	Average	50s	100s	S/R
Stephen Rotheron	14	4	399	58*	39.90	2	0	69.27
Raymond Hart	15	4	334	71*	30.36	2	0	69.29
Chris Poole	5	2	323	90	107.67	4	0	132.92
Mark Bailey	10	2	213	84	26.63	1	0	63.77
Duncan Bond	10	4	146	31	24.33	0	0	47.71
Steve Adams	3	0	97	65	32.33	1	0	89.81
Shri Balamurugan	8	3	90	36	18.00	0	0	84.91
Simon Lennox	5	1	87	45	21.75	0	0	52.41
Arvin Ghataura	10	0	55	17	5.50	0	0	29.10
Oliver Church	4	1	40	27	13.33	0	0	61.54

6th XI Bowling Statistics

Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	BB	Economy	S/R	Average
Shri Balamurugan	96	5	410	16	4/23	4.27	36.00	25.63
Duncan Bond	61.3	1	296	13	3/26	4.81	28.38	22.77
Luke Gould	87.4	9	360	13	2/14	4.11	40.46	27.69
Joshua Rockenbach	49.1	5	206	9	3/28	4.19	32.78	22.89
Robin Peppiatt	33	6	139	8	2/10	4.21	24.75	17.38
Thomas Barker	19	1	80	5	2/22	4.21	22.80	16.00
Miller Poole	20	0	132	5	1/19	6.60	24.00	26.40
Arvin Ghataura	42	2	187	4	1/16	4.45	63.00	46.75
Harry Rixon	5	1	13	3	3/13	2.60	10.00	4.33
Tom Osbourn	7	2	15	3	3/15	2.14	14.00	5.00

Division Eleven Table

Pos	Team	Played	Won	Loss	Tied	Bat Pts	Bowl Pts	Points
1	Willow Herbs 2nd XI	18	12	3	0	39	75	348
2	Southend-on-Sea & EMT 4th XI	18	12	4	0	62	58	328
3	Galleywood 4th XI	18	9	6	0	49	65	300
4	Hutton 5th XI	18	10	6	0	57	64	297
5	Rayleigh 6th XI	18	9	7	0	48	54	234
6	Oaklands 1st XI	18	7	9	0	38	59	225
7	Boreham & Roxwell 2nd XI	18	6	10	0	39	58	209
8	South Woodham & Burnham 4th XI	18	7	9	0	34	71	205
9	Great Baddow 3rd XI	18	5	12	0	41	46	175
10	Tillingham 3rd XI	18	3	14	0	31	44	131



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Vets XI Season Review

The Vets mixed competitive cricket with plenty of laughs, memorable moments, excellent teas and their fair share of heroics to make 2025 a season to remember.



The Vets' cricket season this year was a real success story. We played 10 very competitive matches and, while it's never just about the results, the enjoyment was there in every game. The spirit, the camaraderie, and of course the odd memorable performance made it another year to remember.

There were plenty of highlights to look back on. Bailey producing his trademark classy pose after an elegant drive through the covers, and treating us to a dizzy spell at the end of the Eastwood game that will live long in the memory. Terry, who crunched everything for four. Wolfy was coaxed into strapping on the pads and rolled back the years against a strong Billericay side, reminding us of those trademark elegant shots. Murray gave us humour, managing to forget to take his bat out to the crease, and later strolled out to bat against Eastwood sporting his bandana and doing his best Chris Gayle impression – sadly without quite matching the runs tally.

With the ball, Andy James kept to his trademark line and length, chipping away with wickets, and Bond backed him up nicely with his accurate, 'flighty' deliveries. And of course, we had Archer – always there to tidy up the tail.

It was also great to welcome the Lord Mayor back

onto the field after all his troubles – a sight that meant a lot to the whole team and the club.

A special thanks must go to Chloe Martin, who stepped in at the last minute more than once and never let us down, contributing with some excellent performances. Off the field, Smithy and Sue once again kept us going with their wonderful teas, while the Lady Secretary deserves recognition for her unwavering support throughout the season.

For me, it was a real pleasure to skipper the Vets this year. I thoroughly enjoyed leading the side, and I hope everyone else enjoyed it just as much. Here's to more good cricket, good company, and good laughs next year.

See you all next season!





Vets XI Batting Statistics

Player	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	High Score	Average	50s	100s	S/R
Mark Bailey	10	2	316	62*	39.50	3	0	82.89
Terry Martin	7	3	234	63*	58.50	1	0	92.13
Mike Mayfield	6	1	164	50*	32.80	1	0	126.15
Brad Walker	8	2	98	33	16.33	0	0	62.96
Philip Wolff	4	2	92	66*	46.00	1	0	92.86
Alan Brown	5	3	73	26	36.50	0	0	48.03
Duncan Bond	3	1	70	39	35.00	0	0	64.22
Mark Callaway	3	1	65	28	32.50	0	0	91.49
Murray Hall	4	0	53	27	13.25	0	0	63.41
Darren Smith	3	0	51	18	17.00	0	0	86.44

Vets XI Bowling Statistics

Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	BB	Economy	S/R	Average
David Archer	59.5	3	335	11	4/52	5.60	32.64	30.45
Colin Mayor	19	0	114	6	3/33	6.00	19.00	19.00
Andy James	23	3	102	6	3/33	4.43	23.00	17.00
Sam Harmsworth	11	0	54	5	5/24	4.91	13.20	10.80
Terry Martin	37	1	230	5	3/36	6.22	44.40	46.00
Ben Francis	15	1	56	4	2/23	3.73	22.50	14.00
Aaron Mayfield	12	1	54	3	3/26	4.50	24.00	18.00
Mark Callaway	22.4	1	137	2	1/38	6.04	68.00	68.50
Duncan Bond	37	1	182	2	2/27	4.92	111.00	91.00
Robin Peppiatt	41	1	280	2	1/40	6.83	123.00	140.00

Sunday XI Season Review

Dave 'The Cultivator' Archer led the Sunday XI in 2025, guiding a mix of youth and new arrivals to six wins, memorable performances, and plenty of runs throughout the season.



The Sunday XI enjoyed a mixed season in 2025. We played nine matches, winning six and losing three, though availability issues meant we had to cancel five fixtures - a real shame when we couldn't quite raise a team.

There were plenty of highlights with the bat. Steve Lynch produced two brilliant centuries in just four innings, while Sam Harmsworth and Sam Keene both hit three fifties each. We also welcomed Siva Ranjan and Sarath Kotamarthi into the batting line-up, and they didn't disappoint, averaging over 40 and scoring at better than a run a ball - a real boost to the team. Across the season we won games both batting first and chasing, showing the line-up's ability to control an innings and dominate bowling attacks when it mattered.



Our bowling was led by some exciting youth players. Josh Rockenbach, Oliver Milchard, and Tom Barker all made match-winning contributions, with Josh's 5-38 against Ittifaq standing out as a particularly special performance, taking out five of the top six batters.

Overall, it was a very pleasing season to captain. The mix of new faces and youth players stepping up not only contributed to success on the field but also helped create a fantastic atmosphere in the dressing room and clubhouse. It's great to see the team growing, and I'm looking forward to building on this platform next season.



Sunday XI Batting Statistics

Player	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	High Score	Average	50s	100s	S/R
Steven Lynch	4	2	244	104*	122.00	0	2	183.46
Sam Harmsworth	8	3	220	56	44.00	3	0	104.27
Sam Keene	3	3	173	68*	N/A	3	0	93.51
James Balkwill	5	0	164	50	32.80	2	0	86.32
Siva Ranjan	3	0	131	67	43.67	1	0	108.26
Sarath Kotamarthi	4	2	106	41*	53.00	0	0	130.86
Richard Nolde	4	1	95	58*	31.67	1	0	161.02
Calum Mayfield	2	1	73	46	73.00	0	0	182.50
Jake Osbourn	3	1	69	53*	34.50	1	0	172.50
Dave Turner	4	1	64	36*	21.33	0	0	39.51

Sunday XI Bowling Statistics

Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	BB	Economy	S/R	Average
Joshua Rockenbach	35.1	1	210	10	5/38	5.97	21.10	21.00
David Archer	48.2	3	221	10	2/16	4.57	29.00	22.10
Thomas Barker	11	0	81	6	3/15	7.36	11.00	13.50
Oliver Milchard	26	3	126	6	3/34	4.85	26.00	21.00
Tom Neale-Peppiatt	12	4	40	5	3/6	3.33	14.40	8.00
Chloe Martin	17	0	113	4	2/28	6.65	25.50	28.25
James Balkwill	4.1	1	14	3	2/13	3.36	8.33	4.67
Sam Skillett	8	1	45	3	2/23	5.63	16.00	15.00
Richard Nolde	14.5	0	97	3	3/8	6.54	29.67	32.33
Benny Mahoney	18	1	97	3	3/46	5.39	36.00	32.33



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Batting Statistics

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Player	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	High Score	Average	50s	100s	S/R
Terry Martin	30	4	893	84	34.35	6	0	80.96
Sam Harmsworth	37	11	862	60*	33.15	6	0	78.45
Steven Lynch	21	4	747	104*	43.94	5	2	112.50
Sam Keene	27	7	663	68*	33.15	6	0	63.65
Richard Nolde	25	2	646	72	28.09	6	0	92.13
Mark Bailey	27	4	621	84	27.00	4	0	64.47
Philip Hammond	20	2	571	118	31.72	1	2	78.98
Mike Mayfield	21	2	525	105	27.63	2	1	103.35
Dave Turner	23	5	504	87	28.00	3	0	49.46
Neil Noble	15	2	504	147*	38.77	2	1	70.99
Samuel Verrinder	21	5	496	87	31.00	3	0	134.07
Henry Murrell	11	3	450	119	56.25	0	3	111.94
Stephen Rotheron	17	4	442	58*	34.00	2	0	70.05
Bala Rajagopal	19	4	431	50	28.73	1	0	79.33
James Balkwill	16	0	427	114	26.69	3	1	74.05
Duncan Baldwin	20	1	425	58	22.37	1	0	47.43
John Wright	15	1	416	77	29.71	3	0	109.19
James Offer	23	2	405	68*	19.29	2	0	162.00
James Ellis	11	1	383	192	38.30	0	1	98.62
Raymond Hart	19	5	371	71*	26.50	2	0	69.22
Matthew Walker	20	1	370	80	19.47	2	0	57.65
Ryan Hart	20	1	366	77	19.26	1	0	72.84
Chris Poole	7	2	347	90	69.40	4	0	132.44
Ian Turnbull	18	0	339	53	18.83	2	0	70.37
Andrew Barker	13	2	333	61	30.27	1	0	59.89
Andy Scogings	14	2	330	69	27.50	2	0	69.04
Oliver Guinn	17	4	296	64*	22.77	2	0	62.71
Oliver Barker	16	3	291	58	22.38	2	0	61.52

Shane McDonagh	21	8	280	53*	21.54	1	0	76.09
Philip Wolff	9	4	271	66*	54.20	1	0	86.14
Geoff Morgan	14	1	269	115*	20.69	0	1	88.20
James Isherwood	15	0	255	85	17.00	1	0	67.28
Sam Skillett	15	6	247	54	27.44	1	0	127.17
Jake Ashworth	9	1	243	51	30.38	1	0	72.24
Brad Walker	21	3	236	33	13.11	0	0	43.22
Trevor Nunn	16	5	226	40	20.55	0	0	68.07
Marc Smith	17	5	218	47	18.17	0	0	110.10
Duncan Bond	15	5	218	39	21.80	0	0	50.82
Tom Neale-Pepiatt	22	3	213	35	11.21	0	0	70.07
Sangeet Prasad	18	5	210	39	16.15	0	0	69.77
Mark Callaway	15	6	205	28	22.78	0	0	55.96
Jonathan Cook	12	1	205	71	18.64	2	0	64.67

Batting Honours Board

Score	Player	Match	Date
192	James Ellis	Broomfield 1st XI vs Rayleigh 1st XI	31 May 2025
147 *	Neil Noble	Ingatestone & Fryerning 2nd XI vs Rayleigh 3rd XI	17 May 2025
119	Henry Murrell	Great Wakering 1st XI vs Rayleigh 2nd XI	19 Jul 2025
118	Philip Hammond	Rayleigh 5th XI vs Navestock 2nd XI	30 Aug 2025
115 *	Geoff Morgan	Rayleigh 4th XI vs Rankins 2nd XI	03 May 2025
114	James Balkwill	Rayleigh 2nd XI vs Great Waltham 2nd XI	30 Aug 2025
106 *	Henry Murrell	Rayleigh 2nd XI vs Old Chelmsfordians 2nd XI	12 Jul 2025
105	Mike Mayfield	Rayleigh 3rd XI vs Great Baddow 2nd XI	10 May 2025
104 *	Steven Lynch	Rayleigh Sunday 1st XI vs Ittifaq 1st XI	29 Jun 2025
103 *	Henry Murrell	Rayleigh 1st XI vs Broomfield 1st XI	02 Aug 2025
103	Philip Hammond	Rayleigh 5th XI vs Rayleigh Fairview 2nd XI	10 May 2025
100 *	Steven Lynch	Rayleigh Sunday 1st XI vs Belhus Sunday 2nd XI	27 Jul 2025



Bowling Statistics

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Total Wickets Taken*

Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	BB	Economy	S/R	Average
David Archer	263.1	12	1414	50	5/38	5.37	31.58	28.28
Sangeet Prasad	165	24	598	39	4/12	3.62	25.38	15.33
Samuel Verrinder	174	35	697	32	5/26	4.01	32.63	21.78
Ian Turnbull	131.2	10	625	29	5/47	4.76	27.17	21.55
Greg Hood	105.5	10	520	27	4/37	4.91	23.52	19.26
James Offer	129.1	21	529	27	4/4	4.10	28.70	19.59
Ryan Hart	146.2	14	711	27	4/47	4.86	32.52	26.33
Thomas Barker	95	7	495	25	3/13	5.21	22.80	19.80
Mihir Patel	140.4	29	521	25	4/18	3.70	33.76	20.84
Andy Long	114.2	22	458	24	5/18	4.01	28.58	19.08
Chloe Martin	152.5	7	894	24	3/30	5.85	38.21	37.25
Richard Nolde	89.5	4	574	23	3/8	6.39	23.43	24.96
Tom Neale-Peppiatt	96.1	11	461	22	4/59	4.79	26.23	20.95
Trevor Nunn	132.5	24	451	22	4/11	3.40	36.23	20.50
Joshua Rockenbach	108.2	9	517	21	5/38	4.77	30.95	24.62
Nick Green	164.5	22	727	21	4/31	4.41	47.10	34.62
Danny Frost	92.4	12	422	20	4/33	4.55	27.80	21.10
Aaron Mayfield	96.4	9	510	20	4/23	5.28	29.00	25.50
Benny Mahoney	94.3	13	493	19	4/28	5.22	29.84	25.95
Andy James	108	10	490	19	3/32	4.54	34.11	25.79
Tom Godfrey	88	5	428	18	3/29	4.86	29.33	23.78
Cameron Mantle	90.3	13	390	18	4/27	4.31	30.17	21.67
Shri Balamurugan	126	6	583	18	4/23	4.63	42.00	32.39
John Wright	76	6	321	17	3/15	4.22	26.82	18.88
Oliver Milchard	82	10	403	17	3/12	4.91	28.94	23.71
Marc Smith	83	9	510	17	4/13	6.14	29.29	30.00
Duncan Bond	103.2	2	501	17	3/26	4.85	36.47	29.47
Luke Gould	108.4	12	444	17	2/14	4.09	38.35	26.12

Shane McDonagh	83.3	9	387	16	4/23	4.63	31.31	24.19
Robin Peppiatt	94	7	544	16	4/36	5.79	35.25	34.00
Richard Barker	72	5	308	15	4/34	4.28	28.80	20.53
Joshua Mantle	101.1	11	576	14	2/5	5.69	43.36	41.14
Naiyan Shah	43	6	172	13	3/15	4.00	19.85	13.23
Sam Skillett	96	10	542	13	3/41	5.65	44.31	41.69
Sam Keene	75.1	6	391	12	3/25	5.20	37.58	32.58
Calum Mayfield	51.2	4	273	11	4/47	5.32	28.00	24.82
Tobias Allen	51.4	3	255	10	3/9	4.94	31.00	25.50
Paul Cox	54	4	191	10	3/9	3.54	32.40	19.10

Bowling Honours Board

Figures	Player	Match	Date
5/18	Andy Long	Rayleigh 4th XI vs St Johns (Billericay) 2nd XI	07 Jun 2025
5/24	Sam Harmsworth	Rayleigh Veterans vs East Herts Cavaliers XI	04 Sep 2025
5/26	Samuel Verrinder	Rayleigh 1st XI vs Ilford Catholic 1st XI	28 Jun 2025
5/38	Joshua Rockenbach	Rayleigh Sunday 1st XI vs Ittifaq 1st XI	29 Jun 2025
5/38	David Archer	Rayleigh 3rd XI vs Willow Herbs XI	06 Sep 2025
5/43	Xavier Garms	South Weald 2nd XI vs Rayleigh 3rd XI	16 Aug 2025
5/47	Ian Turnbull	Rayleigh 1st XI vs South Woodham & Burnham 1st XI	24 May 2025
5/65	Bobby Mills	Broomfield 1st XI vs Rayleigh 1st XI	31 May 2025

Fielding Statistics

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Total Fielding Wickets*

Player	WK Catches	Stumpings	Fielding Catches	Run Outs	Total Victims
Matt Verrinder	23	4	0	2	29
Philip Hammond	21	2	0	1	24
Mike Mayfield	16	3	1	1	21
Sam Keene	0	0	14	5	19
Mark Bailey	12	6	1	0	19
Oliver Guinn	13	3	1	0	17
Sam Harmsworth	0	0	12	2	14
Terry Martin	0	0	10	4	14
Steven Lynch	5	1	8	0	14
Sam Skillett	5	0	7	1	13
Ian Turnbull	0	0	11	1	12
Richard Nolde	0	0	11	1	12
Samuel Verrinder	0	0	10	2	12
James Offer	0	1	11	0	12
Thomas Neale-Peppiatt	0	0	10	1	11
Jason Ox	0	0	8	2	10
Mihir Patel	0	0	9	1	10
Henry Murrell	7	1	2	0	10

Total Wicket Keeper Wickets*

Player	WK Catches	Stumpings	Total WK Victims
Matt Verrinder	23	4	27
Philip Hammond	21	2	23
Mike Mayfield	16	3	19
Mark Bailey	12	6	18
Oliver Guinn	13	3	16



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