

SENIOR CRICKET REVIEW @ UCC 2022

As 2022 comes to a close. A recap on the season. With a Covid free year and the weather being kind to us all, I cannot remember a full year where we didn't have a game rained off.

1ST TEAM

Bailey Worcester led the side for the first time.

BATTING

We had a new opening partner for Ollie Hardaker in Danish Hussain. A new overseas Byron Boshoff), also a new no 4 Jack McGahan. All 4 players got in to the averages comfortably along with Bailey at 5. Oliver 785, Danish 686, Byron 742, Jack 634 & Bailey 400 were the pick of our batter's.

BOWLING

We had a new opening bowler in Nasir Jamal to spearhead our attack with the ever reliable Zeeshan Qasim. A new seam bowler Alex Myers joined us from Horsforth. However our pick of the bowlers was our left arm spinner Jude Roberts. Jude joined us from PSL to develop his bowling and did just that. Jude's first season with us saw him picking up 56 league wickets. Jude is currently In Perth (Australia) where he is playing for 6 months before returning late March. Sunny Matharu and Alex Myers both contributed and got late 20's in the wickets also. Zeeshan went down injured with 8 games to go which played a big part in our season.

We will be saying goodbye to Byron at our presentation night before he and Robyn fly back to South Africa. Byron scored 742 runs at an average of 43.65. We thank him for his efforts and a safe flight back home. Also moving on the Will be Nasir Jamal, we would also like to thank Nasir for his efforts.

We had a benefit game this season and a special mention to Zeeshan Qasim for 10 years at UCC.

2ND TEAM

Promotion was our main objective and we managed to get over the line in the final game. Our 2nd 11 was once again captained by Nick Sugden. Nick led the side from the front. Nick had a relatively new side. Craig Brooke joined us from Barnsley, also joining us were Usman Fareed and M Tahaa. We had a mixture of youth and a little experience.

BATTING

We promoted Absar Raja to opening the batting with Nick and did a great job. Raja scores nearly 600 runs. Also other batters to mention were Craig Brooke, Nick, Usman, and Amaan Ali who also contributed on more than several occasions. One mention is Huzayfa Azam who as a junior scored his first senior 100 at keighley.

BOWLING

Our bowling consisted of Abdul Hamid, Amaan, Tahaa and Usman were our main key bowlers. Ulfat Rayyan and Gopal Makwana all contributed. Hamid finished the season with 52 league wickets. Fantastic effort. Looking forward to 2023 in championship 1.

EVENING LEAGUE

Our evening league was again let by Sunny Matharu. Sunny has been at UCC for 6 years now. He led the side and gave people opportunities to get extra bowling and batting to take them into the weekend's fixtures. We won division 1 and also won the finals day play offs. Couple of mentions Jude Roberts won the evening league bowling averages and Bailey Worcester won the league fielding averages.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Thank you to our tea ladies Linda, Sharon and Ricky, Louise and Sharon who filled in. It is appreciated. Our ground staff Alan, Kian, Nas and Dave. The scorers and umpires. The above are the unsung heroes and we cannot play without the above.

We hope to see you all on the 22nd of October at our presentation night. There is entertainment, buffet and a raffle on the night. Winter well and looking forward to seeing you all again soon in 2023 for the next season only 28 weeks to go.

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CRICKET CHAIRMAN, 01.10.2022