

2025 - Over 50'S 2nd XI Report

This year's group stage was more competitive with a very strong Gloucestershire side winning 100% of their games and the usual competitive Cornwall & Somerset sides to also contend with. We won 3 and lost 4 games played with one conceded by Dorset.

We then progressed to a home tie in the Plate competition this year instead of being away in the Championship. We had a bye, then beat Bedfordshire in the QF with a nail-biting win with 2 balls left chasing 244 but then lost to a strong Buckinghamshire side in the Semi Final. I lost the toss and we had to bat first on a wet wicket and our 181 never really looked enough in all honesty and we lost by 6 wickets.

We fielded a total of 30 players this season, 10 of which were new players who had not previously played Over 50's cricket. The highest number of appearances this season was from both myself and one of our new guys, Neil Rowlands, playing 8 out of 10 games played.

There were no real standout individuals this season, lots of players contributed well with James Blackmore finishing highest run scorer with 184 runs at an average of 46.00 and Neil Peach highest wicket taker with 8 wickets at 24.50 apiece.

The aim next season must be to try and progress one stage further and reach the final of the plate competition!