

WCC AGM Reports 2022

1XI

The 2021 season was the first since the merger where promotion and relegation became a factor. The season started off on a positive note with newly recruited and returning players bolstering the squad. Some key results early in the season made a mid table finish a likely prospect.

Unfortunately, the victory v Church Fenton was overturned by the league due to the league's vague loan player regulations. The club appealed against the ruling, and continued the season believing the points would be regained. The latter half of the season saw some indifferent performances leaving the 1XI with a slim chance of avoiding relegation, needing the Church Fenton points and a victory in the rearranged Castleford match at the end of the season. Unfortunately, the appeal hearing went against WCC which meant the team were relegated, still having to play the Castleford rearranged game.

The August bank holiday weekend was a problem for the club. The general lack of player availability for that weekend meant the return game v Church Fenton was conceded, with the focus on the Monday game v Heslington. Coincidentally, Dunnigton also conceded that fixture. This season there is once again an August bank holiday fixture.

The highlights of the season were the double over Hemingbrough and the home victory over champions York, with Tom's 107 not out.

Anthony Carter

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At the start of the season, the second team had 2 aims; to avoid relegation and to avoid conceding any matches. Through a huge effort from everyone involved, these aims were achieved.

It was great to see the young players of Raj and Jake get involved which hopefully will continue for seasons to come, and to see some players such as Dave, Pat and Jez do extremely well throughout the season.

It was difficult throughout not getting a settled team with some performance showing that, on the other hand we had some great games beating some of the higher teams such as Ben Johnson and Thorpe Willoughby.

With new players coming on the aim next season has progressed from avoiding relegation to a mid table or higher finish.

Thanks to everyone involved in the season, it was brilliant.

Gary Bell

Juniors

There was still a bit of doubt over the junior season as the covid restrictions were still a possible factor. This prevented the club from holding its winter nets, which meant we weren't sure of playing numbers through the age groups.

When the season was announced, WCC managed to field a team at U9, U11 and U13, albeit with lower numbers at U11 and U13. This was a result of not offering any junior cricket during the Covid season, when clubs were encouraged to arrange matches during August 2020. We found that some of the promising juniors had moved to other clubs.

This was the biggest year for All Stars uptake, and you can see the difference it makes when players move up to U9 and U11. There are some promising young cricketers, but the challenge, as always, is retaining them past U13.

WCC also managed to secure funding for coach education and junior equipment. A training course for ECB Level 1 was arranged to take place at WCC, but fell through at the last with low take up. There is still the funding available, and an attempt to recruit coaches from players' parents will be made at the preseason meeting.

Agenda

Competitions; Foss League,
Club Safeguarding Officer
CSO Training - Safeguarding Young Cricketers - Online
Winter Nets
Fees
Teas