

Monday 28th August 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Jesmond Jaguars

In a match sponsored by Bamburgh beat the Jesmond Jaguars by 65 runs.

With the Jesmond Jaguars allowing Bamburgh to bat first, F. Baker-Cresswell and H. Lobb strode to the crease hoping to get the Seaside off to a flying start. However, with cloud cover overhead the conditions were in the bowlers' favour and Bamburgh carefully made their way to 25 before they lost their first wicket in the 6th over. From here Bamburgh moved to 56-3 before J. Crooks, joined L. Reeves at the crease and this pair really looked to up the run rate; with the outfield not as quick as usual, a lot of running was expected of the pair and remarkably Crooks scored his 44 without hitting a single boundary. The main stay of the Seaside's innings though was L. Reeves who made a sparkling 70 and put on a mammoth partnership of 109 with Crooks. With the score at 162-4 at the end of the 28th over, Bamburgh went on to make 39 more runs in the final overs, reaching 201 at the end of their innings which included a useful 22 not out from young G. Martin who played a lovely glance over the keeper to get off the mark.

In reply, the Jesmond Jaguars made a rapid start, taking 9 off the first over and racing to 27 off only 5 overs before they lost their first wicket thanks to a smart catch by Crooks in the gully. The Jaguars lost another quick wicket before Mansey once again took the attack to the bowlers before he was stumped off the wily bowling of leading wicket taker for the season N. Newcombe. From here the Jesmond Jaguars could never keep up with the run rate, allowing the Seaside to take regular wickets with both A. Wright and J. Crooks taking two apiece and once again Newcombe starring with the ball taking 3-26 off his 7 overs. Occasional Bamburgh player J. Boon starred with the bat for the Jaguars, holding the innings together with a carefully crafted 32, getting them to 136 off their 35 overs. A big thankyou to the Jesmond Jaguars for the game and to the grounds-men for preparing the wicket so late on in the season.

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, C.Brogden, J.Crooks, L.Reeves, A.Sutherland, G.Martin, F.Baker Cresswell, H.Lobb, J.McDonald, J.Armstrong

Sunday 27th August 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Newcastle Wanderers

In a match sponsored by Bamburgh beat Newcastle Wanderers by a decisive 65 runs.

Newcastle Wanderers won the toss and decided to send Bamburgh into bat on what looked like a tricky wicket. This was indeed the case as scoring was slow for the opening pair of captain A. Wright and vice-captain N. Newcombe. With just 10 runs scored off the first 7 overs, Wright was the first man to fall for only 3 but made sure some of the lethal licker had been ground out of the ball. Even with slightly easier conditions, scoring still was hard as F. Burrows took his second wicket, bowling Newcombe for 10. At the halfway point Bamburgh had been restricted to 50-4 by tight bowling from the Newcastle Wanderers and things only started to look up for the Seaside once C. Brogden occupied the crease. Coming in at 7, the Wanderers must have thought they were in with a chance with bowling Bamburgh out for under 100 but Brogden stood up to the task, combining with much of the lower order to scrape Bamburgh to a competitive score of 140, Brogden scoring 44 of them and maintaining his lead in the runs tally.

In the second innings, conditions did not look to get any easier for the Wanderers batsmen and the Bamburgh looked to take advantage of the gloomy skies. With a wicket in the third over and then two LBW's for H. Parkinson, the Newcastle Wanderers were left on 27-3 after the first 12 over. Still with a chance the Wanderers number five looked to regain momentum scoring 27 off just 19 balls but the Bamburgh captain had not played his trump card yet and introduced G. Campbell Shiel to the mix who took the extraordinary figures of 3-13 off his 6 overs in what was only his third game of the season. From here both A. Wright and F. Allan took two wickets each to see off the Wanderer's tail and leave them 75 all out.

Thankyou once again to the grounds-men for preparing the pitch in tricky conditions and to the Newcastle Wanderers for the game.

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, C.Brogden, J.Crooks, L.Reeves, A.Stewart, A.Sutherland, F.Allan, G.Martin, H.Parkinson, G.Campbell-Shiel

Sunday 20th August 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Manderston

In a match sponsored by Bamburgh cruised to an 8 wicket win over Manderston.

After losing the toss Bamburgh were made to field and since they were fielding 13 men gave three batsmen to a depleted Manderston contingent. So somehow for the second time this season F. Baker-Cresswell strolled out to the crease for the other team, he didn't last long though as was dismissed for just 3 off the bowling of J. Crooks. Following his departure, leading run scorer this season at Bamburgh C. Brogden came in at three and looked to rebuild after the early wicket, no such heroics were undertaken though as he was quickly back in the changing rooms after feathering an edge behind to the grateful C. Nichols. After the early dismissals of the two seashiders, Manderston were left to fend for themselves and in tricky bowling conditions lost wickets regularly: the only shining light of the innings was A. Davenport's impressive 48 in which he hit 4, 4's and scored over half of Manderston's total runs. F. Allan once again performed with the ball, picking up three wickets to add to his season tally and restricting Manderston to 86 all out from 34 overs

In reply Bamburgh started confidently, with the opening partnership surpassing 50 before M. Kirkup was caught for a well-made 19 on a tricky wicket. Needing just 35 to win, J. Macdonald did not help matters nor the scorers as he was dismissed first ball. At 53-2, the seashiders could have made a mess of it after losing two quick wickets, but C. Nichols swiftly removed any doubt from the minds of his team taking the 13th over for a whopping 25 which included a reverse sweep for six off the last ball of the over. After retiring on 52, Bamburgh easily scored the remaining 17 runs to cruise to an 8-wicket victory.

A big thanks must go to the Bamburgh grounds-men for preparing the pitch and to Manderston for the game even though they only had 8 players.

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, C.Brogden, F.Baker Cresswell, M.Kirkup, J.Crooks, L.Reeves, A.Stewart, J.McDonald, A.Sutherland, C.Nicholls, F.Allan

Sunday 6th August 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v KSTOB CC

In a match sponsored by Real Country Cottages Bamburgh beat Kings School Tynemouth Old Boys in a comprehensive victory by 93 runs.

Starting earlier than usual at 12:30 because of the nights drawing in Bamburgh won the toss and elected to bat first, looking to put on a big total to defend. The Seasideers started well with both openers wearing down the new ball whilst still keeping the scoreboard ticking. The first wicket fell in the 11th over, with the opening stand just shy of 50, Bamburgh had an excellent platform to go on to make a massive total. Bamburgh quickly lost a second wicket soon after, but M. Kirkup held firm and left the score 86-3 when he departed for 44. From here, the Seasideers quickly moved through the gears as L. Reeves hit a rapid 50, picking up the run rate with a couple of magnificent sixes. Then, the man in form, C. Brogden combined with Bamburgh's new finisher C. Hindhaugh to leave Bamburgh with a massive score of 220, the latter needing six off the last ball of the innings to reach his 50 but sadly falling short.

Needing to start quickly KSTOB did not come out after tea as expected, no wickets were taken until the 17th over but the score had only reached 54 when club stalwart J. Fortescue took the first scalp. At this point the Bamburgh bowlers started to regain the momentum and it was their game to lose. J. Crooks removed the other opener for a determined 35 and N. Newcombe, once again taking 3 wickets alongside C. Brogden, reduced the travelling side to 127-7 in their 35 overs. Pick of the bowlers would have gone to Newcombe for his 3 wickets if Brogden had not gotten usual Bamburgh opener F. Baker-Cresswell (who was batting for the other team as they only had 10 players) out for a second ball duck much to the whole of the Bamburgh team's delight.

Thank you to KSTOB for the game and as always to the groundsmen who work tirelessly to prepare the wickets that we play on.

Team: N.Newcombe, C.Brogden, A.Sutherland, J.Fortescue, F.Baker Cresswell, H.Parkinson, M.Kirkup, L.Reeves, J.Crooks, C.Hindhaugh, J.Ferguson, G.Martin

Sunday 30th July 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Stamfordham CC

In a match sponsored by Tom and Julie Parkinson Bamburgh beat Stamfordham by 74 runs.

With the match in doubt earlier in the day, Bamburgh were given the green light, won the toss and elected to bat first. Things did not go as planned though as wickets quickly began to fall in the Bamburgh ranks, both openers fell in single figures and T. Jackson quickly followed, only adding 14. At 68-6 after the Bamburgh number 6 crumbled under the pressure, A. Wright joined C. Brogden at the crease hoping in some way to drag Bamburgh out of the crater they had dug themselves into; Brogden was given a life in the teens and from here he did not look back putting on an incredible 105 runs for the seventh wicket until he was finally caught on the boundary for 95 trying to reach his maiden Bamburgh century. After a stunning effort from the overseas, the Seasideers only added one more run, leaving Stamfordham 175 runs to win from their 35 overs.

Unsure whether they had put enough on the board, Bamburgh strode out to the middle hoping to start the second innings just like Stamfordham had started the first. H. Parkinson did not disappoint, picking up 3 wickets from his 7 overs restricting Stamfordham to 49-4. After a tight start, N. Newcombe once again starred with the ball, reading the pitch perfectly and taking another 3 wickets for just 14 runs, meaning he his running away as the leading wicket taker this season. As well as performing with the bat, A. Wright also picked up two wickets, leaving Stamfordham on 84-9, still requiring 91 runs to win. There was a slight bit of resistance from the last wicket stand and the Stamfordham number 5 impressed with the bat, making 43 but F. Allan was not taking any prisoners and quickly removed the man in touch, meaning Stamfordham were bowled out for 100, losing by 74 runs.

Thank you to Stamfordham for the game and to the Bamburgh ground staff for ensuring we were still able to play even with the rain during the week.

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, C.Brogden, T.Jackson, A.Sutherland, H.Sutherland, J.Fortescue, F.Baker Cresswell, H.Parkinson, F.Allan, M.Kirkup, L.Reeves

Thursday 20th July 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Goodwood CC Australia

In a match sponsored by Trotters family bakery, Bamburgh beat the Australian touring side Goodwood by 88 runs.

After rain earlier in the week, Goodwood won the toss and put Bamburgh into bat hoping to take early wickets on a pitch that was sure to improve throughout the afternoon. C. Brogden was given a raise up the batting order and did not disappoint, dealing with the opening bowlers and putting on a 45 run opening stand with leading English run-scorer for the season F. Baker-Cresswell. From this solid platform and returning to Bamburgh after his man of the match performance in the charity game, T. Jackson did not allow the run rate to slip, combining with Brogden and assuring Bamburgh crossed 100 by the half-way mark. All of the top six made contributions, each making at least 16 but after the wicket of L. Reeves in the 26th over, something happened that has not happened for a long time at Bamburgh – a colossal batting collapse. The score went from 144-3 to 152-8 in as little as 23 balls. With a likelihood of being bowled out well short of par, J. Crooks resurrected the situation, adding 54 with the tail in the last 6 overs and leaving Bamburgh all out for 206 on the last ball.

After tea, a confident Bamburgh emerged from the changing room looking to defend their total. The Goodwood openers had different ideas however, riding the storm of the new ball, regularly hitting the ball to the boundary, and controlling the tempo of the game. They put on a very impressive opening stand of 87 before A. Wright broke the partnership by bowling Jason Scroop. Drinks quickly followed and this break in play seemed to do Bamburgh the world of good. N. Newcombe had the other opener Jaden Scroop caught on the boundary one short of his half century the first ball after drinks. With both openers now out, the captain A. Wright, N. Newcombe and F. Allan all went about their work, bowling tight lines and lengths, drying up the run rate rapidly, and restricting Goodwood to only 117 off their allotted overs meaning just 30 runs were conceded in the last 16 overs.

A big thank you must go to Goodwood for playing, even in the typical English summer rain, and for paying for the Bamburgh team's fish and chips.

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, C.Brogden, J.Crooks, A.Sutherland, H.Sutherland, T.Jackson, J.Boon, L.Reeves, F.Baker Cresswell, H.Parkinson, F.Allan

Thursday 13th July 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Percy Farmers

On a sunny Thursday evening, Bamburgh were pipped by the Percy Farmers on the last ball of the game, losing by 4 wickets.

A good start meant both Bamburgh openers retired on 25 and 29 respectively, however some tight bowling especially by F. Burn at the end of the innings meant Bamburgh reached 130-5 off their 20 overs. The Percy Farmers similarly had a good start, regularly hitting boundaries when required, leaving themselves 27 to get from their final 4 overs. The captain A. Wright stood up to the plate, only going for 7 off his two overs, however A. Robson had different ideas hitting 16 off the final over to get the Percy Farmers just over the line.

Thank you to The Middle for providing food after the match and to the Percy Farmers for such a close game.

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, C.Brogden, F.Allan, J.Crooks, A.Sutherland, J.Fortescue, L.Reeves, F.Baker Cresswell, G.Campbell-Shiel, C.Hindhaugh

Sunday 9th July 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Horningsham

In a match sponsored by Ian Patterson Building, Bamburgh cruised to a 53-run victory over Horningsham CC.

After an impressive win the previous weekend, Bamburgh won the toss and chose to bat first. Having had a lot of rain on the days before the match, the pitch was playing slightly slower than expected and this came into effect almost immediately as Bamburgh lost their first wicket on just the fourth ball. Both the Horningsham openers hit the ground running, taking three more quick wickets, and leaving the Seaside 9 for 4 at the end of the fourth over. From here J. Crooks joined F. Baker-Cresswell at the crease and after a couple of sixes from the latter he too departed for a swift 21 causing a certain amount of distress in the usually calm Bamburgh changing room. However, C. Brogden once again combined with J. Crooks to rescue the team from their perilous position, turning the nature of the game with a 94-run stand before Crooks was dismissed off the bowling of H. Hatch. In their last five overs, Bamburgh managed to boost their total to 156-7 with C. Brogden left unbeaten on 64.

With a game on their hands, after the tea-break Bamburgh came out raring to go. Tight bowling was a feature of the Bamburgh innings, and this was evident at the 14 over mark, Horningsham only had 28 runs on the board. Both openers impressed with A. Sutherland taking 3-6 from his 7 overs. After such a slow start Horningsham never seemed to gain enough momentum to challenge the Bamburgh total and were bowled out for 103 in the 34th over. The wickets were shared about with F. Allan also taking 3 and a mention must go to L. Reeves who seemed to be a magnet in field, taking three catches.

A big thank you must go to the Bamburgh grounds men who got the game on in uncertain conditions and to Horningsham for the game.

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, C.Brogden, F.Allan, J.Crooks, A.Sutherland, J.Fortescue, L.Reeves, F.Baker Cresswell, M.Humphreys, H.Parkinson

Sunday 2nd July 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Kirkley CC (Away)

On a breezy Sunday afternoon Bamburgh Castle CC completed an impressive win over Kirkley CC by 115 runs.

In their second away fixture of the year, Bamburgh won the toss and put Kirkley into field. Bamburgh opener F. Baker-Cresswell, perhaps not in his freshest state went out swinging from ball one, this meant they got off to a quick start but rather expectedly he swiftly fell to the persistent line and length of Kirkley opener A. Horner. Two more wickets quickly fell meaning N. Newcombe, coming in much earlier than usual, joined L. Reeves at the crease. The pair enjoyed a 60-run stand before Reeves departed for a just over run a ball 39 and Newcombe was caught for a well-made 33. With a platform now set, skipper A. Wright unleashed his two overseas players with J. Crooks first hitting a smart 34 and then off the back of an unbeaten 43 the previous day, C. Brogden smashed a lethal half-century off just 17 balls; after such a brutal innings Bamburgh concluded their 35 overs on 226-8.

After a lovely tea, Bamburgh went out to field, hoping to defend their mammoth total on a quick-scoring wicket. Kirkley got off to a flying start, scoring a four from the first ball, A. Sutherland got his revenge though, bowling the Kirkley opener the very next ball. After an eventful start, both teams went blow for blow in the next 15 overs, the Kirkley batsmen scored freely with the ball regularly going to the boundary but as soon as they seemed to get going Bamburgh always responded with a wicket. At the 15 over mark the game was perched at 71-4, the Kirkley number four going well with 18 not out. An inspired bowling change though turned the tides for Bamburgh as A. Wright brought C. Hindhaugh on to bowl. With consistent bowling he took three quick wickets including the crucial one of I. Perez, leaving him with figures of 3-13 from 5 overs. From this position the remaining Kirkley batsmen quickly lost their wickets, finishing the match 111 all out.

A big thanks must go to Kirkley CC for the game especially with the unexpected rain just as play was meant to start.

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, C.Brogden, F.Allan, J.Crooks, A.Sutherland, J.Fortescue, L.Reeves, F.Baker Cresswell, M.Humphreys, C.Handhaugh

Sunday 25th June 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v St George Rovers

In a match sponsored by Ian Patterson Builder, Bamburgh abandoned their game against St George Rovers due to heavy rain.

Having lost the toss, for the third game in a row Bamburgh were asked to field first, as grey skies loomed overhead, club legend Steve Mallinson returned to Bamburgh for the first time this season and opened the bowling from the Mallinson end alongside A. Sutherland. St George Rovers got off to a quick start with wayward bowling offering shot scoring opportunities, the score raced along to 82-2 off 18 overs with I. Hobbs doing most of the damage with his unbeaten 53. It was only until after he retired that Bamburgh managed to gain a grip on the game, with tight bowling leading to a flurry of wickets leaving St George Rovers 115-8. Six of the eight bowlers took wickets with F. Allan continuing his impressive form, taking two wickets for only five runs but the spectacle of the Bamburgh bowling innings once again had to go to N. Newcombe who took an incredible caught and bowled diving full stretch to his left-hand side. Rain disrupted the end of the St George Rovers innings meaning an early tea was taken after 31.1 overs and with the aid of Duckworth Lewis Bamburgh were set 131 to win from the same number of overs.

After the heavy rain subsided, the cover was taken off and play was allowed to continue on a slightly damper pitch. St George Rovers once again got off to a good start with precise bowling restricting the Bamburgh openers, this accurate bowling was rewarded with two quick wickets for J. Wood leaving Bamburgh struggling at 20-2. J. Crooks now joined opener C. Nichols at the crease and with some good running and powerful hitting the pair began to rebuild the Bamburgh batting efforts before the rain once again disrupted proceedings. As it was only a short shower the players were quickly back out there, however, the break did not do Crooks any good as he was soon bowled swiftly afterwards J. Ridley managed to remove Nichols for 29. These two wickets left the game well in the balance with Bamburgh requiring 54 runs from 13.1 overs in tricky conditions. H. Sutherland began going about his work, playing carefully and hitting the bad ball away for runs, but he was stranded on 19 not out as the rain once again returned and this time it was for good, leaving Bamburgh on 98-5 from 21 overs. In the end the game was abandoned but remarkably when the score was put into Duckworth Lewis, the computer thought the game would end in a tie.

Thank you to St George Rovers for the game and especially for playing in the damp weather.

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, C.Brogden, F.Allan, H.Sutherland, M.Kirkup, J.Crooks, A.Sutherland, H.Parkinson, C.Nichols, F.Baker Cresswell, S.Mallinson

Sunday 18th June 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Newcastle Jesmond CC

Bamburgh Castle 94-2 beat Newcastle Jesmond 93 all out by 8 wickets.

In a match sponsored by Stephen Rutter Plumbing, Bamburgh completed a decisive win over Newcastle Jesmond, beating them by 8 wickets.

Having lost the toss, Bamburgh on this rare occasion were made to field first, in the lovely June sunshine tight bowling at the beginning of the innings immediately built pressure and Harry Parkinson made use of this, taking two wickets in quick succession. Following a shaky start A. Wright made things worse for Newcastle by removing C. Darwood for 20 who had been holding the Newcastle batting efforts together single-handedly. After this Newcastle never seemed to recover as regular wickets fell throughout their innings leaving them all out for 93 in the 31st over. The wickets were shared among the bowlers with N. Newcombe once again showing his prowess on the Bamburgh wicket by bamboozling the seasoned batsman K.Trevaskis for only 5.

In reply, accurate bowling at the start of the innings meant Bamburgh got off to a slow start. However, the fact no wickets were lost meant the Bamburgh openers could steadily build the score. Hunting wickets, Newcastle introduced less experienced bowlers to the fray, in turn allowing M. Humphreys especially to pick up the run rate, leaving him retired on 51. The only stutter in the Bamburgh innings came in the second last over of the chase, in which two wickets fell back to back off the bowling of A. Wiltshire. This however only briefly paused the Bamburgh chase as they completed it soon after in the 21st over with other opener M. Kirkup left with a solid 25 not out.

Thank you very much to Newcastle Jesmond CC for the game and a special mention should go to Gareth Grant, owner of the YouTube channel 'Can You Cricket' who made his debut for the Seasideers.

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, M.Humphreys, M.Kirkup, L.Reeves, J.Crooks, H.Sutherland, A.Sutherland, H.Parkinson, G.Grant, C.Brogden, F.Allan

Sunday 11th June 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Borderers CC

Bamburgh Castle Cricket Club looked to bounce back from their first loss of the season this week against The Borderers in a match sponsored by the Lord Crewe in Bamburgh. With Vice Captain Neil Newcombe at the helm, the home side lost the toss and were asked to field on a beautiful sunny day at the Castle.

After surviving a few tight opening overs from club stalwart J. Fortescue and A. Sutherland, the Borderers' opening batters began to pick up the rate. Newcombe immediately brought in the big guns. A fiery spell from H. Sutherland was backed up by some surprisingly accurate bowling by J. Crooks who dismissed both set batsmen for 32 and 12 respectively. After this, the Borderers' batting line up never really got settled. Despite some spirited resistance from Murphy (18) and Douglas (15), the away side ended up being bowled out for 128 in the 34th over. Special moment of the day in the field undoubtedly belonged to L. Reeves who managed to pluck a well-struck ball out of the air with one hand as he ran back and to his left.

In reply, the Seasideers got off to a shaky start. Recently returned M. Humphries failed to trouble the scorer before being dismissed lbw in the first over. Somewhat surprisingly, it was wicket-keeper and opening bat Finn Baker Cresswell who provided stability throughout the innings. Displaying uncharacteristic poise at the crease, FBC cruised to another Bamburgh 50, before a returning to form running himself for 54. Reeves (38*) and H. Sutherland (16*) saw the home side through to the target in the 25th over for the loss of 3 wickets.

A huge thank you to our opposition, the Borderers, who played the game in great spirit and of course to our match sponsors, the Lord Crewe.

Team: N.Newcombe, F.Baker Cresswell, M.Humphries, J.McDonald, L.Reeves, H.Sutherland, F.Allan, C.Brogden, J.Fortescue, A.Sutherland, J.Crooks

Sunday 4th June 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v United Stars CC

Bamburgh Castle 182 lost to United Stars 184-4 by 6 wickets.

The day has finally come, Bamburgh's incredible 42 game winning streak has come to an end at the hands of the United Stars.

Playing away from home for the first time this season the Seaside's won the toss and elected to bat first. Scoring runs was never the issue for Bamburgh as the tale of the innings appeared to be many batsman getting starts and not capitalising on staying in at the middle with Wright (29) McDonald (25) and Baker Cresswell (20). It was Harry Sutherland who was able to stand up and convert his runs, retiring not out with a great 51. With regular wickets falling the tail unfortunately did not wag which resulted in Bamburgh being bowled out for 182 in the 31st over, not batting the overs would turn out to be costly.

Bowling second, Bamburgh started well with both openers Fortescue and Hindhaugh getting early wickets with the United Stars being 22-2. Brogden would then go on to take a further two wickets, however it was the partnership of Nair (37) and Prudeep (38*) and then later Malik (50*) and Prudeep that would go on to build the foundations to win the game for the United Stars. They made use of the short boundaries as well as some tidy running between the wicket, despite their best efforts, the Bamburgh bowlers could not restrict the United Stars batsmen. All credit must go to the United Stars players who put an end to Bamburgh's winning streak.

Thank you to United Stars for arranging our game with such short notice.

Destiny wasn't on the side of Bamburgh as the United Stars weren't originally on our fixture list but managed to squeeze us in and host Bamburgh at Matfen due to our original fixture being cancelled early in the week.

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, F.Baker Cresswell, C.Brogden, M.Kirkup, C.Hindhaugh, F.Allan, H.Sutherland, J.Fortescue, J.McDonald, H.Lobb

Sunday 28th May 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Ponteland

Bamburgh Castle 257-2 beat Ponteland 30 by 227 runs.

In a match sponsored by R Carter and Son, Bamburgh beat Ponteland by a huge margin of 227 runs.

The sun was out again on a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and Bamburgh made good use of the warm weather electing to bat first and putting on a mammoth score of 257 from their 35 overs all while losing only 2 wickets in the process. Finn Baker Cresswell, Tony Jackson and Laurence Reeves doing the bulk of the damage for the Seaside's, all retiring not out on 50.

Bamburgh's dominance continued in the second innings as the Ponteland batters never looked settled at the crease thanks to some brilliant pace bowling from the returning Harry Parkinson. However, it was 14-year-old Finlay Allan who will take all the plaudits as he bowled the spell of a lifetime, taking 5 wickets for just 1 run including a hat trick from 3.5 overs. Thanks to regular wickets, Ponteland struggled to score runs eventually being bowled out for just 30 runs.

Bamburgh's fine start to the season continues making it an incredible 42 wins in a row for the team.

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, J.Crooks, F.Baker Cresswell, C.Brogden, M.Kirkup, L.Reeves, C.Hindhaugh, T.Jackson, F.Allan, H.Parkinson

Sunday 21st May 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Kirkley CC

Bamburgh Castle 183-4 beat Kirkley 89-8 by 94 runs.

In a match sponsored by A M Gilhome, Bamburgh's impressive start to the season continued beating Kirkley by 94 runs.

The sun was finally shining in Bamburgh and the Seasideers made use of the warm weather, winning the toss and batting first. In an innings where Bamburgh scored 183 runs you'd be forgiven for thinking the most notable contribution would be that of James Crooks top scoring and retiring with 50*. However it was Finn Baker Cresswell retiring hurt with back pain after only facing one ball that appeared to entertain the spectators more than the cricket as he limped off the field receiving no sympathy from his teammates. Josh McDonald ably replaced Finn and tried his best to put his own back out with how hard he was swinging for the ball! The swinging paid off though with Josh hitting the biggest 6 of the day and scoring 37 in the process.

In reply Arthur Sutherland continued his good form bowling from the Mallinson end and was ably assisted by a new opening partner in Callum Hindaugh this week. Despite the good start from the bowlers the first wicket didn't fall until the 18th over, who else but Neil Newcombe (3-15) claiming the first victim. Crooks ensured he had a day to remember with bat and ball as he picked up 2 wickets with the ball for just 4 runs. Star in the field was substitute keeper Michael Kirkup who took 2 catches and let through 4 byes in only his third game keeping wicket. Yet it was economical bowling that helped push Bamburgh over the line as Kirkley finished on 89-8 after their 35 overs.

A great win for Bamburgh and we look forward to making the away trip to Kirkley at the start of July!

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, J.Crooks, F.Baker Cresswell, A.Sutherland, H.Sutherland, C.Brogden, M.Kirkup, L.Reeves, J.McDonald, C.Hindaugh

Sunday 14th May 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Medomsley CC

Bamburgh Castle 194-6 beat Medomsley CC 33 by 161 runs.

In a match sponsored by "The Middle" (The Castle Inn), Bamburgh made it 40 wins in a row putting Medomsley to the sword in a 161-run victory.

Winning the toss and electing to bat first Bamburgh scored runs freely throughout the innings. Regular wickets did fall but Matty Stewart and Cody Brogden put the Seasideers in the driving seat, helping guide the side to 194-6 from their 35 overs. T. Johnson the pick of the Medomsley bowlers taking 2 wickets and only going for 6 runs.

Bamburgh took it up a gear in the second innings, bowling Medomsley out for just 33, finishing the game just as the heavens were opening. Thanks to some solid pre-match preparation, the brothers of destruction - Harry & Arthur Sutherland - took 7 wickets between them, the latter only going for 4 runs from his 7 overs.

The day was all about the return of our scorer and Bamburgh legend Dave Parmley. Welcome back Dave, it's good to have you back!

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, J.Crooks, J.Fortescue, F.Baker Cresswell, A.Sutherland, H.Sutherland, M.Knight, C.Brogden, C.Nichols, M.Stewart

Sunday 7th May 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Nidderdale CC

Bamburgh Castle 162-8 beat Nidderdale CC 122-8 by 40 runs.

In a match sponsored by Northumbrian Leisure Limited, Bamburgh made it 39 wins in a row beating Nidderdale by 40 runs.

Winning the toss and electing to bat first Bamburgh started slowly only making 23 runs in the first 10 overs. Tidy bowling and impressive bowling was a common theme from the Nidderdale team. They made it challenging all innings for the Bamburgh batters to get going. C.Love being the pick of the bowlers with figures of 2-14. An impressive fightback from the middle order meant that Bamburgh would finish on 162-8 after their 35 overs, the overseas contingent of Crooks (36) and Du Toit (27) doing the main damage for the Seasideers.

At the tea break the weather decided to change. The sea fret began to cast doubt over the game as you couldn't see the Castle from the pavilion.

However, both sides decided to go out and the Bamburgh bowlers made use of the difficult conditions restricting the Nidderdale batters throughout the innings. Arthur Sutherland continuing his fine start to the season taking 2 wickets for just 9 runs from his 7 overs. Yet it was the bowling partnership that would strike fear into any opposition of Newcombe (2-26) and Du Toit (1-18) who stole the show taking 3 wickets whilst bowling in tandem, the latter removing the dangerous Love (35). Despite their best efforts to accelerate at the end Bamburgh's total was too far away for the away side who finished on 122-8 after 35 overs.

After his 2 wickets on Sunday Bamburgh wicket machine Neil Newcombe now has his eyes firmly on this year's bowling trophy having narrowly missed out for two years running.

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, J.Crooks, J.Fortescue, F.Baker Cresswell, A.Sutherland, A.Stewart, J. Du Toit, B.Speirs, H.Lobb, L.Reeves

Sunday 30th April 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Romany CC

Bamburgh Castle 177-7 beat Romany CC 129-5 by 48 runs.

In a match sponsored by Alan Macfarlane Electrician, Bamburgh continued their winning ways beating Romany CC by 48 runs.

With a damp and drizzly start to the day, the Seasideers won the toss and elected to bat first. The innings was held together by opener Finn Boycott Cresswell scoring 49 runs from the 34 overs he was at the crease before he tragically ran himself out - one short of his 50 - despite his best effort with a lunging dive Tom Daley would be proud of! Crooks (36), Speirs (29) and 14-year-old Finlay Allan (15) ably assisted FBC at the crease guiding Bamburgh to 177 from their 35 overs.

In reply, Romany CC dug in deep at the crease and refused to move just losing 5 wickets from their 35 overs. A familiar face, George Gibson (his father Dale has played for Bamburgh) scored an impressive 71*, this however wasn't enough to get Romany over the line with the Bamburgh bowlers restricting them to 129. Fortescue, Sutherland, Wright and Newcombe all picking up 1 wicket each. Club stalwart Jonny Fortescue earning dismissal of the day with his direct hit runout.

Another good win for Bamburgh making it 38 wins in a row for the club!

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, J.Crooks, J.Fortescue, C.Brogden, F.Baker Cresswell, A.Sutherland, F.Allan, M.Kirkup, B.Speirs, H.Lobb, J.McDonald

Sunday 23rd April 2023 BAMBURGH CASTLE v Thornton Dale CC

Bamburgh Castle 222-4 beat Thornton Dale 89 by 133 runs.

In a match sponsored by The Farne Gift Shop, Bamburgh started the season where they left off last year, emphatically beating Thornton Dale by 133 runs.

On what will go down as one of the coldest games in history, the Seaside batters batted first and scored regularly thanks to half centuries from Harry Sutherland (68), Cody Brogden (69*) and James Crooks (51*). In total Bamburgh scored 222 from their 35 overs, only losing 4 wickets. Pick of the Thornton Dale bowlers was T. Snowdon with figures of 2-19.

Bamburgh continued their dominance in the second innings and didn't let the Thornton Dale batters settle. Wickets fell throughout their innings with Bamburgh restricting them to just 89. Bamburgh stalwarts Neil Newcombe (5-14) and Jonny Fortescue (2-11) were the main wicket takers for the home side. Congratulations to Neil who took his maiden 5 wicket haul!

Special mention must go to John Lamb and the rest of the grounds team for getting the game on in what hasn't been ideal cricketing weather leading up to this first match.

Team: A.Wright, N.Newcombe, J.Crooks, L.Reeves, J.Fortescue, C.Brogden, F.Baker Cresswell, A.Sutherland, H.Sutherland, G. Campbell-Sheil, F.Allan