



*Under 13's*

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# CHAMPIONS!!!!

LPCC under 13's unbeaten league season was completed on Sunday with another comprehensive victory, this time over Osbaldwick B, leaving Londesborough as undefeated champions of the York and District Junior Cricket Association Zone C.

This season has seen nine convincing victories in cup and league and just one rained off. Big matches are now starting - beginning with the cup semi-final at Clifton Alliance on Sunday. If we keep our winning streak going there are four consecutive Sundays of play-offs, semis and finals coming up, with much stronger opposition expected.

Remarkably, every league match has taken the same course: we have batted first, dominating the opposition (with the possible exception of Thixendale), taken early wickets, and polished the opposition off with our wily spinners and some excellent catching and run-outs.

## **LPCC 74-6 Thixendale 39 all out**

Thixendale provided a sterner test and some worries for Londesborough. Batting first again early wickets for presaged a healthy stand between James Hanley and Will Stephenson which took the score beyond 50 before James retired after a commanding knock and Will was well run out. The innings stuttered as batsmen struggled against accurate bowling, a slow outfield and tight fielding, before Jack Lakin and Joe Shingles added impetus at the end. Thixendale clearly fancied their chances, but two wickets in the first over bowled by Will put things in perspective; the Shingles bowled in miserly fashion to add three more, reducing the home side to 22 for 6, and then Owen Raper snagged a remarkable three in his first over (nearly four!) to polish off game opponents.



## **LPCC 120-0 Pocklington 59 all out**

LPCC's best batting display of the season so far on a flat track at local rivals Pocklington, with a fast outfield, together with wickets for the spin trio proved to be too much for the home side. James Hanley and Nathan Saltmer both retired on 32 with a cascade of boundaries to their credit, while Ben Shingles played a sound anchor role with 28 not out and Will Stephenson added late clout. Pocklington's openers started very well against occasionally wayward bowling, and were in the hunt at 41 without loss after 10 overs. Then Joe Shingles accurate left arm in swing put the brakes on, before seven wickets shared between slow men Ben Shingles, Toby Stephenson and Owen Raper polished Pock off, with great credit to Jack Lakin, who dished up three smart stumpings, and Will Stephenson whose spectacular catch and dive (not necessarily in that order!) delighted spectators and team mates alike.

## **Heworth 41 all out LPCC 42-1**

The cup quarter final at Heworth saw Londesborough in the field for the first innings for the only time this season so far. The home side soon regretted their decision as wickets fell regularly, with excellent bowling and fielding again to the fore. Nathan Saltmer took the honours this time as reduced pace increased accuracy, with a particularly effective and well thought out slower ball after being slogged for six doing for Heworth's best batsman. Most notable event of the innings was a direct hit from third man by Lewis Medley after initially not reacting, to produce a great run out. After an alarm due to a short ball connecting with a helmet, James and Will quickly knocked off the required runs.

## **LPCC 84-4 Osbaldwick B 49-9**

Unexpectedly tight bowling from the visitors restricted Londesborough to a relatively low 84 for four, with some work required on pinching singles to keep the scoreboard moving and on running between the wickets in general. Nathan posted 25 and Will boosted the total with a quick 23 not out at the end. The visitors were less strong in batting than bowling. More good fielding (Lewis Beaton's nonchalant catch at mid-wicket and a Shingles run out) supported good bowling, with most wickets shared between the Shingles and Lewis, to clinch the league title.

## **Representative honours and a century!!**

In all, eight members of the LPCC under 13's squad have played at least at East Yorkshire level in this or last season. But the main mention must go to LPCC skipper James Hanley who scored his maiden century, and did it in the best possible style, for Yorkshire under 13's in their match against Cumbria. This is a fantastic achievement and fully deserved. WELL DONE JIM!!!!

**In 2010 we want to win as many matches as we can;  
get all players involved and enjoying the cricket; play  
as a team, working together; and play in the right  
spirit, so we can be a credit to the club and to the  
game. So far, so good!**

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## Fixtures:

Sunday 4 July	Cup semi-final at Clifton Alliance
Sunday 11 July	League play-off semi-final (away, but we don't know where yet)
Tuesday 20 July	League 6-a-side preliminary round at LPCC (v Thixendale, Woodhouse Grange and Stamford Bridge)
Sunday 25 July	LPCC u13 6-a-side (if not in Cup final)
Thursday 5 August	Tynemouth CC (H) Poss. 11am start and 40 overs each side

Possible additional fixtures, depending on how we do:

Sunday 18 July	League play-off final
Sunday 25 July	Cup final
Sunday 1 August	6-a-side finals at Clifton Alliance (if we get through the preliminary round)