

Your 2024 Under 13's Squad

(In Alphabetical Surname Order)

By Stephen Bottom (Coach)

[Disclaimer: These are my own views and opinions and not necessarily those of the club]

JOSH ARMER

Josh is our wicketkeeper and has taken some great catches this season. Josh is a very bright and knowledgeable cricketer, and being wicketkeeper is key to helping both bowlers and captain.

He is a good solid batsman and has played some important innings this season. Josh is a very honest player and excellent sportsman, as demonstrated against Heyside.

Josh has stepped-up to play senior cricket this season.

TROY BOTTOM

Troy is the team's captain and an excellent all-round cricketer, taking the most catches at the club this season (covering all age groups). Troy loves to field and impressively, he knows the names of all the fielding positions (a lot of senior players don't know all the fielding positions). Troy made the step-up this season to senior cricket and has performed very well, with an excellent innings batting at number 3 for the fourth team against Delph.

Troy also has very 'good taste' as he follows Arsenal Football Club.

EVELYN CHARLES

Stepped-up to this season to play with the senior women's team. Evelyn is a very good all-round cricketer and has been involved with the inter league this season. Evelyn represented Greenfield very well and performed amazingly, taking wickets in every game.

Evelyn enjoys playing mixed cricket and has settled in very well. Evelyn has performed very well and has never let the team down.

JAMES COLEMAN

A great all-round cricketer, and he reminds me of Harley from the first team. Very strong with the bat and a fast in-swinging bowler. James just needs to believe in how good he really is.

He scored a very good 100 in the cup, and an even better 50 in the semi-final.

James stepped up this year to play senior cricket and does not look out-of-place.

FRANKIE FIELDING

Frankie is one of our 12-year-old players within the team, who is a very good all-round cricketer.

When batting, Frankie has a good shot selection, and I can see him being an opening batter in the future.

Frankie is a very steady bowler.

Frankie will be key to the under 13's success next season.

EDWARD GOODWIN

Edward is going to be a great cricketer if rugby doesn't 'take-over'. Edward played his first game for us away at Heyside, where in the field he showed no fear and when asked to bowl, was excellent, bowling very straight. Initially I was only going to give Edward one over, however he bowled that well that I could not justify taking him off and he finished with figures of 3-overs, 1-maiden, 2 wickets for 4-runs.

Edward has the ability to become a very good cricketer.

FRED HALLWORTH

'An entertainer', 'comedian', 'character', 'life-and-soul of the party' are just a few words that could describe Freddie.

What does describe Freddie, is that he is an excellent all-round cricketer who this year has changed his bowling style from medium / fast pace, to become a great leg spin bowler.

Freddie is a good batsman who is not afraid of trying some outrageous shots.

Freddie has made the step-up to senior cricket this season and has performed very well. He is well-liked by everyone, with him even having the confidence to play a ramp-shot against Royton for the senior's fourth team, which resulted in a boundary.

MATTHEW HARDWICK

This season Matthew has changed from wicketkeeping to becoming a bowler.

In the field he has one of the 'safest pair of hands' within the squad,

Matthew bats 'technically' very correct, with a very straight bat and is always encouraging his teammates.

JAMES HARGRAVES

One of the cricket clubs very promising under 11's players who was keen to step-up and help when needed this season. James played twice this year and fitted-in very well. James is one-to-watch with a very bright future.

CHARLIE HEBBLETHWAITE

Charlie is another one of the clubs 'up-and-coming' under 11's players. Charlie played 3-times this season and did not look out-of-place amongst the older players. Charlie always listens, is keen to learn, and settled in very well.

THEA JACKSON TAFT

Thea is a very talented young lady, who has already been picked this season for the clubs' senior ladies' team. Thea is very comfortable playing mixed cricket and an excellent bowler who has taken some great wickets this season. Thea's bowling average is 6.83 with best figures of 3 wickets for 6-runs.

Thea was also selected for the MCC Funded Urban Cricket Scheme.

MATTHEW JONES

You would not believe that Matthew is only 12 years old. He is comfortable at opening the batting for any age group. Matthew is technically very correct, has a wonderful shot selection and times the ball very well.

He is a lovely medium/fast bowler with great accuracy and a beautiful away swing (to a right-handed batsman). Matthew is certainly 'one-to-watch out for' and would certainly be playing senior cricket if was old enough.

ELIJAH KELLY

Elijah came to Greenfield this season from Uppermill and has settled into the squad very well. Unfortunately, due to Josh keeping wicket, Elijah's opportunities have been limited and he was happy to play most of the season in the joint team.

Towards the back end of the season, Elijah forced his way into the team with some good performances in the field. Elijah always listens and is keen to learn.

THOMAS LEES

One of the nicest lads I have ever coached, always listening, always 'taking things in', keen to learn and has come on this season. Thomas just needs to believe in himself and how good he really is. Thomas has always been reliable and has never let the side down.

CILLIAN OGDEN

Cillian is one of our stronger all-round cricketers and once he gets going with the bat, there is no stopping him with a lovely shot selection that looks very elegant.

Cillian is a very talented bowler who initially bowled medium in-swinging deliveries, but then decided to change to spin.

DEXTER PEARSON

Everyone on the team likes Dexter and they look after him due to his age. Last season Dexter was playing Under 9's soft ball cricket. This season, he was the first under 11's player who wanted to step-up to the under 13's. Dexter never shows if he is scared or hurt, and this was evident when he was both hit-on-the-leg whilst batting and then hit-in-the-chest whilst fielding; on both occasions Dexter just "rubbed-it" and carried on. In cricket, there is a saying that, "you can coach fielding, batting, and bowling however, you can't coach courage".

Despite Dexter being a wicketkeeper, he was given a bowl and claimed a wicket.

HARRY POTTS

Harry is a medium to fast bowler with very good accuracy. Harry has had some very important bowling spells this season and has had some great bowling figures, with his best being 3 wickets for 3-runs.

Harry is an 'all-or-nothing' type of batter, was an explosive batting style who looks to score off every ball.

Harry has stepped-up to senior cricket this season and has a very bright future.

TED RUSSELL

A definite future captain, Ted loves his cricket and 'student of the game'. Ted always wants to be involved and is another 12-year-old, although the way he bats you would not believe it. Ted is very talented and can vary his bowling depending upon the batter and match situation. I can see that next season; like Frankie, Ted will be key to the under 13's success.

TOM RUSSELL

Tom is the younger brother of big-hitting Ted and is another player from the clubs under 11's squad. Tom is great in the field.

When Tom had a bowl at Moorside in the cup, he took a wicket in his first over.

Tom is another player who has a bright future and one to watch.

CAMERON TAYLOR

Cameron has the potential to become an excellent cricketer and when he has had the opportunity to bat, he times the ball very well.

Cameron bowls a very good line-and-length, and this was demonstrated during the Royton game, when he bowled to win us the game and the league title.

His best bowling figures are 3 wickets for 3-runs.