

CRICKET

Tyrrell celebrates latest milestone in fine career

THE cricket season finished on a high for Bob Tyrrell as he reached a magnificent landmark taking his 3,000th wicket for his club.

Tyrrell, 57, is well known across the county and achieved his record-breaking moment for Chipstead-Coulsdon & Walcountians 3rd XI against NatWest.

The wicket haul is spread over 40 years playing for the same club, working out at an average of 75 wickets per season.

This is even better if you take into account he missed the entire 2004 season following a quintuple heart bypass.

Tyrrell, an Old Reigatian, joined Chipstead in 1969, making his debut as a 17-year-old against Chipstead FC. His debut bowling figures of 5-34 were a taste of things to come.

After a couple of seasons in the second XI, he forced his way into the first team and was one of the players who established himself as a stalwart in the newly formed Chipstead & Coulsdon CC, following the merger with

East Coulsdon in 1974.

He built a reputation as a deadly brisk medium seam bowler, combining unerring accuracy with seam movement, often making him a match winner.

He remained in the 1st XI until 1982, and has also played for the seconds, thirds and fourths, as Chipstead & Coulsdon merged again with Old Walcountians in 2004 forming the current club.

At all levels, he has remained a key wicket taker and his stats, which he has religiously kept, read:

Overs - 19680.1
Maidens - 5491
Runs - 52648
Wickets - 3003
Average - 17.53
5 wicket hauls - 117

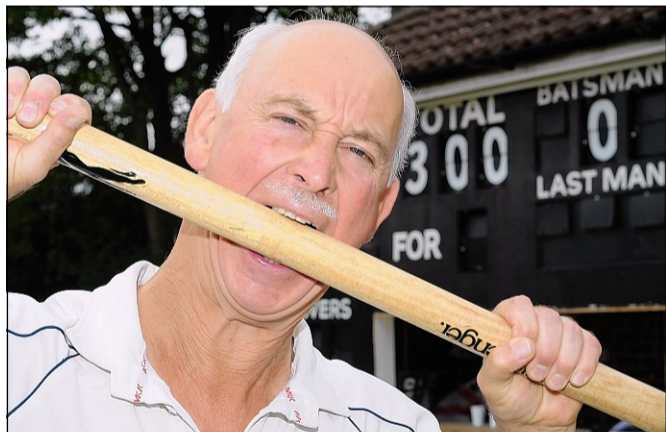
Tyrrell's best bowling figures were 9-20, his best season being 1976 when he got 133 wickets. He has taken eight wickets in an innings numerous times, including twice this season

In 1986 he was awarded the bowling award from the Surrey County League, prior to Chipstead gaining Championship status.



On a high: Bob Tyrrell is hailed by his team-mates

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Hungry work: Bob Tyrrell poses with a stump

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RUGBY

Barfoot hat-trick lifts Horley

Sussex Three
St Francis II 10
Horley 64

HORLEY started life in league rugby in commanding fashion.

The backs did not disappoint, shipping the ball quickly and accurately to outside centre Jack Pellen who, within the first two minutes, scored Horley's first try of the afternoon. Captain John Daniels converted.

Rob Barfoot was in outstanding form with a hat-trick exceptional tries early on, Daniels again converting.

Horley have put a lot of work into defence throughout the summer and the results showed as every

man put in a strong defensive effort, but they lost Andy Pitcaithly with a broken collarbone which puts him out for some weeks.

After an off-side decision against them, the Horley pack stole the show, by taking back possession in the ensuing ruck and driving the Saints backwards through well-worked mauls.

From here Jack Pellen, off a chip and chase, gained vital yardage up the pitch.

The Griffin back-line charged ever onwards, displaying superb handling skills, culminating in a try for full-back Mark Watson and another conversion for Daniels.

The Saints battled their way into the game,

eventually scoring their first try against a questionable Horley defence.

This score was answered by an angry Jack Pellen, who in concert with his brother, Joe, bashed their way through the Saints defence allowing Jack to score another try, Daniels converted.

Barfoot went over for his fifth try which Daniels again converted before Michael Osbourne smashed his way through several tackles.

The Horley pack rucked the opposition out of contention, creating a solid try scoring platform for Jack Pellen to finish in fine old style. Daniels again converted to complete a fine afternoon for his side.

Reigate put loss behind them to beat Suttonians

AFTER their opening game defeat Reigate II were looking to improve their performance at Old Suttonians.

In a hard fought contest Reigate dominated possession, but lacked the killer instinct required to turn the possession into points.

Old Suttonians were resolute in defence and when Reigate breached the try line the first time the ball was held up.

A well-worked move towards the end of the half saw Reigate finally get the try they deserved and they went into half-time 5-0 up.

Old Suttonians came

back strongly and would have been level had it not been for some desperate defence in the corner from Reigate.

As the second half went on, Reigate began to get a foot hold in the game and eventually went over for their second try.

A brief comeback by Old Suttonians was soaked up by Reigate who, as opposition legs finally tired, went over again for their third try which was converted for a 17-0 Reigate victory.

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FOOTBALL

Surrey Elite League
Bletchingley 6
Horsley 0

BLETCHINGLEY were looking to right the many wrongs from the previous week's disappointment at Spelthorne Sports, and it was evident from the opening minutes that they meant business by dominating the early exchanges.

Bletch welcomed back Stuart Lawrence from his summer holiday and his organisation skills, coupled with his dogged determination, were the driving force behind Bletch's domination.

The hosts opened the scoring in the 25th minute when some neat play down the right-hand side culminated with a pin-point cross from the impressive Kevin Penalver picking out Justin Jones, who volleyed home from 12 yards.

Bletch's pressure told once more when just before half-time, Jones played a simple pass through to last year's top scorer Justin Stott, who calmly stroked the ball into the empty Horsley net.

The goal on the stroke of half-time knocked the stuffing out of Horsley, and any chance that they had of getting back into the game was taken away from them as Bletch came out of the blocks flying once again, with Jones and Stott adding a goal each making the score 4-0 after 53 minutes.

At this point, Bletch were totally dominating the game, with the lonely Walton in goal rarely touching the ball albeit it from the occasional back pass or goal-kick.

Tokarski, in the centre of the Bletch midfield with the experienced Savage, were exquisite with their range of passing and this coupled with the industrious running of Penalver and Robertson made the game a joy to watch as Bletch pushed forward time and time again. Bletch's pressure told once again when ex-Redhill captain Jones completed his hat-trick by beating three players down the left-hand side, cutting onto his right foot, and powering an unstoppable drive past the despondent Horsley keeper.

Not wanting to be out shone by his strike partner, Stott also completed his hat-trick in the 84th minute by outpacing the Horsley left back and dispatching the ball into the bottom left-hand corner of the goal.

Bletchingley: Walton, Sackey (Searle), Gardener, Lawrence, Clarke, K Penalver, Savage, Tokarski, Robertson (Brazil), Jones, Stott.

Redhill Sunday League
Division Three
Charlwood Village 4

Croydon Postal Reserves 3

CHARLWOOD Village had a good start to the season when they beat a strong Croydon Postal team.

Postal went straight into the attack and forced two corners within the first two minutes.

Village keeper Peter Bradby was kept busy as the visitors piled on the pressure but captain Dan Shoubridge and Jack Munday marshalled their team well from the central defence positions.

The visitors took the lead on 26 minutes with a free-kick from just outside the area.

The goal acted as a wake-up call for the home team and in the 39th minute Gavin Fowler put the teams level when he slotted the ball passed the advancing Croydon keeper.

Six minutes later Karl Baller put the Villagers in front after a cross from Fowler on the right.

After the break it was Charlwood's turn to exert the pressure with some good attacking moves which resulted in Baller scoring again after another precision pass from Fowler. With eight minutes left Carl Izod made it 4-1 with a cracking goal after being put through by Baller, but Croydon Postal immediately replied and three minutes later converted a spot-kick to set up a barnstorming finish.

The Villagers defended bravely during eleven and a half minutes of added on time to gain a well deserved victory.

Charlwood Village: Bradby, Johnson, Shoubridge, Munday, Pope, Seabrook, Hubbard, Eggleton, Bicknell, Fowler, Baller.

Used subs: Izod, Pope, Dunford.