

## Women's Playing Report

Obviously due to COVID we had a delayed start to the season so it was decided that those clubs who wanted to could arrange friendlies with other clubs wishing to play games. We organised a number of games for both the 1st and 2nd teams with the more local clubs to us. The main reason for this was to give those who wished to play some competitive games. I used this as an opportunity to give the younger developing players the chance to play in the 1st team and therefore get used to playing a more competitive game. We played South North (league champions) away with 6 junior players in our side against a very strong South North side which included a number of senior county players, all of our youngsters bowled and fielded well but unfortunately we fell slightly short of our target with the majority of our runs coming from the dependable Hayley Falla.

The 2nds had a very good game away to Corbridge where the juniors bowled particularly well again and then we knocked off their total without losing a wicket, junior (Darcy Fyfe) and Suzanne Martin carrying their bats.

We also had regular training nights at Tynedale which I think benefited everyone and helped us all come together as a squad.

We are looking forward to the upcoming season with the addition of Lizzie Scott to strengthen our squad and hopefully compete for the league championship, we have also entered the national cup competition with a 1st round fixture away to Stocksfield.

We will continue to field a 2nd team to allow the youngsters more game time and hopefully we'll also enter a team into the softball league

I'd like to thank the parents who help out with scoring, umpiring etc, it's much appreciated and as always we are looking for anyone wanting to help out in the future with our teams in order for us to be able to field teams in all of these leagues.

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