

ANDOVER CC began their season with the proposed first and second XIs mixed to make a competitive game.

Skipper Roger Miller's XI, opened disastrously with Mark Tomlinson lbw to Luke Graham in the second over.

Ollie Williams joined Mark Copleston and they made 40 before Mark was bowled for 31, also by Graham. Roger Miller was bowled by brother Mark and Williams was also bowled by Matt Hooper, at 54-1 wickets off 20 overs.

Ali Hooper was joined by Tim Clark, who between them put on 69 before Clark was bowled by Simon Reeves for 36 and Hooper followed shortly after, stumped by Cille van de Merwe, off Chris Hadfield, for 34. With a partnership of 81 between Jason Williams (55), in his first game as

an Andover player and Richard Taylor (44), they finished on 233-9. Best bowling from Luke Graham with 3-45 off nine overs.

Simon Reeve's XI started well with 55 between Mark Miller and Danny Williams, before Miller (27) was caught by Hooper off Taylor. Nick Dancer was run out and van de Merwe (54) joined Williams (71) and they brought the score to 183 before both retiring.

Practice does make perfect

Williams then scored 46 and with Graham (19*) and Matt Hoover (6*). Simon Reeve's XI won five wickets and three overs to spare.



Andover's firsts and seconds got together for a club match on Saturday

Andover Gazelles comprehensively won the Salisbury and District Indoor Cricket Association (SADICA) Adult Plate Final. Batting first they scored 100-3 from their ten overs and then bowled out Porton for 53 in only eight overs. The team of youngsters comprised Jack Andrews, Luke Andrews, Chris Hadfield, Jonty Hadfield, Dan Leavesley and Peter Roberts. In addition to winning the Plate, the Gazelles also

won the SADICA Division 2 winning nine games out of ten and are now promoted to Division 1 with Chris Hadfield taking the league bowling award for the second year in succession.

The younger teams also had a splendid haul at the SADICA awards evening. Andover won the U10A and U10B leagues and finished second in the U12A, U12B, U14A and U14B leagues. Individual awards went to Matthew Knight U16 batting, Robbie

Hadfield U14A batting with Ollie Haddon runner-up. Harry Blackburn U14A bowling with Dan Turner runner-up. Matt Brown U14B batting runner-up. Bradley Aldridge U12A bowling runner-up. Max Rome-Lee U10A batting with Guy Melly runner-up. Ben Cox U10B batting and Jonathan Reed U10B bowl-

ing runner-up. Andover Youth Cricket has over 170 outdoor matches scheduled for this summer for their U17 to U9 teams.

Practice evenings have already started and potential new members are always welcome with a pair of trainers to London Road for a 6pm start on Mopdays for school years ten to seven; Tuesdays for years four and below and Thursdays for years six and five.

Classic start for Dave

DAVE Hickton of Andover, racing in the Classic Group One Touring Car Championships had a successful start to the season at Brands Hatch last weekend.

In a field of 26 cars Dave qualified in seventh position. "I got a great start of the line pulling past two capris up to fifth then had a great battle for the rest of the race for fourth position, finishing second overall in my class," said Dave. After beating much more powerful machines Dave is really pleased with how the car is performing and can't wait until the next race at Mallory Park on May 13.

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Snetterton beckons for Mini racer Dawn



Dawn's immaculate mini is all set for Snetterton

THE 2007 racing season is well under way and Snetterton in Norfolk is the first circuit for Andover racer Dawn Boyd.

This weekend's action includes three races in round one of the 2007 Mini Challenge. It has attracted around 15 new competitors to the series, to fill all 32 places on the grid.

Dunlop Great and British regulars Radical Enduros, Biduros, Ginetta Juniors and Sport Max Cup join the Minis with varied guest championships and look set to provide some of the best motor racing entertainment of the year.

Dawn has two sponsors in place as Rustlers have 'rustled' up some funding and local company Re-Design have provided all the cars livery stickers. Dawn says: "Mark and Chris have worked really hard to get the car ready in time for the season, with the teams garages being so far away it had to be prepared at the last minute and I thank them for their efforts and overtime to prepare the car." The car should stand out well on the packed grid of 32 cars.

A full race report will be in the Advertiser next week.

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Proud night for Charlotte and the Unicorn Academy

Winter League success at Longparish CC