

Match Report by Year 10 Student, Ben Richards

The Most Tense Match of Cricket Ever Seen

After a strong win against Caroline Chisholm School, our under 15s cricket team at KSA faced the challenge of Bishop Stopford for the Northamptonshire County Cup.

With a loss of the coin toss, KSA were first to bat with Sven Sartain and Sam Houghton.

Both of the starting batsmen were forced to retire; Sven at 15 and Sam as well at 15.

The game progressed well as Bishop's strong bowling increased the pressure on KSA, unfortunately leading to the captain Nedd Wilson being caught out only 2 runs away from retiring.

As KSA's bowling innings began a couple of early wickets put them in the driving seat.

The dedication of the wicket keeper Jordan Skeels stopping the ball with every limb helped prevent the single runs in the early stages.

As the match progressed Bishop's batting began to gain them increasingly more runs. As the innings began to draw to an end and the daunting thought that whoever wins is a step closer to lifting the cup just increased the pressure.

KSA had already taken wickets from Sam Nedd and Shaun Smith but the score line was getting closer.

It came to the final over and the captain Sam Nedd was bowling and Bishop only needed 2 runs to win the game, it seemed impossible that KSA could prevent the loss.

However, on the first ball Nedd took a wicket and the excitement and enthusiasm began to build.

On the next ball, what seemed to be impossible happened and another wicket was taken from Nedd and preventing the loss became a possibility.

This hat-trick was more like a dream and KSA's dreams were crushed. Bishop deservedly won and went on to succeed in winning the cup and came first overall.

KSA's battle against Bishop Stopford ended 68-4.