

The annual game vs Altringham Grammar was again hosted at KWC this year.

The boys travel to the Island to play an IOM age group side and a KWC school side in both the long format against the Island representative side and a T20 the following day against a school side.

The IOM side had a mixture of U11 and U13 players captained this year by Charlie Beard.

Winning the toss and electing to bat the IOM boys made a steady start losing the first wicket for 14 in the 6th over where Sam Barnett was bowled for 4. Harry Mcaleer joined Charlie Beard at the crease but followed the same way quickly again bowled for just 1.

Will Barnes joined Charlie and again the lack of ability to build a partnership saw Charlie fall soon after caught for 8.

Josh Clough next in showed signs of a revival and increasing the run rate but played down the wrong line on the back foot and was caught behind for a breezy 7.

This became the trend of the Innings with players coming and going at regular intervals with Only Will Barnes and Ed Walker managing to get to double figures 15 and 14 not out respectively.

Only batting 27 overs meant lots of scoring opportunities wasted and with only 86 runs on the board this was always going to be hard to defend.

The bowling again showed glimpses of progression with some good deliveries from all bowlers mixed amongst some lose ones and the Altringham grammar boys put them away well, particularly the full tosses.

The Altringham opener Russia showed how to play the bowling and conditions playing straight to full and straight balls and only across the line to short ones. He finished 47 not out as the runs were knocked off 18.4 overs with 5 wickets falling (3 to Dollin Jansen, 1 each to Jamie Hopwood and Nathan Williams).

The longer than usual format for the boys gives a great insight into their ability and their fitness (physical and mental) and whilst it is clear the ability is there we will only really progress if the players remain honest with the game and continue to repeat the basics.

Tomorrow gives another opportunity to play a 40 over game as the players split into their age groups Mannanans and Glasthyns sides so chance to put into practise what was learnt from today whilst still fresh in the mind.

Good luck to all the IOM players and the Alty boys in their matches.

Team - Barnes, Barnett, Beard (capt), S Clarke, Clough, Dancox, Dean, Hopwood, Jansen, McAleer, Walker, Williams.