

# SPORT CRICKET

Cricket Seconds and thirds bring joy to Wamil Way

# Double delight for Mildenhall as they celebrate two league titles

**Mildenhall Cricket Club had a day to remember as both their second and third teams won league titles on the same day at Wamil Way.**

The seconds obliterated promotion-chasing Long Melford's batting line-up to take the Division Three crown, while the third string overcame Witham II by six wickets to win Division Five.

Hall lost Steve Lankester (2) early on, but Matt Webb (33) and Jordan Francis (14) began to rebuild before the latter gave Jim Lane a catch at mid-wicket off James French.

This brought in Andy Squire — back from holiday — and his knock of 81 would prove to be pivotal to the hosts' 192-6.

His score came with a touch of fortune though when he offered a simple catch early on that was put down.

At the other end, Ashley Clark (5) dropped anchor for a time, before Ben Tippett (15), Andy Young (20) and Eddie Finnis (13no) added useful contributions.

Only Luke Codrington (20) and extras (15) got to double figures in Melford's reply as Hall's bowlers ripped through the visitors.

From 41-1, Melford froze as Martin Kingdon (5-19), Lankester (2-11), Jack Loveday (2-29) and Tippett (1-1) all took advantage to skittle the away



**DOUBLE JOY:** Mildenhall II's Jordan Francis is pictured in bat as his side earned a stunning win over Long Melford to capture the Division Three title

team for 64 and celebrate their title triumph in style.

Mildenhall III needed just six points to secure the Division Five trophy and got five of them when bowling Witham out for 162.

The Essex outfit's opening

pair reached 50 without loss, but Lee Chipchase's introduction swung the game Mildenhall's way as he took 5-40, removing four batsmen's bails along the way.

Jon Allen (2-30), Alastair Kingdon (1-47) — who got the

vital first wicket — and Andrew Zajac (1-39) stepped up in support.

Mildenhall got the batting point they needed for the title in the 34th over thanks to captain Neil Clark's boundary, but it was James Taylor's unbeat-

en 89 that held the innings together in victory.

Clark (32) and Micklers (22) also scored well. ■ Captain Ben Sheppard (93) starred as Mildenhall (217) beat third-placed Witham (162-8) by 55 runs.

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