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The New Milton Falcons first season has ended in triumph, being crowned under 13 county champions by defeating Easton and Martyn Worthy by 13 runs on Wednesday 11 July. The match was a low scoring and tense affair, with New Milton being inserted to bat after losing the toss. New Milton got off to a solid start with the trusted opening pair of Amy Mills and Ash Tye putting on 24 runs in the first four overs. But from that point, Easton's bowlers pegged the Falcons back with high quality and accurate bowling. Only Amy Mills (16) in the Falcons team reached double figures, but with ten runs scrambled in their last over by Sophie Cooper and Lucia Hill, the momentum seemed to swing towards the Falcons and a defendable target of 80 was set.

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All year the Falcons bowling has been strong and they have always shown themselves to be up for the challenge and this final proved to be no exception. Tension mountedÂ with the two teams evenly matched. When Leah Cutler removed the dangerous Ruby Lee with some brilliant fast bowling the door opened for the Falcons. Exceptional bowling from Cutler (2-15), Olivia E (2-15) and Charlotte Usher (2-12) put the Falcons in charge. Easton were 60 for 7 with only one wicket remaining. As the pressure built on both teams the Falcons dropped a couple of chances to win the game. Captain Cutler chose to bring back opening bowler Sophie Cooper to close out the match and her decision was rewarded as Cooper's 6th ball of her second over smashed in to the middle of off stump and brought victory to the Falcons by 13 runs.

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