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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Essex crowned County Champions

Congratulations to Essex CCC who have won the ECB Specsavers County Championship for the first time in 25 years with victory over Warwickshire, after Somerset beat Lancashire. Skipper Ryan ten Doeschate led the side to victory by an innings and 56 runs over Warwickshire at Edgbaston to clinch the trophy in style.

Bedfordshire win East of England Development Competition



Bedfordshire has won the East of England Development Competition after only the second year of participating in the event. The Under 25s competition comprises teams from Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk. The competition aims to bridge the gap between the Under 17 age groups and minor counties first teams. The league competition saw the undefeated Bedfordshire lads win 4 of their games with 1 game being abandoned, leaving them with 9 points, 3 points clear of runners-up Norfolk. In the final enthralling match at Manor Park against Norfolk, Bedfordshire posted 265 with Kashif Ali top scoring with 87 and half centuries from Ajay Singh Momi and Harry Thurstance. In reply, Norfolk required 10 off the last over but fell 9 short with the final wicket coming from a direct hit from the boundary from Shaan Ahmadzai.

Sudbury crowned EAPL Champions



Sudbury CC from Suffolk have been crowned East Anglian Premier League Champions for the first time as their final match of the season was washed out against runners-up Swardeston. Going into the match, Sudbury had a 21-point lead over Swardeston who had won the league for the previous 5 seasons but no play was possible at Friars Street and both teams received 7 points for the fixture, leaving Sudbury with 438 points and Swardeston with 417 Points. Sudbury received the EAPL Trophy after the match from League President Andrew Broom and were honoured to be allowed to parade the trophy at the Essex County Ground.

Eaton Socon CC win NatWest U19 Club T20 Regional Final

Congratulations to Eaton Socon Cricket who recently won the NatWest U19 Club T20 competition returned again this year, with over 600 clubs across England and Wales taking part. This vibrant competition lets young players take ownership in their club to create the cricketing experience they want – playing with their friends, fast lively matches, a great social atmosphere and a chance to make the club look and feel different for one night a week. Cricket East teams took part in three divisions: Beds/Cambs/Hunts (Clifton, Eaton Socon and Royston Cricket Clubs), Beds/Bucks (Leighton Buzzard Town and Stony Stratford Cricket Clubs) and Cambridge (Cambridge Granta and Thriplow Cricket Clubs). The clubs played each other twice (home and away) to fight it out for a place in the county finals at Eaton Socon CC on Sunday 10 September. The teams that made it to a combined Beds, Bucks, Cambs and Herts Regional Finals Day were Eaton Socon, Stony Stratford and Cambridge Granta. In the first match Eaton Socon beat Cambridge Granta by 9 runs, in the next game Cambridge Granta beat Stony Stratford by 18 runs and in the final game Eaton Socon beat Stony Stratford by 34 runs. So, with two wins, Eaton Socon CC became this year's Regional Champions.

In addition, well done to Eaton Socon player Matt Taylor who was selected as one of the 22 Most Valuable Players in the East Region to play in a showcase final at Copdock CC, Suffolk where he was presented with a MVP cap. Matt has also trialled for Oxford MCCU recently and is currently awaiting the outcome, so an exciting year and we wish him all the best in his cricketing career.



Pictured: Eaton Socon CC Under 19 squad



Pictured: Wicketkeeper Matt Taylor in action!

Wanstead & Snaresbrook win Royal London Club Championship

This year's finalists were Liverpool & District Premier League winners Ormskirk, who beat Wolverhampton in the semi-final, and Essex side Wanstead & Snaresbrook who overcame East Grinstead to reach the final. In a tense and closely fought match at Essex CCC on Sunday 17 September, Wanstead & Snaresbrook were eventual winners by just 12 runs.



Exciting times for All Stars Cricket

The team have been working hard behind the scenes to review the 2017 programme to ensure we are bigger and better next year. There have been a number of national engagements sent to clubs, as well as the Regional Team running a series of networking sessions in Herts, Beds, Cambs, Hunts and Norfolk. The evenings have been well attended and given us great insight into what worked well and any areas we can improve on for 2018, thank you to all clubs who gave up their time in the review process.

We are now deep into the planning for All Stars 2018. There will be a series of local and national roadshows, where clubs can hear first-hand what All Stars Cricket (ASC) looks like next year, as well as some exciting updates/developments on the ECB's junior format recommendations. Please see dates below – you can register your attendance at: <http://ecb-comms.co.uk/t/2SWP-KOTN-5CM714-AFFJ1-1/c.aspx>.

We have ambitious targets, both locally and nationally for All Stars and we will be employing new individuals to act as our local workforce across a number of clubs, supporting with the planning and implementation of the programme. New members of the team will be introduced in our next newsletter.

In other news, Martin Trimby from Yoxford CC has been nominated as ASC Club of the Year at the upcoming OSCAs. We wish him all the best.

Roadshow Dates and Locations

October

- 16th: Dunford – Dunford Air Museum
- 17th: Southampton – The Agnes Bland
- 19th: Loughborough – Holywell Park Conference Centre
- 24th: Leeds – Elland Road Stadium
- 25th: Manchester – Mazon Stadium
- 26th: Birmingham – Edgbaston Cricket Ground

November

- 2nd: London – The Kia Oval
- 6th: London – Lord's Cricket Ground
- 7th: Cardiff – The SSE WALEC
- 8th: Taunton – The Copper Associates County Ground

East Region Girls Academy launch



Developing on all the good work that is done by all the County Age Group teams and programmes across the region and as a part of a wider future vision for Women and Girls Performance Cricket in East Anglia, this winter will see the start of a new East Region Girls Academy programme. The new Regional Academy will see 22 of the most talented players aged between 14 and 17 year old from Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire and Suffolk come together for a winter training and coaching programme that will support the players' further development in addition to their own CAG programmes.

The Academy will have two centres, based in Chelmsford at New Hall School and the County Ground and in Cambridge at Fenners Indoor Centre. The Academy programme will run for the 2017/2018 winter off season to start, with progression into next summer with a match programme in the 2018 season to provide the players with a higher level of game practice and competition. Matt Hyam, who will be managing the Academy Programme, said: "We see this as real progression for girls' performance cricket in the region, and we hope this will provide the players with that additional development environment and opportunity to push their cricket onto the next level in the pathway." For further information, email Matt Hyam at Matthew.Hyam@wsp.com.

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CHANGE THE GAME

St George's Park, October 28-29, 2017

ECB Coaches Association National Conference

The ECB Coaches Association is staging its flagship event on 28 and 29 October at St George's Park. For a limited time only, attendees can save over 27% and book a day ticket for only £65. Cricket coaches will have the opportunity to broaden their knowledge by listening to and interacting with some of the top coaches and practitioners in the country exploring relevant and contemporary issues. For further information, including the list of presenters, go to: <http://ecb-comms.co.uk/2SW5-HLSU-4FG75C-910QT-1/c.aspx>.

Chance to Compete competition success



Congratulations to Shenfield High School for Essex who won the Under 15 Girls National Chance to Compete title in September at Loughborough. In addition, Arnold Academy from Bedfordshire finished fourth in the Under 13 Mixed Competition at Northants County Ground. Over 2,000 teams and more than 20,000 children have taken part across the different categories for a place in the last four on Finals Day. Former England Cricketer James Taylor, who attended both events, said: "There's been some really high-quality cricket on show and some of the girls have got some real talent. Most importantly, all the games were played in the right spirit and it's fantastic to see so many girls really enjoying the sport. Chance to Shine is giving girls the opportunity to play and learn through cricket. The work they do is hugely important in giving as many children as possible the chance to play the sport." Chance to Compete was introduced in 2011 as many secondary schools wanted a more competitive opportunity for their students to play cricket. It has allowed these schools to get involved and play inclusive, exciting matches – all for the chance to be crowned National Champions. Further information at: <https://www.chancetoshine.org/news/james-taylor-attends-chance-to-compete-finals-days>



FREE training for officials

The ECB Association of Cricket Officials has released two FREE online resources that cover umpiring and scoring as follows:

- an Umpires Resource aimed at giving someone who does a 10-over umpiring stint some of the basic information needed to help them umpire proficiently. To register, go to: <http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/m5q4hh>
- a Club Scorer Course suitable for complete beginners who want to score on a regular basis or for existing scorers who want to improve their skills. To register, go to: <http://ecb-comms.co.uk/2SW5-JKG9-4FG75C-A6NGG-1/c.aspx>.

ECB Clubmark

A reminder to all ECB Clubmark accredited clubs across the East to complete either your full re-accreditation or Annual Health Check. You should have received login details to the system to allow you to complete the process. If you haven't received details, please email clubmark@ecb.co.uk. The deadline for everything to be signed off by your County Board is 31 October, so please allow enough time for completion.



Play-Cricket: Powering recreational cricket

With League AGMs fast approaching, ECB Play-Cricket helpdesk is already dealing with queries from Leagues who wish to use Play-Cricket for the 2018 season.

Go to <https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/play-cricket> to view further details of tools and features available. The Play-Cricket Helpdesk is ready to answer any queries at: <https://play-cricket.ecb.co.uk/hc/en-us>

Win a pitch makeover

Cricket Clubs are in with the chance to be able to renovate their pitch to premiership standards! "Pitch to Play" has been launched by Allett and the Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG) to find the amateur pitch that is in most need of some TLC, and will award the chosen club with some top of the range groundskeeping equipment worth £3,000, plus a bespoke pitch maintenance programme from the IOG. Pitch to Play is open to any amateur sports team in the UK that has an Under 18s team, no matter what sport. If you think that your pitch needs some TLC, visit www.pitchtoplay.co.uk to enter and send in at least three photos, showing why your club deserves to win.



HERTFORDSHIRE

Hertfordshire Girls U15 League Winners

The Hertfordshire Under 15 girls capped off the 2017 season by clinching the ECB Women's U15 County Championship Group 2 B Division. The girls managed to win 4 of their 6 games with one being called off due to bad weather. The season highlights included a record-breaking total 298/7 v Bedfordshire with Emily Pollard scoring 55 and Keya Patel taking 5 for 12 and a 9-wicket win at Boxmoor v Huntingdonshire where left arm seamers Gaby Pimm and Libby Riddell both managed a five-wicket haul and openers Tilly Larkins and Sophie Stewardson put on 81 for the first wicket. Arguably the most exciting game was at Saham Toney, Norfolk where the Hertfordshire Girls posted a score of 117 with skipper Elizabeth Ruxton top scoring with 33 and the side being bowled out with over 10 overs of the innings remaining. Norfolk looked in a good position at 84/4 and again at 105/7. However, an inspirational bowling change saw Seona Stevenson taking 3 for 2 in 3 overs to get the team over the line to win by 2 runs.



How can coaching cricket help in your career?

Coaching cricket in schools is a fantastic way to earn some money doing something I enjoy!

Adam Hedges, Adlington CC

To find out which coaching qualification best suits you, go to ecb.co.uk/coaching

Play your part

Coach Education

With the season drawing to a close, now is the time to communicate with current members and identify potential new coaches. If you or someone from your club is interested in a coaching course, go to: <http://www.hertscricet.org/page/coaching/coach-education-courses-2017---18/coach-education-courses-2017---18-6184/>

County Age Group Girls Under 13 Trials

Hertfordshire Cricket will be holding trials for the Hertfordshire Girls Under 13 County Age Group Squad and are now seeking nominations from clubs and schools. We are looking for girls in school years 7 and 8 for the academic year 2017-18. The trial will take place at Choice Cricket Centre, Redbourn on Sunday 14 October 2-4pm and will consist of skills and drills and match scenarios under the direction of Hertfordshire Women & Girls Head Coach Luke Heskett. At the end of the session, the coaches will then select the girls for the Hertfordshire U13 County Winter Training programme that will commence in January 2018 and the County U13 Age Group squad for the 2018 season. For further details and a nomination form, go to: <http://www.hertscricet.org/news/cag-girls-u13-county-trials---new-date-20261/>

Contact us

Should your club require any support throughout the 2017 season and beyond please do not hesitate to get in contact with our members of staff. A list of all officers and their respective roles are listed via the link on our website at: <http://www.hertscricet.org/page/contact-us/hertfordshire-cricket-limited/hertfordshire-cricket-limited-1725/>



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West Herts Ladies Team Debut



Congratulations to West Herts Cricket Club who last month, for the first time in its 126-year history, had its first ladies cricket game. The newly formed ladies cricket team has been in training for the past 6 weeks with the aim of entering a league next season. To help get the ladies ready, West Herts arranged a 30-over fixture playing a club team, made up of a range of junior players. The ladies, whose ages range from teens through to 40s (including two mother/daughters), range from those who have never played to those with more experience.

The ladies team was captained by Ellie Kendall, who coordinated a promising fielding display. Opting to field first, the ladies restricted the club team to 146 runs in 30 overs (with Tanveer Bandali retiring), taking one wicket (Rachael Townley) and several near misses! When taking their turn to bat, the ladies scored 83 runs from 30 overs. At one point the team had a mother/daughter batting partnership and the latter was bowled out by her own brother!

Penman Sedgwick sponsored the kit for the game which drew an enthusiastic crowd. It was a great family day and the start of a promising ladies team for West Herts Cricket Club.

The ladies train every Sunday starting at 10am and all new players (of any ability) are welcome. Winter nets have now started – email selection@westhertsccl.co.uk if you want to get involved.

NatWest OSCAs

Congratulations again to our Hertfordshire 2017 OSCA winners and the best of luck to you all going forward to the National OSCAs in your respective categories. Without such fantastic volunteers, clubs wouldn't survive so well done again and thanks from all of us at Hertfordshire Cricket. For more information about who won awards at this year's OSCAs event, go to: <http://www.hertscricet.org/news/oscas-celebration-event-2017-20178/>



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