

Schools competitions update [posted 21/06/13]

[Tim Hart](#) reports, "Tuesday saw Cricket Scotland host the Finals Day in the ASDA National Primary Schools' Cup. Hutchesons' Grammar School ("Hutchesons'") and Langholm Primary School ("Langholm") were the two schools to have won West Regional qualifying tournaments and they were invited to attend Finals Day, at Doo'Cot Park, Perth. At Finals Day, with a total of sixteeb schools present, Hutchesons' were drawn in Group A (along with a Drumlanrig/Denholm combined team, Applegrove and Craigbank) and Langholm in Group C (along with Timmergreens, George Watson's and Fossoway). Both schools won one and lost two, to finish on 6 points. For Langholm this meant second place in their group (on run rate) and for Hutchesons' third place. Following lunch, cross-overs (A1 v B1, C1 v D1, A2 v B2 etc) and then placement games took place. In the end, Langholm finished in eighth place, Hutchesons' in ninth. Congratulations to both schools on their achievements, and performances, on the day.

"Wednesday then saw the culmination of Cricket Scotland's National Secondary School (S1 to S3) Cup. After a hard-fought win over The Glasgow Academy, Hutchesons' (pictured right) were west representatives at Finals Day. In the semi-final, Merchiston Castle School scored 127 for 8 off twenty overs, representing a significant fightback from Hutchesons' - the score being 81 for 1 off twelve overs. The fightback was led by three *Western Warriors* Under 15 players - Gregor Anderson, Kallum Dhami and Sahil Kakar (all Clydesdale CC). Anderson took 5 for 24 (with the help of four stumpings from Kakar - who finished with five stumpings, and six dismissals, in the innings) and Dhami 2 for 21. (Dhmi also produced a candidate for "catch of the season" with a sensational one-handed grab at long on!) In reply, Anderson's 33 led the way as Hutchesons' won with ten balls to spare.



"The final would, however, be a very different proposition. The Glenalmond College ("Glenalmond") team had enjoyed a tour to West Indies in April - and this experience certainly showed. Their bowling was generally full and straight, there was a sensational grab at gully and nothing was given away in the field. However, the Hutchesons' team fought hard to post a total. Anderson (11), Dhami (16) and Kakar (14), again, to-scored - but they were stopped in their tracks by fellow *Western Warriors* Under 15 player Ivan Craig (Ayr CC) who returned figures of 4-0-20-4. Craig then scored 29* as Glenalmond won by ten wickets. Congratulations to Hutchesons' on reaching the Final - and congratulations to Ivan Craig on being part of the winning team."

Hutchesons' Grammar School win through to Finals Day [posted 12/06/13]

[Tim Hart](#) reports that Hutchesons' Grammar School triumphed over The Glasgow Academy in a very competitive West Regional Final, in the Cricket Scotland National Secondary Schools' Cup. Academy skipper Cameron Horn (Hillhead CC) called correctly and chose to bat first. However, he has caught behind (first ball) by wicket-keeper Sahil Kakar (Clydesdale CC) off the bowling of his Clydesdale CC teammate Harris Mahmood. Arman Khan and John Oliver (both Glasgow Accies CC) then went about rebuilding a solid base for the Academy. Khan was next to go, caught by Ian Adie (Clydesdale CC) of the bowling of Luke Macias (Clydesdale CC). Oliver batted on and on, combining the odd boundary with excellent rotation of the strike. It was a composed, and thoughtful, innings which saw him bring up a very well deserved half-century in the final over. The Glasgow Academy 108 for 5 off their 20 overs - with the pick of the Hutchesons' attack being Mahmood (4-0-10-2) and Kallum Dhami (Clydesdale CC) with 4-1-9-1. In reply, Gregor Anderson (Clydesdale CC) and Imran Ameen (Clydesdale CC) started watchfully against Khan and Ruairidh Russell (Glasgow Accies CC). Although Hutchesons' were able to keep wickets in hand, the run rate continued to rise steadily. After thirteen overs, Hutchesons' were 53 for 3 - needing 56 off 42 deliveries. Macias and Kakar managed to keep Hutchesons' up with the required rate with some batting, which could be nicely be described as being "effective"! When Macias was bowled by fellow West Regional Development Centre player Horn, for 29, Hutchesons' needed 22 runs off 17 deliveries. Some scampering got that equation down to 13 off twelve. However, Kakar was then caught and bowled by Oliver off the first delivery of the nineteenth over and the game could very easily have gone either way. Remo Margiotta (Clydesdale CC) made the difference with 9 not out off three balls (full toss flicked for 4, single, bunt to mid-wicket for 4) and Adie dispatched the only ball he faced for 4 too - as Hutchesons' won by 5 wickets, with 4 balls to spare. It was a really good game of cricket and a game which both sides will feel they could have won...and it was quite unusual (at this level) for the standout Man of the Match (John Oliver) to finish on the losing side. Hutchesons' now progress to the National Finals at Perth on Wednesday, 19th June.

The Glasgow Academy join Hutchesons' Grammar School in regional final [posted 05/06/13]



The Glasgow Academy defeated Kelvinside Academy, by 62 runs, to reach the final of the west regional section of Cricket Scotland's National Secondary Schools' Cup. Batting first, The Academy scored 133 for 6 from their 20 overs. The batting effort was led by Cameron Horn (Hillhead CC), with 39, and good support was provided by John Oliver (Glasgow Accies CC) with 27 not out.

In reply, an all-round tight bowling performance meant that Kelvinside Academy were always behind the required rate. They would eventually finish on 71 for 7 off their 20 overs. The regional final will now see Hutchesons' Grammar School play The Glasgow Academy, at Titwood (Clydesdale CC) on Wednesday the 12th of June.

Hutchesons' beat Eastwood in National Schools' Cup [posted 30/05/13]



Hutchesons' Grammar School defeated Eastwood High School in the semi-final of the Cricket Scotland National Schools' Cup, West Qualifying Region. Batting first, Hutchesons' 132 for 7 was based around 48 from Kallum Dhama (Clydesdale CC), with the pick of the Eastwood bowlers being Abtaha Maqsood (Poloc CC) with 4-0-15-1. In reply, despite 24 from Lewis James (Poloc CC) Eastwood were never up with the required rate.

Hutchesons' skipper Gregor Anderson (Clydesdale CC) picked up a "2-for", including one with a good catch from Dhama and long-on to remove the dangerman James, with Eastwood finishing on 70 for 6 in their 20 overs. Hutchesons' now await the winners of next week's second semi-final between Kelvinside Academy and The Glasgow Academy.

Cricket Scotland National Secondary Schools' Cup update [posted 24/05/13]

[Tim Hart](#) reports that the one remaining first round tie in the 2013 Cricket Scotland National Schools' Cup has now been completed. Tim says, "Batting first, and led by 38 from Adam Sadiq (Clydesdale CC) and 32 from Lewis Faulds (Hillhead CC), Kelvinside Academy scored 126 in their 20 overs. This proved too much for Lomond School, who finished with 84 in reply. The west regional semi-finals now look as follows:

Hutchesons' Grammar School v Eastwood High School (Thursday the 30th of May); and Kelvinside Academy v The Glasgow Academy (Tuesday the 4th of June).

Good luck to all four schools in the semi-finals."

West Regional Development Centre batters dominate in Schools' Cup [posted 14/05/13]

The first round of Cricket Scotland's National Secondary Schools' Cup was dominated by top scores from members of the Regional Development Centre (West). Eastwood High School, led by 53* from Lewis James (Poloc CC), scored 92 for 2 from their sixteen overs against Shawlands Academy - before Shawlands were dismissed for only 26. The match between The High School of Glasgow and The Glasgow Academy saw the highest individual score of the round - as The Glasgow Academy recorded a 24-run victory, largely thanks to 67 from Cameron Horn (Hillhead CC). The highest team score was posted by Hutchesons' Grammar School in their game against Holyrood Secondary School as, led by 42 from Gregor Anderson (Clydesdale CC), they scored 194 for 5 in their 20 overs - before going on to complete a 150-run victory. Round 2 will see Hutchesons' Grammar School host Eastwood Academy, with The Glasgow Academy travelling to play the winners of the outstanding first round tie between Kelvinside Academy and Lomond School.



National Secondary Schools Cup, draw [posted 26/04/13]

[Tim Hart](#) writes "The draw for the west regional section of the 2013 Cricket Scotland National Secondary School Cup took place on Friday morning. Eight schools from the west entered the competition and [the draw](#) is now available to see. I would like to wish all eight schools the best of luck for competition; a competition which will culminate in the west winner competing in a national Finals Day in Perth, on the 19th of June."

Cricket Scotland National secondary and primary schools competitions [posted 22/03/13]



[Tim Hart](#) has sent out - to clubs' Junior Convenors - information about season 2013's Cricket Scotland-organised inter-schools competitions. Details are also here [online](#), and will be of interest to clubs with primary and/or secondary school connections.