

Schools cricket - finals week report [posted 22/06/15]

[Tim Hart](#) reports on last week's finals of national schools competitions - his report is online [here](#).

Schools cricket update [posted 12/06/15]

[Tim Hart](#) writes "Hutchesons' Grammar School ("HGS") have won the west regional qualifying section in the Cricket Scotland National Secondary Schools' Cup – and they will now progress to represent the west region at Finals Day, in Perth. In the Final, against Shawlands Academy, HGS elected to bat first on a glorious day at Titwood (Clydesdale CC). Despite losing an early wicket, Sam Cole (Prestwick CC) and Daniel Cairns (Clydesdale CC) built an excellent second wicket partnership. Initially both were watchful – but then Cole became the aggressor, with Cairns happy to rotate the strike at the other end. Cole reached his 50 before unleashing some punishing blows, including scoring 22 off one over. A drive for 4 to mid off brought up a first, and much-deserved, hundred. Although two wickets fell towards the end of the innings, HGS posted 214 for 3 off their twenty overs. In reply, Ihtesham UI Haq (Clydesdale CC) tried to take the attack to the bowlers. A couple of well-driven 4s were followed by a 6, over cover, off a no ball before he was caught off the bowling of HGS skipper Tom MacKenzie. Cairns then picked up a "3-for" with his spinners, as Shawlands reached 117 for 9 off their twenty overs. Congratulations to Sam Cole, and HGS, on their achievement."



Schools cricket update [posted 09/06/15]



[Tim Hart](#) writes "Hutchesons' Grammar School ("HGS") progressed to the west regional final of the Cricket Scotland National Secondary Schools Cup, by defeating Lomond School by 91 runs. Batting first, HGS scored 155 for 7 in their twenty overs. Their effort was led by 71* from Sam Cole (Prestwick CC) and was supported by 30 from Alasdair Richmond (Clydesdale CC). Joe Bull (Helensburgh CC) took 3 for 30 and Angus Guy (West of Scotland CC) took two excellent catches in the outfield.

"Early in the reply, Scotland Under 15 player Guy was dismissed by another youth sporting internationalist – Struan Walker (Clydesdale CC). From there, the comparatively less-experienced Lomond School side tried hard, but struggled to find the gaps in the field. Lomond School 64 for 6 off their twenty overs. HGS will now host Shawlands Academy in the west regional final, which will be played later this week.

Schools cricket update [posted 05/06/15]

[Tim Hart](#) writes "Shawlands Academy have secured a place in the west regional qualifying section final in the Cricket Scotland National Secondary Schools Cup. Unfortunately, the weather again played a prominent role – with their semi-final against The High School of Glasgow having to be settled with a bowl-out. In a very close contest, Shawlands Academy won by five hits to four. Shawlands Academy now await the winners of the second semi-final between Hutchesons' Grammar School and Lomond School."

Schools cricket update [posted 28/05/15]



[Tim Hart](#) writes "Alloway Primary School have won the Ayrshire regional qualifying tournament in the Network Rail National Primary Schools Cup. The tournament, which took place at New Cambusdoon (Ayr CC), on Thursday the 28th of May, saw a total of seven teams from five primary schools take part. Alloway emerged as the tournament winners and they will now go on to represent the west region at Finals Day in mid-June."

Schools cricket update [posted 28/05/15]

[Tim Hart](#) writes "The High School of Glasgow ("HSoG") have won the West Regional Qualifying Tournament in the *Network Rail* National Primary Schools Cup. The event (see photo's below) took place on a chilly, but dry, morning at Titwood (Clydesdale CC). The HSoG won all their matches and will now go on to represent the west region at Finals Day, in Perth, in June. Thanks must go to all the players, the school staff and the young umpires who helped on the day, and Clydesdale CC for hosting the event."



Schools cricket update [posted 21/05/15]

[Tim Hart](#) writes "Weather was, unfortunately, the ultimate winner this week with two ties in the Cricket Scotland National Secondary Schools Cup reaching their conclusion. With grounds being waterlogged on Tuesday, the Shawlands Academy versus The Glasgow Academy tie was settled by a bowl-out. Shawlands Academy were the winners, by two hits to nil – with Ihtesham UI Haq (Clydesdale CC) and Sohaib Gajani Balouch hitting the stumps. Also due to take place on Tuesday was the Lomond School versus Kelvinside Academy tie. This tie had to be decided by the toss of a coin. Ian Sandbrook (Cricket Scotland's Head of Community Development) flipped the coin. It landed as *heads* meaning that Lomond School progressed to the semi-finals. These semi-finals will see Hutchesons' Grammar School host Lomond School and Shawlands Academy host the High School of Glasgow."

Schools cricket update [posted 18/05/15]

[Tim Hart](#) writes "Springhill & Auchenback Primary School became the first school from the west region to secure their place at the finals of the *Network Rail* National Primary Schools Cup. The school won the East Renfrewshire regional qualifying tournament and will now go on to be one of the three west region representatives on Wednesday the 17th of June, in Perth. The remaining two qualifiers will be known on Wednesday the 27th of May when the Ayrshire and Glasgow regional qualifying tournaments both take place."

Schools cricket - update [posted 15/05/15]

The High School of Glasgow ("HSoG") have progressed to the semi-finals of the West Region qualifying competition in the Cricket Scotland National Secondary Schools Cup, by defeating Eastwood High School. Batting first, the HSoG scored 122 for 5 off their 20 overs. This total proved to be 18 too many for Eastwood High School. The HSoG now await the winners of the Shawlands Academy versus The Glasgow Academy tie.

Schools cricket - update [posted 14/05/15]

Kyle Academy were the winners of the West Regional Qualifier in the 2015 Cricket Factory Schools Cup and will now go on to represent the west region in the national finals. A report on the west regional qualifier can found online, [here](#).

Schools cricket update [posted 11/05/15]

Tim Hart writes "Lomond School made it through to the west region quarter-finals in the Cricket Scotland National Secondary Schools Cup by defeating Holyrood Secondary School, on Friday the 8th of May. Batting first, Lomond's 118 for 3 was based around 83* from Angus Guy (West of Scotland CC). In reply, Adam Hameed (Helensburgh CC) took 3 for 11 to restrict Holyrood to 69 all out. Lomond now go on to host Kelvinside Academy in the next round."

Schools cricket update [posted 26/04/15]



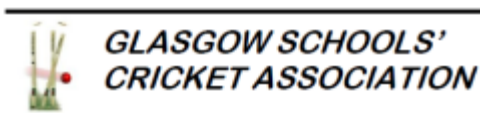
Tim Hart writes "The first match has been completed in the west region qualifying section of the 2015 Cricket Scotland National Secondary Schools Cup. However, schools remain able to enter two other Cricket Scotland schools cup competitions – the National Primary Schools Cup and the Cricket Factory (Emerging Schools) Cup. The National Primary Schools Cup is for children in P6 and below and the Cricket Factory Cup is for pupils in S1 to S3.

"The closing date to enter these competitions is Friday the 1st of May. Anyone wishing further information about any of the competitions running this summer term should contact me."

National Secondary Schools Cup gets underway [posted 26/04/15]

Tim Hart reports, "The first tie in the west regional qualifying section of the National Secondary Schools Cup has taken place. Hutchesons' Grammar School ("HGS") hosted Hermitage Academy – with the former emerging as winners by 96 runs. Gregor Chambers (Helensburgh CC) cleaned bowled both HGS's openers, to leave the hosts 12 for 2. However, a quick-fire 38 (off 29 deliveries) from Sam Cole (Prestwick CC), and more-patient 54 from Daniel Cairns (Clydesdale CC), ensured that HGS reached a total they would have been happy with: 143 for 6 – despite Chambers finishing with 3 for 22. In reply, Cole didn't let the Hermitage Academy top order get settled. His 4 for 4 was backed up well by 3 for 6 from HGS's skipper Tom MacKenzie (Clydesdale CC). Chambers did reach double-figures, but Hermitage Academy ended up 47 all out. However, great credit must go to Hermitage Academy who were playing their game of hard ball cricket for a number of years – and hopefully this will act as a catalyst to get more players participating in cricket throughout their school."

GSCA competitions [posted 17/03/15]



Tony Coyle (07756-512694), GSCA Secretary, writes, "With both Scotland and England making their way home early from the ICC Cricket World Cup, it's a fitting time to get the ball rolling on the new season at grass roots level."

"And, also, hand some hard pressed staff a get away from the CFE - at least for a few sunny afternoons! I have circulated the [entry form](#) for this season's Glasgow Schools' tournaments. I'd be especially grateful to know of schools' junior entries this season as soon as possible as I intend to post the junior league fixtures by the 30th of April."

Cricket Scotland National secondary and primary schools competitions [posted 18/02/15]



Tim Hart has sent out - to clubs' Junior Convenors - information about season 2015's Cricket Scotland-organised and/or endorsed inter-schools competitions. Details are also here [online](#), and will be of interest to clubs with primary and/or secondary school connections.