



CRICKET SCOTLAND

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Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

All Stars Cricket:

The new All Stars Cricket programme continues to run very successfully throughout the west of Scotland, as it does throughout the country. In total, 189 participants have signed up to the programme in the west – the majority of whom had never experienced cricket at a club before.



The programme, which has been supported by a group of committed parents and volunteers (led by an ‘Activator’) at each of the nine delivery centres (nine different cricket clubs), sees the participants learn new skills and have lots of fun during an 8-12 week programme. Each centre has also received (or is about to receive) a special visit from either a National Player(s) or the All Stars Cricket Mascot!

A huge thank you to everyone who has played a part in helping to make this exciting programme possible – and to everyone who has helped to create so many great experiences for those young people who have signed up to the programme.



Area Cricket Development Group News:

The U12 Inter-Area Development Tournament continued on Sunday 18th June. Unfortunately, the planned ‘Super Sunday’ was not able to run as had been hoped. However, Ayrshire did host Lanarkshire at Scott Ellis Playing Fields (Kilmarnock CC).



Batting first, the hosts appeared to be in a little trouble at 8/2 off three overs. However, big scores (49* and 43) from Nari Bhandari (Ayr CC) and Harrison Lockwood (Prestwick CC) led Ayrshire to 162/7. In reply, Bhandari then continued his ‘man-of-the-match’ effort by taking three wickets in the first over! Lanarkshire were not able to recover from this start – and finished 31 all out.



The next round of fixtures will take place on 23rd July, with Lanarkshire hosting a T20 ‘Super Sunday’ which will feature North Glasgow, South Glasgow and the hosts.

Coaching News:

Coaches are still able to benefit from membership of the 2017 Cricket Scotland Coaches Association:



- Coaching insurance cover provided by SportsCover* (valid until 31 December 2017)
- Free registration for Cricket Scotland Coaching Forums, held throughout Scotland
- First access to a copy of the Coaching E-Newsletter – Hawkeye the Noo!
- A free Mini Coaching Rucksack (pictured left)
- A Cricket Scotland USB memory stick
- Interaction with a network of like-minded coaches across Scotland

* NB: insurance cover will only be valid if a member has a valid PVG and an up-to-date First Aid qualification

For more information please contact me directly, by e-mail: timhart@cricketscotland.com.

Cricket Scotland News:

The last month has been an exceptionally busy time for everyone involved with Cricket Scotland – with many highlights along the way.

One of the main news stories was undoubtedly the historic win for the Men's National Team over Zimbabwe – a first ever win over a Full Member nation in a One-Day International.



More information about this victory, and all other recent activities in and around Cricket Scotland, can be found on the new-look website: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/>.

Curriculum for Excellence:



The Cricket Scotland Curriculum for Excellence Resource continues to have a big impact in schools in the west region.

The resource, and a related teacher training workshop, has been an exciting step forward in being able to provide greater support for schools and teachers in delivering strike and field based skills - which also meet key curriculum outcomes. In total, 22 schools within the west of Scotland are currently involved with the programme.

School Cricket News:

June saw the culmination of most of the Cricket Scotland School Cup competitions. However, and unfortunately, all the girls' competitions were washed out – but they will be re-arranged for early into the new curriculum year. The weather was kinder from 13-15 June and the west region schools all gave a good account of themselves in the various finals, with the following highlights:

- Hermitage Academy were runners-up in the Cricket Factory BIG Blast!
- Hutchesons' Grammar School were third in National Secondary Schools' Cup
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Finals' Day in the National Secondary Schools' Cup saw a remarkable achievement from Struan Walker of Hutchesons' Grammar School. He scored a typically blistering 111* in the 3rd / 4th play-off against The Glasgow Academy. He also top scored for his side in the semi-final earlier in the day – with his effort resulting in him being named 'Player of The Tournament' and receiving a special gift from tournament sponsors CityLets.

WDCU / Senior Cricket News:



The Saturday, Sunday and midweek competitions are now well underway. For the latest results and tables and for any other information about Senior cricket within the west of Scotland please visit www.wdcu.co.uk or contact the WDCU Administrator Iain Murdoch by e-mail: admin@wdcu.co.uk.

Western District Junior Cricket Union / Junior Cricket News:

The West Junior Cricket website (www.westjuniorcricket.com) continues to provide the best, and latest, information about all the various youth cricket activity which is happening.



As well as the extensive range of Kwik Cricket and hardball leagues (with playing opportunities being on offer at U10, U11, U13, U14, U15, U16 & U18 age groups!), clubs from the west have been competing in national youth cup competitions during the early part of the season.

Unfortunately, Clydesdale CC were not able to get the better of a strong Grange CC side in the semi-final of the NatWest U15 Cup. At the U13 age group, it is Ferguslie CC who will travel to Edinburgh, on Sunday 2 July, to represent the west at Finals' Day. Good luck to the youngsters from Paisley as they take on Grange CC in the semi-final – hopefully with the final to follow later in the afternoon.

Western Warriors U15s:

The Western Warriors U15s continued their 2017 Cricket Scotland Inter-Regional Championships campaign with a very impressive 7-wicket win over the Eastern Knights, at Glenpark (Greenock CC), on Sunday 4th June.

The Knights looked well set at 40/0 off 10 overs and at 104/3 off 28 overs. However, their progress was kept in check largely thanks to '3-fors' from bowlers Shahzad Ahmad (Ferguslie CC) and Fletcher Rao (Prestwick CC). The Knights would finish 137 all out, with Rao taking 3/24 and Ahmad 3/27.

At one point in the reply the Warriors were 106/0 off just 15 overs – as Ross Heginbottom (Clydesdale CC) really took the attack to the Knights' bowlers, with Angus Guy (Clydesdale CC) playing a very good, supporting role. Although three quick wickets fell, the win was completed with 23.3 overs to spare, thanks to 78 from Heginbottom and 34 from Guy.



The next Championship match sees the side travel to Falkland CC to take on the Caledonian Highlanders, on Sunday 2nd July.

West Regional Development Centre U14 Challenge Series:

The weather, and ground availability, has resulted in the 2017 WRDC U14 Challenge Series not being quite as far progressed as had been hoped.



However, early July will see the **Sharks** host the **Eagles**, as well as a new addition to the programme for this year – a T20 day, featuring all three sides (the **Foxes** being the third).

Other News:

Cricket Scotland has completed the interview process for the new Community Engagement Coordinator – a role which will be based in Glasgow. We look forward to welcoming the successful applicant to the post – and full details about the appointment will be made public during the coming weeks...

The next newsletter will be published during July 2017. If you think that you may have something of interest that could be included in this newsletter, please get in contact with me.

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