



CRICKET SCOTLAND

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Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

All Stars Cricket:

Congratulations to the following six clubs who have successfully started their All Stars Cricket programme:

Dumfries CC, East Renfrewshire CC, Greenock CC, Renfrew CC, Uddingston CC and Vale of Leven CC.

All Stars Cricket centres will also be starting at the following three locations during the next couple of days: Clydesdale CC, East Kilbride CC and Hillhead CC.



Area Cricket Development Group News:

The U12 Inter-Area Development Tournament began on Sunday 7th May, with four of the five area groups who entered the competition participating in the first of matches.



Clyde's victory over North Glasgow was based around two wickets each for Mobeen Shah (East Renfrewshire CC) and Adam Tahir (Ferguslie CC). Two wickets each for Clydesdale CC pair Nikhil Koteeswaran and Shahan Raja set up South Glasgow's victory over Ayrshire, despite 27 from Nari Bhandari (Ayr CC).



The next round of fixtures will take place on Sunday 18th June, with Ayrshire hosting a T20 'Super Day' which will feature Clyde, Lanarkshire and the hosts.

Coaching News:

Coaches are still able to join the 2017 Cricket Scotland Coaches Association. Open to all coaches holding the minimum of an ICC Introduction to Cricket Award (or equivalent qualification), membership has several benefits:



- 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

Membership costs only £40 and registration is possible through the Cricket Scotland website by following this link: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/news/article/coaches-association-2017/>.

Cricket Scotland News:



The new Cricket Scotland website was launched during May.

If you have not already had the opportunity to do so please visit the new website and have a look around!

The website can still be found at the same address: <http://www.cricketScotland.com/>.

And, the new look website contains details about the comprehensive seven-wicket win which the Men’s team recorded against a full-strength Sri Lanka, at Beckenham CC (in Kent), on Sunday 21st May.

#MoreThanCricket Club Webinar:

The third (of six) webinars, being delivered by Svend Elkjaer of Sports Marketing Network, will take place at 09:30 on Saturday 10th June. This webinar, which will include a presentation and some discussion, will focus on how your cricket club can play a bigger role in people’s lives and become a hub for your community.

To register for the webinar please send an email with the word ‘yes’ to svend@smnuk.com and you will receive a confirmation and a ‘thought-sheet’ with questions and points for you to ponder before the webinar. You will also receive easy-step instructions on how to log on.

If you have any queries about the webinar please get in touch with Svend by e-mail svend@smnuk.com or by telephone 01423 326660.



School Cricket News:

May was a busy month for schools involved in the various Cricket Scotland School Cups. There have been two qualifying tournaments in the ScotRail Primary Schools’ Cup, one tournament in the Cricket Factory BIG Blast! and several ties in the National Secondary Schools’ Cup. The following schools have qualified for a Finals’ Day, following their performances during the regional qualifying events:

- Hutchesons’ Grammar School (ScotRail Primary Schools’ Cup)
- Our Lady of the Missions Primary School (ScotRail Primary Schools’ Cup)
- The Glasgow Academy (ScotRail Primary Schools’ Cup)
- Hermitage Academy (Cricket Factory BIG Blast!)
- St Ninian’s High School (Cricket Factory BIG Blast!)



In addition to this, the West Regional Qualifying Section in the National Secondary Schools’ Cup has now reached the semi-final stage, with Hutchesons’ Grammar School hosting Belmont Academy and Holyrood Secondary School hosting The Glasgow Academy. The highlight of the competition so far has been a match-winning 128 from Asad Khan (Clydesdale CC) during Holyrood’s quarter-final victory over Wellington School.



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 first in the programme of five 'Area Group' led Kwik Cricket festivals took place at Cambusdoon (Ayr CC, on behalf of the Ayrshire Area Cricket Development Group) on Sunday 21st May – with players from six different clubs in attendance.

The West Junior Cricket website (www.westjuniorcricket.com) provides more information about the remaining 'Area Group' Kwik Cricket festivals, about some additional club-led Kwik Cricket festivals and about all other WDJCU competitions.

West Regional Development Centre:

The Western Warriors U15s got their 2017 Cricket Scotland Inter-Regional Championships campaign off to a great start, with an 87-run victory over the Caledonian Highlanders, at Lochside Park (Strathmore CC), on Sunday 14th May.

Batting first, and led by 60 from U14 David Sturgess (Clydesdale CC), the Warriors recovered from 51/4 to score 208 all out. In the reply, U14 off-spinner Rafay Khan (Renfrew CC) picked up 3/22 - as the Highlanders were 121 all out.

The match was also the first outing of the new coloured kit – with the 'blues' due to make their next appearance at Glenpark (Greenock CC) on Sunday 4th June, when the Warriors host the Eastern Knights. The start is at 12noon start – and spectators are welcome.



Other News:

West Indies cricket legend Sir Garfield Sobers is coming to Scotland in June. He will be holding a free presentation night and 'Q&A' session at The High School of Glasgow (637 Crow Road, Glasgow, G13 1PL) on Tuesday 6th June, starting at 7pm. There are limited spaces available and they are on a first come first served basis. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Jed McCabe: jed@inspiresport.com.

Persimmon Homes have launched a brand new sports programme (Persimmon Healthy Communities) which supports sport for young people in England, Wales and Scotland. For more details please follow this link: <https://www.persimmonhomes.com/healthy-communities>.

The next newsletter will be published during June 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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