



## West Region Newsletter, 68, July 2017

Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

### All Stars Cricket:

All Stars Cricket is continuing to offer young people a new, and exciting, first experience of cricket – with 190 signing up to the programme.

Wherever possible, the delivery centres have continued to receive a visit from either a National Player(s) or the All Stars Cricket Mascot!

Once again, Cricket Scotland would like to thank everyone who has made this programme possible.



### Area Cricket Development Group News:

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July saw the second planned ‘Super Sunday’ in U12 Inter-Area Development Tournament. The hosts were **Lanarkshire**, at Uddingston CC – with **North Glasgow** and **South Glasgow** being the other teams participating on the day.



South Glasgow won both their matches – by scoring 128 on each occasion! North Glasgow defeated the hosts in the third match which was played. The best batting performance of the day came from South Glasgow’s Moiz Maqsood (Poloc CC) who scored 50 against Lanarkshire - batting as the ‘last man stands’, having previously retired when he scored 25. His teammates Nikhil Koteeswaran and Shlok Thaker (both Clydesdale CC) retired in the match against North Glasgow, as did North Glasgow’s Hamish Aspinall (Glasgow Accies CC) in his match against Lanarkshire. Aspinall completed a fine day’s work by being the pick of the bowlers, taking a ‘3-for’ against Lanarkshire and two wickets against South Glasgow – finishing with incredible figures of 7-3-15-5!



Special thanks to Uddingston CC, and especially their Junior Convenor Ann Hargie, who hosted the day superbly, put on a great tea and made sure the players and spectators were well looked after.



## Coaching News:

Work has begun on putting together a West Region Coach Education & Development Calendar for the winter 2017 / 2018. It is hoped that the following opportunities will be on offer:

- Basic First Aid for Sport course
- ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket (UKCC Level 2) course
- ECB Coach Support Worker course
- Safeguarding and Protecting Children Workshop

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## Cricket Scotland News:

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

Domestic competitions continue to run throughout the country, the Men's and Women's International teams have been playing, the Youth National teams (male and female) have been playing...and final preparations have been put in place for a very busy month of cricket, in August.

More information about all the 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.

## WDCU / Senior Cricket News:



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](http://www.wdcu.co.uk) or contact the WDCU Administrator Iain Murdoch by e-mail: [admin@wdcu.co.uk](mailto:admin@wdcu.co.uk).

## Western District Junior Cricket Union / Junior Cricket News:

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



Ferguslie CC were the West Region representatives at Finals' Day in the NatWest U13 Cup. After losing to eventual winners Grange CC, the side recorded a win over Falkland CC to finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

August will see the National (Scottish) U13 and U15 Cups come to a conclusion. The West Region representatives in both competitions have not yet been confirmed, as there are still a few qualifying round matches to be completed.

## Western Warriors U15s:

The Western Warriors U15s made it three wins from three matches in the 2017 Cricket Scotland Inter-Regional Championships campaign, in a close game against the Caledonian Highlanders.

The match, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (at Falkland CC), saw the Warriors bat first. The side looked well set at 135/3 before the last seven wickets fell for just 30 runs. Skipper Asad Khan (Clydesdale CC) made 53 and his club teammates Daniel Cairns, Ross Heginbottom and David Sturgess all made twenties.



In reply, there were two early wickets for Shahzad Ahmad (Ferguslie CC) – one thanks to a great catch from wicket-keeper Richie Simpson (Ayr CC). With Sturgess and Sohaib Shah (Poloc CC) combining to complete a great run out and Sturgess adding a good diving catch off the bowling of Fletcher Rao (Prestwick CC), who was in middle of an incredible spell of 4-2-4-4, the Highlanders were suddenly 48/7. However, the 8<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership left the game very much in the balance – with 36 needed off 36 deliveries and three wickets left. It was the skipper who made the breakthrough to end the 88-run partnership – with Cairns and Ahmad then picking up the final wickets, as the Warriors won by 19 runs.

Unfortunately, the U15 Inter-Regional T20 Day was abandoned without a ball bowled due to a wet square and outfield. However, the fixture programme continues during early August with match against the Eastern Knights and a friendly against the Scotland U21 Women's XI.

## West Regional Development Centre U14 Challenge Series:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July saw the **Sharks** host the **Eagles**, in a match at Titwood (Clydesdale CC). The **Eagles** chose to bat first and were dismissed for 133. Skipper Humza Zulfiqar (Clydesdale CC) top scored with 53 before being well caught by Cameron MacLean (Kelburne CC) off the bowling of Anne Sturgess (Clydesdale CC) who remains the leading wicket-taker in the series. In reply, **Sharks** skipper David Sturgess (Clydesdale CC) and MacLean made quick work of the chase – with 46 and 38\*.

Unfortunately, the T20 Day was once postponed twice – both due to rain. The attempt to play on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July did not make it through a morning inspection and play was abandoned on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July just before the warm-up for the first scheduled match!



However, the **Foxes** have finally managed to complete a game! They beat the **Eagles** at New Anniesland (Glasgow Accies CC) in a low-scoring contest on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Batting first Foxes skipper Muhaymen Majeed (Renfrew CC) scored 50 as his side posted 124 all out, despite Saifullah Ahmadzai (Clydesdale CC) taking 3/19. In reply, opening bowlers Reiss Wylie (Kelburne CC) and Uzair Khan (Clydesdale CC) sealed the victory for the Foxes – taking 3/8 and 4/18 respectively.

## Other News:

Cricket Scotland is hosting a special golf day at Mortonhall Golf Club, Edinburgh on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August – with each team of three players getting to play a round with a current Scotland player. For more information about the day please e-mail: [commercial@cricketscotland.com](mailto:commercial@cricketscotland.com).

The next newsletter will be published during August 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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