



CRICKET SCOTLAND

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Area Cricket Development Group News:

Sunday 20th August saw the final scheduled fixtures in the U12 Inter-Area Development Tournament take place.



At Scott Ellis Playing Fields (Kilmarnock CC), home team **Ayrshire** defeated **North Glasgow**. Batting first, North Glasgow were 50 all out - with Jamie Kerr (Ayr CC) taking 3/11. In reply, Ayrshire reached their target for the loss of just three wickets.



At Meikleriggs (Ferguslie CC), hosts **Clyde** lost to **South Glasgow**. Batting first, South Glasgow scored 128 for the third match in a row! In reply, despite 31* (retired) from skipper Uzair Ahmad (Ferguslie CC), Clyde could only score 115/4 in their 20 overs.



Despite not having a scheduled tournament fixture, **Lanarkshire** were also able to play a match. They hosted Perth & Kinross U12s, at Torrance House (East Kilbride CC), in a friendly match which saw a 30 overs per side match split into four innings of 15 overs each!



The results mean that South Glasgow will finish top of the 2017 standings – although it has been great to see nine of the ten matches scheduled be completed. Congratulations to the South Glasgow squad and to their coach Rodger Cairns – but thanks to all the players, coaches, groundstaff and other key volunteers who have enabled the tournament to take place this summer.

U12 Inter-Area Development Tournament Standings, 2017

Area Group	Matches					Concessions			Points		
	P	W	L	AB	T	Provisional	Reversed	Confirmed	Win	Bonus	Total
South Glasgow	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	80
Clyde	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	40	10	50
Ayrshire	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	40	8	48
Lanarkshire	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	20	17	37
North Glasgow	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	20	10	30

Coaching News:

While the winter months can be a quieter time for coaches and other key club volunteers, it is a great time for coaches (and clubs) to continue developing. As with previous years, every effort is being made to compile a diverse, and interesting, range of opportunities as part of a West Region Coach Education & Development Calendar for 2017 – 2018.

We are delighted to be able to confirm the following opportunities:

- ECB Coach Support Worker course, Sunday 1st October 2017
- Basic First Aid for Sport course, Sunday 26th November 2017
- Safeguarding and Protecting Children Workshop, Sunday 26th November 2017



There has been a bit of a challenge in securing a venue for all four days for the ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket (UKCC Level 2) course. However, it is hoped that the dates for this course will be confirmed shortly.

For more information about any of the opportunities detailed above please contact me directly, by e-mail: timhart@cricketscotland.com.

Cricket Scotland News:

August saw Scotland Women win the Women's World T20 Qualifier (Europe), which took place in Scotland, at New Williamfield (Stirling County CC). The squad beat both the Netherlands and the USA during the competition and finished with a record of P4, W2, L1, NR1 – all of which meant they won the tournament on net run rate. The victory means that the squad will now progress to the global T20 qualifier at a date which has still to be announced.



For more information about all the recent activities in and around Cricket Scotland please visit the website: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/>.

sportscotland Coaching, Officiating & Volunteering Awards 2017:

sportscotland are aiming to recognise and celebrate people in Clubs, Schools and Performance Sport through their Coaching, Officiating & Volunteering Awards 2017. The awards feature a range of categories, so if you can think of a key person within your club / school who helps to contribute towards the world class sporting system within Scotland, please nominate them. Full details are available by following this link: <https://sportscotland.org.uk/coaching/cov-awards-2017/>.



WDCU / Senior Cricket News:

Congratulations to KPM Residential Prestwick who have won the 2017 Premier Division.



Although their season finished with the scheduled match at East Kilbride CC being cancelled due to an unfit outfield, they finished with a record of ten wins from twelve matches and won the league by 5%.

The Ayrshire club will now go to play Heriots CC (from Edinburgh) in the CSL National Club Championship Final, at Meikleriggs (Ferguslie CC) on Saturday 2nd September.

For the latest results, and tables, from all the WDCU divisions, please visit www.wdcu.co.uk.

Western District Junior Cricket Union / Junior Cricket News:



Congratulations to Clydesdale CC who have won the 2017 U15 Scottish Cup.

It was the batters who led the way with two powerful efforts on Finals' Day. They scored 151/3 in their semi-final win before bettering that with 174/2 in the final - with Ross Heginbottom and skipper Asad Khan both scoring half-centuries.

The semi-finals and final of the Cricket Scotland U18 Club Championship will take place in early September. Clydesdale have progressed to the semi-finals by beating Grange CC - and there will be a second representative from the west region too. This club will be either Greenock CC or Poloc CC, as the two sides have still to complete their quarter-final tie.

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



Western Warriors U15s:

The Western Warriors U15s continued their season with three matches in quick succession.



The match against XL Club (Scotland) was drawn – with Angus Guy (Clydesdale CC) top scoring with 50 and Taha Khan (Clydesdale CC) taking 2/24. An initially rain-reduced match against the Eastern Knights was finally abandoned with the Knights 74/2 off 16.1 overs - and off-spinners Daniel Cairns (Clydesdale CC) and Rafay Khan (Renfrew CC) claiming the wickets. There was also a match against the Scotland U21 Women's team, which resulted in a 198-run victory, and saw skipper David Sturgess (Clydesdale CC) top score with 72, before John Greene (Glasgow Accies), Jamie Nowell (Greenock CC) and Tarun Koteeswaran and Anne Sturgess (both Clydesdale CC) all took two wickets.



Unfortunately, the final match of the season (a re-scheduled match against the Caledonian Highlanders which was due to take place on Sunday 27th August, at Prestwick CC) was cancelled following heavy rain in the days leading up to the match.

Western Warriors U14s:

The Western Warriors U14s finished third in the annual Triangular Series, on 7th & 8th August – despite Belfast, Edinburgh and the Warriors all finishing with one win and one loss from their two matches!

The first match against Edinburgh saw the Warriors win a very low scoring, 12 overs per side match. Only skipper David Sturgess (Clydesdale CC) made any real contribution with the bat – his 22* (retired) being the basis of the Warriors 69/4. In reply, Edinburgh could only finish 65/5, with Aditya Mahapatra (Ferguslie CC) bowling a very important spell of 3-0-6-2.



The bowlers found things a little tougher against Belfast. Faizan Rauf (Clydesdale CC) did take 3/35 – but Belfast scored 157/5 in their 30 overs. In reply, five of the top six in the batting order reached double-figures but the top score, from Humza Zulfiqar (Clydesdale CC), was only 20 – and the Warriors would finish 20 runs short of their target.

It was a good, competitive two days of cricket – with some passages of very good play and lots of opportunities to learn from the experience. Special thanks must go to Prestwick CC, and their groundstaff, for a phenomenal effort in making it possible for any play to take place.

Other News:

Inch Park Community Sports Club (IPCSC) have secured funding to help support ten individuals to take part in a new development programme which will give them the skills and qualifications they need to play a leadership and coaching role with their club.



The leadership aspects of the qualification are designed to provide personal development that will benefit the individual in their professional lives as well as in their role as coaches. This is a fantastic opportunity for individuals and clubs alike to take advantage of a fully funded programme that will help you drive your club forward.

While the training will take place in Edinburgh (because this is where IPCSC is based) this opportunity is open to the wider cricket community and candidates can be from any club. The only prerequisite is an absolute commitment to attending and completing the programme. For more details please follow this link: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/ipcsc-coaching-leadership-course/>

The next newsletter will be published during September 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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