

## Chairman's Report, 2016

As per last year I'd like to start by extending my thanks to everyone here for their efforts in promoting junior cricket in the west. In terms of summing up the season, congratulations to all league winners who are as follows.

Under 18: Poloc CC  
Under 16: Prestwick CC  
Under 15: Clydesdale CC  
Under 14: East Renfrewshire | Renfrew  
Under 13: Clydesdale CC  
Under 11: Clydesdale CC

The Under 11 Finals Day was a success with Clydesdale CC, Ferguslie CC, Uddingston CC and Kilmarnock CC competing. The final was played between the two section winners, Ferguslie CC and Clydesdale CC, Clydesdale CC emerging triumphant. Thanks to Ferguslie CC for hosting.

In terms of cup competitions, the 2015 Frank Smith Trophy was won by Clydesdale CC who beat Glasgow Accies CC in the final. The 2016 competition was not completed, in fact never started, with only five clubs eligible to play. This is something the Committee has discussed and is reviewing. The Under 13 League Cup was not completed with Ayr CC and Clydesdale CC having reached the final. Reflecting on the national trophies, Grange CC dominated the younger age groups but Clydesdale CC reversed this trend in the Under 18 Scottish Cup by beating Grange CC in the final at Titwood by 20 runs in a close fought final with Zaigham Ahmad producing a match-winning performance with 50 and a "4-for". This came after Angus Guy had scored 100 in the semi-final against SMRH CC.

In the Indoor "Super 8s" during Christmas 2015, Clydesdale CC won the Under 19, Clydesdale CC the Under 15 and Poloc CC the Under 12 tournaments. Thanks to Tim Hart, in particular, for the organisation of this before and during the tournament.

Beyond the club scene there were Under 12 Inter-Area, Under 14 "Challenge Series" and Under 15 and Under 18 *Western Warriors* games and Tim Hart's and Keith Young's reports will highlight these.

In terms of juniors, again there were a number of players from the west representing Scotland at various age-group levels including six who represented Scotland in the ICC Under 19 World Cup. These were Neil Flack (Greenock CC), who had the honour of Captaining the team, Mohammad Azeem Dar (Kilmarnock CC), Mohammad Ghaffar (Poloc CC), Ihtisham Malik (Poloc CC), Mitchell Rao (Prestwick CC) and Owais Shah (Poloc CC). Others playing national age-group cricket were as follows:

Scotland Under 15: Puskhar Bhandari (Ayr CC), Thomas Bradburn (Stirling County CC), Angus Guy (Clydesdale CC), Euan McBeth (Prestwick CC), Amaan Ramzan (Poloc CC), Uzzair Shah (Poloc CC) and Kess Sajjad (Clydesdale CC | Drumpellier CC).

Scotland Under 17: Zain Ashraf (Clydesdale CC), Ihtisham Malik (Poloc CC), Aliyan Qureshi (Poloc CC), Owais Shah (Poloc CC), Haroon Tahir (Ferguslie CC) and Louis Ware (Greenock CC).

Scotland Women Under 17: Abtaha Maqsood (Poloc CC) and Ellen Watson (Prestwick CC).

The league structure has been discussed by the Committee and it was felt that the status quo should be maintained for season 2017. We have looked at the "Kwik Cricket" schedule and this will be discussed during the meeting.

In closing, a word of thanks to all WJDCU Committee members, and in particular Keith Young for the excellent website and admin' surrounding it, including fixtures.

Thank you.

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