



West Region Newsletter, 54, May 2016

Area Group News:

The first match has been completed in the U12 Inter-Area Development Tournament. It was a repeat of the only match to be completed during the 2015 tournament - and it was a “run-fest”! South Glasgow hosted Ayrshire, with South Glasgow scoring 194/5 off their 30 overs. Their effort was led by 44* from Nikhil Koteeswaran (Clydesdale CC). However, this would not prove to be enough as, led by a superb innings from Joe Morrison (Prestwick CC), Ayrshire reached their target with more than 2 overs to spare. Ayrshire 195/4 off 27.1 overs, with Morrison finishing 61*.



Club News:



Following on from two very successful school festivals, on two consecutive days, Vale of Leven CC has produced an article which provides an update on the club's recent developments. The article is available on the Cricket Scotland website: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/news/article/vale-leven-cc-update/>.

Congratulations to St Michael's CC, as they have become the latest West Region club to obtain Cricket Scotland Club Accreditation ('TOPClub') status for 2016. This accreditation is valid until 30 September 2016.



Thanks to all those clubs who have been in contact to arrange a meeting about club development. As always, if your club wishes to arrange a meeting with me (about club development or any other club matters), please ask someone to get in contact and provide me with a couple of dates, times and a venue that would suit your club.

Coaching News:

All active coaches holding an ICC Introduction to Cricket course certificate (or higher coaching qualification) are strongly encouraged to join the Cricket Scotland Coaches Association. Launched last year, the Association provides some great benefits for coaches. An application form, and further information, is available on the Cricket Scotland website: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/participation-news/cricket-scotland-coaches-association/>.



It is hoped that an ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket (UKCC Level 2) coaching course will run, in the West Region, this winter. Anyone wishing to register their interest in this course should do so by contacting me directly.

Last Man Stands:

Last Man Stands (LMS), cricket's answer to 5 a-side football which is taking the world by storm, comes to Glasgow this summer. LMS is 8 a-side T20, played with normal laws of cricket - and some extra rules to make the game more inclusive and exciting. Matches last just over two hours and, unlike 11-a-side T20, all players are involved. For more information please contact Derek Wright dllby82@googlemail.com or visit www.lastmanstands.com/uk.



School Cricket News:

The top half of the draw in the National Secondary Schools' Cup has now reached the semi-final stage. Following their win over Belmont Academy, Hutchesons' Grammar School will now host Holyrood Secondary School, who defeated High School of Glasgow in their quarter-final tie. In the bottom half of the draw, Wellington School have confirmed their place in the semi-final following their win over Kelvinside Academy. They now await the winners of the Lomond School v The Glasgow Academy quarter-final tie.

The West Regional Qualifying Event in the 2016 Cricket Factory Cup was held at Titwood (Clydesdale CC) on Monday 16th May. The eight-team competition, which included teams from seven different schools, saw the two group winners progress on to Finals' Day. Congratulations to St Ninian's High School and Woodfarm High School (both from East Renfrewshire) on qualifying for the National Finals, which will take place on Thursday 16th June, in Perth.



The following regional Qualifying Events are being held in the National Primary Schools' Cup:

- West Regional Qualifying Tournament
 - Wednesday 25th May, Titwood (Clydesdale CC)
- East Renfrewshire Regional Qualifying Tournament
 - Wednesday 1st June, Woodfarm Pitches (East Renfrewshire)

Good luck to all the Primary Schools who have entered the qualifying events.

'Thriving Clubs' Programme:

Cricket Scotland are running a **CoolCricket** Workshop, open to all clubs, as part of the 'Thriving Clubs' Programme. The workshop, which is taking place on Sunday 29 May, will be run by Ben Fox, Communications Manager of Cricket Scotland and Svend Elkjaer, Director of Sports Marketing Network.

The highly-interactive and engaging workshop will cover topics such as:

- How to provide a great social and fun experience at your club
- How to improve school-club links
- Getting buy-in to **CoolCricket** from across the club
- The role of a Young Cricket Ambassador:
 - the tools
 - how to become a mentor and a leader
- The role of a Social Media Champion:
 - the tools
 - how to develop a strong programme
- Making it all happen



For more information, or to join Cricket Scotland's **CoolCricket** programme, please get in contact with Cricket Scotland's Head of Participation, Ian Sandbrook: iansandbrook@cricketscotland.com.

WDCU / Senior Cricket News:

The Western District Cricket Union (WDCU) season is now well under-way. For the latest information about all the WDCU competitions, including the latest league standings, please visit: www.wdcu.co.uk.



WDJCU / Junior Cricket News:

With the series of West District Junior Cricket Union (WDJCU) Sunday morning U10 Kwik Cricket Festivals having just begun, now is the perfect time to remind all clubs about the reporting processes for these festivals. If your club is the host club, you are required to submit a return using the West Junior Cricket website (www.westjuniorcricket.com). The on-line web-form makes this process very simple. All the host club needs to do is compile a list number of players (both boys and girls) from each club who are present at the festival. This information is then entered into the web-form along with a few details about the festival and the person making the return.



U15 Youth Representative Playing Programme:



The Western Warriors U15s began the defence of their Cricket Scotland U15 Inter-Regional Championship title by defeating the Eastern Knights on Sunday 8th May, at New Williamfield (Stirling County CC). Uzzair Shah (Poloc CC) top-scored with 28, as the Warriors total of 141 all out looked to be below par. However, a good fightback with the ball and in the field saw the Knights reduced to 31/6 and then 46/7 – before being bowled out for 93.

The next of the eight Inter-Regional fixtures will take place at Glenpark (Greenock CC) on Sunday 5th June.

The West Regional Development Centre (WRDC) U14 Challenge Series began on Sunday 15th May, at Hamilton Crescent (West of Scotland CC). Led by 70* from Shahzad Ahmad (Ferguslie CC), and 45 from Adam Malik (Dumfries CC), the Eagles scored 180/7 in their 40 overs. In reply, Sohaib Shah (Poloc CC) scored 59, but Uzair Khan (Clydesdale CC) picked up three important wickets, and finished with figures of 6-1-13-3, as the Foxes were bowled out for 173.



Sunday 22nd May then saw the Sharks enter the series, as they played the Foxes at Titwood (Clydesdale CC). The Foxes picked up their first win of the series, largely thanks to a brilliant 98 from skipper Sohaib Shah (Poloc CC) and 61 from Cameron MacLean (Kelburne CC) – with the pair putting on 146 for the first wicket. Abhishek Sinha (Clydesdale CC) did take 3/39 for the Sharks and wicket-keeper David Sturgess (Clydesdale CC) scored 62* in the reply – but 4/29 from Humza Zulfiqar (Clydesdale CC) helped the Foxes to a 69-run victory.

Women's Cricket News:

Seven girls, from three different clubs, attended the final Girls' Regional Development Centre (RDC) indoor session training session, held at Hutchesons' Grammar School, in late April. The session also fell on the same date as a specialist girls' hardball cricket camp, being run by Kari Carswell – with several players from the west region attending this camp. Overall, the number of girls who have been involved in the three RDC sessions this winter has been very encouraging – and plans are being put in place to provide further opportunities for these players during the season.



For any further information about Women's and Girls' cricket, please contact Kari Carswell directly at: karicarswell@cricketscotland.com.

Other News:

Cricket Scotland was delighted to receive the top prize in the International Cricket Council (ICC) Development Programme Annual Awards, during late April – winning the top prize for the Best Overall Cricket Development Programme for 2015:



<http://www.cricketscotland.com/news/article/scotland-scoop-icc-global-development-award/>.

Cricket Scotland's Development Programme continued to go from strength to strength during 2015, growing cricket across the country with a number of innovative new programmes. These programmes included 'Cricket Force', the 'Community Coaching Programme', the new 'Club Awards' and the 'Thriving Clubs' programme. However, we are only able to deliver these programmes, and provide many other activities and opportunities for so many people, thanks to the efforts of a huge number of committed coaches, officials and volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed, and who continues to contribute, with helping to sustain and grow the game within the west of Scotland.

The next newsletter will be published during June. 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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