

## West Region Newsletter, 57, August 2016

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### Area Group News:

Rain, and fixture clashes, continue to hamper Area Groups as they attempt to play further matches in the 2016 Inter-Area Development Tournament. Given the difficulties with getting matches played, the tournament play-by deadline of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August has been removed and Area Groups are free to try and replay matches up until the official end of the WDJCU league season (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September).



### Club News:

Congratulations to Clydesdale CC who won the 2016 Citylets Scottish Cup on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Batting second, they successfully chased 169 to defeat the reigning holders Arbroath CC. In doing so, Clydesdale became the first West Region club to win the trophy since 2011.

Special thanks must go to West of Scotland CC who were fantastic hosts in a special year for the Scottish Cup, as the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first ever cup final was celebrated. (Originally, it was called the 'Rothmans Quaich', and the first final was also held at Hamilton Crescent.)



Congratulations are also due to Ammar Ashraf of East Renfrewshire CC, as he has been named as the 'Biggest Change-Maker at a Scottish Cricket Club', for 2016. This was one of six awards given out during the Scottish Cup Final, as part of the Last Man Stands Club Awards. Ammar's nomination came as a result of the remarkable work he has done in establishing and developing East Renfrewshire CC. For more information about the awards and Ammar's success please visit: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/news/article/2016-lms-awards/>.

### 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/>.



Cricket Scotland is delighted to announce that an ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket (UKCC Level 2) course will be running in the West Region this winter:

Coaching children, aged 6 – 13, is a challenging and enormously rewarding role within the coaching pathway. Players need expertise, support and passion at every level of their development; this course is designed with your players' needs at its core. In turn, the experiences, tasks, practices and sharing of ideas which you experience during the course are designed to help to equip you with the tools that you need to meet your players' needs. Just as players learn quickly, so do coaches. The challenge for all coaches is to learn as they develop, just as players do.



Course: ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket (UKCC Level 2)  
Dates: Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 October, Saturday 5 November and Saturday 3 December  
Timings: 10am – 4.30pm, 10am – 4.30pm, 10am – 4.30pm, 1pm – 4.30pm  
Venue: Eastwood High School, East Renfrewshire, G77 6NQ  
Cost: £280 / £350  
Booking Details: Through the Cricket Scotland website

### Last Man Stands:



The LMS Glasgow League continues to provide participants with an exciting, modified format of the sport to take part in. With the competition nearing its conclusion, a more detailed report will follow in next month's newsletter. In the meantime, if you wish any further information about the league or the opportunities it provides, please contact Derek Wright by e-mail: [dllby82@googlemail.com](mailto:dllby82@googlemail.com).

### School Cricket News:

Although the new academic year has only just begun, there is still plenty of exciting cricket coming up. Good luck to the following schools:

- **St Ninian's High School** and **Woodfarm High School** who will compete in the finals of the Cricket Factory Cup, in Perth, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Eastwood High School** and **Holyrood Secondary School** who will compete in the final of the Glasgow Schools' Cricket Association Junior League, at Hillhead CC, on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Wellington School** who will compete in the finals of the Cricket Scotland National Secondary Schools' Cup, in Perth, on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August.



### 'Thriving Clubs' Programme:



For more information about the 'Thriving Clubs' programme, which Dumfries CC, Galloway CC, Hillhead CC and Poloc CC are now part of, please get in contact with Cricket Scotland's Head of Participation, Ian Sandbrook: [iansandbrook@cricketscotland.com](mailto:iansandbrook@cricketscotland.com).

## WDCU / Senior Cricket News:



For the latest information about all the WDCU competitions, including the latest league standings, please visit: [www.wdcu.co.uk](http://www.wdcu.co.uk).

## WDJCU / Junior Cricket News:

For the latest information about what is happening within youth cricket please visit the virtual home of junior cricket in the west of Scotland: <http://www.westjuniorcricket.com/>.



## U15 Youth Representative Playing Programme:



A busy three weeks, in late July and early August, saw the Western Warriors U15s play another four matches in the Cricket Scotland Inter-Regional Championships.

The first of these was probably the most important, with the Warriors travelling to play the Eastern Knights. At 150/8, the Warriors looked to be in a bit of trouble until Daniel Cairns (Clydesdale CC) scored a crucial 58 to take the side up to 228/9 off the 50 overs. In reply, the Knights looked to be well set at 154/2 and even at 203/6. However, a great fighting effort saw the Knights bowled out for 210 – with Kess Sajjad (Clydesdale CC) taking 3/26.

In the away trip to play the Caledonian Highlanders, fifties from Jawad Khan (Clydesdale CC) and Amman Ramzan and Sohaib Shah (both Poloc CC) led the Warriors to 257/7 off their 50 overs. Euan McBeth (Prestwick CC) and Puskar Bhandari (Ayr CC) both then took 3/20 to leave the Highlanders really struggling at 30/6 – a score which they could not recover from.

The only loss of the season then followed, against the Knights, at Glenpark (Greenock CC). The Knights scored 217/9 and, despite seven batters reaching double-figures, the highest score for the Warriors was just 24, as the Knights completed an easy victory.

The final U15 game of the season was played at Titwood (Clydesdale CC) in pretty damp conditions! However, with the Highlanders having travelled, a game did take place. The Warriors looked to be in trouble at 96/7 after 20 of the 30 overs. However, fifties from Asad Khan (Clydesdale CC) and Shah led the Warriors to 189/8. When the steady drizzle turned to heavy rain, the Highlanders were 102/2 off 22 overs – and an intriguing finish looked to be on the cards. However, the rain would not relent – and the Warriors were winners on D/L by 20 runs.

Two more fixtures have also been completed in the West Regional Development Centre (WRDC) U14 Challenge Series. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of July, the Eagles hosted the Sharks. Batting first, the Sharks had six batters who made double-figures – but only two would reach twenty, as Tarun Koteeswaran (Clydesdale CC) ripped through the batting line-up to finish with 6.4-4-5-5! In reply, a punishing 69 from skipper Ross Heginbottom (Clydesdale CC) saw the Eagles complete a comfortable win.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August saw the Sharks host the Foxes. Batting first, and despite Ayub Khan (Hillhead CC), Sohaib Shah (Poloc CC) and Humza Zulfiqar (Clydesdale CC) all looking well set (27, 20 and 39 respectively), the Foxes could only score 134/9 off their 40 overs – with the six of seven Sharks bowlers taking wickets. In reply, David Sturgess (Clydesdale CC) and Zakir Siddiqui (Poloc CC) put on 72 for the first wicket, with Sturgess scoring 30 and Siddiqui 25 – before skipper Cairns made a quick-fire 46, as the Sharks completed a 7-wicket win.

This means the Sharks sit top of the table on 28 points, with the Eagles on 20 and the Foxes on 18. With one of the Eagles v Foxes matches having been abandoned without a ball bowled, if the game can be replayed, all three sides could still win the Series!



## Women's Cricket News:

The men's national team have 2 very important games coming up against Hong Kong at The Grange, Edinburgh on the 8th and 10th of September. In a new move we are looking to have a female mascot on each of the days to accompany Preston Mommsen (Captain) at the toss, in the middle, as well as meeting women's captain Abbi Aitken. It will be a great experience for one lucky girl and I'm looking for girls U16 to declare their interest in being a mascot at one of the games. On the day the mascot will get 4 tickets for family as well as getting to meet the players and getting a Cricket Scotland goodie bag.

Entrants should email me ([karicarswell@cricketscotland.com](mailto:karicarswell@cricketscotland.com)) with the word 'Mascot' in the subject line, along with their name and at contact number for a parent/guardian by 5pm on the 31st August. I will pick the winners out of a hat live on Cricket Scotland Facebook on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September! To be eligible to take part girls should be U16 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 and be available on both the 8th (Thursday) and 10th (Saturday) of September.



## Other News:

The **sportscotland** Coaching, Officiating and Volunteering Awards are once again open for nominations. They are looking for the best coaches, technical officials and volunteers in the country to win one of their 11 categories. It is a great opportunity to show the people who make sport happen that they are crucial to ensuring children can participate and athletes can improve. For a full list of the categories and for details on how to nominate someone please visit: <http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/coaching/awards/sportscotland-coaching,-officiating-and-volunteering-awards-2016/>.

Finally, a big thank you from Cricket Scotland to everyone who took the time to attend the open consultation meeting, at Shawholm (Poloc CC) on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August, regarding the proposed Cricket Development Officer role, based in Glasgow. It was great to get feedback from a range of different stakeholders – and your input has been very helpful.

The next newsletter will be published during September. 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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