



CRICKET SCOTLAND

West Region Newsletter, 77, April 2018

Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

All Stars Cricket:



All 17 West Region centres (Ayr CC, Clydesdale CC, Drumpellier CC, Dumfries CC, East Kilbride CC, East Renfrewshire CC, Ferguslie CC, Galloway CC, GHK CC, Greenock CC, Hillhead CC, Kelburne CC, Kilmarnock CC, Renfrew CC, St Michael's CC, Uddingston CC and West of Scotland CC) have had some interest and some sign-ups for their 'All Stars Cricket' programme – and the hope is that each centre will gain enough sign-ups for their programme to run.

With most programmes due to begin in early/mid May, all the centres and Cricket Scotland are doing one final, big push to try and secure additional participants. Therefore, if you know of anyone aged 5-8 who might be interested in becoming part of this hugely enjoyable experience, please direct them to <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>.

Club News: #muchmorethancricket Club Conference:

A big thanks to everyone from the West Region who was able to attend the Cricket Scotland #muchmorethancricket Club Conference, which took place in Stirling, on Saturday 24th March.

One of the clubs focussed on was Galloway CC – with the club presenting about their recent developments and their new clubhouse.



Coaching News:

The end of March and the beginning of April was a busy time from a coaching perspective – with both the Cricket Scotland 'Coaches' Forum 2018' forum and a Coach Support Worker course taking place.



Again, a big thanks must go to everyone from the West Region who made it along to the Coaches' Forum (held in Stirling, the day after the Club Conference) and to the seven coaches (from five different clubs) who completed the Coach Support Worker course.

Community Engagement Update:

For more information about the progress Ammar Ashraf has been making in his Community Engagement Coordinator role, please contact Ammar directly: ammarashraf@cricketscotland.com.



Cricket Scotland News:

The Scotland v England ODI is now sold out. However, tickets are still available for the two Scotland v Pakistan T20s. For more information about tickets for the matches v Pakistan, and for details about all the recent activities in and around Cricket Scotland, please visit the website: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/>.



Cricket Society of Scotland:

Following the successful Annual Dinner, the Cricket Society of Scotland (west region) completed its winter programme by hosting the organisation's Annual General Meeting, on Monday 23rd April.



Thanks must go to Ewen McConville (ejrmcc@gmail.com) and Graham Hollier (graham_hollier@sky.com) for the effort they have put into coordinating, advertising and hosting the west region's programme through the winter.

If you wish any information about the advanced plans which are being put in place for the 2018-2019 programme, please contact either Ewen or Graham.

Indoor Kwik Cricket:

The programme of indoor Kwik Cricket festivals culminated with a spectacular showcase, at Hampden Park, as part of the Scottish Heritage Cricket Exhibition, on Wednesday 11th April. The festival, which took place in the indoor 'warm-up area', saw teams from Clydesdale CC, East Renfrewshire CC and Uddingston CC take part in a triangular festival. Thanks to all three clubs, and their players, for participating on the day.



Junior Pathway & Formats Workshop:



15 Coaches / Junior Convenors attended a 'Junior Pathway & Formats' workshop on Wednesday 25th April. The workshop provided some additional explanation, guidance and support in advance of the new season. More details about the new formats are available here: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/junior-formats/>.

School Cricket News:

Eight schools have entered the West Regional Qualifying tournament in the CityLets National Secondary Schools' Cup (S1-3) – with the matches due to take place, on a knock-out basis, during April, May and early June.



The closing date for entering the ScotRail National Primary Schools' Cup (P6 and below) and the Cricket Factory BIG Blast! was on Friday – and the final details of the qualifying tournaments will be communicated to schools over the next week or so.

Schools are still able to enter the range of girls' school competitions which are running nationally, on Monday 18th June, by contacting Nic Wilson (nicolawilson@cricketscotland.com) directly:

- National Primary Schools Girls' Tournament
 - Softball, Kwik Cricket format
- CityLets National Secondary School Girls' Cup (S1-3)
 - Softball, modified format
- CityLets National Secondary School Girls' Cup (S4-6)
 - Softball, modified format



WDCU / Senior Cricket News:



The WDCU season has now officially started – and all the updated fixtures for 2018 are now available on the WDCU website (www.wdcu.co.uk).

The website is the key source of information for people, and clubs, about everything relating to the 2018 season. This includes club contact details, a list of Professional / Overseas Amateur players, league Playing Conditions, a list of Umpires, details of Umpire fees and details of the match return processes.

In addition to this, cancelled Midweek League fixtures can be re-arranged for between Monday 7th May 2018 and Friday 10th August 2018 (inclusive), at the agreement of both clubs and with notification to the WDCU Administrator. Cancelled Sunday League fixtures can be re-arranged for between Sunday 6th May and Sunday 9th September (inclusive), through a similar process.

Anyone wishing further information about anything related to the WDCU should contact the WDCU Administrator, by e-mail: admin@wdcu.co.uk.

Western District Junior Cricket Union / Junior Cricket News:



The WDJCU Youth fixtures for the U11, U12, U14 and U16 leagues are available on the West Junior Cricket website (www.westjuniorcricket.com), along with the rules of the competitions and details of the 2018 U16 Frank Smith Trophy tournament.

Women's and Girls' Cricket News:

It has been another busy month for the development of Women's and Girls' cricket within the West Region. Here is a brief update from Rosy Ryan:

“CricHIIT has finally launched at Cricket Scotland, aimed at getting more females participating in Cricket – by combining a mix of high intensity interval training and cricket skills. If your club is yet to sign up for activator training, then please go to the Cricket Scotland website, before 1st May, to sign-up.



Saturday 21st April saw Inch Park host Cricket Scotland's pre-season girls' hard-ball camp, which included players from across the country. The day gave the girls (including some from the West Region) the chance to kick-start their outdoor season in glorious sunshine after a long winter indoors.

The next day (Sunday 22nd April) was the final Wee Bash tournament of the winter programme - with 7 teams from throughout Scotland participating. Once again, the West Region was well represented – with Clydesdale CC and Galloway CC putting in great team and individual performances! The overall winners were Dundee & Angus who battled to finish all of their games without defeat – although Clydesdale came a very narrow second, with only one loss on the day. A huge thanks to all those from the West Region who have participated in the competitions throughout the winter.”



For more information about Women's and Girls' cricket in the west of Scotland, please contact Rosy Ryan directly – by e-mail: rosyryan@cricketscotland.com.



Other News:

Congratulations to Clydesdale CC U18s who won the first trophy of 2018 (albeit the 2017 U18 National Club Championship) – with the team winning two nail-biting matches to emerge as champions.



The semi-final, against Forfarshire CC, saw the side chase 160 to win – getting there with three deliveries to spare. The final, against Carlton CC, was just as close an affair – with the target of 143 being chased with two deliveries to spare.

Congratulations to all players, coaches and parents who played their part in this success – and to the four U15s who added this title to their 2017 U15 Scottish Cup winners medals!

The next newsletter will be published during May 2018. 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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