



## West Region Newsletter, 79, June 2018

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### All Stars Cricket:



A fantastic effort from the 17 centres has seen 371 young people participate in All Stars Cricket in the West Region during 2018. This is almost double the number of All Stars from 2017 – and there are already additional clubs hoping to join the programme for 2019. Thanks to everyone at the following clubs for their help this year: (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).

### Club Focus – All Stars Cricket ‘Money Can’t Buy’ Experience:

With the next couple of weeks seeing the culmination of most programmes at West Region All Stars Cricket delivery centres, the focus is very much on how each club can finish their programme with a really special event. The article at the end of this month's newsletter provides details about the recent 'Money Can't Buy' Experience delivered by Cricket Scotland – an activity evening, which ran in conjunction with a Senior Regional T20 fixture and which had a very special guest!



### Coaching News:



If any coach(es) need to sit their final assessment for their UKCC Level 2 coaching course, please get in contact with me directly – and we can arrange a date, time and venue which suits you.

### 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](mailto:ammarashraf@cricketscotland.com).



### Cricket Scotland Appointment:



Rob Wakelin has been appointed as Cricket Scotland's new Head of Participation.

Rob has an extensive sports administration background in New Zealand holding senior roles in rugby, surf life-saving and rugby league with his most recent role being a five-year tenure as CEO of Te Araroa, a 3000km walking trail running the length of New Zealand!

Rob can be contacted at [robwakelin@cricketscotland.com](mailto:robwakelin@cricketscotland.com) or by phone on 07584-232795.

## Cricket Scotland News:

The highlight of June was undoubtedly the famous victory over England, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June. For more information about this win, the victory in the recent tri-series and the announcement of the squad for the Women's ICC World T20 please visit the website: <http://www.cricketScotland.com/>.



## School Cricket News:

Monday 18 – Thursday 21 June saw the various Cricket Scotland school cup competitions come to their conclusion – with the West Region having strong representation and performing well.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June: The girls' S1-3 cup finals day took place at Doo'cot Park (Perth) with the West Region being represented by Castle Douglas High School (Dumfries and Galloway), High School of Glasgow and Stewartry Schools (additional pupils from Castle Douglas High School and pupils from Dalbeattie High School). The schools finished in 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> place respectively.



Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June: The venue switched to New Williamfield (Stirling County CC) for the National Secondary Schools' (S1-3) Cup. The day began with the West Region Final (and National semi-final) between Eastwood High School and Hutchesons' Grammar School. Eastwood batted first and scored 47/7 off their 20 overs. In reply, Hutchesons' took their time but recorded a comfortable 7-wicket win.

In the afternoon matches, despite Nikhil Koteeswaran scoring 46, Hutchesons' would finish as National runners-up to Dollar Academy. Eastwood enjoyed more success – defeating Loretto School to ensure a third-place finish.



Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June: The action returned to Doo'cot Park the final of the ScotRail National Primary Schools' Cup, with the West Region having three representatives: Giffnock Primary School (East Renfrewshire), St John the Baptist Primary School (South Lanarkshire) and The High School of Glasgow Junior School (Glasgow). The High School of Glasgow finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place, St John the Baptist in 12<sup>th</sup> and Giffnock 14<sup>th</sup>.



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June: The last competition of the week was the BIGBlast! – again at Doo'cot Park. The West Region was healthily represented – this time by Belmont Academy (South Ayrshire), Holyrood Secondary School (Glasgow) and Wallace Hall Academy (Dumfries & Galloway). The schools finished in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> place respectively.

## WDCU / Senior Cricket News:



Iain Kennedy is the new WDCU Administrator – having taken over from Iain Murdoch (who has moved on to Cricket Scotland) on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018. For more information about the appointment, and for anything else related to senior cricket in the west of Scotland, please visit the WDCU website ([www.wdcu.co.uk](http://www.wdcu.co.uk)).

## Western District Junior Cricket Union / Junior Cricket News:

The fine spell of recent weather has enabled lots of WDJCU league matches to take place, at U11, U12, U14 and U16 age groups – and the programme of Kwik Cricket festivals (U10s) has now also begun.

A key element relating to the league fixtures is the submission of results, which should be done through the West Junior Cricket website ([www.westjuniorcricket.com](http://www.westjuniorcricket.com)) – particularly in the leagues where there will be a ‘split’ and further fixtures have to be coordinated and released to clubs. If any club is struggling with result submissions please contact the WDJCU Secretary Ann Hargie directly: [ann.hargie@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.hargie@btinternet.com).



## Women’s and Girls’ Cricket News:



CricHIIT, and women’s softball festivals, continue to be a big focus in the development of women’s and girls’ cricket within the West Region.

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](mailto:rosyryan@cricketscotland.com).

## Other News:

With another busy school curriculum year (and summer term) having just ended, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs and all the volunteers who have helped to deliver school cricket taster sessions, blocks of sessions, sessions at ‘health weeks’ and All Stars Cricket Assembly visits during 2017-2018.



There are also currently 25 schools signed up to use the ‘Curriculum for Excellence’ resource – with another few schools due to finalise their agreements, and staff training workshops, as soon as the new curriculum year begins in August. As always, for more information about ‘Curriculum for Excellence’ opportunities for schools who work in partnership with your club, please get in contact with me.

The next newsletter will be published during July 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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## Club Focus – All Stars Cricket ‘Money Can’t Buy’ Experience:

The All Stars Cricket programme has enjoyed another hugely successful year in the West Region during 2018. The number of clubs delivering the programme has nearly doubled. Similarly, almost double the number of young people have participated than did so during 2017.



To celebrate the 2018 All Stars Cricket programme, a special All Stars Cricket activity evening took place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The event was set up to run in conjunction with the senior *Western Warriors* versus *Caledonian Highlanders* inter-regional *T20 Blitz* fixture – with the match taking place at Titwood (Clydesdale CC) and the All Stars Cricket event immediately across the road at Hutchesons’ Grammar School.

This partnership approach also enabled the All Stars who attended (24, from five different West Region delivery centres) to enjoy an extra special ‘Money Can’t Buy Experience’ on the evening – a question and answer session (and autograph opportunity) with Cricket Scotland’s National Head Coach, Grant Bradburn. Grant’s willingness to engage with the youngest members of the cricket family in Scotland was very much appreciated – and the topic for most of the Q & A’s was the recent series of International fixtures against England and Pakistan.



A big thanks to Grant for giving up his time, to Rosy Ryan for coordinating the activities on the evening, to Clydesdale CC for supplying the coaches who helped deliver the activities and to all the All Stars (and their parents / guardians) who came along on the evening.