



## **COLOURED TROUSERS No 6**

### **BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER**

**Editor Bill Scholes**

Welcome to Coloured Trousers No 6. We hope you enjoy the read. It's amazing to think that we are now almost a month past the longest day and I don't really believe that my cricket watching season has yet begun. Normally by now I would have visited at least Hove, Arundel, Horsham and Cheltenham College, to name but four of my favourite grounds, but as we all know, a normal season it is not.

#### **NATIONAL COUNTIES 3 DAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

We now turn our attention to the 3 day National Counties Championship campaign, with our first match away to Bedfordshire at Bedford School, starting this weekend.. The new-look three-day competition was rebranded after the National Counties Cricket Association replaced the Minor Counties at the end of 2019. The delayed start was due to Covid-19 and no Championship cricket being played in 2020. At the end of the 2019 season the top five in both the Eastern and Western Divisions formed Division 1 (East) and Division 1 (West) respectively. The remaining sides in both regions became Division 2 (East) - which is where Bucks will be playing this season,- and Division 2 (West), with relegation and promotion being introduced. With only 5 teams per Division, the number of matches we play has been reduced to 4 from 6 previously. As stated above , we open our campaign away against Bedfordshire and follow that up with a home match against Hertfordshire at Tring Park on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>. The third match sees the furthest we will travel this year, and that is to play the newly branded Cumbria at Furness CC ( Aug 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>) and we finish this years campaign back at Chesham, where the visitors will be Northumberland. on Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure the team would all appreciate your support, particularly at the home matches, as they strive to gain promotion up to Division One

.....**and there is still No Run**

I was very pleased to discover that the streaming service provided by the First Class counties, in conjunction with the respective local radio shows, has continued beyond the initial championship matches into the One day matches. I can now continue to watch Sussex from afar and I have always believed the best place to watch the T20 Blast is from the sofa. I can now do that. Once the padlocks are taken off the gates and the crowds rush into their local county grounds, I am not too sure how long streaming will continue on a free to air basis, but whilst it does, I for one will not complain.

Of course the next problem all loyal followers and supporters of First Class and National Counties cricket will have to contend with is the upcoming launch of the The Hundred (not a typo!) . Already TV advertisements are appearing in an attempt to drum up support, but whilst I will watch the T20's on the sofa, I'm afraid it will be from behind the sofa for The Hundred.

## **MATCH REPORTS**

### **BUCKS 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

Sadly we failed to qualify for the quarter-finals of the NCCA Trophy, writes *Kevin Beaumont*, when we lost to Berkshire in a rain-interrupted match at Wargrave last Sunday. Our final Group 4 game was decided by the Duckworth Lewis Stern method, with the host county winning by nine wickets with just a ball to spare. Skipper Tom Hampton won the toss and chose to bat first, and we got off a flying start. Thanks to a sparkling 54 from 58 balls by Elliott Callis, supported by Conrad Louth's 42 off 57 balls, we raced to 138-2 off the first 24 overs, with a total of near 300 looking possible. But the game changed dramatically after the drinks break, as Berkshire spinners Chris Peploe and Max Uttley put the brakes on the innings, both turning the ball sharply and returning excellent and identical figures of 3-26 from their ten overs. Only a late flourish from Conner Haddow, who hit two sixes, enabled us to reach 235-8 from 49.5 overs, which looked to be a very competitive total in the conditions. 50 minutes had already been lost to two short, heavy showers but, with one ball left in our innings the umpires had no choice but to call a halt, due to a much more prolonged and torrential shower. The shower came on so suddenly that some rain fell before the covers could be got to the square. When the game resumed nearly two hours later, with Berkshire's adjusted victory target set at 194 from 33 overs, the pitch was much more docile, with the ball skidding through. Openers Tom Scriven and Savin Perera, who scored an unbeaten 72 from 68 balls, were always up with the clock as our bowlers were unable to pick up wickets to put them under pressure. After another rain break, Berkshire needed seven runs from the last five balls of the 25th over to win and finished on 135-1 from 24.5 overs to triumph with a ball to spare and qualify along with Group winners Wales for the knock-out stages.

As it turned out, we would not have progressed to the quarter finals even had we won this close match, as Oxfordshire beat Bedfordshire comfortably enough to raise their net run rate above ours. We can take some consolation from having lost three of our matches very narrowly, in what has been a very competitive group.

### FINAL ROUND UP OF ALL THE GROUP TROPHY MATCHES

Holders **Berkshire, Devon, Herefordshire, Suffolk** and **Cheshire** all booked their places in the quarter-finals on a rain-affected final day, where they will be joined by **Wales NC, Cambridgeshire and Cumbria**.

**The other Group Four match:** **Oxfordshire** beat **Bedfordshire** by seven wickets in a rain-affected match at Aston Rowant but it was not enough to secure their passage to the last eight. Oxfordshire improved their net run rate by chasing down a revised target of 180 in 43 overs with almost eight overs to spare with Tom Haynes (44 not out), Jonny Cater (41 not out), Tom Cosford (40) and Harry Smith (35) leading the charge. However, **Berkshire** dashed Oxfordshire's hopes of progressing with their nine wicket victory at Wargrave.

**Group One:** **Cheshire** progressed to the last eight without bowling a ball after their match against **Staffordshire** at Knypersley was abandoned. Staffordshire needed to win to overtake Cheshire but the washout meant they missed out on inferior net run rate. Rain also had the final say at Netherfield where **Cumbria** reduced **Shropshire** to 96 for six, 46 of them from Dan Lloyd, before play was halted. By that stage Cumbria had already secured top spot in the group and a home quarter-final on July 18.

**Group Two:** **Devon's** six runs (DLS Method) win over **Dorset** in a cliff-hanger at Dorchester secured them a home quarter-final tie and decided a tight Group Two in which all five sides started the day with a mathematical chance of progressing. Somerset paceman Ned Leonard was Devon's matchwinner with five for 15, including four for five in his first four overs, which reduced Dorset to 16 for five. Jake Gordon rebuilt the innings with 45 on his Dorset debut with support from Ed Ellis (25) and Simon Woodruff (27). Dorset, who were set a revised target of 144 in 32 overs after rain arrived six overs before the end of Devon's innings, got within one blow of victory after Gordon thumped the third ball of Calum Haggett's final over for six, but he was caught behind next ball. **Herefordshire**, who completed their group programme last week, had to monitor proceedings at Dorchester and Warminster, where **Cornwall** beat **Wiltshire** by two wickets. At one stage it looked like Cornwall would overtake Herefordshire on net run rate after former Derbyshire and Essex all-rounder Greg Smith had thumped 65 from 35 balls. Cornwall chased down a revised target of 193 in 25 overs with 26 balls to spare but they needed to get in there in 13.3 overs to improve their net run rate sufficient to overtake Herefordshire. Cornwall were left disappointed as was Wiltshire opener Cameron Steel, the Durham batsman who is on loan at Hampshire, and who made 109 from 98 balls with 14 fours and two sixes, sharing a fifth wicket stand of 118 with Wiltshire captain Ed Young. Wiltshire were 242 for seven when rain curtailed their innings eight overs early, then Cornwall got their calculators out.

**Group Three:** **Cambridgeshire** topped the group with four successive wins after comfortably beating **Norfolk** at Peterborough Town. Waqas Hussain made 46 early on

for Cambs, but they were soon reduced to 126-6 as Andy Hanby claimed 3-56 and Ryan Findlay captured a couple of wickets. However, the former Derbyshire, Lancashire and Leicestershire all-rounder Wayne White rode to the rescue with a superb century, compiling 101 not out, hitting nine fours and one six, to propel Cambs to 262-6 from their 50 overs. Norfolk lost wickets at regular intervals in reply and were skittled for 166. Will Rogers top-scored with 52, Tom New chipped in with 32 and Ash Watson added 25. But Cambs were always in control to maintain their unblemished record. **Suffolk** booked their place in the quarter-finals after a one run victory over **Hertfordshire** - which had mathematicians working overtime. Suffolk, making their competitive debut at Sudbury, saw their innings affected by rain and they eventually posted 204-6 from 36 overs. Ben Shepperson top-scored with 52, with coach Andy Northcote adding 48. Ben Waring and Jamie Southgate both claimed a couple of wickets. Hertfordshire were then set a revised 216 to win from 36 overs... but if they knocked off the target inside 29 overs they would progress to the last eight at Suffolk's expense. Harry Ellison (44), Andy Neal (36), Dominic Chatfield (38) and AS Kulkarni (33) impressed with the bat. But Hertfordshire were bowled out for 216 in 29.2 overs as Jack Beaumont picked up 4-31.

<b>NCCA GROUP FOUR – FINAL TABLE</b>					
	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>NRR</b>	<b>PTS</b>
Wales	4	3	1	0.83	6
Berkshire	4	3	1	-0.05	6
Oxfordshire	4	2	2	0.14	4
Bucks	4	1	3	-0.09	2
Bedfordshire	4	1	3	-0.84	2

## **SENIORS REPORTS - by Ron Hedley**

### **OVER 60's AND 70'S RESULTS**

***O60 1<sup>st</sup> XI lost Surrey O60 1stXI by 83 runs***

***Surrey 305 for 4 Buckinghamshire 222 K Wallis 37, A Peshavaria 36 S White 31***

***O60 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v lost to Suffolk by 8 wkts***

***Buckinghamshire 149 all out 42.4 overs P Langford 46 N Zala 32***

***Suffolk 153 for 2***

***O60 3<sup>rd</sup> XI lost to Kent O60s 3<sup>rd</sup> XI by 7 wickets***

***Buckinghamshire 88 for 9 off 45 overs G Keens 25 R Hedley 17 no***

***Kent 90 for 3 off 17.5 overs***

***O60s Bucks/Middlesex 4<sup>th</sup> XI lost to Herts O 60s 4<sup>th</sup> XI by 7 wkts***

***Herts 192 all out 45 overs M Akhtar 4-44 L Khan 3-25***

***Bucks/Middlesex 195 for 3 K Woodhouse 55 G Holmes 32 n***

***Berks/Bucks O70s 1<sup>st</sup> XI beat Bedfordshire O70s 1<sup>st</sup> XI by 7 wkts***

***Bedfordshire 135 for 8 off 45 overs***

***Berks/Bucks 136 for 3 off 33.4 overs G Nelson 45no J Pothecary 28***

***Berks/Bucks/ Middlesex Over 70s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI lost to Sussex Over 70s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI***

### REVISED FIXTURES FOR THE OVER 60's 3rd AND 4th XI'S

A number of fixtures have been cancelled recently due to rain, and Ron Hedley has rearranged those as below. Fixtures for the Over 60's 1st and 2nd XI's, and the Over 70's 1st XI will not be known until after the first half of fixtures have been completed.

#### Over 60's 3rd XI

July 08	Thur	Oxfordshire	home	Chearsley CC
July 15	Thu r	Kent	home	Bledlow Village CC
July 20	Tue	Surrey	away	Horsley & Send CC
July 27	Tue	Hertfordshire	away	Broxbourne CC
Aug 05	Thur	Sussex	home	Chalfont St Giles CC
Aug 12	Thur	Hertfordshire	home	Wolverton CC
Aug 17	Tue	Essex	away	Navestock CC
Aug 26	Thur	Suffolk	home	Winchmore Hill (Penn) CC
Sept 02	Thur	Surrey	home	The Lee CC (NOON)

#### Over 60's 4th XI

July 15	Thur	Hertfordshire	home	Wembley CC
July 22	Thur	Sussex	away	Roffey CC
July 29	Thur	Essex	away	East Hanningfield & GB CC
Aug 12	Thur	Sussex	away	Ifield CC (NOON START
Aug 19	Thur	Hertfordshire	away	Potters Bar CC 12.30
Aug 26	Thur	Sussex	home	Penn & Tylers Green CC 12.30
Sept 02	Thur	Essex	away	East Hanningfield & GB CC. 12.00

### NCCA MVP AWARD

The NCCA Most Valuable Player is new for 2021 and has been introduced to ensure clear and accurate monitoring of performance with rewards going to the best all round players in each format, across the season.

The MVP takes into account a number of different factors, combining a players overall performance, not just wickets, runs or catches. There are many skills that are needed to become the leading performer, and this structure ensures the top all round player is rewarded.

Congratulations to Buckinghamshire's Alexei (Cubbo) Kervezee for his performance in round 4 of the KnockOut Trophy! He won the MVP title for this round with 13 points



## ***"Cricket, Lovely Cricket"***

*"How do I love thee, let me count the ways"*

**By Treasurer and Membership Secretary John Phillips**

Cricket is many things to many people but to most, cricket is sportsmanship – "it's just not cricket" is the well-used phrase. It is also comradeships, friendships, the nuances of the game, statistics, beautiful grounds and of course, teas, without which no game of cricket can take place.

My parents were great lovers of cricket. I believe my mother played before the War. Dad, brother and I would watch a test match on the grainy black and white screen of our small television in a darkened room. In 1963 I was very ill and in bed when I watched Colin Cowdrey walk to the wicket with his broken arm to save the test. In 1965 I attended all three days of the match between Middlesex and South Africa. My friends and I had the delight of seeing our heroes from South Africa but more importantly watched Clive Radley (138) and Fred Titmus (101) put on over 200 for the 6<sup>th</sup> wicket.

In the early 60s my brother and I went to Finchley Cricket School in February for a week's tuition on how to play the game, by Mike Smith, Don Bick and Jack Robertson. I always fancied myself as bowler in the Peter Pollack (SA) style, bowling out swingers and occasional in swingers. When that happened these surprised me as much as the batsman!!!

My mother was a housewife and during the summer would have Test Match Special on in every room of the house. I was brought up with the voices of John Arlott and Rex Alston, and on TV Peter West and E W Swanton. At boarding school I would listen to the Ashes matches from Australia with a radio under the pillow. The other boys would listen to Radio Luxembourg.

As I grew into adulthood the love of these voices and programmes became my summer. In 1993 the family holiday was in Cornwall. We travelled back on the day of the final of the NatWest Trophy, which was between Sussex (my county) and Warwickshire. TMS broadcast live – I had the car radio on which was sort of acceptable to my wife and young family until the 10 mile traffic jam at Indian Queens. Sadly the family were not that enamoured with the "drone" of the commentators compounded by the heat of the day. After many requests I changed the station on the radio. Sussex made 321 in their 60 overs - a winning score in those days and I expected Sussex to prevail. By the time we arrived home Warwickshire had won off the last ball. What a match and typically, nothing is confirmed until the game is over.

I will watch cricket wherever and whenever I can. In 2003 I saw that Bucks were playing at Wormsley, a ground I had heard so much about and had never been able to visit. This was a special opportunity and in order to gain admission you had to contact Kevin Beaumont. I knew Helen well through Amersham Town Football Club and spoke to her on the phone and then to Kevin. "Delighted to see you there", he said. While watching the match Kevin came over to me and introduced himself.

"Would you like to join Bucks?" he asked "It's only £10."

"Love to" I said and proffered the required note.

In 2006, a plea went out to find a Membership Secretary for the Club and I realised that here was an opportunity to put back into cricket some of the pleasure I had received over many decades. In 2020 I was elected Treasurer.

From a small boy to today I have never lost my love of this great game.

But here is the rub. I was and am useless at it. As a batsman it was a case of see ball - miss ball - out. I have mentioned my skills as a bowler, and as a fielder wearing glasses I never saw it before it passed me on its way to the boundary. That also prevented me from umpiring, and as for scoring - wait until you see my handwriting. My quip is "If there are 11 people to play cricket and I am one of them - the Captains will agree to play 10 aside".

But with all these setbacks and disappointments, vagaries and whims, Cricket, I will always love thee.

## **UN-SUNG HEROES OF BUCKS C.C.C.**

Continuing our series....You may not have even seen them nor know they are there, but they always are, come rain or shine. Frozen to death, in a wooden hut with built in ventilation (holes in the walls) or boiling hot in a small concrete box with no ventilation. The game cannot do without them – they are of course the scorers. The spotlight now turns to:

### **SIMON WASTLING**



**.....who is currently officiating at the Bucks v Bedfordshire match**

**How long have you been scoring for?**

*50 years! That does sound like a long time. But I was young when I started.*

**How long have you been scoring for Bucks?**

*I scored my first game for the 1st XI in 2019 but had scored for the senior sides before that.*

**Which clubs do you currently score for? And which is your home club ?**

*I currently score for Tring Park and this is my home club*

**. How did you first get into scoring?**

*I started scoring for my school 2nd XI, which was run by my form master, Mr Carmel.*

**Which is your favourite Bucks ground to score at and which is your favourite club ground?**

*The answer to both those has to be Tring Park. I'd be in trouble if I didn't say that! And I know Tring isn't in Bucks but the county do play there!*

**Which Bucks club has the best scoreboard facilities? And which has the worst?**

*I am not going to give a direct answer to either of these. But I will say that most club scoring facilities are not good. Poor weather covering, cramped, poor view, used as a storeroom. It's obvious most score boxes are designed without consulting a scorer.*

**What is your proudest scoring moment so far?**

*Scoring at Lord's. I just did one T20 in the morning , so was able to relax and enjoy an excellent lunch in the players' dining room!*

**Do you have a ground where you would like to score but haven't yet and why?**

*Scarborough is a wonderful place to watch cricket and I would love to score there. I'm not expecting the email from Yorkshire any time soon!*

**When you are not scoring, what are your interests?**

*I enjoy going walking which helps keep me a bit fit. I surprised myself by doing 17 miles in a day recently!*

**What is your favourite Bucks game you have scored? And why?**

*I think that has to be my first Minor Counties Championship game at Chesham against Northumberland. It was good to have the experienced Jonathan Davison scoring with me.*

**What was your oddest experience when scoring?**

*The batsmen ran a single and the umpire signalled one short!*

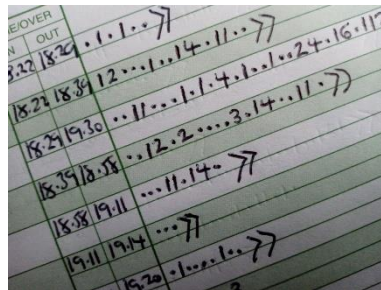




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### WALKING A MILE IN THEIR SHOES

Another excellent blog on those unsung heroes of the game, from my favourite Yahoo over Cow Corner



Stroll around the perimeter of a county cricket match, first-class or national, and occasionally you are likely to stumble across an individual sat akin to an artist, face looming over a sizeable book, pens and pencils gathered close at hand and a myriad of dots, lines, symbols, numbers and names written neatly and precisely into said book. To many, these watchers and their collection of hieroglyphics appear indecipherable but these are a selection of cricket's amateur scorers who arrive at a match or a day's play and complete the scoring process in the same manner as those officially tasked with the undertaking.

Whatever one's pursuit at that particular juncture of a game or day's play, one seems ephemerally fascinated with the work of an amateur scorer and the desire and motivation that prompt such a labour of love. Thus, one sneaks a peak over the shoulder at the work of art to enjoy the minutiae of the play. Even if one doesn't understand the various squiggles and figures, there is an ornate beauty to the process;

a complex and intricate splendour that naturally draws one's attention and curiosity. Scoring a match is an interesting pastime, one that requires great concentration and dedication. One imagines that a scorecard completed by one's fair hand provides great satisfaction though. In an age when few people actually make or create things with their hands, here is a tangible end product of one's day at the cricket, likely providing a sense of achievement.

With such thoughts in mind, one decides to join the disparate, itinerant groups of voluntary scorers under the auspices of discovering the inherent joy and satisfaction of such a pastime. Selecting a contest or a day's play for the task proves an interesting proposition. Ignorant of the demands of such a task, one assumes that scoring a match or day's play requires great concentration and would prove mentally draining. Thus, the easy option would theoretically be to score a contest with the fewest amount of overs, likely a T20 match. Such a choice could feel somewhat defeatist though and perhaps wouldn't provide the full experience and highlight the inherent challenges and concentration required to fulfil the task. Another conundrum surrounds the standard of contest that one chooses to score. Not that the actual standard makes a difference to one's choice but the highest standards, i.e. any in the first-class county structure, will include public address announcements of change of bowler and incoming batsmen, a useful accompaniment that is obviously not prevalent in the non-professional levels where one would have to make educated guesses or rely on updates from the internet.

Hence, one ponders whether to attempt to score a fifty over contest or a day's play at the County Championship. The latter provides the most overs but also the least amount of breaks, requiring one to concentrate on the task in hand for in excess of three hours without an intermission. In contrast, a Championship match would involve only two hour sessions, perhaps a little easier on a greenhorn scorer.

Then one consumes a dose of reality. One's only personal experience of scoring a cricket match was a few overs, a dozen at most, during a works match in the evening. Even then the figures had a habit of going awry. Attempting to complete the equivalent task for a full day of Championship cricket or a fifty over contest would be the scoring equivalent of running before one could walk.

Thus, one has decided that one was perhaps under-appreciating and mentally downplaying how much concentration would be needed to score an eighteen or twenty over a side contest, let alone a full day's play. For this mini project is not simply a case of scoring a match in a casual, laissez-faire manner. Rather, the whole point is to score a match, experience the difficulties of such a task and finish with a completed scorecard as close as possible to the efforts completed by the bona fide scorers. This was a personal challenge rather than a vocation.

Under such auspices, one has arrived at Old Tauntonians and Romsey Cricket Club on the outskirts of the latter for their evening Border League contest against Whiteparish. On a balmy, but overcast, evening one arrives a good fifteen to twenty minutes early so as to be ready for the first delivery of the match and also to scout out the best spot for scoring the contest. Ordinarily, such a decision would often be dictated by the view or the background to one's pew but today one elects for a spot in reasonably close proximity to the scoreboard.

The hosts bat first and one is immediately concentrating intensely on the play in order to pick up the various nuances. Fortunately, the first couple of overs feature a collection of dot balls, providing an early opportunity to become accustomed to scoring the match rather than watching the match although one quickly begins to remind oneself to concentrate and keep to the methods and routines for completing the three main actions to each delivery: score or dot against the batter, mark off any runs scored

and runs or dot against the bowler. Thankfully the early stages avoid any difficult scenarios or anomalous situations that could interrupt such lines of thought.

One disadvantage of scoring this particular contest is that one is not aware of the names of the players involved, unlike a test match or first-class contest, for instance. Thus, one is required to guess at the individual player names courtesy of the chat amongst the fielding players and the standing umpire informing the official scorer of the bowler's name at each change. Similarly, one uses identifying features for the batsmen and bowlers, such as Kookaburra bat, left hand batsman or blue cap, writing the features in pencil in the scorebook with the intention of updating with the relevant details later. One's efforts are soon noted by the Whiteparish skipper Josh Green though, fielding near the boundary, who provides helpful insights on his bowling attack during the second half of the innings.

Halfway through the hosts' overs and the task of scoring has not experienced too many moments of trouble. Indeed, aside from the resident flies and mosquitoes buzzing around on a humid evening, one is able to get into a rhythm and enjoy the challenge, mentally talking through in one's mind what has just happened in order to repeat the physical process of updating the scorebook. Undoubtedly the most testing moment is when a wicket falls, prompting a flurry of activity as one has to update the batsman's figures, mode and time of dismissal, total score, the fall of wicket information and the bowling figures as well as glean some sort of identifying information about the incoming batsman. In contrast, the advent of a new bowler proves rather easier. Completing the bowlers' information is made a little easier during the Old Tauntonian's innings as none of the Whiteparish bowlers return for a second spell.

On the field the hosts begin slowly in their innings on a stodgy looking pitch with a large outfield. At the halfway point of their eighteen overs they have mustered only thirty-nine runs for the loss of two wickets but skipper Harry Tulk leads a riposte during the second nine overs, striking a succession of late boundaries as he records an unbeaten half century and Old Tauntonians finish on 105-6.

All of which leads to starting all over again. One is already aware that one's total is one run short of that displayed on the official scoreboard so one suspects that there is a discrepancy in one's book somewhere. Whiteparish begin their response and levels of concentration are tested somewhat after the ten minute hiatus between innings, particularly when the umpire signals a four prior to the ball crossing the boundary, instigating a signal to the official scorer and changes / crossings out in one's scorebook. The visitors' innings also includes the advent of a wicket falling to the final delivery of an over, a scenario that increases the sense of a flurry of activity to that mentioned earlier.

Whiteparish experience a slow start on the stodgy wicket and soon begin to take the odd risk, one of which leads to Miles Thompson being run out whilst in pursuit of a second run; another tricky scenario where one mentally has to force oneself to remind oneself which batsman is facing for the first delivery after said run out. One also needs to override one's natural inclinations in remembering that byes and leg byes are not recorded against the bowler, although such occasions are limited during this contest.

Whiteparish continue to lose wickets and the run rate begins to climb. Curiously, the club from the western hinterlands of Romsey elect not to attack during the closing overs despite the increasing requirement. They eventually fall short by more than thirty runs as the match peters out to an almost anti-climactic conclusion, although such an instance does help one's scoring efforts as concentration begins to flag as the evening progresses. Nevertheless, despite requiring significant levels of attention the match

concludes with one feeling that one could have continued for a few overs more. Fortunately, evening cricket is played at a considerable pace so that the match itself lasts little more than two and a quarter hours for thirty-six overs including the ten minutes between innings.

The following day one is able to compare one's efforts with the official scorecard on the Border League website. Immediately the erroneous run from the Old Tauntonians innings becomes apparent whilst one has also lost a run from the individual batsmen's scores somewhere along the line. The missing runs are those of Harry Tulk, moving him from the forty-nine in one's scorebook to the fifty-one of the official score. One's bowling figures are slightly awry also as one has attributed a run scored from Joe Oliver's bowling as a leg-bye. Somewhat pleasingly, one's efforts for the Whiteparish innings match that of the official scorecard, a satisfying development considering that Whiteparish's innings was second when one would expect one's concentration to have wavered a little. Nevertheless, during the rest of the evening one felt somewhat drained and tired mentally. One ponders how one would have coped with a full day's play at a County Championship match or a fifty over List A equivalent. Quite simply, scoring: it's not as easy as the dedicated scorers make it look!

<b>Bucks Batting Averages of NCCA Trophy matches -2021</b>									
Name	Mch	Inn	N O	Runs	Balls	H S	100s	50s	Av
MJ Payne	4	4	2	171	256	70*		2	85.50
AN Kervezee	4	4	1	144	155	115*	1		48
CPW Haddow	3	2	1	31	36	20*			31.00
CJ Louth	3	3	0	83	127	42			27.67
CDR Parsons	4	4	0	99	142	41			24.75
ETD Casterton	1	1	0	23	41	23			23.00
E Callis	4	4	0	89	118	54		1	22.25
DJ Ogden	1	1	0	22	32	22			22.00
DC Goodman	1	1	0	21	46	21			21.00
CM Macdonell	1	1	0	21	42	21			21.00
AJ Woodland	4	4	0	49	117	19			12.25
SR Croft	2	2	1	12	16	11*			12.00
SSE Gumbs	2	2	0	16	19	16			8.00
A King	4	4	0	11	38	8			2.75
TRG Hampton	4	3	0	7	9	3			2.33
U Amjaid	2	2	0	2	6	2			1.00

<b>Bucks Bowling Averages of NCCA Trophy matches - 2021</b>									
Name	Mch	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	W	N B	Best	Av
SR Croft	2	17	0	3	72			3--43	24.00
TRG Hampton	4	23.5	0	5	139	12	1	3--47	27.80
MJ Payne	4	25.1	3	3	86	1		1--4	28.67
U Amjaid	2	18.5	2	2	59	1	1	1--25	29.50
CDR Parsons	4	31	3	4	120	9	1	2--33	30.00
CPW Haddow	3	23	0	3	104	3		3--39	34.67
AN Kervezee	4	12	1	1	56			1--35	56.00
AJ Woodland	4	8	0	0	57	9		0--18 -----	
DC Goodman	1	6	0	0	36			0--36 -----	

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### **NCCA ONE DAY TROPHY – QUARTER FINAL DRAW**

**To be played on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**Cumbria v Suffolk**

**Cambridgeshire v Cheshire**

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Once again, many thanks to all those who have helped and contributed, especially Kevin Beaumont, Su Klyne, John Phillips, Ron Hedley, Simon Wastling, Mike Knox, and Yahoo Over Cow Corner. All, or any, contributions gratefully (very) received, as of course are comments – good or bad.

## **STOP PRESS**

The Bucks v Bedfordshire championship match has now ended, sadly finishing in a draw, rather than the victory which we had hoped for. Bucks batted first and posted 264, thanks to a superb century from AJ Woodland, his first for the County, backed up with a championship debut half century from Alexei Kervezee. In reply Bedfordshire could only manage 162, Cam and Ham taking 4 each with another debutant Jack Rodnight bagging the other two. With a lead of 102, we pushed ahead in our second innings – excellent contributions from yet another debutant Ross Richardson with 77 not out, Stephen Croft with 49, and that man Cam Parsons again highlighting his near legendary status as an all rounder with a swift 43 off just 36 balls. We declared on 242-7, a lead of 344 with 114 overs remaining. Skipper George Thurstance led their resistance with 86, and the 8<sup>th</sup> wicket pairing of Darlow and Fuller held firm for the last 20 overs to ensure the draw. In the other match in our group, Hertfordshire had a landslide 236 run victory over Northumberland, in what looked like a one innings match, so they now top the embryonic table with 20 points. We

have 10 points , with Beds on 8. Next up we host Hertfordshire at Tring Park, so a victory over probably our main rivals would be jolly useful.



**AJ in full flow and enjoying a well earned drink with Cubbo**



**AJ celebrating his first century for Bucks**

**Grateful thanks to Andy Bone at Sports Shots for the above photos. There are many, many, more on their website [www.sportshots.org.uk](http://www.sportshots.org.uk)**

Stay safe, and hopefully begin to enjoy some live cricket.

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