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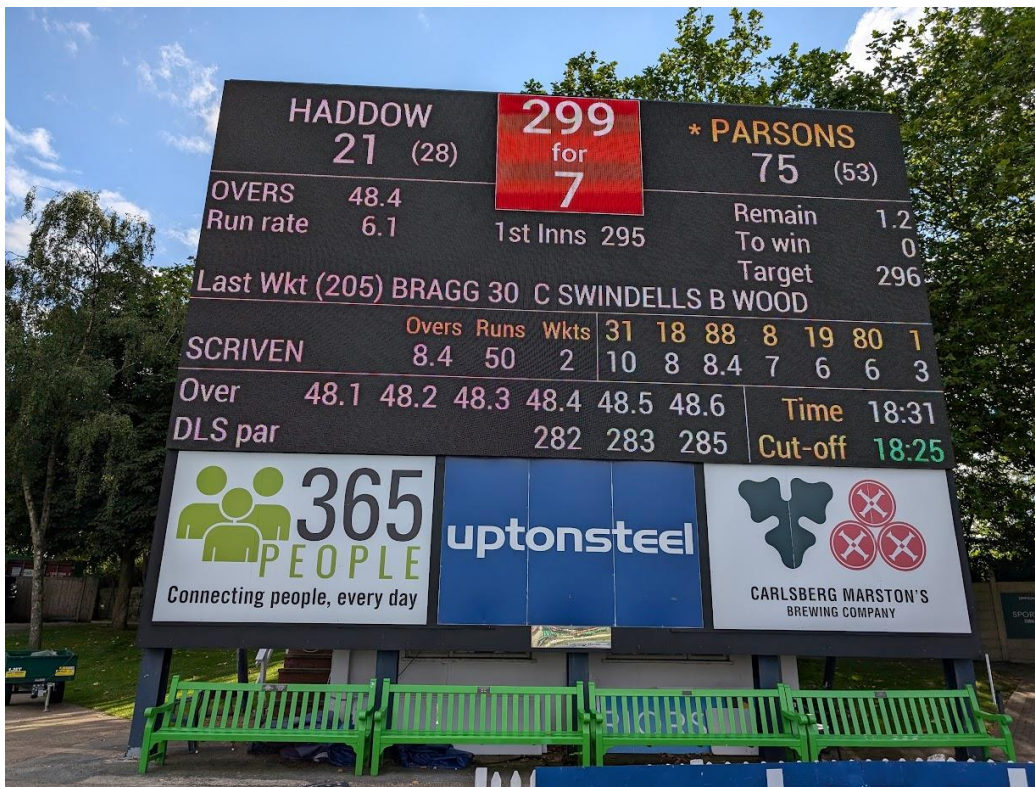
BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Editor: Bill Scholes

I wrote in the last edition of the Newsletter that we were in early July and that we had completed two thirds of our season with four championship matches to look forward. We have now completed two of those and as I pen this edition we are more than half way through the first day of our third match. The up to date table of Eastern Division One can be found further on - both of our first two matches finished as draws but then so did all the other matches in the Division. Therefore there is all still to play for and working on the glass half full principle, we still have a chance of qualifying for the Final again, but we may have to win both matches - against Bedfordshire and Staffordshire - in order to do so. We know we have the players and the squad to do the job, so let's do it.

Before we dwell further on our championship challenge , we must of course offer our congratulations to the squad on their tremendous performance in our Showcase match a couple of weeks ago when we defeated Leicestershire by 3 wickets on their home ground at Grace Road. Leicestershire are of course the current holders of the Metro Bank 50 Over KO competition after beating Hampshire in last seasons Final. As this was a warm up for the new 2024 campaign, we faced a team comprised of a large number of last years finalists. Two reports follow, one from Bucks and one from the NCCA.

SHOWCASE MATCH LEICESTERSHIRE v BUCKS at Grace Road



We pulled off a magnificent three-wicket victory over first-class opponents Leicestershire in our showcase match at Grace Road two weeks ago. High Wycombe clubmates Cameron Parsons and Conner Haddow starred with the bat as we completed our second showpiece match victory in three years (having beaten Surrey at High Wycombe two years ago). This was an even more noteworthy achievement, not only as Leicestershire (last year's Metro Bank Trophy Champions) were very nearly at full strength but also because it is very rare for a National County to beat First Class opponents on their own territory.

When Cameron and Conner came together we were 205-7 in pursuit of the home side's 295-6 in this 50-over match, needing a daunting 91 off 11.4 overs to pull off a famous victory. With Cameron, better-known for his parsimonious seam bowling, leading the way the pair actually thumped the attack for 94 from 10.2 overs to see Bucks home to a famous victory with eight balls to spare. A final flourish saw them score 19 runs off the final five balls. Parsons hit 75 from 53 balls, while Haddow scored 21 off 28 balls before the Bucks celebrations began.

The platform for victory was laid by 19-year-old Vansh Jani and skipper-for-the-day Alexei Kervezee, who added 68 in eight overs for the fourth wicket.

Jani, an outstanding prospect, was unluckily run out for 70 off 72 balls, while Kervezee hit a rapid 39. Ed Bragg kept up the chase with a lively 30 before the match-winning stand between Parsons and Haddow. Earlier Leicestershire had won the toss and chosen to bat, reaching 295-6 from their 50 overs. Sam Evans (86 from 107 balls) and skipper Lewis Hill added 145 for the third wicket in 25 overs before Liam Trevaskis added a final flourish with 45 from 29 balls, but it was to prove insufficient.

Parsons was the pick of the Bucks bowlers, dismissing both openers in a ten-overs spell of 2-43, but it was as a batsman that he was to prove the match-winner on a memorable day for Bucks cricket.



Skipper Alexei Kervezee congratulates Cam Parsons and Conner Haddow as they jubilantly leave the field after their match winning partnership.

Thanks to Bucks member Steve Peart for the two photos

LEICESTERSHIRE v BUCKS - REPORT ON NCCA WEBSITE

Cameron Parsons led **Buckinghamshire** to a thrilling three wickets win over Metro Bank Cup holders **Leicestershire** in their Showcase Match at Grace Road. **The all-rounder** followed up a tight bowling display by clobbering 75 not out from just 53 balls as Buckinghamshire chased down a target of 296 with eight balls to spare.

Buckinghamshire became the third National Counties side to claim the scalp of a first-class county in 24 hours, following Cheshire and Lincolnshire who beat Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire respectively on Sunday. Buckinghamshire also had to do it the hard way, playing Leicestershire at their own headquarters as one of only two National Counties not to enjoy home advantage this season.

It was Buckinghamshire's second victory over first-class opposition in Showcase Matches following a four wickets success over Surrey at High Wycombe in 2022. For Leicestershire, who begin their cup defence against Nottinghamshire on Wednesday, it was a second defeat by a National Counties side in as many seasons having lost to Staffordshire at Knypersley 12 months ago.

Buckinghamshire's challenge appeared to have stalled when all-rounder Ed Bragg was caught behind to leave them on 205 for seven but Conner Haddow gave Parsons splendid support in an unbroken eighth wicket partnership of 94 in 10 overs.

Haddow, who was unbeaten on 21 from 28 balls, rotated the strike intelligently while Parsons found the boundary – eight fours and two sixes – to keep Buckinghamshire in the hunt. The turning point came in the 42nd over when slow left-armer Liam Trevaskis leaked 14 runs and Parsons and Haddow suddenly got the asking rate down to a manageable run-a-ball. Parsons played a nerveless innings and thumped former Berkshire seamer Tom Scriven for consecutive boundaries to seal a memorable victory.

Bragg (30 from 25 balls) also played an important part in sustaining Buckinghamshire's challenge after Vansh Jani had taken his chance to impress with a polished 72-ball 70.

Jani and acting-captain Alexei Kervezee added 68 for the fourth wicket but they perished in the space of seven balls with Jani run out in a mix-up with his partner and Kervezee picking out long-on.

THE VICTORIOUS TEAM



SHOWCASE GAME
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M Uttley (High Wycombe)

8 T Hampton* (Wokingham)

50 Overs
11am Monday 22nd July
@ Uptonsteel County Ground

NCCA CHAMPIONSHIP EASTERN DIVISION ONE

We got this season's campaign underway in the County Championship up in Lincolnshire where we battled hard to earn a draw. Unavailability's / injuries etc saw 3 teenagers in our XI – Vansh Jani and Hashan Ramanadpulle both making their championship debuts, with a third, Louis Gulliver, joining the squad to face Suffolk in the next match. Congratulations to all three. Mentions in despatches must go to Vice Captain Alexei Kervezee, who not only was pressganged into keeping wicket at the last moment but also ,together with the third teenager Aadi Sharma, made match saving centuries in our second innings. AK's 163 was his highest score for Bucks since joining 5 years ago. My favourite all rounder CP, also deserves a mention, top scoring with 59no in first innings and third highest scorer 51, behind Kervezee & Sharma , in our second innings!

For the second successive Championship match, we had to recover from a poor first innings in order to secure a comfortable draw,

Choosing to bat first, Suffolk reached 297 all out on an easy-paced pitch, thanks to half-centuries from Alex Oxley (92) and George Rhodes (87). Spinner Conner Haddow took 4-90, while there were tidy spells from Cameron Parsons and Ed Bragg.

As has happened so often this season, our top order failed as we slipped to 36-3 in reply. Vansh Jani, in only his second Championship game, and Alexei Kervezee restored the situation with a stand of 49, before Jani was unluckily dismissed for 42 when a straight drive from Kervezee was deflected on to the stumps to see him run out at the bowler's end After Kervezee was dismissed for 60, the innings folded and we were all out 137, a deficit of 160.

To general surprise, considering the uncertain weather forecast, Suffolk did not enforce the follow-on. Batting again, the visitors reached 136-3 by the close of the second day, which was curtailed by more than two hours by rain, latterly torrential. Play was delayed by 30 minutes on the morning of the third day, owing to a wet patch on the bowlers' run-up at one end, following which Suffolk added 91 in 55 minutes before declaring at 227-7. Opener Darren Ironside made 88 while Haddow picked up another four wickets.

Bucks were set a big target of 388 in 87 overs. Cameron Hemp, thanks to some stunning offside shots, and Michael Wells put on 96 for the first wicket at four an over to give us an outside chance of victory. However, at 103-1 from 30 overs, a prolonged and torrential shower halted play. The ensuing delay of nearly three hours ended our hopes of victory. The teams returned with 15 minutes of play left, plus a minimum of 17 overs in the last hour. There was little chance of either side forcing a victory but it gave Hemp the chance to complete a magnificent century, his unbeaten 103 coming off just 109 balls with three sixes and 15 fours. At that point the captains decided to call a halt, with Bucks on 150-1 after 38 overs.

In the other match in Div One, **Bedfordshire** and **Lincolnshire** also had to settle for a draw at Dunstable where the respective captains, **George Thurstance** and **Tom Keast**, were again in the runs. **Thurstance** followed his first innings century with 63 which, with handy contributions from **Jake Tarling (57)** and **Archie Houghton (42)** set up the declaration at 264 for eight. **Lincolnshire**, who were set 371, were wobbling at 119 for four but **Keast**, with his second half-century of the match, and **Jordan Cook (50)** steered them away from trouble with a fifth wicket partnership of 93.

Other Eastern Division One matches last week

Staffordshire all-rounder **Reeve Evitts** made his maiden century and shared in a county record eighth wicket partnership against **Lincolnshire** at Cleethorpes but it was not quite enough to bring **Staffordshire** the first win in Eastern Division One this season as **Lincolnshire** held on for a draw in a tense finish. From facing defeat at the start of play, **Staffordshire** turned the tables by reaching 296 all out which left **Lincolnshire** needing 294 to win in 48 overs. They got off to a flying start but the brakes were applied by experienced slow left-armer **Tom Brett** and the next 12 overs saw **Lincolnshire** slide to 136 for seven as they lost four wickets for 13. Captain **Tom Keast** completed his second half-century of the match and was still there at the end with **Tom Currie**, who took a couple of blows from **Liam Hurt**, keeping him company through the last 14 overs for 20 not out.

Oli Soames followed up his first innings century with 82 not out for **Bedfordshire** in their draw with **Suffolk** at Bury St Edmunds. **Soames** added 97 for the fifth wicket with his captain **George Thurstance (84)** and 91 for the sixth wicket in an unbroken partnership with **Rohan Mehmi (39 not out)**. **Thurstance's** declaration set **Suffolk** a stiff victory target of 362 which they showed no interest in chasing as they potted to 165 for five in 55 overs with **Jack Beaumont** compiling his second half-century of the match to go with four second innings wickets.

Current Eastern Division One Table after 2nd/3rd round of matches

	P	W	L	D	Bat pts	Bowl pts	PTS
Lincolnshire	3	0	0	3	11	11	34
Bedfordshire	3	0	0	3	8	12	30
Suffolk	2	0	0	2	6	8	22
Staffordshire	2	0	0	2	5	7	20
BUCKS	2	0	0	2	1	7	16

REMAINING EASTERN DIVISION ONE FIXTURES

Date			Venue
Aug 11-13	Bedfordshire	v Bucks	Flitwick
Aug 11-13	Staffordshire	v Suffolk	Stafford CC
Aug 18-20	Bucks	v Staffordshire	High Wycombe
Aug18-20	Suffolk	v Lincolnshire	Copdock & I

Championship Final Sept 1-4 West Bromwich Dartmouth

BUCKS 2nd XI RECENT RESULTS

Three 2nd XI matches have been played in recent weeks.

17 July Northants CB (214) beat Bucks (171) by 43 runs

22 July Oxfordshire Development (252) beat Bucks (174) by 80 runs

6-8 Aug Bucks drew with Suffolk

Suffolk (288 & 283) Mo Chaudry 4-42 Bucks 265 (Ryan Friend 96) &94 -3

NCCA 50 OVER K.O SEMI FINALS

Cheshire ended Berkshire's hopes of winning the National Counties Trophy for a fifth successive season with an emphatic semi-final victory at Alderley Edge and they will now meet Norfolk in the final at Wormsley on August 25.

Cheshire's 133 runs win was also Berkshire's first defeat in a semi-final of the competition for 24 years and brought to an end a record run of titles that began in 2019 – the competition was not run in 2020 due to Covid.

Norfolk beat Cambridgeshire by 59 runs at Great Witchingham to book their place in the final for the first time since 2009 when they beat Staffordshire to win the 50 overs competition for the fifth time.

Sports Shots Interview with Bucks Captain Tom Hampton



Hampton takes young Bucks Cricket side to face Bedfordshire at Flitwick

8th August 2024 by [Andy Bone](#)

Tom Hampton has named a young Bucks Cricket squad as they head to play Bedfordshire in their three-day fixture at Flitwick, starting Sunday.

The National Counties red ball Champions have named 16 year old Danny Chapman in their squad, the seventh teenager to feature for the county this season. Chapman, a top order batter and leg-spin bowler has been performing for Stony Stratford and earns the call.

A wet start to the campaign has seen the division left open for any team to take the title but Hampton believes his side can, and need, to do better.

A frustrating start to the red ball campaign as we have let ourselves down with the bat in both 1st innings, which has put us on the backfoot in both games. However it's been really pleasing to see the fight from the lads to get two positive draws and, given there hasn't been a win in our division, means it's all very tight.

Looking at those opening two games individually, Hampton reviewed the Lincolnshire and Suffolk encounters.

Lincolnshire I probably got the toss wrong in hindsight as the first two sessions proved the best time to bowl and Lincolnshire used conditions very well with some soft dismissals thrown in there. We bowled pretty well on a surface that had become pretty flat but dropped two big chances that cost us

an opportunity and limiting the lead. Another disastrous start with the bat was then followed by two excellent innings from Cub (Kervezee) and Aadi (Sharma) who showed fight and skill. The rest of the guys backed this up and put us in a position of safety as well as a long shot of a win going into the last session.

Suffolk was a slightly different situation. The wicket wasn't what we usually expect to get and had very little pace and carry for the seam. Again we fielded pretty well day one but a couple of poor hours either side of the end of the first day with the bat put us in a really tricky place. So again we had to fight with the ball and take the game as deep as we could, knowing the longer it took Suffolk to get to a score they were happy to defend the more chance we had firstly of saving the game but also chasing it down. The wicket come that final day and the way the lads started our innings was really impressive...unfortunately the weather came and we didn't get to see how close we could have got but it felt like we grabbed a little bit of momentum.

So what does Hampton believe his side have done well, and which areas do they need to improve.

I've been pretty pleased with how we have bowled on two placid surfaces and the fight we have shown with the bat in both 2nd innings. The really big area to improve is that 1st innings in the bat, if we can get that right then we give ourselves a better chance of getting that all important win.

Sandwiched between the last National Counties fixture and this weekend's game, Bucks recorded an amazing victory over Leicestershire at Grace Road.

What a game! It's always special playing a county at a county ground. The lads get that extra buzz and I think that transferred into the game. We spoke at the start about believing we belonged and to grab the opportunity and enjoy it. Cam (Parsons) and Braggy (Bragg) bowled a brilliant opening spell and credit to Leicestershire, they showed their class in getting through, as a lesser side could have been 4 down. But the rest of the guys backed it up and we came off at half way stage believing the score was par.

We started pretty well with the bat taking the positive option. Vansh (Jani) and Hempy (Hemp) really took it to them which was great to see. Unfortunately we lost wickets in clusters in the middle which looked like it had killed us but, between Braggy, Cam and Con (Haddow) we managed to take it

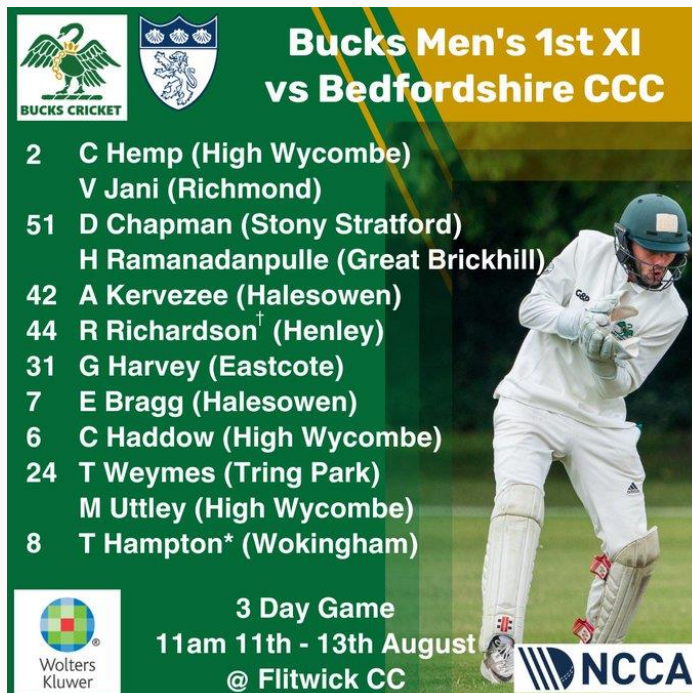
deep on a great surface and with that bit of stardust from Cam, who simply played the knock of his life, we got over the line. Cam will struggle to have a better day and it was a really pleasing day for me. The lads backed up the win vs Berkshire, as well as that little bit of momentum from Tring. It shows what we can do in white ball cricket, and hopefully can be that moment the lads really believe.

This weekend's visit to Bedfordshire will be a tough game as Hampton has noted that they are playing some good cricket, carrying on from their 2023 season.

We haven't played Bedfordshire for a couple of years, but they are a side we have played lots against over the years. They won Division Two last year and have carried that momentum into their first three games, and have played some good solid cricket. They will be a strong outfit and we will have to be at our best to compete.

So with two games to play, lots of cricket to take place, the Bucks captain knows they need a big push if they are to retain their national title.

They are two huge games and having not played our best cricket yet, we find ourselves still in the mix, knowing 2 wins would give us a great chance of winning the division. So a huge amount to play for but the key is how well we start that first session at Flitwick with bat or ball.



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3 Day Game
11am 11th - 13th August
@ Flitwick CC

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NCCA

The following article was submitted by Bucks Life member Jonathan Lilley. Jonathan and I go back a long way and enjoy a love/hate relationship which centres around our respective memberships of Sussex and Middlesex, but I do know that he is passionate about Minor/National Counties cricket.

National Counties Cricket Association

The former Minor Counties Cricket Association (MCCA) was formed in the nineteenth century to represent those counties of England and Wales which had not been afforded first class status. It was reconstituted in 2020 as the National Counties Cricket Association (NCCA).

In the past Minor Counties teams would often play the countries touring Britain, play in the different one day competitions along side the first class counties. In the depths of cricket history one Minor County player, a certain S F Barnes represented England while only playing for Staffordshire. Although at Edgbaston there is a memorial to Mr Barnes, it is unclear if he actually played for Warwickshire. In addition Minor Counties scores were included in the national newspapers particularly The Daily Telegraph. While each county was encouraged to be members of the MCCA, individual membership was available for a modest annual subscription. For this the individual member would receive an excellent annual full of records, details of each county, fixtures and a review of the previous season and a membership card.

Since the inception of the NCCA individual membership has been dropped, any annual almanack has been scrapped and no individual membership available. In addition match scores are not reported in the national press. Sadly no information, match reports or articles of the National Counties are reported in the monthly "'Wisden Cricketer' magazine. While the internet does provide some information many followers still prefer their information in a paper form.

In my opinion the NCCA provides a much poorer service for the counties and its members and supporters. While I do not advocate the return of the MCCA, the NCCA has much to learn from the MCCA management and services. The new organisation should be promoting National Counties cricket in all media forms while using the ECB to emphasis etc the importance of this area of cricket.

Come on NCCA wake up and promote our National Counties.

Jonathan Lilley July 2024

Surfing idly through You Tube last week, whilst compiling this edition. Jonathan's last line became a reality. I discovered live streaming of the NCCA Challengers in action against Zimbabwe Cricket. Two Bucks players – Cam Hemp and Connor Haddow – were part of the NCCA representative side, but couldn't find any mentions on website or social media. No commentary on streaming but recognised Conner by his walk and Cam by his mullet!

WOMENS CRICKET -THE FUTURE – LATEST UPDATE

We have already reported about the changes to come for the women's domestic game from 2025 but it would appear that there will now be slight changes to that structure.

Tier One: 8 First class counties -Hampshire, Essex, Lancashire, Durham, Surrey, Somerset, Surrey and Nottinghamshire - will form the 2025 structure with Yorkshire and Glamorgan joining in 2026 and 2007 respectively.

Tier Two: The remaining 10 counties who were passed over for Tier One status will now form Tier Two. It will not include any National Counties teams as originally discussed. Not surprisingly, this has angered some of the National Counties sides who submitted Tier Two bids. According to press, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Devon, Northumberland, Staffordshire and Wiltshire all applied for Tier Two status.

Tier Three: This will comprise National Counties sides "who would like to participate".

Apparently 9 of the National Counties sides, including Buckinghamshire, applied for Tier Two status, whilst 8 of the 9 wrote to the ECB requesting a "full review of the process and decision making within the ECB executive."

A knock out tournament across all 3 Tiers has also been announced and it is hoped that this will start in 2025, alongside the establishment of the three tiered structure.

UPCOMING BUCKS WOMEN'S 2024 FIXTURES

Day	Date	Start Time	Format	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
Sunday	11/08/24	13:30	20 Overs	Essex	Bucks Womens 1st XI	St George's College, Weybridge
Sunday	11/08/24	16:30	20 Overs	Surrey	Bucks Womens 1st XI	St George's College, Weybridge
Wednesday	21/08/24	11:00	40 Overs	Bucks Womens 1st XI	MCC Women	Chesham CC
Sunday	08/09/24	11:30	100 Ball	Bucks Womens 1st XI	Southern Vipers Academy	Campbell Park Cricket Ground

Recent Results

14 July: Bucks Women gained their first victory in the Womens County 50 Over Group 2 competition defeating Norfolk by 77 runs. Batting first Bucks posted 189, thanks to an excellent 97 from Amelia Peck, who was unfortunately run out just three short of her century. In reply, it was another Amelia, – this time Ridgeway, who took the honours with 5-16 in 8 overs.

28 July: Two T20 matches at Tunbridge Wells saw Bucks fall to two defeats against Middlesex and Kent, both by the same margin of 25 runs.

Middlesex 130-4 Bucks 105
Kent 128-3 Bucks 103

Recent notable performances from Bucks Girls U-18's and 15's



BUCKS CRICKETERS WHO'S WHO

help members who cannot/ do not attend games know a bit more about those players representing the County, in order to help addressing the questions of “who’s that and where did he come from?”. We now have a few new additions to the squad, either coming in laterally or coming up via our excellent Pathway and I will try and cover these over the next few months,as long as they fill in their questionnaires

SPORTS SHOTS

A big shout out and thank you to Andy Bone and Sports Shots for all of their photos and interviews. Sport Shots is a sport-based news and images service run by a dedicated team; Andy Bone, Lorna Bone, Dale James, Gemma James, Luke Stafford & Matt Folkes with support from friends in the sporting community. Focusing in and around Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, Andy and Lorna came up with the idea to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and Vasculitis UK while following a love of local sport. Sports Shots is not a charity. No personal gain is made from Sports Shots. Apart from viewing a wealth of photos from most of our games on their website, they have recently launched a Sports Shots TV channel on You Tube,. Well worth a look- they have already had over one thousand seven hundred hits. www.sportsshots.org.uk

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Firstly a great big thank you to all those members/ supporters or companies who sponsored a player over the past seasonand or seasons. I am pleased to report that we will be continuing with the sponsorship initiative for the new season. A couple of sponsors came late to the party last year and their sponsorship will be carried over to the new season. **Sponsors in red below have already committed to this season.** If you wish to continue last season's sponsorship or sponsor one of the new additions to the Squad, or for more information

Please contact Bill Scholes Tel: 01420 560290 or billscholes@hotmail.co.uk

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Cameron Hemp	
Billy Mead	John Phillips
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Bucks Golf Day and Dinner, 4 Sept, Moor Park

Bucks Cricket's annual Golf Day and Dinner will take place this year at the magnificent Moor Park Golf club on Tuesday 4th September.

There will be prizes for teams and individual winners awarded during a two course dinner which will follow the golf.

Golf and dinner is £100, but if you want to just come for the evening dinner the cost is £40.

To sign up, click on this link which will take you to the Bucks Cricket website, where you can sign up by filling in a simple form.

We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Regards

John Phillips
Organiser and Hon. Treasurer

Over 70's Cricket World Cup 2024



Bucks are proud to have sponsored this inaugural competition., which concluded with the Final on Sunday 11th August. The majority of matches were played at grounds in Buckinghamshire. And of course it did have to happen, didn't it – the Final was played between the old adversaries England and Australia..

Report below

England Over 70s beat Australia to win inaugural septuagenarian World Cup at Wormsley



Captain John Evans raises the trophy after England won the septuagenarian World Cup

CREDIT: Mark Watson

England defeated Australia by the handsome margin of seven wickets with 10 balls to spare in the inaugural Over 70s World Cup final at Wormsley. Any victory against the oldest enemy on the cricket field is worth having. England had a target of only 209 to chase in their 45 overs after containing Australia when they elected to bat first. England captain John Evans scored 78 off 115 balls in a match-winning century stand for the second wicket and was made player of the match. Evans, a retired PE teacher from Gloucestershire, used to work at the same Stroud school which the England wicketkeeper Jack Russell attended, and led England to a 2-1 win over Australia last summer in England in the Silver Ashes. "Our bowlers and our fielders were amazing – a joy to captain," Evans said. "When we lost the toss, if you'd told me we would keep them to 208 I would have bitten your hand off. As the target was only 209 it meant I could bat properly and build an innings. Duncan Elder (his partner in the second wicket partnership) has probably been our star man (in this World Cup)."

Although only eight countries participated it was still a World Cup worth winning, as well as a tribute to the Over 70s county championship, not only as a training ground for this tournament, but as the major growth area - along with the Over 50s and Over 60s championships - of male cricket in England and Wales.

Report from [Scyld Berry](#), CHIEF CRICKET WRITER of The Daily Telegraph

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By joining Bucks County Cricket Club

The County Club and Bucks Cricket are working actively to promote and develop cricket at all levels and ages throughout the county

You can support these efforts by joining the Bucks County Cricket Club

The Annual Subscription is : -

£25 for individuals

£35 for partners living at the same address

£10 for juniors (aged under 18)

£15 for students in full time education ((aged under 24)

Life membership is also available

Membership forms are available from John Phillips .

Email: johnphillips@bucksccc.org.uk Tel: 01494 721244

UPDATES ON RON HEDLEY'S SPONSORED CHARITY WALKS

We are more than happy to continue walking with counties after the celebration day at Lords Cricket Ground on Sunday 15th September 2024. Two counties have already suggested they would like to walk, again, for the cause in 2025.

All monies raised will go to The Bob Willis Fund and support key Prostate Cancer UK Projects.

To join a walk or for further information, please contact Ron H

CAN'T GET TO A GAME

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH BUCKS C.C.C. ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Do not despair, help is at hand. Don't miss a moment

Please note the new social media addresses below as the old ones have been disabled and merged with these.

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Instagram: [bucksccricket.official](https://www.instagram.com/bucksccricket.official)

All of Bucks 1st XI games will be streamed live on our YouTube channel

Once again, many thanks to all those who have helped and contributed to Coloured Trousers, particularly Kevin Beaumont, Ron Hedley, Mike Knox, Rich Hudson, Rachel Hudson, Jonathan Lilley, County Cricket Matters, Yahoo Over Cow Corner, Steve Peart, Trevor Taylor, Tom Hampton and Andy Bone and Sports Shots. We are of course obviously very grateful to all our sponsors and to Sports Shots for their excellent media coverage as well as to Charlie Carter for all his excellent photographs. All contributions gratefully received of course – why not relieve the boredom of the potential weather postponed matches by writing an article and join our happy band of literary contributors.

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