

# COLOURED TROUSERS N<sub>o</sub> 26



## BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Editor: Bill Scholes

Well here we are in early July, and we have already completed two thirds of our season, with just one third left to go. In those good old days that we all talk about with great fondness, the months of July and August were the peak months for cricket. A look back through past Handbooks showed that in the year 2000 we played 9 championship matches ie 27 whole days of cricket. That number was reduced to 6 matches ( 18 days ) a year later in 2001 and now thanks to a continual tinkering with the cricketing timetable, we are reduced to just four matches or 12 days.

We can now thankfully wave goodbye to playing with the white ball as we have not proved to be the best of bedfellows - sadly we finished in the wooden spoon position in both the T20 and KO trophy competitions although we did win one match in each.

Its now time to concentrate on red ball cricket where our performances over the last couple of years cannot be faulted. Out of our last 10 championship matches, we have won 9 - winning two Divisional titles and the Championship Final along the way. Not a bad record but we cannot rest on our laurels. Winning is a good habit to get into. Hopefully we can maintain that as we enter the last third of our season.

We got underway in the County Championship last week 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. Congratulations to all three. Mentions in despatches must go VC 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!

## NCCA CHAMPIONSHIP EASTERN DIVISION ONE

### - EASTERN DIVISION ONE 2024 FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	Venue
<b>July 7-9</b>	Lincolnshire	Sleaford
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### Championship Final Sept 1-4 West Bromwich Dartmouth

Bucks kicked off their quest to retain their Championship crown away to Lincolnshire at Sleaford last weekend.

Battling centuries from Alexei Kervezee and Aadi Sharma enabled Bucks to recover from a big first-innings deficit to earn a draw in their National Counties Championship Division 1 match against Lincolnshire at Sleaford

The defending champions conceded a first-innings lead of 149 to their hosts, and when they slumped to 3-3 in their second knock, a defeat in two days was a strong possibility.

But the experienced Kervezee and the 18-year-old Sharma resisted with a fourth-wicket stand of 187 in 46 overs.



Sharma scored 103 from 144 balls to make it centuries in successive Championship matches following his ton in last year's final victory over Devon. Click on link below to see Aadi reaching his century

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Kervezee, who had earlier been forced to don the wicket-keeping gloves following the late withdrawal of Ross Richardson, went on to score 165 from 232 balls with a six and 18 fours as Bucks attempted to set a stiff fourth-innings target.

He was assisted by Cam Parsons's second half-century of the match as Bucks reached 393 from 93 overs in their second innings. This set Lincs a target of 245 for victory but they made little attempt and finished on 106-3 from 39 overs to earn 12 points to Bucks's 8.

The first half of the match belonged to Lincolnshire. Bucks, choosing to bat first, slumped to 75-6 before Parsons (59) led a recovery that lifted them to 220.

The hosts sailed past this score thanks to a brilliant 154 from Tom Keast and 126 from Ben Wight in a third-wicket stand of 257 in 64 overs. At one stage they were 313-2 but were restricted to 369-8 from their 90 overs.

Although time was lost to the weather, it was the resolution of Kervezee and Sharma that earned Bucks a draw.

Ross Richardson returns to the Bucks squad for this Sunday's match against Suffolk at Tring Park, starting this Sunday.

In the other game in our Division, Staffordshire were left kicking their heels as the final day of their match against Bedfordshire was abandoned. Heavy overnight rain hit Checkley's Four Trees headquarters to leave the prospects of play in the balance.

The Checkley groundstaff worked tirelessly to get the ground fit for play as Staffs looked to force the issue to open the Division One East season with a win. However, the umpires conducted numerous inspections before admitting defeat at a 4.30pm look following more rain as the game ended in a draw. That left Staffordshire feeling frustrated after an excellent second day.

They had established a first-innings lead of 63, before reaching 133-1 in their second venture. That meant Staffs were 196 runs to the good heading into the final day and eyeing up the prospect of setting Bedfordshire a target to chase. Matt Morris and Zen Malik had both constructed unbeaten half-centuries by the end of the second day and would have been looking to kick on the third day.

However, the British weather ruined those hopes of a potentially interesting finish. Staffordshire picked up nine points from the match. Bedfordshire would have had 8 points but only took home six after being deducted two for a slow over-rate.

#### **Eastern Division One Table after 1<sup>st</sup> round of matches**

	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>PTS</b>
<b>Lincolnshire</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>BUCKS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Bedfordshire</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Next up for Bucks in the Championship is a 3 day match against Suffolk at Tring Park.**

**Bucks Men's 1st XI  
vs Suffolk CCC**

2 C Hemp (High Wycombe)  
14 M Wells (Stony Stratford)  
V Jani (Richmond)  
31 G Harvey (Eastcote)  
42 A Kervezee (Halesowen)  
44 R Richardson† (Henley)  
H Ramanadanpulle (Great Brickhill)  
7 E Bragg (Halesowen)  
6 C Haddow (High Wycombe)  
17 C Parsons (High Wycombe)  
24 T Weymes (Tring Park)  
28 L Gulliver (Stony Stratford)  
8 T Hampton\* (Wokingham)

3 Day Game  
11am 14th - 16th July  
@ Tring Park CC

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## **NCCA 50 OVERS KNOCKOUT TROPHY**

As reported in the last edition, we were hoping to improve on our disappointing showing in the T20 competition but didn't get off to the best of starts suffering a last over defeat against Oxfordshire at Wormsley.

After a gap of some 3 weeks, next up were Devon and having comprehensively defeated them in last years championship final, hopes were high for a repeat performance but it was not to be as we suffered a 92 run defeat at High Wycombe. Following the narrow defeat by Oxfordshire in the first game, this result left our hopes of qualifying for the later stages of the competition hanging by a thread.

Devon, for whom this was a measure of compensation for their 550-run defeat by Bucks in last year's National Counties Championship final, chose to bat first on an excellent pitch and fast outfield.

The visitors made 279-8 from their 50 overs thanks to a splendid maiden century,( 101 from 112 balls) by opener Ben Privett who hit one six and ten fours. When they were 157-1 after 28 overs they looked like topping 300, but they slipped to 197-6 against some tidy bowling from Conner Haddow (3-43), Max Uttley (3-53) and Cam Parsons (2-43). A fine flourish at the end of their innings from Lawrence Walker (40 not out from 27 balls) enabled Devon set Bucks 280 for victory.



A few pics from the Devon match

Bucks needed a big innings from one of their main batters, but did not get it as George Harvey (34), Cameron Hemp (32) and Billy Mead (25) all got out when well set. Seamer Kaz Szymanski blew away the middle order with figures of 5-28 to leave Bucks struggling at 92-5. A defiant 47 from Ed Bragg delayed the inevitable before Bucks were dismissed for 187 in 41.3 overs.

Bucks poor form in white ball cricket this season continued when we crashed to a 124-run defeat down in Cornwall in our third match in the National Counties Trophy Group 3 at Redruth on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

This third successive loss confirmed that Bucks would not qualify for the knock-out stages of the 50-overs competition and are likely to finish bottom of their group.

Once again the batting failed badly, despite Bucks bringing in Aadi Sharma for Michael Payne in an attempt to strengthen that department.

Cornwall, choosing to bat first, were indebted to an unbeaten 91 not out from Will MacVicar as they reached 245-9 from their 50 overs. Ed Bragg, with 3-55, was the leading wicket-taker, while Max Uttley and Cam Parsons bowled tidily. This was a gettable target, but apart from Billy Mead's 33 from 51 balls, the Bucks batting completely collapsed.

They were 89-9 before a last-wicket stand of 32 between Parsons and Uttley took them to 121 all out in just 31.5 overs.

MacVicar followed up his fine innings with 3-29, while Ben Ellis (3-20) and Ellis White Ford (4-48) were Cornwall's other wicket-takers.

The result left Bucks with just pride to play for in our final group game against Berkshire at Chesham the following Sunday and finally we produced the performance that our members and supporters knew we were capable of.

We therefore ended a disappointing Trophy campaign on a high when an inspired spell from skipper Tom Hampton gave us a thrilling four-run victory over Berkshire at Chesham on Sunday.

Put in to bat, Bucks were indebted to Alex Kervezee 's 66 from 88 balls, which includes one six and only for fours, for reaching 253 all out in 48.3 overs.

There was another mature innings from young 18 year old George Harvey who contributed 36, while Vanish Jani, a 19-year-old making his debut after some impressive innings for the second XI, contributed a fluent 23. Bucks looked like reaching 270 but lost their last four wickets for nine runs. Andy Rishton taking 4-44.

Berkshire were given a good start by openers Rhys Lewis (54) and Johnny Connelly (45), sharing an opening partnership of 73 but Tom Hampton, Bucks captain, was in inspired form and took a competition-best six for 53 including the vitally important last wicket of his opposite number Dan Lincoln.

At the start of the final over, Berkshire, replying to the Bucks total of 253, needed six for victory with two wickets standing.

Hampton dismissed Tommy Sturgess, caught by AJ going for glory with a huge hike, off the first ball of the last over. and with just 2 balls left and 4 runs needed Dan Lincoln had to throw the bat and was caught behind by keeper Ross Richardson with just one ball remaining. Just the one run conceded leaving the visitors on 249 as Hampton finished with amazing figures of 6-53 from 7.5 overs.

.Despite the result, Bucks finished bottom of Group 3, after their three previous defeats, while Berkshire topped the group and progress to the knock-out stages along with runners-up Devon.

#### Final Table of Group 3 K.O. Trophy matches

	P	W	L	C/A	NRR	PTS
Berkshire	4	3	1		0.48	6
Devon	4	2	2		1.13	4
Cornwall	4	2	2		0.43	4
Oxfordshire	4	2	2		-0.97	4
<b>Bucks</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>-1.07</b>	<b>2</b>

#### Bucks batting and bowling averages shown in Appendix1

#### National Counties Trophy quarter-finals

**Exning: Cambridgeshire beat Suffolk by 85 runs.** Cambridgeshire 186 (Dan Andrew 63, Joe Tetley 47, Jack Beaumont 4-40), Suffolk 101 (James Sykes 4-14).

**Great Witchingham: Norfolk beat Lincolnshire by six wickets.**

Lincolnshire 183, Norfolk186-4 (Ben Wilcox 65 not out).

**Slough: Berkshire beat Dorset by six wickets.** Dorset 208 (Jake Gordon 82, Tommy Sturgess 4-52), Berkshire 212-4 (Johnny Connell 60, Rhys Lewis 57, Rhodri Lewis 40).

**Oxon: Cheshire beat Devon by 110 runs** Cheshire 303 (Alex Money 85, Rob Sehmi 60, Henry Dobson 57, Ben Privett 4-53),Devon 193 (Sam Read 65)

**Semi Finals 4<sup>th</sup> August**  
 Cheshire v Berkshire  
 Cambridgeshire  
**Final Aug 25/26 Wormsley**

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**OTHER ADDITIONAL FIXTURES**

**Mon July22 LEICESTERSHIRE Showcase Match 50 overs**  
 @ Grace Road, Leicester

**Sun Sept 8th Milton Keynes Showcase Day at Campbell Park**  
**10.30 Bucks Women v Southern Vipers Academy 100 ball match**  
**2.30 Bucks Mens 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Milton Keynes XI 100 ball match**

**UPCOMING BUCKS 2<sup>nd</sup> XI FIXTURES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opposition</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>July 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Northants</b>	<b>Campbell Park</b>
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Oxfordshire	Magdalene College
<b>Aug 6-8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SUFFOLK</b>	<b>CHESHAM</b>

Four 2<sup>nd</sup> XI matches have been played in recent weeks. Firstly a 3 day match away against Suffolk which resulted in an excellent performance and result – a win by 7 wickets. Bucks batted first and racked up 507, getting off to flying start with outstanding performances from both openers – Vansh Jani 157 and Max Harsham 152. Further down the order, Billy Dodds added a very useful 94. In reply, Suffolk could only manage 232, after some stand out bowling from Hashan Ramanadanpulle with 5-49. Following on, they performed better and reached 351, with Teddy Fleming taking 4-62 and Hashan another 3-51, leaving Bucks just 77 for victory, which they accomplished for loss of 3 wickets.

Next up on the following day was a 50 over match against Berkshire at Marlow which the visitors won by 44 runs. Berkshire posted 212 all out, with notable bowling performances from Mohit Babu 4-34, Teddy Fleming 3-56, and Hashan Ramanadanpulle 2-33. Despite getting off to the strong start with the top four all making runs, anchored by Hashan with 46, and helped by good knocks from Montgomery Evans 30 and Max Harsham 25, the last 5 wickets fell for just 42 runs leaving Bucks all out for 168.

Two more 50 over matches have been played in the last week. Monday July 1st saw the first of these away to Wiltshire at Winsley resulting in a win for the home side by 140 runs. Wiltshire batted first and scored 262-9 in their allotted 50 overs, pick of the Bucks bowlers being Hashan Ramanadpulle with 4-33 and Finn Catherwood-Smith with 3-49. In reply Bucks could only muster 122, top scorer being Hashan with 44 and Teddy Fleming contributing a further 20. The next day Bucks were away again, this time to Berkshire in a match played at Wokingham. Unfortunately the result was similar to the previous day, Berkshire being victorious by 223 runs. The home side rattled up 365-9 in their 50 overs, thanks largely to first team player Rhys Lewis who set the scene with 121. There were 3 wickets apiece for Mohit Baba and Teddy Fleming. In reply Bucks were all out for 142 in 37 overs, Charan Chalal being the stand out bowler with 5-15 and despite a defiant 42 from Max Harsham.

### **BUCKS U-18 BOYS**

### **Recent results**

21 <sup>st</sup> June	v Amersham U-19's	50overs	won by 46 runs
26 <sup>th</sup> June	v Hertfordshire	20 overs	won by 4 wickets
	v Berkhamsted School	20 overs	won by 24 runs
30 <sup>th</sup> June	v Middlesex CB	50 overs	lost by 9 wickets
1 <sup>st</sup> July	v Chesham U-19's	20 overs	won by 8 wickets
4 <sup>th</sup> July	v Hertfordshire	20 overs	won by 114 runs
	v Berkshire	20 overs	won by 37 runs
7 <sup>th</sup> July	v Suffolk	50 overs	lost by 16 runs(D/L)

### **BUCKS CRICKETERS WHO'S WHO**

**A couple of years ago we started a series of Meet The Players in order to 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](http://www.sportsshots.org.uk)  
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**Great to see 4 Bucks cricketers playing together in the [Northants County Cricket Club](#) 2nd XI T20 v Somerset last week:  
**Raph Weatherall, George Weldon, Saif Zaib & Ross Richardson.****



## WOMENS CRICKET -THE FUTURE – UPDATE

The existing structure of women’s domestic cricket in England is set to be scrapped at the end of the 2024 season. Counties were asked to submit bids to host one of the initial new eight professional women’s county teams. Last month the ECB announced that the successful bidders for these teams were Hampshire, Essex, Lancashire, Durham, Essex, Somerset, Surrey and Nottinghamshire. Those eight counties will make up ‘Tier One’ of the structure, and will receive £1.3 million per year from the ECB for the first four years of the new system. Glamorgan and Yorkshire will join Tier One in 2027, while two more teams are set to be added in 2029. Middlesex and Sussex are extremely peeved!

Tiers Two and Three will be made up of the other First Class Counties and National Counties. They will be a mix of semi-professional and amateur sides. From 2025-2028, there will be no promotion and relegation between the tiers.

### UPCOMING BUCKS WOMEN’S 2024 FIXTURES

Day	Date	Start Time	Format	Home Team	Away Team	OutdoorVenue
Sunday	14/07/24		50 Overs	Norfolk	Bucks Womens 1st XI	Fakenham CC
Sunday	28/07/24	10:30	20 Overs	<b>Kent</b>	Bucks Womens 1st XI	Nevill Ground Tunbridge Wells
Sunday	28/07/24	13:30	20 Overs	Middlesex	Bucks Womens 1st XI	Nevill Ground Tunbridge Wells
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	<b>Surrey</b>	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

The weather man has not smiled kindly on Bucks Women with just one match completed up to 21<sup>st</sup> April when they lost by 8 wickets to Berkshire. Batting first Bucks scored 191, skipper Cara Duggan contributing 52 and Teagan Stockdale 31. Berkshire reached the target for loss of 2 wickets, both falling to Cara Duggan. The other remaining matches, against Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Sussex, and Hertfordshire, were all abandoned due to the weather.

The weather relented enough for the two T20 matches at High Wycombe on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, but perhaps our Women had wished that it hadn't.

In the first match against Suffolk, the visitors batted first and reached 188-1 in their allotted 20 overs. In reply, Bucks could only manage 70 all out, top scorers being Caia Stockdale with 20 and R.Burton-Pye with 21. In the second game, which was against Hertfordshire, Bucks

batted first and used up all of their overs in reaching 105 -7, with useful contributions from Amelia Ridgway 33 and Natasha MacBean 23no. However, Hertfordshire only needed 10 overs to reach the Bucks score, recording 107-1 and winning by 9 wickets.



**Next up for Bucks Women is a trip to Norfolk**

**Bucks Women's 1st XI vs Norfolk CCC**

89 R Burton-Pye<sup>†</sup> (Stony Stratford)  
55 T Stockdale (The Lee)  
9 C Stockdale (Ballinger Waggoners)  
10 T Fellows (Bledlow Ridge)  
17 G Lloyd (Beaconsfield)  
23 A Peck (Chenies & Latimer)  
A Ridgway (Stony Stratford)  
14 M Woodward (Bledlow Village)  
21 N Macbean\* (Chesham)  
S Springett (Stokenchurch)  
27 E Hunt (Stony Stratford)

40 Overs: 11:00am  
Sunday 14th July  
@ Fakenham CC

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## BUCKS GIRLS UNDER 18'S

**BUCKS CRICKET**

**KENT CRICKET**

### QUARTER FINALS Bucks Girls U18 vs Kent

Amelia Peck  
Annie Townsend  
Molly Carter \*  
Tilly Fellows †  
Tegan Stockdale  
Charlie Mailey  
Alissa Shannon  
Sophie Midwinter  
Lucy Warren  
Rosie Lloyd  
Caia Stockdale  
Isy Parry

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**50 Overs: 11:00am  
Tuesday 2nd July  
@ Hartley CC**

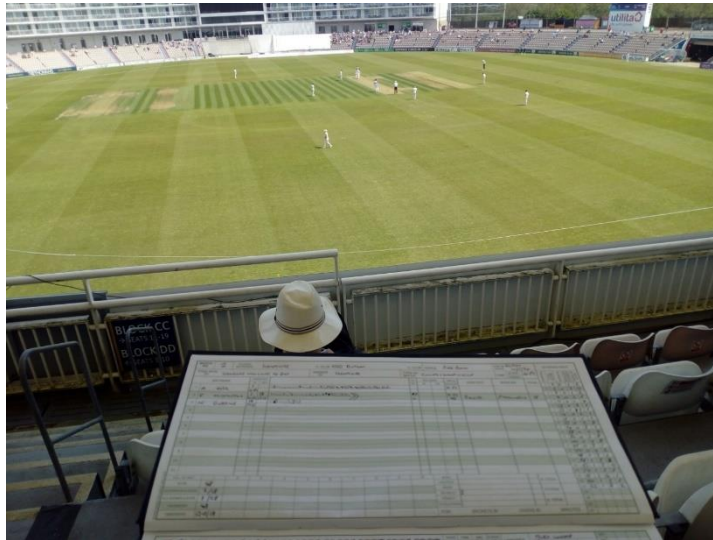
Congratulations to Bucks Girls U-18's who have reached the Quarter Finals of the 50 Over cup but their match last week was washed out. New date to be arranged.

On Sunday, the U-18 Girls lost to Wiltshire by 6 wickets in a T20 match. Bucks batted first and reached 103-6, Annie Townsend and Amelia Ridgeway both 20 each. In reply Wiltshire replied with 104-4, Francesca Burton-Pye taking 2-6.

## To score or not to score

Another excellent blog from Yahoo Over Cow Corner highlighting the trials and tribulations of a newbie scorer and one which I am sure will nbe of interest to all the scorers in our midst.

### Walk A Mile in Their Shoes \_ Part Two



Almost two years on and it is time to take the next step. During the summer of 2021, this blogger joined the ranks and legions of thousands of individuals across the country that choose to score a cricket match. Admittedly, one's inaugural efforts only stretched to an eighteen over a-side evening league contest as one chose a modest beginning so as to experience the joy of such a pastime whilst still achieving a reasonable level of accuracy.

Thus, one senses that the time is right to test one's abilities over a longer duration. The options amongst the English domestic calendar would be a fifty over contest or a day of a County Championship match. One's somewhat prosaic choice is for the latter due to the distinct nature of the three sessions and the lunch and tea intermissions, theoretically dividing the day into two hour blocks.

The challenges between scoring an evening league contest and a day of the County Championship would be obvious: almost three times the amount of overs whilst each session would be twice the length of an evening league innings. The lunch and tea intervals would provide a welcome break but the task would require one to remain in situ for each session as opposed to wandering around the ground, as is one's penchant.

Naturally, the pertinent question at such a juncture is why? In an age when all the relevant information is listed on the giant scoreboard or just a couple of clicks away on one's mobile device, the notion of manually keeping score in a specialised book, a labour intensive task, seems bizarre. But, just as vinyl records have enjoyed a renaissance and just as how books have not disappeared in favour of tablets and devices, so there is a certain *je ne sais quoi* regarding keeping score.

Hence, one opts for a pew on the Roof Terrace of the Rose Bowl for the opening session of the hosts' contest against newly promoted Durham;

scorebook and pen at the ready with a substitute tucked into one's bag. Scoring part or all of a day's play also requires a modicum of forethought regarding where one will sit throughout the three sessions. One's normal *modus operandi* for a day at the Rose Bowl is to spend most of the first session on the members terrace, that at the top of the pavilion, before indulging in a peripatetic existence throughout the remainder of the day; sitting in a number of different locations to enjoy a variety of views.

The natural rhythms and occurrences of red ball cricket dictate that manual scoring is arguably a less frenetic experience than a white ball equivalent. Thus, the higher instances of dot balls, the scarce nature of wides, the lower rate of change in the bowlers used and the somewhat longer period of time that elapses when a wicket falls all provide moments of respite or reduced activity.

Nevertheless the dearth of extras and wickets during the first dozen overs of the Hampshire innings lulls one into something of a false sense of security as one fails to initially take note of the morning's first no-ball call; erroneously marking a dot in the scorebook. Questions then begin to circle around one's mind: two runs are the penalty for a no-ball but how should this be recorded in the scorebook? And does the ball go against the batter? The loss of concentration provides the first moment of doubt and the first genuine mistake as one attempted to catch up as the following delivery unfolded; the result being that one wrongly assumed that Fletcha Middleton's well struck shot had traversed the boundary rope when the opener's effort had been stopped short by a Durham fielder, leading to further corrections.

Curiously, one of the ills of the modern game, the constant questioning of the shape of the ball and required checking by the umpires, provides a modicum of respite for the casual scorer and the day's first instance arrives after just an hour of play. Nevertheless, the delay proves something of a false dawn as it merely lengthens the day as a whole.

In contrast, the fall of the first wicket prompts a flurry of activity and there is much to complete when Callum Parkinson bowls Fletcha Middleton during the eighteenth over. Aside from the usual requirements of the type of dismissal, the bowler and the number of runs are the optional choices of the time and over for the start and end of the innings, the outgoing batter and score along with the not out batter and score at the moment of dismissal and the number of fours and sixes in the innings. One desires to complete the job in a proper fashion so all items of information are duly added.

Perhaps completing all of the additional bits and pieces provokes a lapse in concentration as something goes awry during Callum Parkinson's over. Upon examination at the end of said over, one notes that the score and the number of deliveries faced by new batter Nick Gubbins do not tally to that on the scoreboard. The advent of two left-handers at the crease (Ali Orr and Gubbins) adds a further challenge to the piece. Of a similar nature is the spell when Durham operate with spin bowlers from both ends; Colin Ackermann in tandem with Parkinson dictating that the respite between deliveries and overs is much reduced. Respite arrives a handful of overs before lunch when Brydon Carse replaces Ackermann whilst the forty minute interval provides a much needed opportunity to stretch one's legs and switch off mentally. Somewhat inevitably, fatigue begins to set in during the afternoon session. The requirement to stay put and not walk around and switch off begins to take its toll. Under such circumstances, the need to keep hydrated becomes evermore paramount and one soon relaxes back into a steady and regular rhythm that has almost become second nature.

One of the beauties of scoring a County Championship match is that one has the giant, digital scoreboard at one's disposal to habitually check one's efforts; a process aided by the rather pedestrian pace of the professional red ball game. Thus, the times of a batter's innings are easily identifiable via said scoreboard and the snail-like exit of the dismissed batter. This is in stark contrast to the amateur game, particularly evening contests, where the new batter has gambolled gazelle-like to the crease and has all but taken guard by the time the previous batter has reached the boundary rope. Similarly, regular announcements of the change of bowler and the fielder who takes a catch dismisses the requirement to use an identifying feature of the relevant fielder / bowler.

As the afternoon session unfolds so the various scoring landmarks are reached and passed, providing extra opportunities to add flourishes to the score grid whilst the almost inevitable second ball change just an hour after lunch aids one's struggles to maintain the required levels of concentration.

Nevertheless, the regular rhythms and routines of scoring continue to prove demanding, allowing just a brief couple of moments to applaud Ali Orr's superb century, his first for Hampshire, before settling down to record the details of the achievement.

Somewhat curiously, one of the more technical aspects of scoring, that of recording byes and leg-byes, does not occur until the cusp of tea. One deliberately reminds oneself that the extra should not be recorded against the bowler's figures, creating the deliberate discrepancy between the overall total and the number of runs recorded against the half dozen bowlers used. The concession of four leg-byes soon after by Durham gloveman Ollie Robinson contributes to Hampshire passing two hundred from the last ball of the over; prompting a flurry of activity to record the various items of significance. The aforementioned interval arrives soon after, just fifteen minutes after the scheduled time, something of a boon for this particular day as the middle session of matches at the Rose Bowl often drift more than half an hour beyond the allocated time for the day's second intermission.

MATCH NO	2	PLACES BETWEEN	Hampshire	C. CLUB AND Duration	C. CLUB	SENATE	Club Name	Date	14/11/24	SCORING RATE
TOTAL WICKETS BY	Hampshire		Hampshire		County Championship		Type of Match		Time	
BATTSMAN	IN		OUT		BOWLER		TOTAL		WICKETS	
1. Ash Cole	1		1		1		1		1	
2. PS Robinson	1		1		1		1		1	
3. Neil Godwin	1		1		1		1		1	
4. JM Vince	1		1		1		1		1	
5. BC Brown	1		1		1		1		1	
6. LA Brown	1		1		1		1		1	
7. TJ Mott	1		1		1		1		1	
8. FS Brown	1		1		1		1		1	
9. JW Pugh	1		1		1		1		1	
10. WS Abbott	1		1		1		1		1	
11. GJ Heath	1		1		1		1		1	
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### The finished product

Personal desire encourages one to continue one's efforts into the final session but reality dictates that the concentration required for the first two sessions has proved enough. Nevertheless, the experience has provided great joy and satisfaction despite the requirement to fully concentrate and not wander around the perimeter of the ground as is one's usual custom. Scoring also proved particularly therapeutic, particularly when one could gaze upon one's efforts fully cognisant of the endeavours and exertions that were expended. Perhaps most important is that one now fully understands why spectators undertake the task despite modern technology offering more efficient alternatives. Akin to many aspects of life that are difficult to understand, it's good for the soul.





# **Bucks County Cricket Club**

## **Marketing /Sponsorship Opportunities in 2024**

<b>3 DAY MATCH SPONSOR</b>	<b>£600</b>
<b>K.O.TROPHY MATCH SPONSOR</b>	<b>£300</b>
<b>MATCHDAY PROGRAMME SPONSOR</b>	<b>£50</b>
<b>SPONSOR -A- PLAYER</b>	<b>£50</b>

### **THREE DAY MATCH SPONSORSHIP at £600 per match**

#### **Sponsorship opportunities available for Tring Park and High Wycombe**

Pre match refreshments, luncheon with wine, and tea for 2 people per day

- 2 County Handbooks.
- 2 Match day programmes per day
- Sponsor status acknowledged on cover of Matchday programme.,
- Sponsor status acknowledged on all social media releases.
- Free Advert in the Annual Club Handbook
- Advertising banner at ground(supplied by sponsor)
- Bucks CCC website coverage and direct link to company website
- .Photo opportunity with team
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### **K.O. TROPHY SPONSORSHIP at £300 per match**

#### **Sponsorship opportunities available for Chesham and High Wycombe**

Pre match refreshments and luncheon with wine,for 2 people.

- 2 County Handbooks and 2 Match day programmes
- Sponsor status acknowledged in Matchday programme.,
- Sponsor status acknowledged on all social media releases.
- Free Advert in the Annual Club Handbook
- Advertising banner at ground(supplied by sponsor)

## **SPONSOR A BUCKS SQUAD PLAYER - for just £50**

Firstly a great big thank you to all those members/ supporters or companies who sponsored a player over the past season .....and 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](mailto:billscholes@hotmail.co.uk)

### **BUCKS C.C. C. PLAYER SPONSORSHIP 2024**

<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>SPONSOR (S)</b>
Tom Hampton	<b>Sports Shots</b>
Alexei Kervesee	<b>Jonathan Lilley</b>
Michael Payne	<b>Alan Rowland</b>
Michael Wells	
AJ Woodland	
Cameron Parsons	<b>AW Sales Agencies</b>
Conner Haddow	<b>J.Haskell&amp;G.Shelvey</b>
Ed Bragg	<b>Bill Scholes</b>
Ross Richardson	<b>Mike Knox</b>
Tom Weymes	<b>Arthur Evans &amp; Graham Parker</b>
Chris Marrow	<b>Frank Russell</b>
Vansh Jani	
Teddy Fleming	<b>Ian Hodgson</b>
Hashan Ramanadpulle	<b>Finnbar O'Conner</b>
Cameron Hemp	
Billy Mead	<b>John Phillips</b>
George Harvey	<b>Breffni Walsh</b>
Max Uttley	<b>Steve Peart</b>
Louis Gulliver	
Molly Carter	<b>Su Klyne</b>

## Over 70's Cricket World Cup 2024

A reminder that that Bucks are sponsoring this inaugural competition., which h is coming up starting at the end of next month. Bucks Cricket is proud to support this inaugural competition with the majority of matches being played at grounds in Buckinghamshire, so do pop along to at least one of the matches. I'm sure the lads (!) will appreciate your support.

Countries taking part include Australia, Canada, England, India, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Wales

England seniors cricket will play host to the inaugural 70s World Cup in a two week tournament starting on July 28<sup>th</sup> this summer with the final to be held at Wormsley on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August starting at 11.30 am. Other round robin matches, which commence at 12.00 noon, will be played at senior club grounds within an hour or so drive of Slough where most of the participating countries will be based. Bucks grounds included to date are Marlow, Beaconsfield, Amersham, and Farnham Royal.

. Everything gets underway with a launch and registration event on the 27<sup>th</sup> July to be held at Eton Rowing Lake, previously home to the 2012 Olympic rowing events.

Matches (1pm start) will be played across Bucks at

**Amersham C.C. Beaconsfield C.C. Farnham Royal C.C. and Marlow C. C.**

**Full list of dates and venues can be found in the Appendix 2**

**FINAL**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024    Game starts 11.30am**

**Wormsley Cricket Ground**

Music, bar, refreshments, light snacks.

### **SUPPORT BUCKS CRICKET**

#### **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](mailto:johnphillips@bucksccc.org.uk) Tel: 01494 721244

## UPDATES ON RON HEDLEY'S SPONSORED CHARITY WALKS

### **Sunday 14th July 2024 - Lincolnshire CCC Over 60s**

As part of Lincolnshire Over 60s playing against the Pakistan National Over 60s at Sleaford CC. There will be a walk at 10.30am and another starting at 11.00am. Walkers can then watch the match after the walks.

**We are more than happy to continue walking with counties after the celebration day at Lords Cricket Ground on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Hedley at [rjhatters1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rjhatters1@yahoo.co.uk)



### **AFTER DINNER SPEAKING**

The late Sir Noel Curtis-Bennett, who did such wonderful work for boys clubs, told how he was once visiting a club in the back streets of London:

*A game of cricket was going on in the street and I noticed one small boy sitting on the ground crying. I went and lifted him up to try and console him. One of the other small boys immediately piped up "Hi guv, what yer doing wiv him? Put him dahn –e's our wicket!"*

## **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.

Website: [buckscricket.co.uk](http://buckscricket.co.uk)

Twitter : @BucksCricket

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BucksCricket>

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

*Bill Scholes*

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## APPENDIX 1

### Bucks Batting and Bowling averages for the K.O. Trophy

#### Batting Averages

	Name	Mch	Inn	N O	Runs	Mins	Balls	H S	Av
SW	Mead	3	3	0	121	196	155	63	40.33
GDC	Harvey	2	2	0	70	181	142	36	35.00
AJ	Woodland	3	3	0	88	156	119	54	29.33
CDR	Parsons	4	4	2	52	99	87	22*	26.00
V	Jani	1	1	0	23	34	26	23	23.00
AN	Kervezee	4	4	0	88	130	119	66	22.00
EWH	Bragg	4	4	0	84	128	123	47	21.00
MJ	Payne	2	2	0	41	66	53	41	20.50
CH	Hemp	4	4	0	68	47	53	32	17.00
RAJ	Richardson	4	4	0	61	76	77	54	15.25
MC	Uttley	4	4	2	19	25	19	17	9.50
CPW	Haddow	4	4	1	23	53	38	10*	7.67
TRG	Hampton	4	4	0	17	20	15	10	4.25
A	Sharma	1	1	0	2	16	9	2	2.00
HS	Ramandanpulle1		0						

#### Bowling Averages

	Name	Mch	Ov	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Best	Av
MC	Uttley	4	37	2	9	161	3--48	17.89
TRG	Hampton	4	27		9	173	6--53	19.22
CPW	Haddow	4	37	0	6	174	3--44	29.00
CDR	Parson	4	39	3	5	163	2--43	32.60
EWH	Bragg	4	28	0	3	156	3--55	52.00
AN	Kervezee	4	18	0	1	81	1--32	81.00
MJ	Payne	2	9	0	0	65	0--29	-----
AJ	Woodland	3	4	0	0	22	0--22	-----

## APPENDIX 2

### England 70+ News Page



### 2024 – 70s World Cup Tournament Fixtures

All matches commence at 12.00 noon except for the final at Wormsley which starts at 11.00am

Match Day One	Free Day	Matches	Venues	Post Code
Sunday 28th July	Canada	1.1 England v Sri Lanka	High Wycombe	HP11 1DE
		1.2 New Zealand v India	Amersham	HP7 0RN
		1.3 Australia v Wales	Finchampstead	RG40 4JR
Match Day Two	Free Day	Matches	Venues	Post Code
Tuesday 30th July	Wales	2.1 New Zealand v Sri Lanka	Beaconsfield	HP9 2HZ
		2.2 India v England	Slough	SL3 7LT
		2.3 Australia v Canada	Teddington	TW11 0EP
Match Day Three	Free Day	Matches	Venues	Post Code
Thursday 1st August	Australia	3.1 New Zealand v England	Marlow	SL7 2AE
		3.2 Sri Lanka v India	Farnham Royal	SL2 3AW
		3.3 Wales v Canada	Bishop's Stortford	CM23 2TD
Match Day Four	Free Day	Matches	Venues	Post Code
Sunday 4th August	England	4.1 New Zealand v Australia	Farnham Royal	SL2 3AW
		4.2 India v Wales	Marlow	SL7 2AE
		4.3 Sri Lanka v Canada	High Wycombe	HP11 1DE
Match Day Five	Free Day	Matches	Venues	Post Code
Tuesday 6th August	Sri Lanka	5.1 New Zealand v Wales	Bishop's Stortford	CM23 2TD
		5.2 India v Canada	Cookham Dean	SL6 9LF

		5.3 Australia v England	Beaconsfield	HP9 2HZ
Match Day Six	Free Day	Matches	Venues	Post Code
Thursday 8th August	India	6.1 Canada v New Zealand	Marlow	SL7 2AE
		6.2 Australia v Sri Lanka	Royal Ascot	SL5 7LQ
		6.3 Wales v England	Bishop's Stortford	CM23 2TD
Match Day Seven	Free Day	Matches	Venues	Post Code
Friday 9th August	New Zealand	7.1 India v Australia	Royal Ascot	SL5 7LQ
		7.2 Wales v Sri Lanka	High Wycombe	HP11 1DE
		7.3 England v Canada	Wargrave	RG10 8BG
Final : Sunday 11th August		v	Wormsley	HP14 3YE