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Responsible investment beyond Coronavirus

How the investment community can help advance the environmental gains that have come out of COVID-19

The consequences of the Coronavirus pandemic will clearly be profound, wide-ranging and long-lasting.

So, it's no surprise that any sources of optimism to be found as the crisis unfolds are quickly seized upon. Perhaps the most significant so far has come in the form of the immediate effects on the environment.

Greenhouse gas emissions have fallen, while data from NASA suggests that air quality has improved dramatically as countries around the world have taken steps to restrict activity and travel.

Indeed, this could be an opportunity for organisations to rethink how they do business – and question whether they need to return to a form of normality in which, for example, employees are flown to meetings that could otherwise be held using video conferencing facilities.

A more realistic rate of change

Unfortunately, the environmental positives are likely to be temporary. Indeed, there is now a risk of efforts to address climate change becoming a lesser priority as governments focus on dealing with the economic implications of the crisis.

This is why the investment industry has an important role to play in maintaining the momentum that has gathered in recent weeks and months.

The biggest crisis now is clearly COVID-19, but the bigger crisis of the 2020's is still climate change and we need to ensure that once we're on the other side of the Coronavirus pandemic, that governments keep focusing on that.

The environmental gains from the pandemic have clearly been made alongside painful social, economic and health consequences. In other words, the current rate of improvement is unsustainable.

If we're taking climate change seriously, we would rather

see a smooth transition at a rate less dramatic than we're seeing at the moment. We don't want to be in a position of having to bring a halt to everything, as we are now, in order to have that environmental impact.

We can invest for change

Responsible investing isn't just about the environment, of course. The crisis has also shone the spotlight on corporate behaviours – both good and bad – and helped illustrate why businesses cannot simply be about making profits.

If they are going to be successful, they need to think about their wider stakeholders. Companies that have put measures in place for employees, for example, will come out of this with higher employee satisfaction and community spirit – and that contributes to their long-term success.

The importance of environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) factors in investment decisions has only become clearer as the crisis has unfolded.

Investors increasingly seek information about sustainability and responsible investing, with growing awareness of the broader long-term aspects of successful and effective investing.

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Editor's comment



Welcome to the 39th edition of Parade in Print, covering 2019 and 2020. The past two seasons have been memorable for contrasting reasons. 2019 saw us progress to the quarter final of the National Club Championships, as well as lose out in the South West Finals of the T20, whilst Ben Stokes stole the show with his heroics in the World Cup final and the Ashes.

Then COVID-19 arrived and impacted us all. There were doubts that we would see any cricket at all, but with credit to the ECB and the local leagues, we started a shortened season in July in small local groups. The Youth section at the club also squeezed in as much cricket as possible, thanks to the work of Jonathan Green and all the youth coaches.

2021 will be an important year for the club with the development commencing in October and progressing throughout the year. This represents a huge opportunity for the club with the arrival of a new state-of-the-art indoor cricket centre.

Thanks to all the contributors and a special thank you to Joe Prescott who stepped up as assistant editor for the first time.

Andrew Linnett



Bath Wanderers v Somerset Disabilities XI at Brownsword

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David Hilton

President's piece



It has been some time since I last sat and wrote down my thoughts, so I looked back to the last time I did so. It made me smile as my opening sentence was: 'What a wonderful summer this has been. Where better to be than at North Parade with the sun beating down, a cool glass in the hand and cricket to watch of really high quality.' Now, as I sit in the office (spare bedroom) watching the rain soaking the ground as it has done for the last 72 hours, I look back over the last two seasons with mixed feelings.

Always enjoyable, but there was not enough of it. I was away for much of the 2019 summer and only returned in August. Two events stick in my mind. First was the whoop of joy up at the Brownsword from Mike Roe, in the middle of our innings, followed by prolonged applause. The look of mystification on the faces of the opposition was a classic. Why, in the middle of an over had a boundary been received with such joy? The answer was the batting point from that shot meant the 3rd XI had won promotion. It was lovely to see this unbridled enthusiasm from a man who has been there, done it all and had dozens of T-shirts.

Secondly, I was so glad to chat with Adam Kelly on his last game for the 1st XI. What an exceptional player for the club he has been. He came up from Southampton every week rather than play locally (although there is good cricket played on the South Coast – I played for both Chichester and Bournemouth in days of yore). He put his heart and soul into every ball he bowled, batted with aplomb when required and seldom let you down on the field. He has been a rock. Good luck for the future Adam, come up north to see us some time and perhaps turn out for the new John Downey Trophy when it is played in full.

Finally, congratulations to the 2nd XI on promotion to Premier League 2. To have two teams in the top divisions is quite remarkable and shows the dedication of the players and coaches.

Having missed so much of 2019, I was determined to be a bit more visible in 2020. I wanted to watch juniors, seniors and the Wanderers; to see you train as well as play. I had the Wanderers game in mid-August booked in, but was told it was cancelled, but thought I will be there next season. Lockdown

put an end to that. Passing the ground which looked so inviting and knowing nothing could happen was drear. Here, I think we should highlight the work of Andrew Owen, Rob Maggs, John Green and all the backroom staff for the immense amount of work to get us up and running again. All the rules and protocols put out by the government and ECB, the risk assessments and guidelines, were overcome. It was a massive task. We all benefitted as some cricket was played, enough for us to take the top two places in the 'local pod' games, and Lansdown came third. So cricket has more than survived in Bath. Talking of Lansdown, I must congratulate them on the inaugural T/20 John Downey Trophy. The hatchet has been well and truly buried and a great day was had by all on their ground.

Now I am going to have a moan! During lockdown, I took to reading more closely what the cricket correspondents were writing nationally. I took exception to one who lives locally. He decried the fact that nearly all the elite players went to fee paying schools. This is undeniable, but no credit is given to the clubs, both large and small, who first breed the enthusiasm in the young. As they develop, they are picked up by the county and may well be given a bursary to go to such a school. It is always the school that is mentioned, but it is also thanks to the clubs – it is they who introduce senior cricket to these aspirants, to get them from playing merely within their own peer group to face adults on even terms. They learn far more from that than even the best coach can supply. It is about time that clubs are properly recognised for the work of inculcating the love of this sport of ours, of how it should be played and the correct behaviour, both on and off the field. I feel better now I have got that off my chest.

So winter draws on. To all our members, I wish you well in the coming months, stay safe and if you are feeling down in the dumps, just think of blue skies and sun, the click of a ball in the centre of your bat as it rockets to the boundary, or the crack of the wicket tumbling over, seconds after you have bowled the perfect ball.

Have a good Christmas.

David Hilton

Matt Hankins

Chairman's report



Challenging times on and off the field

When I took on the role of Chairman for this unique club, I never dreamt that we would have faced the challenges that we have this past year; that every aspect of the Cricket Club would be tested the way it has been. Amongst all the decisions we have made and actions we have had to take, the health and safety of our staff and members has always been our priority.

On the field

In past reports I would have written much more about our cricket teams, from our Juniors through to all our Senior teams, and all their success on the field of play. Although we have had a largely interrupted season and we haven't played the competitive cricket we normally would, our playing members are to be congratulated for their efforts and commitment this season. Our Juniors have suffered more than most in terms of actually playing. Conscious of this, we have tried to give all our Juniors the opportunity to train and be engaged in club life, akin to our Senior playing members. Our Director of Cricket, Robert Maggs, and his team, have faced huge challenges in ensuring that everything we have delivered has been in line with all Government guidelines, and that our staff and members could enjoy being at the club confidently, knowing that they were in a safe environment.

We also had to approach our Senior cricket programme very differently. Whilst we did experience some competitive cricket, it was not what we are used to. We were arranged into more local 'bubble leagues' and as a result enjoyed fixtures against some opponents that we would not normally have had the chance to play. Robert Maggs and the coaching staff thought carefully about how we approached this opportunity. It was decided that our priority as a club was to give young talent and committed players an opportunity to develop and grow. We did this by blending the talent and experience we have at the Cricket Club across four well-balanced teams.

I am proud of this approach and I believe it reflects not only the current ethos of the Cricket Club, but the direction we plan to take going forward. I would like to thank all our captains for their leadership and the example they set, a very special thanks should go to Jan Godman for her continued commitment to girls' and women's cricket at Bath and in the South West. The measure of success should not always be in the result or the outcome, but more so measured by the process and the behaviors displayed on the way. I am convinced that this approach and the culture we are building will result in real and continued success for Bath Cricket Club long into the future.

The most important thing for me as Chairman is that all of our members enjoy the experience they have at the club, whether it is training, playing, watching the game of cricket or enjoying a drink or meal in the clubhouse. The experience delivered by the team in unprecedented circumstances, led by Robert Maggs, has been first-class this year. We have developed several exceptional cricketers as well as discovering new, talented youngsters, putting us in a strong position for the future. We have seen the likes of Sam Young, Casey Aldridge and Harry Hankins sign professional contracts for Somerset CCC and Gloucestershire CCC, along with a host of our Juniors representing both counties across all age groups within Boys' and Girls' cricket. This should fill the next generation with confidence and excitement. I would personally like to thank all of our coaches; Paul Muchall for leading our Seniors, Jonathan Green for his incredible work across all of our Junior sections and for all their professionalism and commitment to our club. I would also like to thank all of our members for their continued support. It makes me extremely proud to represent you all and try to deliver the first-class facilities you all deserve.

Off the field

Where do I begin! Guiding the club and trying to execute ambitious objectives in normal times is

challenging enough. However, embarking on a major development project to ensure we not only realise our ambition but continue to exist and grow as a Community Charity in a global pandemic has stretched us all to the limit.

Ironically, having completed on our project we have been able to not only continue with business as usual (within reason) but also invest and continue planning for our future, including new and exciting development projects. Having the project go ahead has compensated us for our loss of earnings for the next 18 months and allows us to move forward with little interruption. I do not like to contemplate the position we might have been in as a team without our project going ahead. It is truly amazing to think we have come through this time looking forward so positively. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen Young, our Financial Director, for all the hard work she has put in – and continues to put in – to allow us to stay on track financially, along with the continued support of our Board of Trustees.

Having found ourselves in a very fortunate position, I would like to give you an insight into the project and the future development plans which we have to look forward to. With regards to 'Project Oval', which is the student accommodation development within our car park, we have completed on all the financials – and as part of this completion, we have secured the bank running alongside North Parade Road. This has given us full access rights, whilst also giving us two additional car parking spaces in our rear car park. Construction is fully underway again, however, unfortunately the delays we have had to endure have pushed the completion date back. We can now expect to be handed back our indoor school in December 2021, and the use of our new car park in the spring of 2022. You will be able to get regular progress reports on our website and through our social media channels.

With regards to future developments, we are working incredibly hard to ensure we stretch and maximise our windfall, whilst also ensuring we deliver state-of-the-art, world-class facilities for our members and for the wider community. It is incredibly important that as many people as possible benefit from our investment. The current climate has given me, as Chairman, more time and an even bigger appetite to deliver the very best for this Club.

We have used this time to review and sense-check our vision and strategy so we can be confident in our ability to execute our plans. I am pleased to inform you all that we have gained planning permission to demolish the pavilion at our Brownsword ground and erect a brand-new pavilion. This will allow a much

more enjoyable playing and viewing experience at our second ground and shows how important all our age groups, and indeed Women's Cricket, are to us. We are doing everything we can to deliver this new facility to you ready for the 2021 season. As soon as we have the final design confirmed and signed off by the Board of Trustees, I will be sure to share with you all an idea of what you can expect. We are also fully engaged with architects and planners for the redevelopment of our North Parade Pavilion and the historical JR Pavilion, which once stood above the current Groundsman's shed. As soon as we have some visuals to share with you, we will be sure to do so.

You might also have noticed there have been some structural changes to the running of the club, with some new personnel. We have a new General Manager in Andy Owen, who takes full responsibility for the day-to-day running of the club. Andy is well supported by Karen Young, our Financial Director, who has managed all our finances through this difficult time as well as playing an integral role in the delivery of our 'Project Oval'. Andy has appointed Lauren Abraham as our new Boundary Manager (all things events, hospitality and social) as well as new grounds staff, with Gordon Gill heading up the grounds team, supported by Darren Ball. Darren was Bath Rugby's Head Groundsman for over 10 years, where he managed their new training facility at Farleigh House. It is our intention to take on an apprentice Groundsman over the coming months to support Gordon and Darren so if you know of any young, ambitious boys or girls looking for a career in this field please get in touch with Andy Owen.

It is worth noting that as we develop our Cricket Club and our assets, we will create new opportunities for employment in the city. Although we are a member club, we are a huge part of the city and our vision for the future will only result in us being more and more integrated into city life in the future. The most important outcome for us all is making quite sure that cricket flourishes in Bath and in the South West and that North Parade continues to be a venue to enjoy cricket for many years to come.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support. If any of you would like to explore anything I have said in greater detail, I would be more than happy to do so.

Finally, please take care, stay safe and healthy. I hope you and your families have the best festive break you can and I very much look forward to seeing you at all the Cricket Club next season.

Matt Hankins

2020 - the year that should have been

On 14th July 2019, we were treated to the single best game of cricket the world has ever seen. Sweltering in the heat of the evening sun that radiated through the clubhouse windows, kids, adults, players and parents alike chewed away any remaining fingernails as Stokes, Buttler, Archer and co. conspired to grab the World Cup trophy from New Zealand's desperate grasp – 'by the barest of margins'. Scarcely a month had passed when, at Headingley, Stokes once again starred as England recovered from being 67 all out in the first innings to chase down 359 and turn Jack Leach, and his specs, into national heroes.

Following on from this was never going to be easy. Like David Moyes taking over from Sir Alex or the new Top Gear trying to recreate Clarkson, Hammond and May, 2020 was probably never going to be as good – but it had to try.

However, when April 2020 finally rolled around, bringing with it the burgeoning warmth of an English spring, the cricket pitches remained empty. Empty they remained, even as the sunniest May on record baked the pristine squares into green strips of temptation.

2020 should have been the year to further inspire the next generation. It should have been the year for the dreams evoked by 2019's plethora of highlights to be realised by the upcoming cricketers of tomorrow. It should have been the year where progress on the new development at the club started to ramp up. It should have been the year when the 2nd and 3rd XI's embarked on new adventures in higher rungs of their leagues. It should have been the year the Wanderers continued to prove there is no better club to play women's cricket at. It should have been the year the 1st XI tried to go one better in the league and built off last year's National Cup runs and it should have been



the year for the 4th XI to continue bleeding new talent into the challenges of senior cricket.

Inevitably, 2020 will be remembered for the losses it has wrought. For some, it has delayed weddings and cancelled holidays. It has been tough and lonely. For others, ultimately, it has cost a whole lot more.

In July, cricket returned in its new state. Playing against teams in local 'bubbles', on a Saturday we greet each other in the morning by bumping elbows. Every six overs we rush over to the bottle of hand gel for a sanitisation break. Wickets are celebrated in much larger huddles than usual and runs aren't clapped from the balcony, but from gazebos on the river-side of the ground. After the game, we follow the well arrowed one-way system through the clubhouse to get our beers before spreading out, two metres apart, onto the grass.

2020 was the year that should have been. But as I walk home after a game, NHS rainbows lining the streets of my journey, I reflect how this year has



highlighted the importance of the cricket club. How it wasn't until I was locked away with only university exams for company that I realised how much I missed being able to spend a day in the sun alongside good mates, celebrating successes and overcoming challenges together. How that team spirit and those memories are so important for the mental health of so many people, and if we can build from there, I believe, 2021 will be the year it should be.

Joe Prescott



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Alex Ball

Player profile

Name: Alexandra Ball

Age: 13

School: Hayesfield Girls' School

Bath Cricket Club team: Sabres

Cricketing style: Right-hand bat/ right-arm seam

How long have you played at Bath Cricket Club?

I think it must be about five or six summers; I can't remember not playing here!

Best game you've played in?

There are two. One was with Bath Cricket Club beating the under-11 boys when my brother Archie was playing for the other team. I had to win that one. And the other was with Hayesfield School when we qualified for the Indoor County Finals in Taunton.

Who are your cricketing idols?

That would have to be Anya Shrubsole because she is from Bath and has had a career that I could only dream of. I have to say I would love to be Ben Stokes too, because he is such an amazing all-rounder.

Have you enjoyed being able to train with some of the senior players this summer?

Yes, it has definitely improved my game and the senior players have been really helpful and supportive too.

What has been the biggest difference you've noticed training with the seniors?

The reaction times. I have to think quicker as the bowling is so much faster, and I have to concentrate more so I don't get hit.

Favourite cricketing memories?

My first boundary hit through mid-wicket for four and my first wicket, a caught and bowled.

Most exciting cricket game you've watched?

Like a lot of other people, that would probably have to be the 2019 World Cup Final, because it was so close and needed that nail-biting super over to break the tie.

Win the Cricket World Cup or win the Ashes?

Ashes, because it's always good to beat the Australians.

Which country would you most like to play cricket in?

India looks like an amazing country with some incredibly passionate crowds.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Obviously I'd like to be a professional cricket player, but if that doesn't happen, a vet.

Ideal cricket lunch?

Pesto pasta and a Mars bar.

Do you play any other sports?

I play netball and hockey at school.

Have you enjoyed not having to go to school?

Yes, it means I can get up a lot later.

What have you missed most about cricket since the lockdown started?

I was lucky that we managed to get quite a few net sessions as a family during lockdown which kept my eye in and it became a kind of weekly ritual. But I still really missed training with my friends and playing in competitive matches though.



2nd XI Champions 2019



The 2019 season saw the Bath Cricket Club 2nd XI crowned champions of WEPL Bristol & North Somerset and consequently become the only second team in Prem 2. Joint players of the season Alain Hewitt and skipper James Arney look back at the successful year.

After five games, what were your thoughts?

Alain: Yeah the first five games were a rollercoaster of emotions. We had a good start winning a tight game at Twyford House. We felt we had a squad that could win the league and winning a tight game backed that up. Everyone got along well and we decided we would sing 'Never Forget' by Take That after every win and be a real tight team.

Some very poor batting in round two against Knowle meant we lost in another tight finish. But to play as badly as we did against our main competition and only just lose wasn't too worrying.

Round three was probably rock bottom. We played some terrible cricket and Maggsy and myself had some open conversations as I was beginning to question what was the point of me being here, especially with a quad injury keeping me out of games three and four.

After the Bristol game, loss number four from five, the team held very tough and honest conversations. We knew we had a bucketload of talent, but we emphasised the need to start taking responsibility and not relying on anyone else. However, the buzz in the team was still amazing and we were slowly discovering a perfect balance moving forward. We felt it could be turned around

What were your thoughts taking over the captaincy?

James: When I took over the captaincy a quarter of the

way into the season, I felt we hadn't performed to our standard. I was excited with the potential of the young group of players that we had and knew that we had the talent to win the league. But having just lost three games on the trot when I took charge, it was a case of understanding how to win games and of course, having the belief to do it.

Most important games?

Alain: For the team, it was Bristol West Indies at North Parade in round nine. We batted first, putting on 361/6 and hit 140 runs in the last 10 overs – before proceeding to bowl them all out at 101 runs. For us, that was the blueprint of how we wanted to play; we kept wickets in hand and earned the right to hit out at the end, and it showed what we could do with the ball as well.

Also, the Frenchay and Congresbury games at North Parade in dodgy weather showed the spirit of the team. The whole squad put in a huge shift Thursday-Saturday with the covers etc., during heavy rain, to ensure we got games in when every other game in the league was called off.

James: I think our best team performance was Twyford House at North Parade. We batted well and achieved our goals of one of the top 5 scoring 70 plus, whilst keeping wickets in hand to enable us to attack the last ten overs of the innings and get up to a score of 311. We knew their batting line-up could get that score, but with the ball, we achieved our goals; we took wickets at regular intervals, slowing the scoring and increasing the pressure on their batting line-up until they fell 107 runs short.

The most important win for us I think was Bristol away. It was a near-complete performance from us, posting 238 and having them 16 for 6 before bowling them out

for just 90 – which meant we took 22 points from the game to go top of the league for the first time, with four games to go.

How did it feel to win the league?

James: To win the league was an unbelievable feeling, especially as it has been something the second team has been striving towards for such a long time. It was great to be a part of it and to lead the side to the promotion. Not only did the squad of players work so hard to gain promotion but none of it would have been possible without the incredible support of Rob Maggs, who always showed his commitment to the team. The season showed what we are capable of and I think with the depth of players we have, we will be looking to cement our position in Prem 2.

On reflection, what changed compared with the previous years?

Alain: We picked up Scowers, a pure gloveman, which we missed massively in previous seasons, and he was easily the best keeper in the league. A couple of wise heads came into the team in Kester 'The wall' Mosely and Padge, which allowed the rest of the team to execute their skills around them.

James Arney taking over as captain. He led from the front with wickets, runs and is tactically very smart and calm in his decision making. I can see him leading the 1sts when Mouny takes a step back.

But without doubt, having Rob Maggs with us on a Saturday made the biggest difference. The bloke moved mountains so we could prepare and play to the best of our abilities. He is a laugh, but was also a great sounding board when the cricket got serious, so definitely from all the lads – thank you Maggsy.

How do you think you'll do as the only 2nd XI in WEPL 2 next year?

James: I think being in the WEPL 2 next year will be a good challenge for us. I believe we can do very well but as a young side, we have to understand that we must perform at a more consistent level, as the league will be much stronger. However, I think with COVID-19 stopping any league cricket this year and allowing us to play some of the sides already in Prem 2, next season we will be more acclimatised to the standard we will have to play.

Interview by Joe Prescott



Adam Kelly retires



When asked to reflect back on my playing days at Bath, one of my first thoughts was a conversation I had with David Black. He asked me, 'Why do you want to play for Bath, Adam?' and my reply was simple: 'Why wouldn't I want to?' as a player, the club has everything you could wish for and more. The ground is picturesque, the facilities are second to none, the people at the club are amazing, and the club's history and reputation, both locally and nationally, is something to behold.

During my playing days, every weekend there was a sense of excitement. Having played against Bath, I know first-hand how much other teams want to beat us. When we played at other teams' grounds it was often an event, such as presidents/sponsors/ex-players' day. Wherever we played, there would always be supporters from both sides watching and there was always an expectation on us to win. Every weekend another team would try everything they could to beat us. As a player I loved that challenge.

Then, of course, there is the love affair with the national knock out cup. These Sundays were the days that everyone wanted to be involved in. When doing the hard yards in January, we'd all be looking forward to that year's cup run. The excitement on game days was always remarkable. There



would always be lots of people around, players buzzing at the unknowns of the day ahead and optimism that this would be the year. It is these days that I'll miss the most and I'd imagine that's the same for most ex-players.

Looking ahead, I'll continue to follow the club and see how we are getting on every weekend. I'd like to congratulate the club and the players on finishing 1st and 2nd in COVID Group A this year. This shows again the strength in depth Bath has always had and hopefully 2021 will see more titles won across the club. Hopefully by the 2021 season I'll be able to come and watch games in person.

As for me, the future holds lots of family time. I am now lucky enough to have two little girls and a lovely wife. I'm really excited about this next chapter of my life and the challenges of helping to raise these little girls to become amazing women.

Adam Kelly

ADAM KELLY

2008-2019

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RUNS 6075

WICKETS 340

AVG 17.87

Best bowling 6-39

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Project update

The development project work started in earnest at the end of October 2020. The work continues for approximately 18 months.



ECB National Cup 2019

Bath Cricket Club has always had a special affiliation with the National Knockout competition. Since joining the club at the age of 7, I have seen Bath Cricket Club play in two of its three Lords finals, and the significance of the cup runs has always been clear to see. As soon as I stepped into the senior environment at the club, that importance was instilled into me. Furthermore, the sense of anticipation creates a fantastic atmosphere around the club on a Sunday as the competition progresses into the National rounds.

The 2019 season saw us comfortably beating Cheltenham and Potterne at home followed by a bye into the next round. However, a new challenge presented itself as we faced Barnt Green at North Parade in mid July. The great appeal of the cup is coming up against the top sides from other leagues who you haven't faced before and challenging yourself against the best teams from across the country.

On that day, it showed why Bath has such a great relationship with the cup; in front of a crowd several-hundred strong at North Parade, we turned in a great performance that took us into the last eight in the country. Having batted first, we made 242 from our 40 overs, Tim Rouse (72) and Ben Ackland (60) leading from the top of the order. North Parade is a fast-scoring ground and as such, you're never quite sure what is 'enough' on the day – especially when facing such a talented batting line-up as Barnt Green had. However, Paul Muchall was at his devastating best taking 5-24 from 8 overs to secure a 113 win and ensured the club cup song 'Never Forget' was blaring right across the ground after the game!



In the five seasons prior to 2019, I had personally been involved in a National semi-final loss and two quarter-final losses while clocking up some serious miles travelling to Blackheath, East Grinstead and Ealing – and having to endure bittersweet bus journeys on the way back. Nantwich in 2019 however, was certainly our trip furthest afield. As a squad, we were full of confidence on the journey up to Manchester. But unfortunately on the day it just wasn't meant to be, and we were well-beaten thanks to a blitzing 100 from one of their batters. It was one of those games where we just couldn't catch a break, but fair play to Nantwich who are a strong side and a good team to share a beer with after the game.

What you come to learn throughout the competition is to enjoy the opportunity to challenge current and ex-professional players from across the country, whilst creating some incredible memories with your mates on the road and trying to win games of cricket along the way.

The lure of playing in a Lords final is clear to see for every team who enters the National, and having been involved in so many semi- and quarter-final runs in recent years, I am desperate to go further and have the chance to raise the trophy at Lords – I am dead certain that if a team is meant to do it one day, it's Bath!

Sam Mount



Youth Cricket summary

Cricket may just have saved the day this year. A bold statement, but witnessing the manic typing and adjusting of our net booking system at 9am on selected mornings gave the best indication of how bat and ball provided an outlet to the restricted lives of junior players and parents this summer. The freedom and sanctuary North Parade provided was palpable and those using the Brownsword can be forgiven for jumping the gates. At least it was getting some cricket when we thought the season may be lost.

The silent heroes in this story were Somerset Cricket Board's Matt Counsell, who kept us – and all the clubs in the county – informed of ECB developments. And our own Rob Maggs, who Matt had daily contact with. From late April, when we were ready to launch into the season, through the darkest days of May when thoughts of the season being called off were a little too real, to the gradual return to practice and eventual games in July, Matt and Rob were both front and centre. Unfortunately, it was always easier to shoot the messengers for some of the more myopic clubs out there. We're lucky to have them both, and extremely grateful for their efforts and energy this summer.

For the Junior section, maybe it was the thought of 'Cabin Fever Cricket' for weeks on end that gave everyone a nudge to embrace cricket in whatever form came their way. I can say with hands on heart that families upped their game and played their part perfectly. Jon and Debbie Heywood, who both work for the NHS, gave guidance on our protocols and common-sense approaches to the pandemic – along with hours of non-cricketing personal counselling to a frazzled Head of Junior cricket. Harriet Beveridge (co-author of 'Will it make the boat go faster?') offered an insight into what it takes to motivate individuals and teams to achieve extraordinary results in and out of cricket (dare we say it... school!) which will be of benefit to the coaching team as much as our young players. Thank you.

When we finally got onto the pitch, the coaching team was on point – supporting and dovetailing with their team members. The atmosphere and energy from the players were testament to the coaches' efforts, in spite of the inner struggles they may have been experiencing. As a group predominantly in their early twenties, unable to experience the 'best years of your life', they never let it transfer to the pitch and kept up both their energy and professionalism into September, via a long cricket camp in August. In short, the team of Emma, Harry, Jack, Jan, Joe, Mark, Ollie, Sol and Tom was excellent.



Cricket looked different, but not poorer in comparison to 2019. Smaller bubbles during practice allowed for greater attention to individuals and intervention where needed. The bubble structure also allowed girls to be integrated into the women's section, bridging the gap between the two important growth areas for our club and the game as a whole. Intra-club games doubled our strike rate in getting players on the pitch and allowed in-game coaching to take place in all three disciplines (possibly four when you include captaincy). It would be great if we could include this in our programme in years to come. The lack of pressure to win allowed players to experience new roles and expression not seen on the pitch before. Friends were able to mix in a safe environment and enjoy each other's successes – the best examples being Owen Brown taking a hat-trick and Agnes Kenny-Taylor taking 3 wickets in 4 balls in intra-club games!

The autumn will keep us all going and we keep our fingers crossed for cricket to show the way next year, and hopefully an expanded fixture list. Stay safe.

Jonathan Green
Head of Junior and Community Cricket



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Harry Scowen

Player profile

Name: Harry Scowen

Age: 20

Place of residence: East Sussex/University of Bath (Oldfield Park) and Second Bridge (Fridays and Saturdays)

Cricketing style: Wicket keeper/ right-hand bat

Highest score: 145* Hastings Priory CC U16s (Juniors), 112 vs East Grinstead, Hastings priory 2nd XI (Seniors)

How did you hear about Bath Cricket Club? The great man Robert Maggs spoke to me after a university training session and dangled the carrot of some cricket at North Parade.

Best memory from last year?

This is so tough as a league winning season is full of many incredible moments, but I think it's hard to look past the game at home against BWI on the hottest day of the year. Watching Kester churn them out in the heat, and then Harry Hankins tearing them apart; we ended up scoring over 350 in 50 overs, then bowled them out for about 120. We finished so early there was time enough for a game of footy on the outfield with a beer. I also think this was the time we all thought we could go on and win the league!

Best teammate?

Tough to pick this. As a new player, spending the whole summer in a different city, I was welcomed into the club with open arms. All the lads were brilliant from the off, but spending so much time with Louis Brown, Scrivo, Harry Hanks and the Anzacs, I found some great friendships. The Arney brothers also made my first year at the club really enjoyable whilst Maggsy was instrumental in allowing me to come and play for Bath and helped keep me around all summer, which I can't thank him enough for!

What was it like when you got a chance to play in the 1st XI?

The presence that the 1st team has around the west is just mental. Everyone just wants to beat Bath and that is something that brings pressure, but is really special! But within the club, the bond between the 1st and 2nd team is just brilliant and it feels like one squad!

In light of the ongoing pandemic, what's been the thing you've missed most about cricket?

Being able to spend hours on end with your best mates! For a day, just forgetting everything else going on in the world and being able to share the field with your best mates!

West Ham win the Premier League, or win the National with Bath Cricket Club?

This is tough; my love for West Ham trumps most things in this world and it would be an absolute dream come true to see Mark Noble lift a Premier League trophy. A Bath Cricket Club win at Lords would be amazing but I love West Ham more than life itself!



Wanderers report

The Bath Wanderers 2020 season was all set up and ready to go by February. The First XI had 13 fixtures set up and the 2nd XI had 14 fixtures to get their teeth into. Then came COVID-19...

As the weeks passed and the weather got hotter, everyone who loves to play cricket was starting to twitch. Finally, we were given the go-ahead to play in 'bubbles' by July. This unfortunately meant we couldn't play our Welsh oppositions as they were still in lockdown.

The first match in our 'bubble' was Devizes away on 19th July. Our very young side played on a bit of a soggy pitch, which was very low and slow, but managed to come away with a victory by 2 wickets.

A fortnight later, our next match was the return v Devizes at home. A gorgeous hot day, it couldn't have been better at North Parade, with the girls pulling out all the stops with an 8 wicket win.

The following week on 9th August, we hosted Bridgwater, once again at North Parade on another hot day. These were our strongest opponents in the 'bubble', fielding some experienced Somerset players. The girls took it in their stride. It was nail-bitingly close

match to watch. Amazingly, the Wanderers clinched a victory by 2 runs!

The weather now took a turn for the wetter and the Bridgwater return match had to be rescheduled for later in the season.

The match next up was a bit different for the girls and a bit of an enlightenment for them. They played the Somerset Disabilities XI up at Brownsword. It was a really lovely day, played with a heavy incrediball. Again, another close match against a bunch of great guys, who were just desperate to get out and play their first match of the season. The Wanderers won it by 9 runs.

Unfortunately the rescheduled Bridgwater match was cancelled due to the weather again, but in such a short space of time the girls managed to end the season unbeaten. Lots of players showed excellent potential in such a young side, and there are exciting times ahead – pandemic allowing!

A big thank you to Maggsy for helping to get the season started, and to Paula, Rick and Seth for helping with the scoring. Always much appreciated.

Jan Godman



What sort of name is Ashur!

It's been enlightening, plus shocking, to see the country's response to George Floyd's death. His death has given black people a voice, fed up with the stereotypes and constant injustices. It's inspired many people of many races and cultures to say enough is enough, things have to change – not just in America or England, but in the world.

Racism has been prevalent in my life since Year 4 of primary school, when a rubber band was flicked in my eye. While crying, my teacher proudly declared to the class "Don't worry, he deserved it". My mother, understanding the injustice I faced, took me back into school to speak with the headteacher. This was one of many incidents requiring my mum's attention. Even though I couldn't define this feeling of unfairness, I could feel my mum's sense of concern and pain in her voice – I wasn't being treated fairly. English schools focus on one element of black history – slavery! I remember watching Roots in school with everyone in the class looking at me. "Your family were my family's slave", they said. I was called the main character's name for a while; the comments were endless at times.

Whilst working at the Ministry of Defence in an open plan office, I was asked a question relating specifically to black people. I replied with "Black people used to be..." and my top boss interrupted me, finishing off my sentence with "...lynched". My colleagues laughed and my manager shrugged his shoulders at me as he said: "What?". At times, I felt like I couldn't get away from racism.

Cricket has always been my getaway; where I could fully express myself. I had found something I was good at and loved. I poured all of my attention into the sport, it made up for what I was going through. I thrived in the cricket environment, the game stripped all my insecurities, I felt free. So it was soul destroying when I was introduced to racial banter.

Leaving Bristol West Indies Cricket Club was a massive decision for me. It was a majority black club. It had been my safe haven – I adored the club, the culture and atmosphere. It was a place I could fully express myself. I wanted to play Prem 1 cricket but realised I would have to join a predominately white club to achieve this ambition. It was very daunting. I thought about it for weeks, months, undecided on whether moving would be beneficial. The effects of racism – that factor shouldn't matter because the love of the game should bring us together.

My first social event at my new club was fancy dress and I wanted to impress so I fully committed to my



outfit. I hired out a fireman's suit with the helmet for £40, and I thought 'money well spent'. As a black man, you understand the need to fit into social environments, especially where you may be the only black person. You see, my insecurities from racism have always made me do extra to fit into new social environments. I never felt comfortable being myself, never trusted Ashur Morrison was enough.

As I walked into the club for the fancy-dress party, I was stopped by a club official, dressed as a black guy sporting a massive fake Afro wig. He looked at me and said: "Ash, what's happened, you look burnt mate". I was confused. I knew within this wasn't right. I quickly noticed everyone laughing; it made me ashamed to be black and left me so conflicted. I wanted to retaliate but didn't want to ruin my chances at my new club. I started laughing with them, at my own expense and became the black man who would accept racial banter. It was a horrible position to be in and led to more mockery, more self-hatred. I wish I stood up for myself that day! It was no surprise I only scored 98 league runs that season and kept my place in the team as a bowler.

It was a tough season that really affected my confidence, and left me confused because I actually fitted into the club. I was shown so much love and the banter only came from a small minority; however, it didn't stop everyone laughing!

I felt a lot of love and truly enjoyed playing for Corsham. I met some lifelong friends and was given the honour to captain. I will always have fond memories. It made me realise that some people were ignorant; for many, I was the first black man they had shared a changing room and played with. Their interpretation of black culture was based on racial stereotypes from the media or school, which isn't a true reflection of us!

The picture of the whole situation hasn't been revealed. Not all immigrants want to utilise the benefit system or participate in criminal activities; most see England as an opportunity to better their family's life and are fully prepared to work hard in a wide variety of professions. My dad came here aged 11 and has had a successful career with Hewlett Packard as a computer engineer. He is one of six children who all came to the UK from Jamaica. His parents were encouraged to emigrate to England for work purposes. They soon realised 'the five-year plan' was a fantasy and decided to bring all their children to England over a period of four years.

My mother has a Master's degree in specialist community public health nursing. Her mother, my Nan, lost her parents as a child. She came to England aged 18 and forged a career in nursing. While Grandad has owned successful businesses and is sitting extremely comfortably in life, watching The Chase or horse racing, and regularly visiting the Jolly Roger, his local pub.

My family epitomises hard work, determination and success – not lazy, laidback reggae enthusiasts. I'm fortunate to have had strong black role models showing me my worth to this country as a black person, but that's not stopped racism affecting me!

To me, my culture is an important part of who I am as a black man in England. My race is something I can't escape but have learned to love and embrace. I was born in England, Southmead Hospital. Britain is my home and I feel British; I AM BRITISH, but I'm not accepted as such.

Thank you to all involved at Bath Cricket Club for giving me this opportunity to share my experiences with racism and I hope you enjoyed my article.

Ashur Morrison



Sam Young

My winter with England U19's



Last winter, I escaped the English weather with the England U19 squad to play in a triangular series against the West Indies and Sri Lanka in Antigua.

A 15-man squad, which included my Bath Cricket Club and Somerset teammate Kasey Aldridge, arrived in a very hot and humid Halcyon Cove, neighbour to the 5-star Antigua Sandals Resort. We trained for the first few days with Ian Bell, our batting coach, acclimatising to the temperature and specifically focusing on rotating the strike against spin.

Our first two games of the tour were warm-ups against an Antigua XI, followed by three ODI matches against both West Indies and Sri Lanka. Wins in three of the six matches meant we narrowly qualified for the 'tour final' against Sri Lanka. Having beaten them twice, we lost to the better team on the day by 77 runs. Before flying home, individual feedback meetings were held with our coaches, all the more nerve-racking because one of us would miss out on final selection. Thankfully, Kasey and I had impressed enough to be included.

After Christmas at home, we flew to Johannesburg on 3rd January for a five-day preparation camp before warm-up matches against Zimbabwe (abandoned when monsoon-like wind and rain struck) and Afghanistan – where we struggled against an impressive bowling unit. We also attended the World Cup press conference where our official photos were taken.

On 15th January, we travelled nine hours under police escort to scorching-hot Kimberley for our Group matches against the West Indies, Australia and Nigeria – with the top two teams qualifying for the Finals Group (places 1-8) with the bottom two in the Plate competition (places 9-16).

The Diamond Oval in Kimberley was covered with World Cup branding for our first game against the West Indies, and hundreds of local children had been given the day off school to watch the game and make as much noise as possible. Unfortunately, having won the toss and put them in, the West Indies scored 267/7 and we had only managed 184/9 in reply before the rain came, losing by 71 runs on DLS. This created a 'winner takes all' match three days later against Australia. We posted a respectable total of 252/7 which looked to be enough with Australia 206/8 off 45.4 overs before their number 9 struck 35 off 20 balls to win them the game.

Motivated to win the next four games, and wanting to prove we were better than our displays so far, we won our final group game against Nigeria by eight wickets, meaning we finished third in the group. Deposited into the Plate competition, we travelled five hours to Potchefstroom to record a nine-wicket win against Japan before returning to Kimberley to play in the semi-final against Zimbabwe, where our score of 286/9 secured the win to meet Sri Lanka in the Plate Final in Benoni. In the game, England scored 279/7 which proved to be a winning score, as Sri Lanka collapsed to 127 ao.

I am proud to be able to say I have played for my country, and receiving my England cap from David Graveney in Antigua was a very special moment. Standing with your teammates, singing the National Anthem and wearing the Three Lions are all unforgettable experiences, but are also experiences which have motivated me to develop my game technically, mentally and physically to become the best player I can be.



Mr and Mrs



When I was asked to write about what it's like playing with your other half, I found it hard to know where to start, as it's just something we do automatically! For the past 15 years when spring comes around, auto-pilot kicks in and life revolves around cricket for the next six months.

The best way I guess to describe what it's like playing together for so many years, would be to say it's a constant rollercoaster of emotions. Although that's how I would describe it; I'm sure Beth would say it's more like being followed everywhere!

It usually starts with the angry emotion for me on a Thursday. That is when Beth would usually keep all these 'jaffa' deliveries, just for when she is bowling to me! And then the embarrassed emotion follows when the crowd (all the players in the nets and passers-by on the bridge) erupts with great laughter when she nicks me off or bowls me! Here we go again...

Then there's the excitement on a Saturday morning. I've got over Thursday (as I don't have to face Beth today) and have the great hope of runs and wickets... only for the subdued emotion to kick in when Beth tells me to shut up and not get ahead of myself.

The rest of Saturday is usually filled with the feeling of disappointment in myself for playing that same rubbish shot AGAIN! But it usually ends with such proudness of Beth, especially when so many of the opposition say how impressed they are with her. Let's face it, the whole club knows she's the better cricketer!

But in all seriousness, cricket is a massive part of our lives. We met through playing together and we even had our wedding reception at the cricket club. We have been incredibly lucky and fortunate to play together, and there aren't many people out there that can say they share their favourite hobby with their wife and best friend!

Thiaan

Subjecting me to a barrage of head-high, in-swinging beamers was how Thiaan introduced himself to me at nets one Thursday night back in 2005. Needless to say, I did forgive him (eventually) and we have since enjoyed playing alongside each other in the 4th team for 15 years.

Sometimes though, after working and living with him all week, I do think: "Please skip, can you put him at long on or deep square leg, not next to me at slip. He'll only complain about all the grass stains he's got to deal with on my whites, #laundryboy."

It did take him 10 years to get his elusive first ton before he could pop the question. A benchmark I thought was far beyond his grasp, especially for someone who still hasn't learnt to put his pull shot away, on a damp Brownsword pitch in April. You may have been born in South Africa, but that dodgy West Country hybrid accent isn't fooling anyone.

Cricket teas were served at the wedding, stumps were the centre pieces on the tables, and the dress code was cricket jumpers. Aptly, all conducted at Bath Cricket Club, where he first bowled this maiden over.

Beth



My first year at Bath Cricket Club as General Manager has been unique and challenging to say the least. Before I look at this last year, I think it is worth acknowledging that 1st November 2019 was not my first encounter with the cricket club. Bath Cricket Club was my first club as an 8-year-old boy. This was a time when parents mucked in and coached the junior teams. These coaches included my own father Peter, David Hilton, our current President, and Pat Colbourne, former President. I loved being a Bath Cricket Club player, however my time at the club was to be short-lived. My older brother Greg had become first team captain of arch-rivals Lansdown and had made it clear to me that if I wished to continue being his brother, I needed to have a good look at my life choices!

I quickly moved up the road where I stayed until I was 18 years old. It was at this point that I was fortunate enough to be invited by Mike Roe to tour Australia with a Bath Cricket Club development XI. I was also now old enough to think for myself; and fast enough to run away from my brother. It's fair to say this was an unbelievable experience and my allegiances needed to change again. I stayed at Bath then until the 2003 season and was lucky enough to win the Western Premier League and reach the final of the national knock out final at Lords.

My most recent impression of the cricket club upon arriving in November 2019 is that yes, we are incredibly fortunate. But contrary to common perception, we are incredibly benevolent. The cricket club is in a period of change and transition and I believe this period will be looked back upon as the one that afforded us security, world-class facilities on and off the field, and the ability to continue and grow our charitable commitments.

Bath Cricket Club as it stands is in a very strong position from a cricket perspective. Rob Maggs, Jonathan Green and their team of coaches work hard to ensure not just that the future of Bath Cricket Club looks bright, but that cricket across the South West looks bright. This includes the growth of cricket for girls and women with the support and insight of Jan Godman. Jonathan Green and Tom Bryan (community cricket coach) have some great plans to

support vulnerable and underprivileged children in the community. The cricket culture at the club looks to have a great balance between ambition and inclusivity. Ambition, inclusivity and innovation are terms that I have heard thrown around a lot in previous jobs and organisations. But I can honestly say that these are not just words here at Bath Cricket Club. There is a genuine desire and appetite to ensure the charitable commitments of the cricket club not only continue, but that the value we bring to the community can grow long into the future.

What the team has achieved in this unprecedented time has to be commended. Cricket has been played and enjoyed, but more importantly it has been done respectfully and safely through a pandemic. In summary, the product on the field is strong and will continue to improve for everyone associated with the club.

From my perspective, our biggest opportunity lies off the field. The opportunity to deliver a first-class experience is real, not only for the members of the cricket club, but for the people of the city. For this to happen we must be as innovative and ambitious away from cricket as we are in cricket. The experience members and non-members have off the field of play is so important to the sustainability and growth of what we do on the field and in the community. The exciting thing for me is the blank canvas we appear to have. We can now decide how we differentiate ourselves and become consistent with the quality of the product we deliver. One of my visions for the cricket club is to create an identity and a clarity off the field – that North Parade becomes a go-to place for all; that you, your families, and your friends, choose to enjoy yourselves and make memories together at Bath Cricket Club. We have made the first important step towards this with the recruitment of Lauren Abraham as our Clubhouse Manager. The future off the field is bright and very exciting.

I look forward to 2021 and getting to know you, the members, of this great club and working hard to make every aspect of the club the best it can be.

Jess Smith

Player profile

Name: Jess Smith

Age: 18

School/University: Plymouth Marjon University

Role: Off-spinner, right-hand bat

Best bowling figures/highest score: Bowling: 5-30 versus Yorkshire; batting: 75 not out at Brownsword

Cricketing idols: Katherine Brunt, Fran Wilson, Chris Gayle

How long have you played cricket at Bath Cricket Club?

Eight or nine years.

What's the best tour you've gone on and why?

The tour to Sri Lanka with Somerset U17s in 2018 was one of the most amazing experiences of my life as I'd never been somewhere so far from home, or so warm, before. I got to see a totally different culture and play some really high-quality cricket.

The most exciting cricket game you've watched?

Women's World Cup final because the atmosphere was insane during that really tight finish.

What's it like playing for a club with such a rich history of successful female cricketers?

It's motivating and inspiring that I'm walking in their footsteps and have access to great coaches and facilities that can produce excellence.

Do you think there's been enough professional women's cricket this summer?

No, and any matches that have been played weren't televised or talked about enough. Which is a shame, because there was a real opportunity with the lack of other sport on.

What do you think is needed to help further the women's game? Show it in the media with the same intensity as the men's game to encourage, inspire and inform more women and men. Getting more people involved will then increase the funding that the women get. Ultimately, it's the funding which will then improve the game as a whole.

What have you missed most about cricket, or otherwise, during lockdown?

Playing cricket and other sports with my friends because it contributes greatly to physical and mental health.

Which country would you most like to play cricket in?

Sri Lanka again because it was so incredible being there and their pitches were great for spin.

What are your aspirations going forward with your cricket?

I am hoping to help set up a cricket team at my university for both women and men, which I'm sure will encourage more people to start playing cricket.



John Downey Trophy

WHAT AN AMAZING TRIBUTE TO JOHN DOWNEY!

Thank you to all of you who came out on Sunday to join the occasion of the inaugural John Downey Trophy match.

There was a super crowd of players and friend's past and present – it was great to see so many familiar faces to support the first team and help us celebrate and remember the contribution of John Downey.

The Trophy replaces the Hatchet Trophy which has

been played since 1967 – conceived to 'bury the hatchett' between the two sides after an ill-tempered match when Bath left it to 5.40pm to declare. It marks the contribution of John Downey to both clubs – uniquely he captained both sides in a first team career that spanned 30 years.

Finally, we did bury the hatchet on Sunday with the planting of a commemorative tree in honour of John Downey and we look forward to continuing our friendly rivalry with Bath over many years of competition for



the trophy. The intention is to challenge for it over a series of games through the summer – from Junior, to Senior and 'veterans' fixtures.

It was a great day to remember John amongst his contemporaries and family – many of whom have made huge impacts on cricket in Bath over the years. You can read more about John's life at Lansdown and be reminded of the great men and women of our club in the upcoming book 'Horse and Cart to Helicopter'.

If you weren't able to make the game – or you did but were distracted by conversation, a short write up is below:

Bath batted first on a generally overcast afternoon and were soon in trouble as Tim Wyatt picked up the wickets of openers Ben Wells and Ashur Morrison with only 7 runs on the board. However, Bath gradually settled with Harry Hankins and Charlie Brain getting the innings back on track. Paul Muchall and Jack Scrivens then accelerated the scoring and looked set to score well over 200. They had reached 160 when Lansdown Captain Oskar Kolks' sharp off-spin broke the partnership. From there wickets started to tumble. Tim Wyatt (4 for 14) and Josh Smith (3 for 34) closed down the innings as the visitors finally reached 179 for 8 from their 20 overs.

By the time Lansdown started their innings the clouds had moved on and it appeared as if the rest of the match would be played in sunshine. There appeared to be real intent from opener Kiran Carlson as runs were free flowing – until Carlson fell on 40 in the fifth over – bowled by David Ford.

Jordan Smith was now joined by his skipper Oscar Kolk and this pair batted solidly for the next ten overs and seemed to be cruising until spin was introduced from Will Arney who had Kolk brilliantly caught one-handed on the boundary by Ashur Morrison.

With four overs to go Lansdown had fallen behind the run rate as the rain returned - getting heavier by the minute. Lansdown became more selective with their shots rather than speculative. Seven runs were needed from the final over and with the fall of Brandon Allen with only four balls to go, the balance was in Bath's favour. But up stepped Jordan Smith to hit the winning runs and earning the home side a victory by 6 wickets.

This game was evenly matched and contained everything that cricket followers seek: skilled batting and bowling, athletic fielding and great spirit from both teams, in honour of a local cricketing 'legend'.

Article from www.lansdowncricketclub.co.uk



John Downey 1940 - 2020

Bath & Wells Evening Chronicle, Tuesday, August 6, 1964



Downey's best of season for Bath

IT was Bath's 13th game of the season when they met Imperial at Bristol on Saturday—and, for them, it proved an unlucky number, writes Andrew Phillips.

After an afternoon's fine cricket, Imperial were winners by six wickets after chasing and getting 178 runs for victory in 2 hours 5 minutes.

They gave a display of good, solid batting, with only K. Harper of the six players who batted failing to reach double figures; he was unluckily run out with his score on three.

FINE PARTNERSHIP
Bath, less steady, produced the

SCOREBOARD

BATH	
M Dowling c Taylor b Pring	.. 9
J S/Lillington c Emmett b Raffil	.. 4
J Deverell lbw Raffil	.. 8
M Bissax c King b Bailey	.. 60
J Downey c Hulton b Bailey	.. 72
D Prentice b Hulton	.. 12
G Frankcom c Best b Bailey	.. 4
B Farrer c Currie b Bailey	.. 0
V Ferguson not out	.. 5
Extras	.. 3
Total (for 8 wkts dec) 177	

John Downey—best score of season for Bath.



John was a larger than life presence in Bath sporting circles who captained both Bath and Lansdown in a club cricket career spanning over 35 years. His first spell at North Parade started in 1959, Bath's centenary year, when, as an 18-year-old, he was brought to the club by his Downside schoolmaster and Bath 1st X1 captain Lloyd Williams. As a wicketkeeper-batsman, he played for the 1st XI until 1969 captaining the side in 1964 and 1965. From 1970 to 1984 John played for Lansdown, leading the club to its first Western League triumph in 1980. Having initially retired from cricket in 1984, John rejoined Bath in 1986 to play alongside his son Mark. After a couple of years in the 3rd team, his leadership qualities and ability to meld a range of personalities led him, as an evergreen 47-year-old, to be appointed 1st team captain in 1988. He retained the role in 1989 and also captained the 2nd team in his final playing season in 1994.

John was an inspirational figure and a passionately attacking captain who believed fundamentally that cricket should always be fun. He was fiercely opinionated but always willing to listen, and was a man who people, young or old, wanted to play with.

John was a strong all-round sportsman, having played football, hockey, rugby and tennis at school. Up until the advent of professionalism, he was a keen supporter of Bath rugby. He was a stockbroker by trade, but a believer that good relationships underpin good business. His philosophy was straightforward – 'Life is simple, it's people that complicate it.'



Despite being a vociferous critic of 20/20 cricket, he would have loved to have seen his friends and family from Bath and Lansdown watching the inaugural John Downey trophy match up at Combe Park in September. He would also be eternally grateful for the support the clubs and his friends have given to his wife Jules and his wider family this year.

John died on the 23rd January from a brain injury following a fall whilst watching Rugby at Wootton Bassett. He was there doing what he loved most, having a beer and a yarn amongst friends...

Mark Keen



2019 SEASON STATS

Bath 1st XI

Bath 1st XI 2019 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Greg Hay	33	5	1338	47.79	142*	10	3
Sam Mount	31	6	980	39.20	107	8	1
Tim Rouse	17	2	561	37.40	73	5	0
Paul Muchall	27	7	671	33.55	89	4	0
Ben Ackland	23	2	634	30.19	90	5	0
Ben Wells	29	5	650	27.08	101	2	1
Tom Hankins	30	2	652	23.29	85*	3	0
Jack Scrivens	19	5	291	20.79	46*	0	0
Harry Rouse	11	2	155	17.22	62*	1	0
Louis Brown	16	5	189	17.18	31	0	0
Harry Scowen	11	2	114	12.67	20	0	0

Qualification 10 inns



Back Row Left to Right: Kevin Mitchell (Scorer), Ben Ackland, Harry Rouse, Louis Brown, David Ford, Adam Kelly, Ben Wells
Front Row Left to Right: Tom Hankins, Greg Hay, Sam Mount (Capt), Tim Rouse, Paul Muchall

Bath 1st XI 2019 Bowling averages all matches

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Paul Muchall	175.3	29	742	44	5-21	2	4.23	23.93	16.86
Tom Hankins	194.2	8	995	45	4-33	0	5.12	25.91	22.11
Tim Rouse	113	10	468	20	4-31	0	4.14	33.90	23.40
Louis Brown	109	7	586	24	3-13	0	5.38	27.25	24.42
Harry Hankins	58	7	269	11	4-29	0	4.64	31.64	24.45
Harry Rouse	107	6	605	24	4-55	0	5.65	26.75	25.21
Jack Scrivens	59	0	453	16	4-42	0	7.68	22.13	28.31
Adam Kelly	144.2	11	642	21	3-25	0	4.45	41.24	30.57
David Ford	83	0	541	16	3-20	0	6.52	31.13	33.81

Qualification 10 wkts

WEPL Premier One League Table 2019

	Played	Won	Lost	C	A	T	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Potterne	18	13	4	0	0	1	88	79	301
Bath	18	11	5	1	0	1	73	78	270
Bedminster	18	11	6	0	1	0	55	84	243
Cheltenham	18	8	9	0	0	1	72	66	223
Bridgwater	18	8	10	0	0	0	58	80	217
Clevedon	18	9	9	0	0	0	51	75	213
Lansdown	18	7	10	0	1	0	54	78	208
Downend	18	8	7	2	0	1	50	66	207
Taunton St Andrews	18	5	13	0	0	0	51	64	165
Bristol	18	5	12	1	0	0	54	49	159

2019 SEASON STATS

Bath 2nd XI

Bath 2nd XI 2019 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Ben Ackland	10	2	499	62.38	124	2	2
Alain Hewett	16	4	636	53.00	78	7	0
James Arney	13	5	373	46.63	61	2	0
Kester Moseley	13	2	352	32.00	90	2	0
Charlie Brain	18	1	512	30.12	74*	5	0
Harry Scowen	14	4	301	30.10	65*	2	0
Luke Padgett	7	1	165	27.50	66	1	0
Joe Jenkins	8	1	146	20.86	65	1	0
William Arney	8	1	97	13.86	26	0	0

Qualification 7 inns



Back Row Left to Right: Joe Jenkins, Kester Moseley, Will Arney, David Ford, Joe Prescott, Charlie Brain.
Front Row Left to Right: Kenny James, Alain Hewett, Ben Ackland (Capt), Harry Hankins, Harry Scowen.

Bath 2nd XI 2019 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Ben Ackland	27.4	1	99	10	3-13	0	3.58	16.60	9.90
Joe Prescott	83.3	7	364	29	5-42	1	4.36	17.28	12.55
Phil Lyle	50.5	3	218	15	5-33	2	4.29	20.33	14.53
Kenny James	48.1	5	173	10	5-40	1	3.59	28.90	17.30
David Ford	62.4	10	302	16	4-21	0	4.82	23.50	18.88
Jack Scrivens	36	3	176	9	3-24	0	4.89	24.00	19.56
Monty Keith	57.4	9	239	12	4-25	0	4.14	28.83	19.92
James Arney	88	5	499	21	3-31	0	5.67	25.14	23.76
William Arney	99.4	14	379	14	3-9	0	3.80	42.71	27.07

Qualification 9 wkts

WEPL Bristol & North Somerset - 2019

	Played	Won	Lost	C	A	T	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Bath	18	13	5	0	0	0	74	87	291
Knowle	18	11	5	1	1	0	53	78	253
Congresbury	18	11	6	1	0	0	56	70	241
Twyford House	18	9	7	2	0	0	71	64	236
Bristol West Indian Phoenix	18	9	6	1	2	0	55	64	217
Brislington	18	6	10	2	0	0	66	56	194
Stapleton	18	6	10	2	0	0	55	65	190
Bristol	18	7	9	2	0	0	38	54	174
Frenchay	18	6	11	1	0	0	39	59	164
Timsbury	18	3	12	2	1	0	30	56	134

2019 SEASON STATS

Bath 3rd XI

Bath 3rd XI 2019 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Hugo Morgan	10	3	323	46.14	86*	3	0
Mike Roe	8	5	117	39.00	36*	0	0
Ted Roe	12	2	376	37.60	89*	4	0
Matt Tomes-Smith	9	6	82	27.33	32*	0	0
Gavin Royce	14	4	268	26.80	102*	1	1
Tom Lawrence	11	0	290	26.36	60	1	0
Sam Crichard	11	0	287	26.09	73	2	0
Thiaan Aspeling	15	0	357	23.80	64	2	0
Ben Copp	14	1	263	20.23	59*	1	0
Daniel Meek	12	1	141	12.82	36	0	0

Qualification 8 inns



Back Row Left to Right: Matthew Cadywould, Thiaan Aspeling, Tom Lawrence, Hugo Morgan, Gavin Royce, Matt Tomes-Smith
Front Row Left to Right: Kenny James, Mike Roe, Ted Roe (Captain), Sam Crichard, Daniel Meek.

Bath 3rd XI 2019 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Sam Crichard	63.2	5	204	14	4-22	0	3.22	27.14	14.57
Thiaan Aspeling	88	11	304	17	3-11	0	3.45	31.06	17.88
Ben Copp	114	14	473	25	5-25	1	4.15	27.36	18.92
Ted Roe	67.1	3	325	17	3-20	0	4.84	23.71	19.12
Matt Tomes-Smith	60.5	5	277	12	3-14	0	4.55	30.42	23.08
Phil Lyle	44.5	7	163	7	4-10	0	3.64	38.43	23.29
Kenny James	56	3	245	7	3-41	0	4.38	48.00	35.00

Qualification 7 wkts

Bristol & District Cricket Association Second Division - 2019

	Played	Won	Lost	C	A	T	Pen	Pts
Bath 3rd XI	18	12	4	1	1	0	0	253
Brislington 2nd XI	18	10	7	1	0	0	0	222
Lodway 1st XI	18	10	6	2	0	0	0	220
Bitton 1st XI	18	10	6	2	0	0	0	202
Lansdown 2nd XI	18	7	9	2	0	0	2	185
Hampset 1st XI	18	7	9	1	1	0	0	185
Cleeve 1st XI	18	7	9	2	0	0	0	181
Bishopston 2nd XI	18	7	8	3	0	0	0	179
Bohemians 1st XI	18	7	9	2	0	0	0	179
Hambrook 1st XI	18	3	13	2	0	0	2	122

2019 SEASON STATS

Bath 4th XI

Bath 4th XI 2019 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Vik Prasher	9	1	436	54.50	134	2	1
Ishmael Clarke	9	1	359	44.88	132*	1	1
Matthew Kerr	12	5	160	22.86	72	1	0
George Freeman	8	0	159	19.88	70	1	0
Alan Alex	7	1	114	19.00	32	0	0
Rhys Davey	8	2	107	17.83	25*	0	0
Chandrabhan Singh	9	1	89	10.38	38	0	0
Chloe Micklethwaite	13	0	76	5.85	45	0	0
Jamie Kerr	7	2	27	5.40	14	0	0

Qualification 7 inns



Back Row Left to Right: Keith Eddy(Umpire), Ejaz Rajpoot, Harry Lewis, Matt Kerr (Captain), Max Kerr, Ishmael Clarke, Rhys Davey, Chandrabhan Singh, Nick Groome.
Front row Left to Right: Beth Howe, Fred Kerr, Jamie Kerr

Bath 4th XI 2019 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Max Kerr	44.3	6	137	16	5-44	1	3.08	16.69	8.56
Joshua Welsh	15	0	85	6	6-31	1	5.67	15.00	14.17
Mathan Balasubramanian	19.2	1	115	7	3-36	0	5.95	16.57	16.43
Rhys Davey	45.5	1	236	13	3-27	0	5.15	21.15	18.15
Samuel Lawrence	41.4	4	164	7	3-28	0	3.94	35.71	23.43
Ejaz Ahmed Rajpoot	39.1	6	179	7	3-9	0	4.57	33.57	25.57
Chloe Micklethwaite	95	19	356	12	4-20	0	3.75	47.50	29.67
Chandrabhan Singh	66.1	8	267	8	2-15	0	4.04	49.63	33.38
Jamie Kerr	67	4	300	8	2-26	0	4.48	50.25	37.50

Qualification 6 wkts

Bristol & District Cricket Association Fifth Division - 2019

	Played	Won	Lost	C	A	T	Pen	Pts
Winterbourne 3rd XI	16	12	2	2	0	0	-20	257
University of Bristol Staff 1st XI	16	11	3	2	0	0	0	233
Congresbury 2nd XI	16	7	7	2	0	0	2	186
Bath 4th XI	16	7	7	1	1	0	0	185
Chilcompton Sports 1st XI	16	7	7	2	0	0	-3	182
Barrow Gurney 1st XI	16	7	6	2	0	1	0	177
Abbots Leigh 1st XI	16	5	10	0	0	1	0	146
Bristol Lions 1st XI	16	5	7	3	1	0	12	116
Almondsbury 2nd XI	16	1	13	2	0	0	0	71

2020 Batting averages



	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Sam Young	8	1	513	73.29	130	3	2
Kenny James	6	5	54	54.00	27*	0	0
Hugo Morgan	7	1	293	48.83	104	2	1
Ashur Morrison	10	4	291	48.50	91*	2	0
Thiaan Aspeling	12	1	496	45.09	90	5	0
Charlie Brain	7	1	266	44.33	87	2	0
James Arney	6	4	85	42.50	33	0	0
Toby Eayres	6	3	117	39.00	69	1	0
Alan Alex	11	1	344	34.40	109*	1	1
Ben Copp	6	3	95	31.67	34*	0	0
Paul Muchall	6	2	124	31.00	46	0	0
Kevin Rogers	8	1	196	28.00	55*	1	0
George Freeman	6	1	136	27.20	51	1	0
Ritvij Roy	10	0	228	22.80	64	1	0
Vik Prasher	7	1	135	22.50	32	0	0
Gavin Royce	7	0	148	21.14	43	0	0
Daniel Hope	6	1	104	20.80	40	0	0
Ben Wells	6	0	118	19.67	50	1	0
Mike Roe	6	0	95	15.83	31	0	0
Rhys Davey	7	2	78	15.60	35	0	0
Harry Scowen	6	2	55	13.75	20	0	0
James Eayres	7	1	66	11.00	34	0	0
Max Kerr	6	1	19	3.80	9*	0	0

Qualification 6 innings

2020 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Toby Eayres	20.3	1	119	9	4-26	0	5.80	13.67	13.22
Will Metcalfe	20	4	98	7	2-19	0	4.90	17.14	14.00
Harry Roberts	24	1	118	8	6-31	1	4.92	18.00	14.75
Matt Tomes-Smith	38.3	3	154	9	3-27	0	4.00	25.67	17.11
Rhys Davey	45	3	240	13	3-21	0	5.33	20.77	18.46
William Arney	42.3	5	186	10	3-16	0	4.38	25.50	18.60
Harry Hankins	32.3	5	144	7	2-30	0	4.43	27.86	20.57
James Arney	44	2	256	12	3-19	0	5.82	22.00	21.33
Max Kerr	43	2	172	8	3-15	0	4.00	32.25	21.50
Ben Copp	51.2	10	226	10	2-26	0	4.40	30.80	22.60
Matthew Cadywould	40	5	159	7	4-43	0	3.98	34.29	22.71
Alan Alex	32.1	3	160	7	2-14	0	4.97	27.57	22.86
Joshua Welsh	58	2	277	12	4-35	0	4.78	29.00	23.08
James Eayres	52.3	2	302	11	2-27	0	5.75	28.64	27.45
Kenny James	41	2	176	6	2-14	0	4.29	41.00	29.33
Chloe Micklethwaite	35.4	2	181	6	4-23	0	5.07	35.67	30.17

Qualification 6 wkts



Tom Bryan Community Report 2019-2020



Our community projects have continued to go from strength to strength over the last two years, despite the enforced break earlier in the summer. Our engagement with the local area is growing all the time – in 2019 we delivered cricket to 23 local schools, reaching just shy of 2,000 pupils, so things are certainly trending in the right direction.

We have continued our work in local primary schools to give children the opportunity to engage in cricket. Much of this is provided through Chance to Shine, which has offered free cricket at grassroots level since it was established in 2005; the charity recently coached its five millionth cricketer. We'll be back in seven schools over the coming year to make that number even bigger!

As well as giving children the chance to play cricket at school, part of my role is to offer the participants

a clear pathway into clubs, to enable them to play outside of school too. We have been working closely with St Vigor & St John Primary School in Chilcompton in the hope of migrating pupils over to Chilcompton Cricket Club's youth section. Our aim is to replicate this arrangement with other clubs in BANES to help support their participation numbers as well. Pre-lockdown this would have included Farrington Gurney Primary School, with an exit link to Purnell Sports Club. We hope to kick-start this again before next summer.

Another string we have added to our bow with regards to community engagement is mentoring. The effect of COVID-19 has had an impact on youngsters' mental health and that is an area that we are aiming to help manage in weekly one-to-one sessions. By spending an hour every week in school with a nominated child who may struggle to engage in lessons or needs a bit of a break from their usual school day, we hope to help

dampen anxiety and rebuild confidence and self-esteem. So far, we have spent time building rapport and trust by talking through how their week has been and we often play some form of game together, with the aim of easing a bit of stress. Later on, we will add in some goal setting and achievable targets to work towards.

This is something I have experience of previously as a mentor, and is clearly worthwhile for the child. Ultimately our aim as a club with charitable status is to help 30 children per year, with sessions every week of the school calendar. Each placement costs £1000 and we hope that club members and the community can get behind us through fundraising and sponsorship to help us hit our target.

Let's hope that this time next year we have more success stories and tales of growth from 2021.

Stay safe. Tom



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Universe Boss in Town



Glorious sunshine greeted the 2019 World Cup squads of both Pakistan and the West Indies. Over two days in May the club hosted some of the best one-day cricketers in the world.

The club's superb training facilities were put to the test – and passed with flying colours.





Ted Roe celebrates a Lansdown wicket



Kasey Aldridge tests the reflexes of a Frome batsman

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