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Tim Rouse Man of the Match in the Somerset Cup Final



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2018



Former Bath Wanderer Anya Shrubsole became the first women to ever appear on the cover of Wisden

EDITORS COMMENT



FIRST of all, I would like to thank all of the contributors who have written articles for this edition of Parade in Print. As we head towards 2019 the club's future is a very bright one with the development of student accommodation above the car park and a new indoor cricket school now clear to go ahead.

Next season will be challenging with the building works taking place, but cricket activities will continue as normal.

The highlight of last season for me was the Somerset Cup Final where Tim Rouse showed all his class to see us home of the last ball. It's a shame more players and supporters weren't there to witness a fantastic match. The club continues to produce great young players with Sam Young and Ben Wells establishing themselves in the 1st XI, I was lucky enough to witness Sam's debut 100 where he hit 10 6s in an innings of 130.

I hope you enjoy this edition and as always if you want to feature next season catch me during the season.

Andrew Linnett

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Presidents piece

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. Who needs to go to exotic lands (except Chris Styles to improve his shirt collection of violent colours) when it is all here on our doorstep? But it isn't all about North Parade on a Saturday afternoon – by no means. With the summer warmth, a trip up to the Brownsword Ground is well worth while. The ground itself is in first class shape and whilst the facilities are a bit basic, the surroundings are truly beautiful and the cricket is just as enjoyable. I had a great time watching the girls in our 4th XI field and bowl as well as the lads and when it came to batting, it was a joy the way they manoeuvred the ball past the somewhat more elderly and portly opposition to puff them out, bruise their shins and generally cause frustration. Again, if you are on your way to the Abbey on a Sunday morning, have a look over the railings and see scores of little 'uns from all over the district revelling in the chance to use our ground and showing such commitment. Some say cricket is a dying sport, hard to believe when you see them!

This year was of course an important one for our women's teams. Fifty years of achievement! I got to realise their importance very early on when I moved to Bath, because I smoked a pipe at the time. This brought me in touch with Nicky Tranter, a doyenne of the ladies game, who kept the tobacconists on Abbey Green. When we acquired Brownsword, we felt that we could offer our facilities and after careful negotiations, they agreed that Somerset Wanderers would join us. I was privileged to be invited to their reunion, where I learnt a lot about them. Did you realise, for example, that to date they have produced no fewer than 12 players who have worn the England shirt? No, neither did I until Jan Godman told me. There was, as you can imagine, a great deal of chat about the old days, but the current crop playing against a very useful Welsh side kept up the tradition and won a very close and sporting game by just three runs. The other big day for our girls was the visit of the professional regional women's team, the Western Storm, to play at North Parade. They are captained by Heather Knight, also the England captain and included our own internationals Fran Wilson and Anya

Shrubsole. Anya, of course shot to fame for her six wickets in the 20/20 World Cup final against India and is the first woman cricketer ever to be depicted on the cover of the Wisden Almanack. And that's only been published since 1864!! A copy of the publication will be on display in the Clubhouse. But the coup de grace was pulled off by Rob Maggs and John Green, who let the Storm use our ground free, provided they stayed behind and helped the coaches with training our girls. So, our aspiring players received advice and encouragement from their role models – what a day for them to remember.

I would like to pay tribute to our Kiwi, Greg Hay. Owing to injury, 1st team captain, Sam Mount was out for the whole season. Greg had no sooner got over his jet lag when he was asked to skipper for us. Captaining is never an easy job and to take on this role after not seeing the lads for several months and not knowing their fitness or progress levels was a mighty task. However, he settled in and covered himself and the team with distinction, both on and off the field. Thank you Greg. And Sam. Stay off the rugby pitch please.

It was a good season, most enjoyable, only the Somerset Senior Cup 20/20 in the trophy cabinet, but what a great time was had by all, whatever your age and experience.

So, to all our members, winter well, stay as fit as possible and if I don't see you before, we'll meet on the Parade Ground.

David Hilton

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



***“Challenging but
exciting times ahead
for our special club”***

THEY say time flies when you're having fun and when you get a reminder from the editor to submit your report for the Parade in Print, that obviously means another season has past us by.

The truth of the matter is, since I wrote last year's report we have achieved so much on & off the field to ensure our club doesn't stand still and remains at the forefront of club cricket and its community. Whilst I sit here and reflect on what we have achieved over the past year, I ask myself how should we measure our success, in the past I feel the club has measured its success on what we have achieved on the field and whilst we have had mixed success on the field of play, I would prefer to measure our success in a completely different way. For me success for us at Bath CC should be measured on what we do off the field as well as on the field and by that, I mean, how we develop our players and how we engage with our community and the game of cricket.

So with that in mind 2018 has been another successful year for Bath CC, whilst on the field we have had mixed success with our 1st XI ending up as runners up in the league and retaining the Somerset T20 cup, our 3rd XI narrowly missed out winning the league taking it to the last day of the season, but managing to get promoted for the third season on the bounce, special mention for the achievements of Sam Crichard amassing a very impressive 829 runs with the bat, whilst our 2nd & 4th XI find their way within the new league structure. Our Ladies has been reinvigorated by the hard work of Rob Maggs & Jan Godman and have found finding fixtures for our ladies to play challenging, but we remain committed to providing cricket for our young ladies to enjoy. Our Junior section is going from strength to strength, we have now secured the services of Jonathan Green on a full-time basis reporting to Rob Maggs, we're really starting to see some rewards to the hard work our cricket staff are putting in, we have delivered school programs and have employed Tom Bryant as our full-time community coach who reports to JG. We have also developed our own holiday courses and junior leagues with the Fidelius cup going from strength to strength in its second year. The future of our club remains the heartbeat of our club and developing our young players has been the blueprint of our success of the years, seeing the likes of Ben Wells & Sam Young break into our 1st XI & Harry Hankins gain a full time Academy Plus contract with Gloucestershire shows we're giving our juniors a pathway within the game.

Off the field has also been challenging, but extremely successful as you can read above we have increased our number of employees within our cricket operations, we have also restructured our staff to ensure we have the right levels of support for all of our cricket & business activities. We have seen some people leave within our Hospitality operation, with Kelly & Phil leaving us and Kate taking over the helm. I would personally like to thank Kelly & Phil for all of their commitment & hard work over the last few

years and I wish them all the success in the future. The biggest challenge this year has undoubtedly been project oval, which has seen us gain planning permission for the redevelopment of our car park & indoor school, along with building a new student accommodation building above the car park. This project presents a fantastic opportunity for us to future proof our club for generations to come and it remains the primary goal for our management committee to ensure that Bath CC has a sustainable future for cricket to be played in bath for the next generations to enjoy. Although we have had a big challenge to gain planning permission for the project, I feel the biggest challenge will be not only delivering the project whilst functioning as a cricket club, but how we invest the monies we will gain and that is how we will be ultimately judged as a management committee. Special thanks must go to David Bean & Karen Young who have been working closely with me to ensure we have delivered great value for our club, along with the very best facilities for our members to enjoy.

On a sad note we have had seen some people leave our club for pastures new, I would like to pay tribute to Tom Baker who has left our club after 25 Years at the club, Tom has not only been an important player member of the club, he has also been responsible for developing our young swords and has been instrumental in to developing some of our star players, Lloyd Davies has decided to hang up his boots this season, Lloyd has been at the heart of our club for the past 11 Years and has been an instrumental player and role model, two great examples of what I would describe as the ultimate clubman. We have also seen James Campbell leave the club, James a former captain and frontline batsman has immigrated to Australia with his young family, another young sword who the club developed into a fine cricketer and a true Bath clubman. On the side line of the cricket field we say a farewell to our 1st XI scorer Polly Rhodes who has committed herself to our club for the past seven years, Polly is part of the history of the club and has embraced herself with her commitment, not only as a scorer, Polly was responsible for the installation of our new camera system, allowing us to live stream matches at North Parade, by entering us into a competition to win the new technology. A true stalwart of the club.

I wish you all the very best for your future and hope to see you all back supporting the Swords.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members, parents and loyal supporters of our special club for your continued support & commitment. We have challenging but exciting times ahead of us and I am committed to delivering our vision for the future of cricket in Bath.

Your Chairman
Matt Hankins

CAPTAIN'S REPORT | 1ST XI

GREG HAY



"The highlight of the season was the performance of our 'young guns'"

THE 2018 season started in disconcerting fashion with our esteemed new captain Sam Mount going down with a ruptured ACL before we had even begun. After a few phone calls from Rob Maggs I agreed to step into the breach and lead the lads this season.

Straight off the plane and into the first game we were caught on the hop, and suffering from a touch of complacency, going down to newly promoted Taunton St Andrews on what can only be described as a worm burner at the Wyvern ground. It quickly became apparent that this would not be a casual stroll to another league trophy. No team has won three league titles in a row and it was clear that we had a target on our backs.

Some early season adversity really tested the teams resolve and, to the lad's credit we came back with a strong back half of the season. The most satisfying wins were the home and away victories over eventual champions Clevedon. These games were fiercely contested and the wins, I believe, showed that we were still the strongest team in the league, but full credit to Clevedon for the consistency they showed throughout the season to finish champions.

Another fantastic win was away at Goatacre when in trouble chasing a moderate total Adam Kelly and Luke Padgett came together in a tremendous 8th wicket partnership to get us out of jail and seal victory. The feeling in the dressing room after a tight win like this is why we all play the game and something to cherish.

The highlight of the season was the performance of our 'young guns'. Sam Young scored a very impressive hundred on debut for the first team at home against Potterne, and backed that up later in the season with another hundred against Bristol. Ben Wells also impressed in his first full season of first team cricket playing some

fine knocks. Harry Hankins played his first full season and bowled some devastating spells, highlighted by his 4-28 against Goatacre. We also saw the debuts of Joe Prescott, Will Arney, James Arney and Ned Dunning, who I'm sure will all play a big role for the club in coming seasons.

In addition to our youngsters, it was a pleasure to play with the legend Lloyd Davis in his last of 11 seasons for the first team. A lionhearted performer; he would always give his all for the side, his character and passion will be sorely missed. Another veteran that must be mentioned is the bowling machine, Adam Kelly. After a slow start to the season Keggsy found his rhythm and showed why he is the premier bowler in the history of WEPL cricket.

During the season he went past Tom Stayt to become the clubs first team all-time leading wicket taker in the modern era and also passed 300 wickets in the WEPL.

Big thanks to Paul Muchall for his endless energy in his coaching work this season and his usual dynamic performances on the park. Also, a huge thank you to Polly for her seven seasons of dedicated and passionate service as first team scorer, we hope to see her back at the club soon.

A won 11 lost five record was not what we were after at the start of the season, however the development and performance of our youngsters showed that the club is looking good for the future. The losses will further fuel our desire to come back next season and get back to the top of the table where we belong.

Up the swords!

CAPTAIN'S REPORT | 2ND XI

BEN ACKLAND

THE 2018 season for the second team was one of contrasting emotions. With our aim of 12 wins out of the 18 games available, we looked well on course after being four from four. However, we only managed to achieve a further two wins.

The WEPL Bristol and North Somerset is a very strong and competitive league, all bar Bristol and ourselves are 1st XIs. Therefore, we shouldn't be too down hearted about not reaching our goal. We also missed a lot of players through injury and moving into the first team throughout the year. James Arney missed the whole season as a bowler. A big loss when he won the bowling award in Prem 1 a few seasons ago, but still turned up to help the boys out when needed. We also lacked a specialist wicket keeper, cheers 'Miller'.

At times, our seam bowling attack resembled that of a 1st team attack. Week in week out, the attack was led by Joe Prescott. Had Joe not been called up to the first team and spent some time on the physio bed, he would have been pushing the top 10 wicket takers in the league. Not bad for 18! Joe was well supported by Monty 'Desert Head' Keith, David 'sick note' Ford and Ben Copp for the majority of the season. Nobody predicted that Joe Jenkins would waddle up and bowl 85 overs, nor that Louis 'Shagger' Brown would spin most teams into a web with his custard creams. David Ford's six for ? against Claverham unfortunately has to be mentioned as it did turn the game on its head.

Batting wise we didn't accumulate the big scores often enough. That was probably down to lacking experience or the determination to grind it out. Charlie Brain was the stand out with the bat. 'Brainer' ended up 5th in the league run scorers, just five short of 600 for the season. A highlight for him and the team were his back to back hundreds against Stapleton and Knowle. The Knowle hundred has to be the best I've seen from Charlie, as the rest of us crumbled, including my feeble attempt to scoop their opening bowler. One question on all of the lad's lips is; what is Joe Jenkins superstition about? Joe spends what little time he does at the crease tapping the ground after what seems like every over/boundary/dot, you name it!

A special thanks must go to Joe Jenkins and Alain Hewett. Both were brilliant Vice Captains over the year and looked after the team well in my absence. The two senior Browns, for coming out of retirement to put the lads to shame when we needed it most. Also, a big 'cheers big ears' to Rob Maggs. 'Maggsy' had to put up with watching several batting horrors and some terrible chat, but he kept turning up and bossing the warm up football. A massive thank you to Michelle and Emma for scoring all year for us.

Funniest moments;

Zach Miller asking every member of the Knowle team if they had enjoyed their trip to the big city. Then refusing to play the away game so he didn't get lynched.

Louis Brown getting out sweeping eight games in a row and still claiming it was a strength of his.

Alain Hewett going from club hero to zero as he lost sight of why he was in the country and fell head of heels in love.

Young Gun to watch;

Joe Prescott will not only open the bowling for the first team for many years, but he will probably be the smartest man to ever do so.

Finally, thanks to all the lads who played this year, I really enjoyed the season and the games I took charge in. Every player who represented us put 100% in and thats all I can ask for.

Cheers,
Ackers



“Every player who represented us put 100% in and thats all I can ask for.”

CAPTAIN'S REPORT | 3RD XI

TED ROE



“ The success of the third team over the last three years is down to one thing, team spirit.”

It was the great unknown going into the season this year which actually was a nice place to be! We soon discovered we were more than comfortable, remaining in the top three for most of the season, even with playing opposition sides which would sit comfortably within the previous WEPL 2nds league.

As we reached the midpoint of the season, promotion was our target. At one point taking the silverware was in our grasp, but we didn't quite make it over the line to take that. The competitive nature of this league was great, it was anyone's game within the top six teams and we came away with some great wins.

We learnt a lot from last year and players stood up to the plate this time round. Sam and Tom scored bucket loads of runs, Max Kerr bowled brilliantly, definitely a future star. Mathan was another key player this year with the ball, with all the hard selfless work he does off the field (not cricket related), I was very pleased to see him every Saturday!

Again, the help of Phil and Roey makes the job of a bloke who really doesn't know what he's doing (apart from a lot of tantrums behind the stumps) a lot easier. We achieved our goal this year and promotion is in the bag! Looking forward to next year and playing even more competitive cricket.

The success of the third team over the last three years is down to one thing, team spirit. We all want to play for each other, there are no egos in the side, we all have the same goal and respect one another and have a lot of fun doing it. The thirds might not be the face of Bath Cricket Club, but we certainly are the spirit and we will continue to do that! Well done guys, brilliant season. One love.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT | 4TH XI

THIAAN ASPELING

THE 2018 season has not only been challenging for the 4ths but for me too personally. We have been the victims of our own success to an certain extent following five successive years of promotion, and sooner or later we were going to find it a bit..... tougher shall we say. As everyone knows, you can't just keep going up leagues, especially not if you're the fourth team in a club with four teams!

With that said, everyone that played this season did exceptionally well and should be very proud of all their efforts. The reality is we were playing six club's first teams and to stay up in this league is an achievement in itself. We/Bath Cricket Club, should be proud that we are currently the highest playing 4th eleven from any club in the entire 18 divisions of the B&D league! We must be doing something right.....

The best game for me this season was, hands down, against Barrow Gurney, away, on one of the hottest days of the summer. And on the day we all took a siesta to watch England in the quarterfinals of the World Cup. Having been set 227 to win, we collapsed to 124/7 (which included a duck by yours truly!), but up step Beth and Tom Finn who put on 90 runs for the 9th wicket and we ended up winning in the last over!!

Special mention to the youngsters who came through this season; Jamie Kerr, Ritvij Roy and John Bean, the

future is looking bright for the first team for sure! Also, our superstar wanderers players, Emma Godman, Beth Aspeling & Chloe Micklethwaithe were outstanding, all putting in match winning performances. I will never get tired of seeing the oppositions sheer surprise at how good our girls are!

Funniest moment by far was when Matt Kerr chickened out of a full toss sent down by a part time slow/extra slow bowler and got hit on the forearm and then proceeded to drop like a sack of potatoes as if he'd been shot by a sniper from the top of Beckford tower!! Needless to say, no sympathy was shown by me from the non-strikers end as he missed a certain six!!! Luckily for Matt and everyone it was all caught on film by our 3rd man camera woman, Beth 'Spielberg' Aspeling!!

Thank you to Maggsy for all your help and support over the season and to Kate and Kelly and the girls with the teas. Special mention to Keith our umpire, who umpired all our games, not even missing a game after being bed ridden for two weeks with poor health! Beth, thank you for all your support, as always, and for playing every game, AGAIN! And, last but not least, all who played this season, for all you support, performances, commitment but most of all, thanks for all the laughs!!

We go again in 2019!!



“ Everyone that played this season did exceptionally well and should be very proud of all their efforts.”

WANDERERS REPORT

JAN GODMAN

“The last SW League T20 day in Newport was a great day to finish of the season”



AFTER a very challenging 2017 & a lack of fixtures, I endeavoured to arrange as many fixtures a possible on Sundays throughout the summer.

The first half of the season was taken up with County fixtures on Sundays, so the first XI's South West League didn't start until 8th July. This meant I could concentrate on the 2nd XI, bringing youngsters, particularly those who had played in the girls Daggars team, up into senior cricket.

The 2nd XI started well with two wins in the Glos League against Old Bristolians & Frampton on Severn. They then played in the newly formed ECB NatWest T20 cup competition against Taunton Deane. Who proved a little strong, with a couple of former County players, so our venture in the cup was short lived.

The next two Sundays that followed were friendly fixtures, arranged against slightly stronger teams, to give the 2nds

a bit more of a challenge. Mixed results with a loss against Bridgwater & a win against Devizes.

These stronger oppositions proved good practice for playing in the Somerset 12 over league, with three more wins under our belts.

In the Glos League Charlton Kings proved great opponents, to whom we narrowly lost out and who went on to win the league. Unfortunately the league fixtures fizzled out due to a couple of conceding oppositions and a very wet August. In spite of that the 2nds played 10 fixtures, (only three last year!) with seven wins, three losses, two rained off, two opposition conceded.

The 1st XI's season kicked off with a match v Briton Ferry away on 8th July. It was proving difficult to find Senior players to play, so the older teenagers were given an opportunity to play up from the 2nd's. Sadly the opposition proved too strong for us on this occasion. Unfortunately this is where the 1st XI season stuttered at





Back Row Left to Right: Evie Dixon, Zoe Olsen-Groome, Lauren Bowen-Jones, Jess Bailey, India Owen, Eva Lynch.
 Front Row Left to Right: Nicole Richards, Beth Aspeling, Ursula Olsen-Groome, Jackie Hawker (Captain), Chloe Micklethwaite

the first hurdle as our next opposition then withdrew from the league and we had back to back fixtures with them. The league was now reduced to 3 teams.

3 weeks passed and Newport came to play us. This time with more Senior players available, they helped us to our first victory. The rain came in August and our first SW League T20 day was rained off.

On 19th August Briton Ferry then came to North Parade to help entertain our former Wanderers, as we gathered for our 50th Anniversary tea. Everyone was enthralled by a nail biting finish, with Bath taking the victory by 3 runs in the final over!

We then played Newport away and typically for the Bank Holiday weekend, it was rained off.

This then took us into September, where all three teams met up for the last SW League T20 day in Newport. A great day to finish of the season. Newport proved too strong on this occasion and won both their games. Bath came second with win and a loss, with Briton Ferry bringing up the rear.

The First XI ended with three wins, two losses, three rained off, two opposition conceded.

There is still plenty to work on for next year, particularly with the 1st XI and encouraging more oppositions. It's a work in progress.

Finally a big thank you to:

Jackie Hawker- The Legend that is, who is finally calling it a day, after over 20 years a Wanderer and 14 as Captain. She will be sorely missed!

Kym Hanscomb and Paula Smith- for helping run the 2nd XI when I couldn't make it. It definitely made a difference to the season.

Now we will be prepping for next year, but first, the Winter Indoor league.....!

TOM HANKINS



Age 37

Born: Bath

Schools: Monkton Combe/Beechen Cliff

Previous Clubs: Lansdown, Corsham, Wiltshire, Glos 2nd XI, Stratford (Victoria, Aus), Valley District (Queensland, Aus) and MCC

Highest Score: 293

Best bowling: 7-15

Best performance and why?

293 for Corsham vs Taunton Deane for obvious reasons

Toughest opponent and why?

Allan Donald – the only bowler I've ever faced where I feared for my life! Even though he'd just retired he still bowled with the same aggression as always – fast, angry, intimidating!!

Best player played with and why?

Ben Staunton – a top batsman in his day. Although I may have played with some better players it was what Ben brought out in me as a player that makes him stand out

Best ground played at?

Lords

Do you have any superstitions?

Yes, when I get ready to bat I always put my kit on in the same order.

Cricket Heroes?

Brian Lara, the best batsman to watch could hit the ball anywhere. It was like he knew where the bowler was going to bowl before he bowled it

Player to watch for the future?

Harry Hankins

Best match played in and why?

Semi-final of the National Club Championships for Bath vs Teddington 2003 – a great team performance giving us the opportunity to play in the final at Lords

Funniest moment on a cricket field?

When playing for Lansdown in a Sunday league game against Bath, watching Tom Baker getting clean bowled middle stump by a red apple causing the apple to explode everywhere



Development report

PROJECT UPDATE

In March, B&NES Council Planning Committee approved the development of accommodation for 136 students and new state of the art indoor cricket facilities at the cricket club. The accommodation will be built on columns, with the area underneath returned to a newly resurfaced car park with enhanced lighting and security post construction. Since March, Gilltown and the club have been working hard together to fulfil the planning consent conditions and finalise the numerous legal agreements.

As of late October 2018, Gilltown are scheduled to begin building on site early in 2019 and be finished by summer 2020. Whilst North Parade will remain operational during construction, we appreciate the process will create some upheaval for members as parking at the ground will not be possible. We are actively looking at alternative parking options. Temporary winter training facilities have already been sourced for the forthcoming winter period and we will work hard to minimise the disruption to members.

Rob Maggs, Jonathan Green and Paul Muchall are driving the final specification for the indoor school, including playing surface, lighting, netting and performance analysis systems for batting and bowling to ensure we will have a wonderful new facility which (for its size) will be second to none. The club is also talking to Somerset and Gloucestershire County Cricket Clubs to see how our new facility can complement their existing facilities.

The Management Committee has also put enhanced financial and governance controls in place to ensure the significant lump sum capital injection is appropriately managed in the best long-term interests of the club.

Dave Bean





Emma Godman



Where were you born? Bath

School? Frome Community College

Previous Clubs: I've been playing at Bath ever since I can remember. I practically grew up there with my mum being so involved with the club and women's cricket, but I wouldn't have had it any other way, it feels like home.

Highest score 103*

Best bowling 4-17

Which was your best performance and why? My best performance would have to be scoring my first ever ton for the MCC against Wales. Me and my fellow opening batter hit an unbeaten opening partnership of 206, we were playing a fairly young Welsh side, but we were still up against the likes of Rachel Priest. Overall a really enjoyable game and a convincing win.

Best player you have played with and why? The best I have ever played with would have to be Charlotte Edwards and Claire Taylor. When I went on tour to Philadelphia and Toronto with the MCC women in 2016, they were both on the team. The first match we played in Philadelphia I opened the batting with Lottie and it was a dream come true. Both Lottie and Tails are so knowledgeable, and I was so keen to learn from their experiences. Also, playing for Somerset alongside the likes of Anya and Sophie Luff is also so invaluable, being able to play with girls of that standard is always beneficial and so much fun.

Toughest opponent and why? The toughest opponent I've faced would have to have been Yorkshire, in particular Katherine Brunt. First of all, Yorkshire were loud and gave a lot of chat during this particular game, so I was already scared, but opening the batting as a 19-year-old against England's opening bowler... I was petrified. Still clinging onto the fact I hit her through the covers for a single though.

Best ground played at? North Parade obviously...but, the second-best ground I've ever played at would have to be the Spitfire ground, we played there this season against Kent. It's not often we get a chance to play on the actual county ground pitches, so it was such a good experience and to also finish our 50 over season with a win there was even better.

Do you have any superstitions? I'm not really that superstitious when it comes to cricket, I don't really put much thought into padding up and getting ready etc. The only thing would be, that I have to tap my bat on the ground three times as the bowler approaches, before I'm ready in my batting stance.

Cricket heroes and why? My cricketing hero would have to be my mum, as cliché as it might sound. How can I not look up to a World Cup winner? She has helped me to reach my cricketing goals and I wouldn't be playing at the standard I am now without her support.

Player to watch for the future? My player to watch for the future would be Rose Turner, a young girl I had the pleasure of coaching this season in my U13s girls' team. A great little bowler who I even played alongside for a Bath women's first team game. Being able to watch her bowl so well against such experienced sides was really exciting to see.

Best match you have played in and why? The best match I've played in would have to be a match I played out in the USA, we played at Merion Cricket Club in Philadelphia. The MCC Women made history by being the first ever female team to play at that ground.

Funniest moment on a cricket field? A funny moment I remember was when I was 15, playing for Somerset U17s. We were playing against Essex and we were taking the mick out of their accent, trying to impersonate people from The Only Way is Essex while in the field. The batters got annoyed and kept explaining that they didn't all talk like that, but it still earned me the nickname, Emma 'Oh My God'man.



HOSPITALITY@BATH CC



OUT of the blue, whilst up to my elbows in sandwich filling, the charming Mr Linnett requested that I compose a 'little something' for Parade in Print!

Shock! Horror! this is not my forte and so I beg you to bear with me whilst I put together a report, of sorts, that sums up my first season at the club.

Initially hired in March to try and step into Miss Morton's shoes, which are a surprisingly diminutive size three, has proved quite a tall order. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kelly for being so lovely, helping me to settle in and most importantly teaching me to keep my eye on the scoreboard. Squash and teas don't always go out when you think!! Especially during the amazing summer, we were blessed with this season, but I'd like to think that it's now under control for next season.

Sadly 'Mr Cool' aka Phil chose to leave quite quickly after my arrival, giving me quite a complex. With very little time to think about my insecurities I found myself swimming in the deep end learning all that there is to learn about catering at North Parade.

Besides all our regular weekend fixtures, we hosted Gloucester, Ireland and Scotland in early April and Prince Harry and Megan's wedding on the big screen, which sparked off our cake baking extravaganza. Throughout the season, on Saturdays, we lovingly baked cakes to sell on the bar, which were very well received. It's here that I must pay tribute to our wonderful Yas, who found a talent for cupcake making, and to everyone's delight, spectators and players alike she spent many hours producing more and more elaborate creations, for which we are all truly thankful.

The Somerset v Gloucester 50 over match in May caught us totally of guard and was amazingly well supported. From the moment we opened the doors, serving teas, coffees, breakfast baps in addition to preparing the lunch for the players, we also offered lunch to spectators which was followed by a massive desire for tea and cakes. It was

a great relief that Karen offered her services and spent the rest of the day behind the bar, not her regular habitat but one that she settled into very well, I so a very big thank you went out to her. Lesson learned for next season!

June saw us host the Women's Tri Series, well not quite. England ladies were a no show sadly, but the ladies of New Zealand and South Africa made the most of our amazing grounds, facilities and hospitality.

The highlight for our girl's youth teams was the visit from Western Storm on 20th July where they trained with our girls after their match against ICC Rookies. Getting the chance to be in the company of England cricket stars, particularly Anya Shrubsole MBE, was quite a privilege. In addition to all our adult fixtures I was really impressed to see how well the children's cricket is attended, especially the Tuesday evening and girls/ladies training on Fridays. The team and I had tried to add some healthier options to the children's meals on a Tuesday afternoon, experimenting with a pasta bar, which was appreciated by a proportion of the parents, but not enough to make permanent changes, however we will try to sneak in a few healthier options next year.

Sunday morning support from parents, grandparents and siblings at the Fidelius Cup was fantastic, not sure I have ever sold so many coffees and bacon baps in such a short space of time. The good news is that all our team members have had full coffee training so service will be twice as fast next season.

Finally, I would like to thank all the team who worked so hard this season, not just at the matches but at all the external functions that have taken place throughout the last year, from Thiaan & Beth's wedding to the silent disco. There have been times when we have been pushed to our limits, especially during that crazy hot period, but we came out of it smiling. So, a massive thank you to Amy, Ella, Issy B, Issy H, Gabe, Liv, Kelly, Matt, Harvey and Yas. You're all amazing. xx

Kate Ritcher

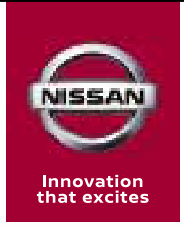


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YOUTH REVIEW

JON GREEN



2018 was another successful season for our youth section. All our teams had regular coaches and managers and attendance at training sessions was excellent.

The Bath & District Youth Cricket League remains the main platform for our youth section (11 squads) to play regular cricket during the summer months, with both boys and girls teams entered in the various leagues.

The glorious weather meant 105 games were played this summer with only eight cancelled.

The girl's section continues to grow in strength and depth with 62 registered members.

We hope that with the school's competitions, the Bath Rec Sportshub and more state school coverage by our community coach in primary we will continue to attract more girls.

Coaching on Friday evenings was delivered by an excellent, and primarily female led, group of coaches. The effect of having strong role models for our girls is hard to measure, but the league results and growth in playing skills were much improved with the Sabres finishing 2nd in the 11-a-side U11 league and making the semi-final of the league cup. The Daggers were U13 pairs league champions.

The next step will be to transfer these performances to Lady Taverners National Cup competition in 2019.

2017 was the inaugural year for the hugely successful 'Fidelius Cup' tournament. This year, eight teams from seven clubs (Bath CC Stars, Bath CC Swords, Biddestone, Lansdown, Hinton Charterhouse, Timsbury, Corsham and Hampset) returned fortnightly to North Parade on Sunday

mornings to play in an 8-a-side league. Participation and skill development through playing were fundamental in creating a fun and challenging environment for young players to experience cricket. As in 2017, the hospitality team helped to create the "Bath CC" experience with breakfast rolls and coffees. Biddestone CC retained the cup with Bath CC Swords (Boys) in 2nd and Bath CC Stars (Girls) 3rd place.

The club introduced a new schools league in 2018 (Wednesday, mixed gender teams and Friday, girls). This provided an opportunity for pupils from eight local schools to showcase their skills with school friends in addition to the one-day festivals arranged by Wesport at the Sulis Club each year. The schools attending were Paulton Juniors, Weston Allsaints Primary School, St Stephens, St Saviours and eventual winners Oldfield Park Junior School. Disappointingly, we didn't fill all eight places in either the mixed or girls' league with 27 schools contacted. We will work hard to increase the number of schools participating next summer.

As part of our community assistance initiative, we delivered the ECB All Stars programme for Hampset CC at their ground.

"Stumpers" is the club's point of entry for children in school years 1-3, providing them with an introduction to cricket. Whilst it competes directly with the ECB's "All Stars" cricket participation programme, which is supported by other local clubs, both have the shared objective of delivering a great first experience in cricket for boys and girls aged five to eight. This summer the club welcomed 46 new "Stumpers" all dressed in coloured t-shirts and caps, with eighteen of the group eligible to move into our Gladiators Under 9s in 2019.

Additionally, as part of our community assistance initiative,

we delivered the ECB All Stars programme for Hampset CC at their ground.

Disability cricket also arrived at Bath CC this summer, with one of our most dedicated young coaches, Ollie Parry, working with the Somerset Cricket Board to deliver part of their disability cricket programme at North Parade. This is key to our continuing approach to make our club fully inclusive for all cricket lovers. In July, Ollie travelled to Wellington, New Zealand, to coach at Scots College for a year to gain extra experience and we wish him well.

So far in 2018 we have delivered 38 days of cricket camp coaching (lead by our main coaches, but also giving work experience opportunities to our young Somerset players) with the addition of an advanced section during the summer for players between the ages of 13-17 at the request of Bath CC parents. In the future, outdoor camps will include three mornings as children who have been regulars of the younger group outgrow its content. Even during the off season, the enthusiasm of our junior players has cried out for more cricket, and cricket they shall have, with our performance sessions in October and November.

A new batch of TOPs (Talent Opportunity Potential) players have been hand-picked to receive small group and 1:1 coaching starting this Autumn through to Spring. Our aim is to help junior players progress into senior cricket and follow some of the cricket club's most successful performers of the last decade who were part of the program in its early years.

In the New Year, pre-season winter training will kick off with age groups spread across three different sites (Kingswood Senior School, Prior Park College and King Edwards School).

More information will follow in the next couple of weeks. Lastly, good luck to all 92 of our district trial nominated players. It's great to have so many talented players to put forward.

Jon Green



TOM BRYAN COMMUNITY COACH

In April the club invested in a new community cricket coach role and appointed Tom Bryan. This role has provided the club with the opportunity to engage with local schools that aren't able to provide any regular cricket experiences. Working closely with Somerset Cricket Board, the community coach delivered 48 hours of the "Chance to Shine" programme for children in key stage one (assemblies, curriculum coaching and mini festivals). This led to follow up sessions for children in key stage two at St Martins Garden Primary School, funded by their own sports premium budget. Work has already begun to confirm how 120 hours of coaching time in nine focus schools during the 2018-19 school year will be delivered.



GIRLS SPEARS



The Spears season began slowly, with their first two matches postponed; this only fuelled the Spears excitement for the upcoming season. Whilst allowing the team to focus on training and prepare themselves for what was most of the girl's debut hardball match.

The season began with the Spears league fixture against Lansdown Angels. The girls utilised their extra weeks of training, reflected in their superb bowling, with over half of the Spears taking wickets. Each Spear approached the crease with confidence and a positive attitude, resulting in them leaving Brownsword victorious, excited to pursue their next game.

The Spears approached their second game of the season against a strong Hampset side, where a greater score was required, the girls demonstrated their defensive batting, and despite their best efforts, fell short of Hampset's score. Nevertheless, the Spears did achieve their personal

goals, meaning the Spears still left with big smiles.

Following on, the Spears were set to play against their local rivals the Bath Gladiators, however heavy downpour prevented this, letting the gladiators escape the wrath of the Spears.

The Spears were bursting with energy as they travelled away to Keynsham, accurate and fast bowling left the Spears struggling to remain in the positive numbers. Although, the girl's response to this was admirable, as they remained optimistic, encouraging one another and really coming together as a team.

Following this defeat, the Spears welcomed Lansdown Sabres to Brownsword in hope of returning to their winning ways. The Spears kept Lansdown's score down by taking five wickets, allowing the Girl's to bat comfortably keeping the run rate elevated, resulting in another win for the Spears.

The final three games saw the Spears lose closely to Hampset Harriers, Brislington A and Lansdown Sabres. The Spears concluded their season with two wins and five loses, finishing joint 5th in the league.

The Spears also competed in the Fidelius Cup, this gave the girls the opportunity to practice and trial new skills which they had learnt over the season. A slow start to the competition meant the girls had to work extra hard throughout the weeks to secure a top place in the competition. The Spears exceeded themselves each week, proven in them placing a well-deserved 3rd in the competition.

I want to thank and congratulate the girls on all the effort and commitment they have given to me, the club and their teammates; they have all been an absolute pleasure to coach.

Georgia Palmer-Goddard

DAGGERS

The 2018 season has seen a lot of new players from Sabres moving up to play for the Dagers Under 15s and it's true to say that whether it has been at training or in the matches, every player has worked tirelessly; improving their batting, bowling and fielding skills. Added to this, is the fact that the girls have enjoyed themselves, which is definitely a key part of the ethos of girls' youth cricket.

In the field, the girls have impressed both the opposition and their

own coaches, with their positive communication, which has helped to develop a supportive atmosphere. This approach has been reflected in the improving standard of the bowling, wicket keeping and general fielding. Notably Mia Falzoni, awarded the Dagers' Most Improved Player for 2018, who as the primary wicket keeper, has displayed a cool, calm approach: confidently facing the faster bowlers and increasingly standing up to the spin bowlers, proving herself to be a talented keeper.

On the bowling front, we have enjoyed some impressive performances, with Lola Harris producing, probably the most outstanding display during the season, with figures of 3-1-2-8 versus Chilcompton and 4-1-5-4 versus Bridlington. Her consistency throughout the season culminated in her being awarded Dagers' Player of the Year for 2018. Other notable bowling performances came from Sophie Goldman, Olivia Wastell, Jess Bailey, Charlotte Moore and Holly Drew, to mention but a few.

Where the batting was concerned, Rosie Gelston, Jess Bailey and Gen Donaldson have produced the most consistent batting performances across the season, with their respective highest scores being 30, 21 and 36 not out. Although a mention must be given to Holly Drew and Evie Dixon, who both managed to carry

their bats against Chippenham in the first round of the Lady Taverners' Cup, each scoring 24 not out.

It is impossible to mention all of the players who have represented Dagers this season, in the space available, but it is important to stress that each player, whether mentioned

or not, has played an important part as a team member and should be equally proud of their performances. It has been a great season and we look forward to seeing you all again in Winter training and in the 2019 season.

Jan Godman and Kym Hanscombe

GIRLS SABRES

I've been very lucky to have coached such a talented group of girls this season. The Sabres were initially a group of girls that were a little lacking in confidence. In our league we had some strong opponents to come up against, with the likes of the clubs very own Arrows and Lansdown. At the start of the season, we were just finding our feet and experienced a few losses early on, the girls were not phased by this. Week in week out at training, the girls would be ready to learn and improve, this was evident when our games were played. As a team the girls became much more fearless, the team saw more courageous fielding, positive batting and consistent bowling. Once

the girls had found their feet, we experienced a number of consecutive wins against the likes of Lansdown in both the league and the cup. This saw us get through to the cup semi-finals, which we unfortunately lost against the Bath Arrows, who were unbeaten throughout their season. Due to this, the Sabres came a valiant second in the league, only finding themselves below the Arrows. This is something that I am extremely proud of as I know how hard these girls have worked and improved in order to get these results. To see each player, find their own and perform to their strengths has been so invaluable to see as a coach. Each week I'd have a different person ready and willing to lead their team out onto

the field and make those important decisions. All the girls would always help each other out when it came to field positions and the sense of comradeship was so good to see. This just showed how well the girls gelled as a team and consequently helped them perform so well. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to coach such a great bunch of girls and I know they are going to excel in their next season regardless of where they play. I will be following their progress and I hope to be coaching some of these girls again next season.

Emma Godman

GLADIATORS U9

The Bath U9 Gladiators have had a tremendous season, going from strength to strength both on and off the field. We started our season well with a narrow loss to Hampset Harriers at Odd Down and from this point my confidence in these young players went through the roof.

Trying to compete against players two years older than you is very daunting but they have all shown the character and bravery to play at this level. Of course at times we have struggled when batting against more experienced and faster bowlers, but the boys have always done their best to compete and challenge their opponents. This strength of character has been shown regularly in our fielding displays as a team. Coaches from Brislington, Keynsham and Hampset have all commented on the exceptional willingness our boys have shown to put bodies in the way of

the ball to save boundaries; the kind of courage typically shown by much older players.

Comments later in the season have congratulated the boys on how quickly they have learnt the skills required in hard-ball cricket in comparison to the start of the season; skills such as backing up, consistency of bowling and picking gaps when batting. I have been so proud of these boys for working tirelessly in training to improve. They are keen to learn new skills and as parents you should be very proud.

Other improvements include behaviour. By the end of the season coaches were being listened to more closely and technique pointers were being taken on board. This improvement was more than demonstrated by our first win over Lansdown at Stothert and Pitt mid-

season and subsequently by our second win away at Brislington at the end of the season. All the boys should be very, very, proud of the effort they have put in this season as they have worked tirelessly to become better cricketers. I believe they will all do very well in the U11's next season, especially if they continue to listen to advice and practice as well as they can.

It has been a privilege to coach this group this summer. They have made every session enjoyable and entertaining for everyone involved and I will miss not seeing them play in the 2019 season. Good luck to you all.

Ollie Parry

ARROWS U11

The best ever U11's team at Bath?

It's hard to argue against.

Winning 11 out of 11 in the league, only letting two teams post a score in excess of 100.

In the cup, winning every game by a minimum of 50 runs.

Everybody in the squad having the opportunity to bat in the top order and open the bowling.

Four different keepers, five different captains, all the squad rotation still producing the same result each time, a comprehensive Arrows victory.

Every single player has been nominated for a County/district trial, there were already four county and several district players this year.

I'm deliberately not singling out any individuals as the success this year

was down to a supremely talented squad, not because of three or four superstars who got us out of trouble when needed.

In 2007 I was fortunate enough to be assistant coach when Bath U13s won the national cup at Oakham School, sweeping all before them winning every game during the week-long competition.

I put this group of players alongside them in terms of ability, team spirit and just downright lovely lads.

I have a huge thank you to give to Annie, my manager who was always one step ahead with everything!

Thank you also to the many parents who looked after the scorebook for me, giving me the opportunity to be out in the middle in the thick of it.

Thanks to Kelly and the girls for looking after us and the ground staff

for producing wickets that bounced.

You don't realise what a special ground North Parade is until you stop playing there, I remind the boys all the time, never take this experience for granted, you are exceptionally fortunate to play here.

Finally, I am signing off after 25 years of coaching the youth at Bath.

It's been a huge privilege and one I will never forget.

I'm swapping league and cup winners for the wooden spoonists but I've always loved a challenge.

Thank you to everyone that has made my time at Bath Cricket Club a major part of my life.

Tom Baker
Bath CC 1993-2018

BLADES U11

Coaching the Bath Blades this year has been delightful, working with a group of young, enthusiastic and talented young boys who have all given their complete commitment to myself and the club. The Blades finished the season with six wins, five losses and placing third in the league; just below our local rivals the Arrows and Sabres. This has been my most successful season as far, coaching some new and familiar faces; I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching all the boys this year, celebrating more victories than ever before.

There have been multiple moments which deserve to be celebrated, however I am going to highlight particular moments that have stood out to me, such as;

Alex Hearn bowling against Winsley with tidy figures of two overs one wicket for three runs, considering this is his first year of hardball cricket, he has done exceptionally well to control the ball, bowling a consistent line and length, proving to be too much for the batsmen.

George Capara making his bowling debut against the Cutlasses, holding his own with the new ball, making it difficult for the batsmen to assert themselves at the crease. His ability to remain calm and controlled whilst opening the bowling ensures the opposition get off to a slow start.

Ted knight has demonstrated mature batting throughout the season, using his awareness to identify gaps in the field, making it difficult for the opposition to set effective fielding positions. Alongside his decisive calling and assertive running between the wickets all contributing to the build-up of pressure on the bowler and fielders.

Nate Murray has also shown vast improvements, proving he can consistently bowl straight, and frustrate the batsman, Nate has become one of the Blades most reliable bowlers.

Joe Tarlings remarkable innings of 63 versus the Cutlasses, Joe wasted no time in scoring boundaries alongside

quick singles which raced him onto his maiden 50 for the year and for the Blades.

Finally, Freddie Sefton-Moores innings vs Keynsham, which included very sensible batting and mature decisions at the crease, making certain that the Blades chased down the total with wickets to spare.

For those whose names I haven't mentioned, you have all played an important role in the squad whether it be with the ball, the bat or an outstanding piece of fielding. Everyone has shown vast improvements throughout the season, and if they continue to take on board what they learn in training will all develop into mature, talented cricketers.

Lastly, I would like to thank the players for their commitment and enthusiasm throughout the season, making it an enjoyable and successful one for the blades.

Mark Watts

CUTLASSES U11



The 2018 season was a defining season for many of the Cutlasses, a season which saw three wins (an improvement from the 2017 season), a tie, and most importantly a real desire to make progress and enjoy both training, and matches. However, winning games has never been the foremost priority for the Cutlasses, with more of an emphasis put on doing things the right way, the Bath CC way. Initial aspirations were shared amongst the squad (Year 5 children only), many of whom were just keen to improve their basic cricketing skill set, others had their hearts' set on becoming future Arrows for the 2019 season and some even had eyes on the larger prize, a Somerset U11s trial. Leading on from the last point, I was pleased to hear that Will Dickerson, William Winterflood and Luke Stringer were all granted trials and is testament to their hard-work,

commitment and willingness to improve.

As always, outdoor training was dominated by fielding, and in particular the importance of catching, walking-in and backing up – something we were to hear shouted out several hundreds of times throughout the season – 'Walking in boys!'. However creative I tried, many of these fielding drills could be considered rather tedious..... did any of the children ever complain – no, they realised that it was an important aspect of the game they needed to improve. And improve they did, for the 2nd year running many compliments were given to us by rival teams – something we would be very proud of.

It would be wrong of me not to thank a few people who make things

happen. To Jonathan Green for all of his hard work behind the scenes, the ground and catering staff for allowing us to be great hosts, to all of the parents (especially Karl Stringer who scored all of our matches) and of course the children who turn up each week with fantastic attitudes.

In conclusion, the Cutlasses have again been an absolute pleasure to coach – do I have to work hard? YES.

Do I leave each session totally exhausted? YES.

Is it worth it? Absolutely YES.

See you all next year,

Mark Gunning

AXES U13

Bath Under 13 Axes finished 3rd in the league and reached the semi-finals of the league and county cup. Despite playing some excellent cricket at times, we fell short of where we needed to be in terms of seriously challenging for silverware.

I'm hopeful the boys will have gained a great deal from the unusually high number of games that went right down to the wire, including a tie and several last ball or last over finishes. The pressure these situations create is great for a young players development, and we certainly had our fair share of these over the course of the season.

We aimed to use the league to develop our whole squad, thus sharing the bowling workload around and often mixing the batting line ups up to allow everyone ample opportunity. This was perhaps our downfall in the games we lost, with

oppositions electing for alternative policies centred around a nucleus of 5-6 players who did much of the batting and the bowling.

We used the Cup competitions to field our best available XI. In the County Cup we lost at the semi-final stage at Combe Park to a strong Lansdown side who also defeated us twice in the league. In the League Cup, a hastily arranged semi-final at Marshfield had to be played with very little notice to meet the deadline, we were stricken by unavailability with only six of the 19 squad members available which led to a narrow defeat.

There were some fine performances across the course of the season. Wilf Everritt scored heavily and captained the side on several occasions impressively, John Bean showed a huge amount of talent with bat and ball and Charlie Pritchard showed

promise as an opening bat. Henry Allen kept superbly while Ralph Banks proved a useful deputy when Allen was unavailable. Archie Gordon showed his all-round potential, Finley Richards and Freddie Kerr bowled with consistency throughout the season.

Ritvij Roy won player of the year in his debut season for the club – He led the run charts, captained the side with distinction, bowled handy off-spin and took some great catches.

Louis Huyton deservedly won most improved player, his much-improved control with the ball led to him becoming the spearhead of our bowling attack.

A big thank you to everyone involved this season, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

Tom Bryan

SCIMITARS U13

We got off to a great start winning our first two matches, one game which Jay took a great hat-trick and batted superbly well. This would be one of the biggest highlights of the season. As the season progressed it was fairly hard work for the Scimitars as we came up against some good opposition including Lansdown who bowled us out for not very much at all. Results were hard to come by at the back end of the season but the effort from the boys to keep playing good opposition and enjoying their cricket was good to see! There were many positives to take from the season but there are some improvements the squad could work on. These can be fielding and fielding placements, this was a big issue this season and this is where matches could have been won by saving lots of runs.

Congratulations to Zak for winning player of the season through his great attitude and adventurous hitting. The most improved player of 2018 went to Isaac B who showed a steely determination to work hard on his bowling and fielding becoming an

effective and dangerous bowler who often flew under the radar but would make batters work hard by bowling wicket to wicket.

I'm sure with another winter's hard work, greater experience and the confidence that age brings we'll all

come back stronger. The potential is there and we'll try our hardest as coaches to help nurture the talent that was on show from time to time this summer.

Jack Scrivens and Alain Hewett



SAMURAI U15

The Under 15s had a tough challenge this season in their attempts to defend the league title. With a very U14 dominated team, Seb Chester-Phillips led the team well and the boys had some very good victories. Alongside these victories, the boys had some good learning experiences in the losses, which will put them in good stead for the seasons to come.

A Commanding 10 wicket win over Keynsham 2's away was mixed in with some thrilling wins. Having bowled the opposition out for 40, Seb and Alfred Briggs knocked off the total wasting little time in doing so.

In the very first game of the season, the boys managed a last over victory against a gutsy Timsbury side. Jaime Wright (most improved player of the season) batted beautifully throughout the match and just fell before the game was won. The last pair scuttled through for a bye to win the game off the last bowl of the match.

Felix Barnes held his nerve and showed great character in the last ball win over Brislington at North Parade. Bris needed nearly 20 off the last over,

their number 5 who smashed the ball to all parts got it down to 3 to win off the last ball. Whilst I was pulling my hair out, Felix was cool calm and collected, and bowled the batsmen giving us a nail biting victory.

Another very rewarding win came against Keynsham 1's at home. Seb Chester-Phillips batted brilliantly to steer the side home with a valiant 80 not out. This was a brilliant win despite batting with only 10 men.

Along side those great wins some individuals performed consistently all year. Rhys Davies was my player of the season. Rhys consistently performed with both bat and ball chipping in at important moments all true all rounders do. Lewis Deans showed on several occasions that he has an action that can make the ball do all sorts and trouble any batter.

The losses brought us many learning opportunities. Areas we will look to work on over the winter and next year;

If we could improve our running between the wickets, we would have far less run outs.

If we could improve our anticipation in the field we might be able to save more singles.

We bowled a lot of wides this year and need to work on bowling tighter lines.

If we can improve these, we will have far less tight finishes and take a massive step towards regaining our title as league champions.

Many thanks to all the parents for your invaluable support and Greg Hay for your coaching expertise. Last but not least, Alan Philips for managing the team. Thank you for making sure we had a team every game and being there at all hours.

Good luck to all the boys leaving us this year; Tom Crawford, Seb Chester-Phillips, Indi Jones, and Cam Kelly

I hope that this isn't the last we will see of you and that you'll be back in the winter training with the senior squads

Ben Ackland

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SOMERSET CUP FINAL





ON one Sunday day in August 2018, Bath completed back to back Somerset Cup wins for the first time in our history. Before I joined the club, I had never played at the Taunton County ground. Now two years later, I have had the pleasure of playing twice and the honour of captaining the side on this occasion.

I led the team in the absence of Paul Muchall, which was a loss, but it gave the team a much needed break from the overpowered Duracell.

After beating Frome in the first round, special mention to Nigel Owens for pocketing Letty, we beat Keynsham and Clevedon on route to face Illminster in the final. Illminster, who pushed for promotion to Prem one this year, where a strong side who would provide a real test for our young team.

We opted to bowl first, backing ourselves to chase any total on a good Taunton wicket. Illminster got off to a bit of a flyer, putting on 100 for the second wicket. Both their main players made over 40 each

and we had to dig deep. We did extremely well to contain them and pull them back to us. David Ford and Will Arney bowled extremely well under pressure, whilst the old guard of Hankins and Davies did their usual thing. Keeping them to 145-6 was a great effort, considering they were looking at 180+ after 10 overs.

In the run chase, we were always up with the rate, but we kept losing wickets at regular intervals. All the top order got starts but nobody kicked on, except one hero!

Tim 'Sachin' Rouse walked out to bat at the Home of Women's Cricket (and his home ground) with a dusty head, a point to prove and the score at 46-3, joining Alain Hewett at the wicket. Somebody needed to remind Alain he was playing for the team not just to impress his missus. To be fair to Alain, he did hit a massive six over the Sir Ian Botham stand and into the river. He made up for this by playing the worst shot I have ever seen to get out LBW. Even better, it was live streamed to the whole of Australia, so they could laugh at him

along with the missus.

The boys toiled and brought the score to 78-4 when Alain had his moment of mis-judgement, which brought Charlie Brain to the wicket. Now Charlie may not have dominated the partnership like he was used to this year, but his 14 was invaluable to the run chase. Whilst Sachin was slog sweeping their spinner to Sidmouth, Charlie supported Sach and got the required runs down to eight before walking off.

It came down to six needed off the last two balls. Sachin despatched them to the boundary and the rest, as they say, is history. Tim batted brilliantly showing why he is the one who does it for a living and not the rest of us. He was rightfully Man of the Match for his 68*.

Many thanks to all that came to watch and watched on the live stream. Thanks to all the lads involved, players and support staff. A big thanks to Polly for her service on the day and for the years of service to the club.

Ben Ackland

Lola Harris



“ It was amazing to see Shane Warne talk about my own bowling on the Sky Sports masterclass.”

Name

Lola Harris

Age

11

Where were you born?

Trowbridge

School?

St Laurence

Highest score

30 not out

Best bowling

7 for 6 for Bath Sabres v Chilcompton
5 for 18 for Somerset U13 v
Hampshire U13

Which was your best performance and why?

Playing for Somerset U15s against Ireland, my first over went for 20. I came back on at the end of the innings and bowled four overs, taking two wickets and a run out for eight runs. At the end of the match the Ireland coach came and congratulated me for coming back and said that they had made a plan to target me! I learned a lot from that match and it's helped me in tough situations.

Best ground played at?

North Parade. To get the opportunity to play there so much is amazing.

Do you have any superstitions?

Ever since I took wickets in one game when accidentally wearing odd socks, I wear them to all my matches.

Cricket heroes and why?

Shane Warne is definitely my biggest hero. I've tried to copy his fluency and the massive spin he gets in my own action. It was amazing to see him talk about my own bowling on the Sky Sports masterclass.

I love the way Fran Wilson bats – how she scores quickly by finding the gaps with scoops and reverse sweeps. I'd

like to be able to bat like her one day.

Best team mate and why?

I've made so many new friends at Bath. It's amazing how many people I've met through cricket. If I had to choose it would be Evie Dixon, as we work well together in both batting and bowling and get on really well off the pitch too. She makes me laugh too.

Best match you have played in and why?

Bath Sabres against Winsley. A nail biting game that came down to the last over and I hit a four to win it!

Funniest moment on a cricket field?

A game in Wales when a dog kept escaping to get on the pitch. It took loads of people ages to get him off as he was so determined to get that ball!

What are your other hobbies and interests?

I play netball for Team Bath and run for Avon Valley Runners. I love playing any sport.

What are your ambitions for the future?

I want to play cricket for England.

Top tips for girls wanting to play cricket?

Just the same as for boys, if you want to be good you've got to practice. You'll enjoy it much more after you've worked for it.


What could be improved for young players at Bath CC in anything?

Bath is a brilliant club for young cricketers with great facilities and people. Personally, I'd like to play in more mixed teams – if you're good enough it shouldn't matter if you're a boy or a girl.

KENNY JAMES

MY TIME AT BATH CC





| first set foot on the hallowed turf 15 years ago, over that time the club has changed so much both structurally and administratively. So many good players have come and gone, some really good players and the ones who just couldn't cut it. There are those who think they have a divine right to be in the 1st or 2nd XI's, but lacked the skills or performances to make a consistent step. (Jokers)

The management over the years have been amazing, supporting me on and off the field and I owe them a great deal of gratitude. They've allowed me to play with some of the best players and make great friends. From early on I got to know that all other clubs hated Bath and wanted to beat us. The more matches I played the more the club spirit and values were imbedded in me.

Best Captain – Mike Roe

Favourite player – Lloyd Davies – Always gave his all

Favourite Batsman – Little Timmy Rouse, his 154 against Brislington at the age of 13 years. Silky. Smooth. Magic.

Best Bowler – AK the metronome

Funniest Player – Gavin Royce, always getting hit, guaranteed every season, but loyal in the trenches

There are so many people to thank over the years from Mike Jones (RIP), Mike Howarth, The Kingwells, Mandy Roe to Maggsy, Mutley, Kelly and many more who I will mention when I officially retire.

My first match for the 3rd's was against Stratton on the Fosse. My Captain, James 'Slippery' Pearce, good captain and funny guy. I really picked up that 3rds vibe from him. To him it didn't matter we were the 3rd XI he just wanted us to do the best for Bath CC and that always stayed with me. I felt good to have been part of a team playing in the North Somerset League for so many years and now in Div two of the B&D after three promotions (big up the 3rds)

I have appeared for every team 1-4 and always gave my all out there. I played for the 2nds under the best captain, Mike Roe, he always gave me belief and confidence when he threw me the ball. He is a great stalwart of the club which we shouldn't forget (legend)

It is also great to see some of the original youths still here – Fordy, Big H, Brainers, The Hanks, Padgett, Beth Aspel and Royce, although they make me feel old, ha, ha!



Thank You Bath Cricket



**Thank you
for choosing
Dorothy House
Hospice Care as
your charity of
the year and for
your amazing
support over
the past year.**

A very special thanks must go to club Vice-President, Terry Harper, who managed to collect an astonishing £1,050 for Dorothy House in just six weeks, alone! Without people like you, the world is a poorer place – you are all stars!

Like Bath Cricket, Dorothy House has been a part of this community for a while. We are dedicated to serving our community and like you and your members we must always be ready to meet the growing needs of our community.

Dorothy House has provided compassionate palliative and end-of-life care to over 45,000



“ Everyone should have access to this level of support. Death happens to us all – it’s a part of life and should be part of our thinking throughout our lives. ”

“ They knew Pip as a person, not just a clinical challenge. She was given guided support and reassurance which enabled her to live the fullest life possible. ”

Our vision

Our mission

A society where death is a part of life

To ensure that everyone has access to outstanding palliative and end of life care

Find out more about our strategy for 2018-25 - visit everydayeveryone.dorothyhouse.org.uk



patients, their families and carers, for more than 40 years.

This year we launched our ambitious new strategy. It sets out a plan to develop Dorothy House as we take on the challenges of a growing ageing population with increasingly complex needs. Our vision is to live in a society where death is a part of life and to that end we want to ensure that everyone has access to outstanding care.

We want to dispel the myth that hospices are just places to die. We know that dying well and with dignity is paramount, but it is equally important to be able to live well until you die.

We are also committed to providing families and carers with the support they need, both before and after a loved one’s death. We have listened to our community and know that many want to be at home, not in hospital many miles away, and joined-up services where everyone knows what everyone else is doing. Our patients, their families and carers must remain at the heart of everything we do.

The money we need to make this happen comes in part from our amazing community. People like you make things happen with a collection bucket in a car park! So thank you, Bath Cricket, from the bottom of our hearts!

Lloyd Davies (in action vs Ilminster) has hung up his boots after 11 seasons



Former player Sophie Luff appeared at North Parade playing for Western Storm as the club hosted a warm up match for the Storm



POLLY STEPS DOWN AFTER SEVEN YEARS AT THE HELM



Looking back on the last seven years at Bath CC – Thoughts of a Scorer!

After I had been working for Somerset CCC Under 17s for a couple of years, years in which my non-cricket-loving husband David had joined me on occasions, we made the decision to make the move to Somerset permanent, once he had retired from his then present occupation, as Technical Director of a railway fastenings company. We had grown to love the West Country and what it had to offer, but for me, it meant that I needed to find a premier division club to score for.

I had been scoring in Hampshire, where we used to live, for some twenty years and, with that experience behind me, I wanted to find a club which was as passionate about cricket as I was and also where my acquired skills could be put to good use. I let it be known on the circuit that I was interested in finding such a club. Although I wasn't exactly killed in the rush, I was approached by three clubs which were interested, and Bath CC was one of them.

Having been invited to view Bath CC, it became clear that I, and also importantly to me, Dave, would be welcomed there. As already stated, Dave is not madly keen on cricket, and he has put up with my obsession for over forty years, so it is important that he is comfortable to come with me on occasions.

When I first arrived at the club, scoring was still done in the Old Pavilion, at the opposite side of the ground to the current Pavilion. For me, this was a drawback because it meant I had to lug my equipment much further than I would have liked. After a few weeks the Old Pavilion became a victim of arson – I promise it wasn't me!! Honestly!! For the next three years or so the position to score at Bath was variable to say the least and I have to say, it was not the easiest of times, but with the new scoreboard being established life became a lot easier.

I have enjoyed working with the cricketers at Bath. The first captain I worked with was Robin Lett. He was a stickler when it came to statistics, and I enjoyed providing him with the ammunition! Always standing at slip, he could be relied upon for sharp catches and no-one beat himself up more than he did, should he have missed one. I have also more than enjoyed working with Lloyd Davies. His passion and enthusiasm match mine and he has a sharp cricket brain. Watching Jon Green working with the youngsters has also been a pleasure. The way they hang on every word that he utters is great and we mustn't forget how vital this is to the club. Without a generation playing cricket at every opportunity, clubs are finding out how this has impacted. So what

Jon is doing is vital if clubs are to survive and we owe Jon a lot for what he does. Paul Muchall, although only recently having joined Bath CC, has been a real asset and has never once derided me for the Friday afternoon exchange of texts asking for the team for the following day. Above all of these people, top-ranked must be Rob Maggs, the indefatigable head coach and Director of Cricket at Bath. His unwavering support and help has been paramount and when I won the static camera outfit for Bath his delight was infectious.

I have been enormously impressed too by the level of support that Bath CC enjoys from its membership and I have loved the banter that they learned to give me! They knew they would get it back!

To each of these I have mentioned and to those I have not, I say a very big thank you to you all for making the last seven years really enjoyable, even if, at times, I have had to chew my nails! I wish my successor Kevin Mitchell and his wife Amy, all the best and I hope that they enjoy being associated with Bath CC as much as Dave and I have done. Good luck for 2019 and beyond – but I'll be watching you!

Polly Rhodes (ex 1st XI scorer!)

Clubman of the Year

Terry Harper a familiar face for members and visitors to the club was awarded Clubman of the Year for his great service to the club over a 35 year period. As a player and for nearly 20 years as an employee Terry has manned the car park in all weathers providing superb customer service and a friendly face to regular visitors. This year he decided to raise money for our nominated charities Dorothy House and Jessie May and raised over a £1000 in just a month





Thanks to our WICKET supporters at Bath Cricket!

We are hugely grateful for Bath Cricket Club's continued support of Jessie May! You are making a world of difference to our charity.

What we do

Jessie May is a children's hospice at home charity, supporting local terminally ill children and their families in the comfort of their homes. Most of the children we care for have extremely complex needs, and are not expected to reach the age of 19.

We offer respite visits to families because we know how hard it can be for someone to look after the

These respite visits give themselves; to spend time to do the weekly food shop to simply catch up on sleep both the child and parents receive support in the state where they can often feel safe and in control.

Our nurses also provide life care and bereavement currently supporting 140 families, and continue to supporters like Bath Cricket



★ “The Jessie May Nurses are one of few constants in our lives. They understand Stella and empower me to be the best version of myself. They’ve become extended family and I don’t know what we’d do without them.”

★ - Stella’s mum Jo



completely free of charge to see how vital they can be, for parents to trust their child.

★ parents a few hours to be with their other children, to meet with friends or family! They offer respite to help and allow the family to enjoy the stability of their home; the most comfortable,

★ emotional support, end of life support. We are helping **100 children and 50 bereaved** families do so thanks to amazing Bath Cricket Club!

You have raised an **incredible £3,200** for our charity! Your passion for Jessie May encourages volunteers to reach out to us, and inspires much-needed donations. Our caseload in Bath and beyond is growing, so we value your support more than ever, as we try, as always, to avoid running a waiting list.

Thanks to all our friends at Bath Cricket Club – we’re having a ball with you!

To find out more, make a donation and see how you can get involved, visit: www.jessiemay.org.uk



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Jessie May

Children's Hospice at Home

Registered charity number: 1086048



2018 SEASON STATS

Bath 1st XI

Bath 1st XI - 2018 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Paul Muchall	21	4	757	44.53	105*	4	1
Ben Wells	20	5	598	39.87	81*	6	0
Greg Hay	16	2	554	39.57	123	4	1
Luke Padgett	16	7	301	33.44	64*	2	0
Sam Young	12	1	356	32.36	130	0	2
Tim Rouse	15	2	371	28.54	68*	3	0
Tom Hanks	23	1	594	27.00	78	5	0
Adam Kelly	12	6	160	26.67	60	1	0
Ben Ackland	15	1	361	25.79	73	3	0
Jack Scrivens	18	2	332	20.75	75*	2	0
Harry Hanks	14	3	170	15.45	38	0	0
Charlie Brain	11	1	92	9.20	27	0	0

Qualification 10 inns

Bath 1st XI - 2018 Bowling averages all matches

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Tim Rouse	78.5	4	326	20	7-37	1	4.14	23.65	16.30
Adam Kelly	128.5	17	570	34	6-39	1	4.42	22.74	16.76
Tom Hanks	144	9	688	34	4-17	0	4.78	25.41	20.24
Paul Muchall	170.5	17	773	34	4-21	0	4.52	30.15	22.74
Harry Hanks	103.4	3	507	22	4-28	0	4.89	28.27	23.05
Lloyd Davies	119.2	9	558	17	3-21	0	4.68	42.12	32.82

Qualification 10 wkts





Back Row Left to Right: Lloyd Davies, Adam Kelly, Harry Hankins, Luke Padgett, Sam Young, Ben Wells
Front Row Left to Right: Tom Hankins, Tim Rouse, Greg Hay (Capt), George Hankins, Paul Muchall.

WEPL Premier One League Table 2018

	Played	Won	Lost	C	A	T	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Clevedon	18	14	3	0	1	0	81	82	309
Bath	18	11	5	0	2	0	80	76	277
Downend	18	11	6	0	1	0	75	72	258
Potterne	18	10	7	0	1	0	72	72	246
Bristol	18	10	6	0	1	1	53	71	235
Bridgwater	18	7	11	0	0	0	75	57	217
Bedminster	18	7	11	0	0	0	62	66	197
Taunton St Andrews	18	6	11	0	1	0	54	66	186
Frocester	18	4	12	0	2	0	61	58	171
Goatacre	18	3	14	0	1	0	56	64	156





2018 SEASON STATS

Bath 2nd XI

Bath 2nd XI - 2018 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Charlie Brain	14	1	607	46.69	124	1	3
Ben Ackland	8	1	278	39.71	76	3	0
Alain Hewett	18	0	534	29.67	103	3	1
Joe Jenkins	14	5	245	27.22	83*	1	0
James Avery	10	1	207	23.00	44	0	0
Louis Brown	17	1	323	20.19	41	0	0
David Ford	10	3	71	10.14	25*	0	0
Monty Keith	8	2	51	8.50	29	0	0
Ben Copp	12	3	47	5.22	11	0	0

Qualification 8 inns

Bath 2nd XI - 2018 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
James Arney	25.0	1	132	8	4-56	0	5.28	18.75	16.50
Ben Copp	95.0	8	469	20	5-58	1	4.94	28.50	23.45
Joe Prescott	109.1	11	495	20	4-41	0	4.53	32.75	24.75
David Ford	59.4	2	275	10	6-33	1	4.61	35.80	27.50
Joe Jenkins	84.2	3	394	14	2-15	0	4.67	36.14	28.14
Month Keith	82.3	4	438	13	4-37	0	5.31	38.08	33.69
Louis Brown	82.2	8	407	12	4-22	0	4.94	41.17	33.92

Qualification 8 wkts



Back Row Left to Right: Ben Copp, Alain Hewett , Monty Keith, David Ford, Louis Brown, James Arney.
Front Row Left to Right: Matt Cadywould, Charlie Brain, Joe Jenkins, Joe Prescott, Jack Scrivens.

WEPL Bristol & North Somerset - 2018

	Played	Won	Lost	C	A	T	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Winterbourne	18	15	3	0	0	0	86	86	322
Knowle	18	13	4	0	0	1	71	93	299
Stapleton	18	11	6	0	0	1	69	82	265
Brislington	18	10	7	1	0	0	73	66	235
Bristol	18	8	9	1	0	0	63	71	220
Twyford House	18	8	9	0	1	0	68	64	218
Bath CC	18	6	10	0	2	0	67	56	195
Congresbury	18	6	11	0	1	0	57	58	181
Chew Magna	18	6	12	0	0	0	27	82	169
Claverham (Yatton)	18	3	15	0	0	0	31	65	120





2018 SEASON STATS

Bath 3rd XI

Bath 3rd XI - 2018 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Sam Crichard	18	2	829	51.81	176	2	3
Tom Lawrence	15	3	620	51.67	131*	2	2
Ted Roe	14	2	433	36.08	129*	2	1
Kenny James	11	3	245	30.63	61	2	0
Daniel Meek	6	1	151	30.20	87	1	0
Michael Roe	8	4	120	30.00	39*	0	0
Gavin Royce	16	4	242	20.17	59*	1	0
Mathan Balasubramaniyan	6	2	53	13.25	24	0	0

Qualification 6 inns

Bath 3rd XI - 2018 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Mathan Balasubramaniyan	89.0	9	364	19	5-29	1	4.09	28.11	19.16
Williams Sayers	37.1	0	201	10	2-17	0	5.41	22.30	20.10
Kenny James	129.0	9	585	27	4-21	0	4.53	28.67	21.67
Sam Crichard	108.3	2	510	17	3-32	0	4.70	38.29	30.00
Max Kerr	79.1	4	357	11	2-23	0	4.51	43.18	32.45
Phil Lyle	73.0	4	349	10	4-41	0	4.78	43.80	34.90

Qualification 10 wkts





Back Row Left to Right: Ken Patterson (Umpire), Will Arney, Max Kerr , Tom Lawrence, Harry Roberts, Mike Roe, Mathan Balasubramanian,
Front Row Left to Right: Sam Crichard, Gavin Royce, Ted Roe (Captain), Phil Lyle, Kenny James.

Bristol & District Cricket Association Third Division - 2018

	Played	Won	Lost	C	A	T	Pen	Pts
Lodway 1st XI	18	14	4	0	0	0	2	435
Cleeve 1st XI	18	14	4	0	0	0	0	432
Bath 3rd XI	18	13	5	0	0	0	0	400
Failand & Portbury 1st XI	18	10	7	0	1	0	0	352
St Mary Redcliffe 1st XI	18	9	8	0	1	0	2	327
Long Ashton 1st XI	18	7	10	0	1	0	0	278
Old Down 1st XI	18	6	11	0	1	0	0	259
West United 1st XI	18	6	11	0	1	0	2	245
Bristol West Indies 2nd XI	18	6	12	0	0	0	2	240
Blagdon 1st XI	18	2	15	0	1	0	0	132





2018 SEASON STATS

Bath 4th XI

Bath 4th XI - 2018 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Thiaan Aspeling	15	1	466	33.29	99*	3	0
Matthew Kerr	13	1	264	22.00	94	2	0
Vik Prasher	14	0	295	21.07	56	1	0
Chloe Micklethwaite	13	2	199	18.09	34	0	0
Beth Howe	16	1	258	17.20	56	1	0
Sam Costello	9	4	80	16.00	40	0	0
Rhys Davey	10	0	138	13.80	48	0	0
Ejaz Ahmed Rajpoot	8	2	68	11.33	21*	0	0
Tom Finn	9	3	66	11.00	22	0	0
Jamie Kerr	11	4	29	4.14	9	0	0

Qualification 8 inns

Bath 4th XI - 2018 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Andy Roberts	43.3	8	157	13	5-25	1	3.61	20.08	12.08
Ejaz A Raijpoot	51.0	4	216	11	4-18	0	4.24	27.82	19.64
Rhys Daveys	76.0	4	349	15	3-47	0	4.59	30.40	23.27
Thiaan Aspeling	38.3	0	256	10	4-40	0	6.65	23.10	25.60
Chloe Micklethwaite	94.0	12	401	14	4-37	0	4.27	40.29	28.64
Jamie Kerr	77.2	5	368	12	2-19	0	4.76	38.67	30.67
Tom Finn	54.0	5	244	6	3-26	0	4.52	54.00	40.67

Qualification 6 wkts





Back Row Left to Right: Vik Prasher, George Freeman, Rhys Daveys, Andy Roberts, Matt Kerr, Keith Eddy (Umpire).
Front Row Left to Right: Jamie Kerr, Chloe Micklethwaite, Thiaan Aspeling (Captain), Beth Aspeling, Ejaz Rajpoot.

Bristol & District Cricket Association Fifth Division - 2018

	Played	Won	Lost	C	A	T	Pen	Pts
Bristol Lions 1st XI	18	16	1	0	1	0	12	472
Bedminster 3rd XI	18	14	4	0	0	0	2	436
PR Royal 1st XI	18	12	4	2	0	0	-60	423
Bristol 3rd XI	18	11	4	2	1	0	-30	402
Abbots Leigh 1st XI	18	8	10	0	0	0	0	278
Barrow Gurney 1st XI	18	6	10	1	1	0	-30	277
Bristol Civil Service 1st XI	18	6	12	0	0	0	0	237
Bath 4th XI	18	5	11	1	1	0	0	227
Shirehampton 2nd XI	18	2	13	2	1	0	14	117
Woodpeckers 1st XI	18	1	12	4	1	0	6	79

Charlie Brain



Name

Charlie Brain

Age

20

Where were you born?

Bath

School? - Kings College Taunton - Kingswood School Bath

Previous Clubs: - Bath Cricket Club, Northern District Cricket Club (Adelaide)

Highest score: - 142 vs Surrey Academy

Best bowling: - 5-6 School Game

Which was your best performance and why? - 142 vs Surrey Academy when playing for Somerset development team. Surrey had a team consisting of Sam Curran and Ollie Pope who have gone on to play for England.

Best player you have played with and why? - Grey Hay is the best player I've played with - as a top order batsman myself, I think the way he goes about his training and performance is professional. A lot of young cricketers can learn from what he does.

Toughest opponents and why? - Ireland A would be the toughest

opponents I've faced. The intensity they played at shows the difference in standards between club and country.

Best ground played at? - Cooper Associates Ground, Taunton

Cricket heroes and why? - Alastair Cook is my cricketing hero because the way he goes about preparation and his mental toughness is world class. He is a great role model for anyone especially myself being a top order batsman.

Best match you have played in and why? - There a few games that stand out - winning the National U15 Club Championship with Bath in 2012. The whole experience was amazing and it was a great bunch of lads who all contributed individually. However, the best game I played in was away at Bridgwater playing for Bath 2nds. Bridgwater batted first and scored 240. In reply we were up against when I came in at 49 - 3. That day everything clicked and we ended up winning in the final with me ending up on 91*.

SOMERSET CRICKET COUNTY AGE GROUP SRI LANKA TOUR 2018

CAPTAIN'S REPORT BY URSULA OLSEN-GROOME

FROM 6–17 February, the Somerset girls U17 and Somerset boys U15 county cricket teams toured Sri Lanka. It was an incredible experience and one that I will never forget.

DAY 1/2: We left the UK on Tuesday 6th and landed at 12:30pm in Colombo, watched a traditional Sri Lankan dance, had team photos taken and then drove for 3½ hours to our first hotel in Kandy.

DAY 3: We went to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic which is Sri Lanka's most sacred Buddhist temple and were able to go shopping around the local streets. After we got back to the hotel, we collected our bags and went to our first training session. We trained for three hours at the Pallekele International Cricket stadium so that we could get used to playing on different pitches and in the heat and humidity.

DAY 4: FIRST MATCH – 6am rise and 7am leave the hotel. We were so lucky to be playing at the Pallekele International ground, in front of the huge 35,000 seat stadium and a small crowd that came to watch. We won the toss and batted. The team we played was the Kandy U17 District team and we beat them by 99 runs after scoring 238-3 and limiting them to 139-6 at the end of their 35 overs. That evening, we had a team meeting where we debriefed and discussed what we could improve on for the next game, before heading back to the hotel to eat dinner and watch TV.

DAY 5: SECOND MATCH – another early morning and this time we were playing St Anthony's Girls College at Peradeniya University ground. Again, we won the toss and decided to bat, this time we scored 268 runs and bowled them out for 39 in the 16th over. That meant an early finish and we were able to spend the rest of the afternoon by the pool!

DAY 6: We left Kandy and transferred to our hotel in Colombo. On the way, we stopped by a tea factory and tasted different types of traditional teas. We finally reached our second hotel in the late afternoon.

DAY 7: Went to some local markets and shopped in the morning and then had our second three hour training session. This time at the P. Sara Oval.

DAY 8: THIRD MATCH – this was against the Devapathiraja Team from Galle played at Colombo Cricket Club. We won the toss and elected to bat again. Unfortunately, against a very disciplined bowling attack, we were bowled out for 115, which they chased down in 23 overs for the loss of only two wickets. This

team have won the Sri Lankan Girls National cricket tournament three years running and include a women's national squad player, so they were seriously good, but it was an incredible opportunity to play against such an experienced team.

DAY 9: FOURTH MATCH – played our last 35 over match against Anula Vidyalaya Nugegoda team at Moors Sports Club. We lost the toss but were put into bat. This match was really close but we edged a win by 11 runs, managing to keep the pressure on the opposition batters throughout the game to protect our score of 276-9.

DAY 9: We had a rest day and a city tour of Colombo in the morning. We visited markets and went shopping, and then we each picked out a saree to wear at the end of tour presentation evening before heading back to the hotel to relax for the rest of the day.

DAY 10: FIFTH/SIXTH MATCHES – we had two Twenty20 matches played at the wonderful P. Sara Oval. The first match was against the Gampha Ratnawali School and we won the toss and fielded first. We restricted them to 111-6 off 20 overs and easily won by eight wickets in the 16th over. It was then time for a quick lunch before starting the second match. We won the toss and fielded first again. The second team was the Colombo U17 development team, who scored very quickly at first before we restricted them to 128-6 in their 20 overs. We lost some early wickets but managed to reach their score in the 17th over to win by five wickets, so it was back to the hotel for early celebrations! For dinner that evening we changed into our sarees for the end of tour presentation – it was such an honour to wear this traditional piece of Sri Lankan clothing.

DAY 11/12: Had the whole day free which we all spent at the pool, at the beach, shopping and packing. We left the hotel at 10pm and arrived at the airport at 11:30pm for a 02:20am flight, finally arriving back in the UK on Sunday 18th at 08:10am.

The highlights of the trip for me were the team becoming a really amazing group of friends and also walking out onto the middle with the opposition captain and umpires for the toss, and doing that at the international stadiums is an experience that I will never forget. I am very proud to have captained such a brilliant group of girls and playing a sport I love in an amazing country, against some tough opposition.

A massive thanks to Bath CC for generously supporting six girls and two boys in the Somerset squads!



Back: Alice Dymond*, Ursula Olsen-Groome*(c), Jodie Filer, Lauren Filer, Martha Cole, Jess Smith*, Hannah Capes.
 Front: Sophie Hamilton*, Jennifer Poole, Harriet Dimdore-Miles, Olivia Hamilton*, Josephine Cherson*, Serena Owen, Tilly Bond.

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Vik Prasher in action for Bath 4th XI
at the Brownsword Ground





Bath entered two teams in this year's Fidelius Cup

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Will Arney runs out an Ilminster batsman during this years Somerset Cup



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