

# COLOURED TROUSERS No 33

## BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

**Pride of place this month must go to Bucks Women who have qualified for the Vitality Blast Women's League 3 - Division 1 Final, after two emphatic victories over rivals Staffordshire at Milford Hall CC last Sunday.**

**The Final will be played at Wormsley Cricket Ground on Sunday 27th July, where their opponents will be Wiltshire who topped the Southern Division of Division 1 in League 3. Reports of their progress to the final can be found further on in the Newsletter.**

### NCCA T20 COMPETITION ( 2 matches per day)

After our KO Trophy campaign ended at the Quarter Final stage , we then moved swiftly onto the T20 competition. As last season there were four groups of five counties, - the top two from each group plus the next best two going into the Super 12's .

There was all to play for going into the final day of the group games but sadly **Bucks** missed out on qualifying for the Super 12s despite starting the day with a three runs victory over **Wales NC** at Ebbw Vale. However, a dramatic batting collapse in the second game, being shot out for just 78 , proved costly as it damaged our net run rate and meant we finished in fourth place in the group with **Oxfordshire**, who had started the day top but having completed their group programme, taking third place.

We opened our campaign with honours shared in our two games against Bedfordshire, reported on in the last edition, but reports of next three matches are below.

### **Oxfordshire v Bucks @ Didcot Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Spectacular batting by Alexei Kervezee inspired Bucks to two exciting victories over Oxfordshire in their National Counties T20 double-header at Didcot on Sunday.

Two sublime half-centuries by the Bucks captain put his team second in Group 3 and in a strong position to qualify for the Super 12s stage of the competition.

Bucks won the toss in the first match and rattled up a formidable 219-5 from their 20 overs. This was founded on a superb third-wicket stand of 164 in just 12 overs by Kervezee and Ryan Friend, who made 69 off 46 balls with 4 sixes and five fours.

Kervezee went on to score 92 from just 40 balls with eight sixes and six fours. Four of his sixes came from reverse hits over the shorter boundary.

Oxon were always behind the required rate despite an aggressive 86 off 44 balls from Hayden Roussouw. A final flourish which brought them 69 runs from the last 34 balls brought their reply to 205-3, leaving Bucks winners by 14 runs.

Oxon chose to bat first in the second game and at one stage slumped to 119-7, young High Wycombe seamer Archie Dodds at one stage taking two wickets in two balls.

But Bucks bowlers lost their discipline as Oxon scored 46 runs from their last 17 balls to reach a defendable 165-8 from their 20 overs.

Great Brickhill's Aum Raykar, on his debut, who had earlier taken a spectacular catch in the deep, gave Bucks a flying start to their reply with 40 off 21 balls.

And with Kervezee again playing fluently Bucks seemed to be cruising to victory at 117-2 after 12.4 overs. But there followed an alarming collapse, which saw Bucks lose six wickets for 38 runs in 6.4 overs.

Oxon looked favourites as the visitors needed 11 runs from four balls for victory.

But crucially Kervezee, who had been dropped behind the wicket in the penultimate over, was still there and he hit the next two balls from his opposite number George Tait for six to clinch Bucks a dramatic two-wicket victory with two balls to spare. Kervezee finished on 68 not out from 31 balls with four sixes and five fours to make it a memorable day for the Bucks skipper.

## **Bucks v Berkshire @ Chesham Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Impressive knocks from youngsters Aum Raykar and Ryan Friend were not enough to earn victories in their National Counties T20 double-header against Berkshire Men at Chesham on Sunday.

The two results leave the NCCA T20 Group 3 wide open, with four teams tied on six points each. Bucks elected to bowl in Game One at Chesham, and the visiting side started well, reaching 49 at the end of the powerplay. Despite some tight bowling from spinners Teddy Fleming and Conner Haddow, Charlie Dunnett struck a powerful 40\* from just 26 balls, taking his side to a strong total of 171. Billy Dodds, making his Bucks Men's debut, did not get the start he had hoped for, as he was run out for 8. Raykar (57) and Friend (49) put together an impressive 96-run partnership in 10 overs, and Bucks were in control for a large portion of the run chase. In the eleventh over, Friend sadly fell one short of his half-century as he was dismissed by Sam Daniel, sparking an unwanted collapse for the home side. Five wickets in five overs saw Friend, Alexei Kervezee (3), George Harvey (0), Ross Richardson (1), and Ed Bragg (1) all dismissed, collapsing from 110/1 to 126/6. Despite a late charge from Fleming, who hit 24 from 13 balls, a further three wickets in as many overs saw Bucks fall to a spirited six-run loss.

Berkshire then elected to bat in Game Two and wasted no time scoring early runs, reaching 26/0 in the opening overs from Bragg and Archie Dodds. Bragg bounced back in his second over, bowling Johnny Connell (6) as Bucks looked to regain control. Cam Parsons joined the attack with a wicket of his own, having the dangerous Rhys Lewis (30) caught behind by Richardson during his 14-ball innings. Matt Dalrymple aimed to punish the bowling of A. Dodds, taking 13 from an over, before three quick wickets followed — Haddow struck, and Archie Dodds executed two brilliant run outs: Daniel Lincoln (12) and Charlie Dunnett (run out for a golden duck). Eddie Campion also made just two before being caught short of his ground. At the halfway stage, Bucks appeared to be on top as Haddow dismissed Dalrymple (22), reducing the hosts to 80/6. Josh Lincoln refused to falter, scoring 23 runs in two overs alongside partner Andy Rishton. Wickets continued to fall, with Fleming dismissing Rishton (12) and Kervezee contributing a third run out to remove Sulaiman Akhtar (2), but the runs kept flowing. With three overs remaining, Lincoln (48) and Adam Searle (21\*) mounted a late fightback, adding 38 runs to set Bucks a challenging target of 162/9.

Unfortunately, Raykar (1) was unable to pick up where he left off, falling in the second over to Rishton. Debutant Dodds and Friend built a quickfire 37-run partnership before Dodds (16) was caught by Campion. Kervezee was next in, but he and Friend (30) were both dismissed shortly after — caught by Rishton off the bowling of Dunnett and Searle, respectively. With the home side

still needing 102 runs at the halfway mark, Hemp (11) was the next to fall in the twelfth over. Richardson (19) and Bragg (22) offered a 38-run fightback in four overs, but wickets once again fell in quick succession. The remaining five wickets fell in under four overs. Bucks were bowled out for 126, with Berkshire securing a 36-run victory

### **Same two matches - a view from the opponents dug out**

On a hot and humid day at Chesham CC Berkshire men took on Buckinghamshire CC in two T20 games. These games carried extra significance due to the fact we had lost all 4 points against Wales in the last round due to playing an unregistered player. From Berkshire's point of view that was now forgotten and the boys understood that to qualify we wanted to win our last four games so we treated these games as cup finals.

In the first game we were sent into bat on what looked like a green wicket but actually played really well. Once again we got off to a great start with Connell and Lewis dispatching the Bucks bowlers to different parts of the ground. The top 4 all got starts and unfortunately did not kick on but Dunnett batting at 5 provided the glue to the innings and his 40 not out off 26 balls allowed Berkshire to get to 171 runs in their allotted 20 overs. It felt like we were 15 runs shy of an excellent target. The Bucks openers started fast but lost young Billy Dodds in the second over to an incredible piece of fielding by Sam Daniel as he was run out. This brought Ryan Friend to the crease and along with his partner Raykar they accelerated to a 100 inside 10 overs. It looked like Bucks were going to walk home but Berkshire men had other ideas and a piece of individual magic by Jonny Connell on the long on boundary where he ran 20 metres before taking a catch above his head to remove Friend off Daniel's bowling changed the match. From there Captain Dan Lincoln and his men strangled the life out of the run chase and with some excellent death bowling by the ever green Andy Rishton Berkshire finished up winners by 6 runs. Rishton finished with brilliant figures of 1 for 24 off 4 overs and the spinners, Akthar, Campion and Daniel all picked up 2 wickets apiece. It was a brilliant fight back win by the Berkshire boys.

Onto the second game and Dan Lincoln won the toss and Berkshire decided to bat first. This time it wasn't so easy going as some brilliant Bucks fielding and bowling reduced Berkshire to 113 for 8 in the 15th over. Rhys Lewis had been good again up top with 30 off 14 balls but our middle order fell away. It was left to Josh Lincoln and Adam Searle to rescue the situation and they both batted brilliantly to get Berkshire up to a total of 162. Josh was last man out for 48 off 37 balls and Searle finished 21 not out off 13 balls.

Now it was over to the bowlers to defend that total and this time round they got on top of the Bucks batters early on and reduced them to 68 for 5 in the 12th over. Bucks never really recovered and were eventually bowled out for 126. Wickets were shared around again with Rishton, Searle and Dunnett taking 2 and Sam Daniel with 3 for 25 runs as he mopped up the tail. The fielding and catching in particular was quite impressive from the Stags and once again their never say die attitude got them out of a few sticky situations.

### **Wales NC v Bucks @ Ebbw Vale Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Bucks failed to qualify for the Super Twelve stages of the National Counties T20 Championship after sharing the honours with Wales NC in their final double-header at Ebbw Vale on Sunday. After winning the first match by three runs, Bucks were in a strong position to clinch a top-three place in Group 3 and thus qualify for the Super 12s. But a calamitous 102-run defeat in their second game, meant they had to settle for fourth on net run rate and miss out.

In the first match, Bucks, put in to bat, rattled up 173-9 from their 20 overs thanks to a superb opening stand of 69 in just 28 balls by Arum Raykar and Cameron Hemp. Raykar, one of the successes of this competition, hit 47 off 16 balls, while Hemp made 22 off 13.

Further contributions from Ross Richardson (27) Ed Bragg (23) and Teddy Fleming (24) took Bucks to 173-9, while Romano Franco took 4-17 for Wales. Henry Hurlle (56 off 33 balls) kept

Wales in the hunt, but Aaron Davies's late unbeaten 28 from 11 saw them finish just short on 170-7. Ed Bragg (3-34) and Alexei Kervezee (2-17) were the main wicket-takers.

Wales chose to bat first in the second game, scoring 180-9, thanks to a third-wicket stand of 113 in 9.3 overs between Harry Friend (84 off 54) and Hurle (55 off 28). Ryan Friend was Bucks's most successful bowler with 4-30. Bucks needed to score just 118 in their reply to qualify in third place. But by the time they knew that, they were already 29-5 and only Kervezee's 30 lifted them to a dismal 78 all out in 15 overs, their lowest ever T20 score. Conner Haddow did not bat due to a hand injury that did not prevent him bowling.

### Final Group Three Table

	P	W	L	NRR	PTS
Berkshire	8	7	1	1.2	10
Wales NC	8	2	6	-0.08	8
Oxfordshire	8	4	4	-0.35	8
BUCKS	8	4	4	-0.59	8
Bedfordshire	8	3	5	-0.06	6

If you were wondering why the final table looks a bit strange, it's because Berkshire were docked 4 points after playing an ineligible player in both their games against Wales, and these 4 points were then awarded to Wales. No changes were made to the NRR.

## Bucks Batting & Bowling Averages T20 Group 3

### Batting Averages

	Name	Mach	Runs	H S	100s	50s	6s	4s	Rate	Av
AN	Kervezee	8	287	92		3	14	18	9.16	47.83
A	Sharma	2	83	67		1	4	6	9.96	41.50
RJ	Friend	7	183	69		1	7	16	7.79	30.50
A	Raykar	6	170	57		1	8	20	10.74	28.33
CDR	Parsons	2	19	10					4.22	19.00
EWB	Bragg	8	99	31			5	6	6.67	16.50
EJ	Fleming	8	72	24			7	2	7.32	14.40
CH	Hemp	7	82	22		2	10		6.23	11.71
RAJ	Richardson	8	84	27			2	2	5.25	10.50
GDC	Harvey	5	36	29			2		5.68	9.00
B	Dodds	4	25	16				1	7.50	6.25
E	Horsley	4	19	8				1	3.45	4.75
AJJ	Dodds	8	4	3*					4.80	4.00
CPW	Haddow	7	6	5					4.50	3.00
TG	Weymes	3	8	8*			1		9.60	----
B	Taylor	1	0							

## Bowling Averages

Name		Mach	Ov	Wkts	Runs	Best	Econ	Av
AN	Kervezee	8	4	2	21	2--17	5.25	10.50
RJ	Friend	7	14.2	7	125	4--30	8.72	17.86
CPW	Haddow	7	28	9	174	2--15	6.21	19.33
E	Horsley	4	2	1	20	1--20	10.00	20.00
EJ	Fleming	8	29	11	249	4--29	8.59	22.64
CDR	Parsons	2	7	2	54	1--19	7.71	27.00
EWB	Bragg	8	30.1	9	254	3--34	8.42	28.22
AJJ	Dodds	8	31	9	261	2--25	8.42	29.00
TG	Weymes	3	8.4	3	101	2--49	11.65	33.67
B	Taylor	1	3.3	0	37	0--37	10.57	-----

## REMAINING BUCKS FIXTURES 2025

### SHOWCASE MATCH

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July -

Northamptonshire

The County Ground, Northants

## NCCA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Date	Opposition	Venue
July 20-22	Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds
<b>Aug 10-12</b>	<b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE</b>	<b>CHESHAM</b>
Aug 17-19	Staffordshire	Stafford
<b>Aug 31- 2 Sep</b>	<b>LINCOLNSHIRE</b>	<b>HIGH WYCOMBE</b>

**The County Championship resumes towards the end of July . with our first match being away to Suffolk at Bury St Edmunds.**



**Bucks then return home to play Cambridgeshire at Chesham on Aug 10-12 for our second County Championship match.**

## **Head Coach Jason Harrison has named a 12-player squad for the Suffolk match**

**Alexei Kervezee\*** (*Halesowen*)

Ed Bragg (*Halesowen*)

Danny Chapman (*Stony Stratford*)

Archie Dodds (*High Wycombe*)

Billy Dodds (*High Wycombe*)

Ryan Friend (*Tring Park*)

Conner Haddow (*High Wycombe*)

Ed Horsley (*Chesham*)

Chris Marrow+ (*Gerrards Cross*)

Cam Parsons (*High Wycombe*)

Aadi Sharma (*High Wycombe*)

Max Uttley (*High Wycombe*)

**Captain Alexei Kervezee is excited for the change in format:** *All the lads are looking forward to getting stuck into the NCCA Championship. It's a format the boys enjoy playing and one that really tests them with what three-day cricket brings.*

**Kervezee spoke about the young Bucks talent coming through:** *Ed fully deserves to be on the Northamptonshire Academy. He's gone from strength to strength and keeps putting performances on the board.*

*I think it's a real credit to the Bucks Pathway and the coaches who continue to produce talented cricketers. I've been really impressed by the young lads who have played for the first team this year. There's more coming through as well, which is really exciting.*

*It's a great time for Bucks Cricket, with so many boys now playing and coming through the system.*

After visiting Bury St.Edmunds, Bucks return home to to play Cambridgeshire at Chesham in their second Championship match. Cambridgeshire won Division Two last season and were therefore promoted to Division One. The last time Cambs came to Bucks was in 2023, in the match played at Tring. Bucks won by 299 runs with the batting star being AJ Woodland – 111 and 83 whilst the bowling plaudits went to Conner Haddow – 6-40 and 4-83. Chesham last hosted Cambridgeshire back in 2017 when the match was drawn.

## BUCKS 2<sup>nd</sup> XI FIXTURES

Date		Opposition	Venue
Aug 21	2 xT20	OXFORDSHIRE	HIGH WYCOMBE
Aug 26	50 over	LONDON SCHOOLS C A	CHESHAM

### Bucks 2nd XI V Berkshire 2XI at Marlow on 30<sup>th</sup> May - 2 T20 matches

#### Berkshire won both games

In the first game, Bucks won the toss ,elected to bat first and knocked up 130 for 9 in their allotted 20 overs. Skipper Teddy Fleming and Hashan Rathnayake were joint top scorers with 31 apiece, closely followed by George Harvey with 26, In reply Berkshire reached our total in 15.5 overs for the loss of 5 wickets, largely thanks to 61 from opener Ben Salter.

In the second match, the visitors batted first and reached 158 from the 20 overs. Archie Dodds took the bowling honours with 4-21, just pipping Shane Wijeyasinghe's 3-22. There were also 2 smart stumpings from keeper George Harvey.

In reply, Bucks made a steady start, the first four batters all scoring in the low twenties, and at 75 – 3 after 10 overs the basis had been laid for the remaining batters to press on for the win, but sadly the innings lost momentum – with the last 4 wickets falling for just 4 runs.

#### Berkshire 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Bucks 2<sup>nd</sup> XI at Sonning on 18<sup>th</sup> June

### Bucks finally took the honours in the recent batch of 4 T20's, winning the second of these two by 6 wickets.

The first match was a low scoring affair with neither side reaching the 100 mark. Bucks batted first with Aatish Anthanthi again taking the batting honours with 42. Only two others, George and Hashan managed double figures and Bucks ended on 98 -7. Berkshire cut it fine in reaching their required total of 99 - 8 with just 3 balls left. In the s second match, Berkshire opted to bat first and reached 124 for the loss of 8 wickets – Shane Wijeyasinghe .and Hashan taking two wickets apiece. In reply a second wicket partnership of 66 between Ewan Cox,(41) returning to the Bucks colours, and Ryan Friend(41) halved the deficit in the 7<sup>th</sup> over and Hashan and Rhys Nicholas batted steadily to reach the target for the loss of just 4 wickets and with 3 overs to spare.

#### Bucks 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Northants Academy on 8<sup>th</sup> July at Peterborough Town

The winning habit must be catching as Bucks again won both T20 matches, this time against Northants Academy. Bucks beat Northants by 61 runs in the first match, rattling up 197-3 in their allotted 20 overs – Cameron Hemp106 and Ryan Friend 55, both being not out at the close. In reply, the hosts were skittled out for 137 with Hashan Rathnayake returning excellent figures of 5-19.

Bucks won the second match by 4 wickets – Northants posting a target of 186-6, with Ryan Friend and Teddy Purushothaman taking two wickets apiece. In reply Bucks reached their target for the loss of 6 wickets, major contributions coming from Hemp69no, Ed Horsley 47 and Billy Dodds 31.



## **Congratulations to Ed Horsley on signing with Northants CCC**



**Bucks cricket is proud to announce that Ed Horsley has officially signed with the Northants CCC Academy , becoming the fifth boy from the Bucks Pathway on a professional academy – and the fourth to sign for Northamptonshire.**

### **And more congratulations to Shane Wijeyasinghe and Ed Horsley**

**After both taking 5 wickets against MCC last season, Shane and Ed were invited to Lords this week to receive their awards during the tea break of the England v India Test Match. Shane took 5-43 for John Hampden Grammar School and Ed took 5-65 for Berkhamsted School**





## Sussex Sign Dominic Goodman from Gloucestershire



Sussex Cricket is pleased to announce the signing of pace bowler Dom Goodman from Gloucestershire on a three-year contract. As a young cricketer he represented Bucks at age-group level before joining the academy at Gloucestershire in 2017,<sup>[5]</sup> and signing a professional contract in 2020 and making his first class debut in 2021. He has featured in 16 First-Class matches, claiming 37 wickets at an average of 32.64. and his standout performance came in April this year against Leicestershire, where he took match figures of 9 for 87. Speaking on the signing, Sussex's Director of Cricket, Paul Farbrace, said: "We are delighted that Dom has agreed to join us at Hove, as we see him as a real talent and someone that we think has a high ceiling in the game."

### **NCCA ONE DAY TROPHY FINAL Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July at Chester Boughton Hall Dorset beat Shropshire by 5 wickets**

Dorset ended a 37-year wait for their second National Counties Trophy with an emphatic five wickets victory over Shropshire in the final at Chester Boughton Hall.

The win followed Dorset's success back in 1988 and gave them the fourth piece of silverware in their history to go with National Counties Championship titles in 2000 and 2010.

The success was based on an outstanding team performance from Dorset who bowled and fielded cleverly to restrict Shropshire to a below-par 195 and then paced their chase to perfection with Dylan Church (53) and Felix Organ, back with his native county from duty with Hampshire, making a crucial 48.

Like most of his team-mates, Organ is a product of Dorset's pathway system and with youth on their side and an inspirational captain in Luke Webb, head coach Paul Lawrence predicts more success for his side.

"The lads have just got that belief. **We had a tough game in the quarter-finals against Buckinghamshire,** another really tough game in the semi-finals against Berkshire. They have shown character and fight all the way so when it came to the tough moments they came through them. "Today is another example. They never stopped believing in themselves.

Written by Paul Bolton: Cricket Correspondent

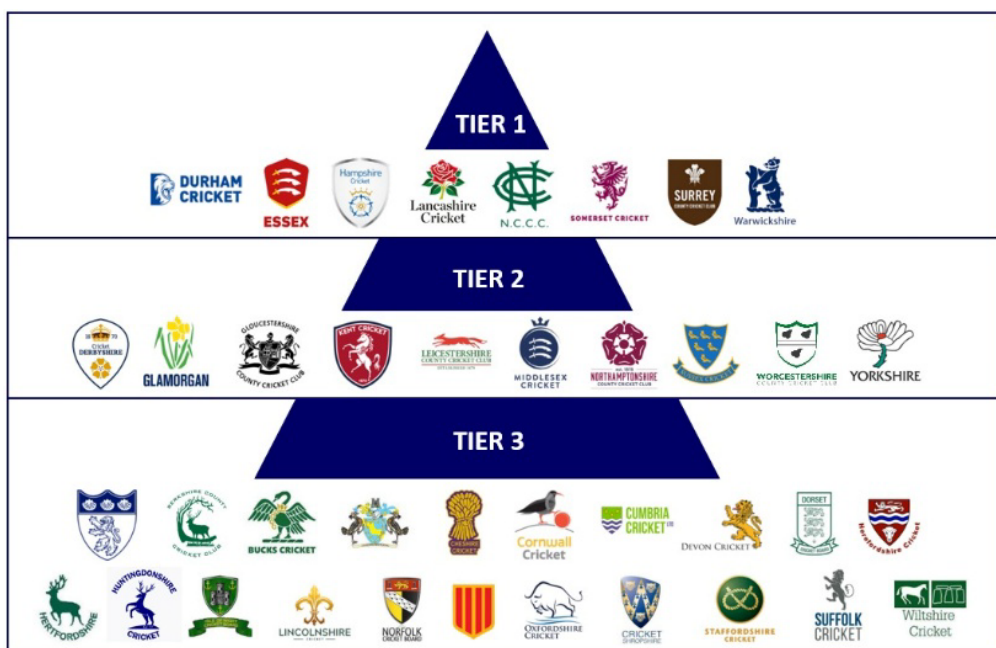
## WOMEN'S CRICKET and BUCKS WOMEN

Congratulations to Natasha MacBean who was presented with her County cap by Head of Performance Jason Harrison this week. Natasha becomes the 11th Bucks Women's player to receive her County Cap after surpassing 50 wickets for the County.



The new Women's Domestic Cricket Structure - a 3-tiered county-based system. Is now well underway. Tier 3 is made up of National Counties clubs split into a Division 1 & Division 2. Buckinghamshire are in Division 1 for 2025 for both the 50 over and T20 formats.

A visual representation of the new Women's Tier system



**Tier 3 Division 1:** Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Devon, Hertfordshire, Staffordshire, Wiltshire

## Current League standings after 3 matches

	P	W	L	NRR	PTS
Devon	3	3	0	1.74	14
Berkshire	3	2	1	1.44	10
Staffordshire	3	2	1	1.23	9
Cheshire	3	2	1	0.41	9
BUCKS	3	2	1	-0.66	9
Wiltshire	3	1	2	-1.44	4
Cambridgeshire	3	0	3	-1.49	0
Hertfordshire	3	0	3	-1.65	0

## Remaining Metro Bank One Day Cup Fixtures

### METRO BANK ONE DAY CUP - LEAGUE 3 DIVISION ONE- 50 OVERS

Date	Opposition	Venue
Aug 10	Wiltshire	Swindon
Aug 24	Cheshire	Warrington
Sept 7	STAFFORDSHIRE	STONY STRATFORD
Sept 14	Berkshire	Slough

### VITALITY BLAST – LEAGUE 3 NORTH T20 COMPETITION ( 2 per day )

Date	Opposition	Venue
June 15	CHESHIRE	Bledlow Village
June 29	CAMBRIDGESHIRE	HOLMER GREEN
July 13	Staffordshire	Milford Hall CC
July 27	Final : Winner of North Division BUCKS v Winner of South Division WILTSHIRE	

## BUCKS V CHESHIRE SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ BLEDLOW RIDGE

### GAME ONE

Bucks won the toss, opted to bat first, and made a blistering start to their very first Vitality Blast game against Cheshire at Bledlow Village CC. Tilly Fellows and Annie Townsend wasted no time racking up runs, racing to 48/0 in the first powerplay with nine boundaries in the opening six overs. Fellows took the partnership past 50 in the seventh over with yet another boundary over the cover fielder. Holly Batey provided some economy for the visitors with an opening spell of three overs for 15 runs, but the runs continued to flow until Fellows (34) fell at the end of the eighth over. Amelia Peck joined Townsend at the crease, and at the halfway stage, Bucks had reached 78/1 — Peck looking to pick up where she left off against Hertfordshire.

There was to be no repeat however as Bucks lost four wickets in three overs. Peck (7) was bowled by Hannah Marshall, and Beth Talbot (5) was bowled by Roshini Prince-Navaratnam in her final over. Another wicket fell shortly after, as in the 14th over, Townsend (43) was run out attempting a quick single having been called through by Caia Stockdale (5) who then found herself caught in the same Peyton Hulme over. Cheshire right back in the match as Bucks slowed

to 100/5 from 15 overs. It fell to Duggan and Megs Woodward to quickly get Bucks back up to speed, striking 18 runs off the very next over. Despite some rain during the 17th over, it was a steam train that briefly halted proceedings before Duggan hit the first maximum of the match towards the train tracks. Woodward continued to push the accelerator and took the home side beyond 150 in lightning-fast fashion — 57 runs and counting just four overs after the previous wicket. A scintillating sixth-wicket partnership saw Bucks finish their 20 overs on 170/5, with Duggan (38\*) and Woodward (23\*) putting on a stunning unbeaten 70-run partnership in just 5 overs.

With 171 the target, Charlie Mailey put an early dent in the run chase in her first over, clean bowling opener Emily Murray (1). MacBean then bowled the dangerous Prince-Navaratnam for 21 runs before Duggan joined the attack and made an immediate impact, clean bowling Gaby McKeever (3). Cheshire were 28/3 after five overs and quickly found themselves four down at the end of the powerplay, with MacBean taking the wicket of Amy Seddon. Bucks continued to pile on the pressure with wickets, as MacBean claimed her third of the game to close out an impressive spell of 3 for 10 from four overs — Fellows stumping the advancing Grace Mitchell (5), leaving Cheshire 33/5 after eight overs. With runs hard to come by for the travelling side, Cheshire reached 42/5 at the halfway stage. The second ball of Molly Carter's spell brought a run-out from a fantastic direct hit by Duggan, reducing Cheshire to 44/6 with nine overs remaining. Charlotte Neal and Peyton Hulme mounted a firm comeback for Cheshire, their seventh-wicket partnership reaching 38 runs before Megs Woodward dismissed Hulme (14), caught by Duggan. Amelia Peck conceded just four runs in the 18th over, and the visitors reached 100 in the 19th, leaving themselves needing 66 runs to win off the final over. Mailey closed the game with her third over, and Bucks Women wrapped up a superb 59-run victory.

## GAME TWO

'Win the toss and bat first' was the call once again from Cara Duggan; however, the start of the innings saw Annie Townsend (6) bowled by Hannah Marshall in the second over, and Bucks Women were pegged back to 8/1 early on. Opener Tilly Fellows took a counterattacking approach, striking back-to-back boundaries in the third over before a maiden over from Marshall. Marshall could do no wrong for Cheshire, as she then bowled Amelia Peck (7) in her third over and finished her four-over spell with figures of 2 for 11. Duggan continued her form from the Game One, finding the ropes three times in just 10 balls. Fellows (21) was the next to fall, bowled by Amy Seddon, as Bucks slipped to 55/3 at the halfway stage. Economical bowling and tight fielding continued from the visitors, with Seddon and Emily Murray conceding just six runs from their two overs.

Duggan's boundary-hitting continued into the 15th over, until Murray trapped the captain LBW for 25 — leaving Bucks 77/4 after 15 overs. Caia Stockdale and Sky Springett were rotating the strike well but struggled to find the boundary, as the pressure to post a competitive score began to mount. Bucks then lost two quick wickets to the bowling of Emily Page, with Springett (16) and Stockdale (7) dismissed in the 18th over — Cheshire well on top, and Bucks still short of 100 runs.

With Megs Woodward and Molly Carter both new to the crease, Cheshire continued to restrict boundaries and held Bucks to 101/6 with just one over remaining. Cheshire sealed an impressive bowling and fielding display with a seventh wicket in the 20<sup>th</sup> over — Seddon running out Carter (6). Megs Woodward finished on 9 not out, as Cheshire were set a target of 108 runs to win.

Cheshire needed just under 5.5 runs per over for victory, and they started in ideal fashion — openers Murray and Roshini Prince-Navaratnam reaching 10/0 after the first two overs. Duggan pressed on with a challenging line and length in her second over and got her reward, bowling Murray for 7. At the end of the first powerplay, the run rate was level with the required rate, but Cheshire had the upper hand, having lost only one wicket. Charlie Mailey entered the bowling attack and whilst wickets were not falling, runs were kept to a minimum — Cheshire 35/1 after 8



overs. At the halfway stage and beyond, the run rate remained around five an over, with Bucks holding Cheshire to 59/1 after 12 overs.

A match winning partnership between Mitchell and Prince-Navaratnam proved the thorn in Bucks' side, as Prince-Navaratnam reached a patient half-century and steering her side towards victory — Cheshire 86/1 after 16 overs. With two overs left must 10 runs were required, and Cheshire remained calm, punished the bad balls when necessary, and earned a brilliant nine-wicket victory in Game Two with just four balls to spare.

## **BUCKS WOMEN V CAMBRIDGESHIRE SUNDAY 29 JUNE @ HOLMER GREEN**

### **GAME ONE**

The visitors won the toss and elected to bowl first. After a tight pair of opening overs from Sophia Mannix and Jessica Pugh, Bucks opener Chloe Hill kept the scoreboard ticking over nicely for several overs. Although boundaries were hard to come by, Hill and Amelia Peck put on an impressive 91-run partnership before Hill (41) was eventually run out in the 15th over following a mix-up. The second wicket fell in the next over, with Peck (39) stumped by Millie Rawlins. New batters Rosie Burton-Pye and Cara Duggan wasted no time in boosting the Bucks total, taking 21 runs from a single Mannix over and moving Bucks to 116/2 with three overs remaining. The runs continued to flow as Burton-Pye and Duggan added a valuable 48 runs in just four overs setting Cambridgeshire a target of 143 to win.

The visitors applied pressure from the start, scoring 14 runs off the first over. Tegan Stockdale pulled it back nicely with her first over before Molly Carter claimed the first wicket, with Singer (3) caught by Megs Woodward. Stockdale then struck in her second over—clean bowling opener Harding for 14 and bringing Bucks back into the game at 21/2. Stockdale's economy continued into a third over, which went for only two runs, and the required run rate began to climb. Sharp fielding forced an error, and Burton-Pye ran out May Busher (9). Duggan then struck in her third over, bowling Millie Rawlins (2) and leaving Cambridgeshire still needing 92 runs from nine overs. With the required run rate climbing above 10, the visitors attacked the spin of MacBean and Ridgway, a few boundaries resulted before Ridgway had Kaser caught by Stockdale for 5. Cambridgeshire required now 67 from the final four overs. The dangerous Haynes (30 from 37 balls) was then run out by Stockdale. and despite a late charge from Pugh and Jessica McCrum, who added 24 runs in the final three overs, Bucks duly secured victory by 42 runs.

### **GAME TWO**

Cambridgeshire again won the toss, but this time elected to bat first. Bucks struck early, Molly Carter bowling Harding second ball. Things went from bad to worse for the visitors in the next over, as the other opener, Singer (4), was run out by some sharp fielding from Amelia Peck. A spell of tight bowling from Bucks made runs hard to come by, and in the eighth over, captain Duggan bowled Busher (13), putting her side firmly on top. Cambridgeshire once again looked to target the spin of MacBean and Ridgway. While it appeared to work initially, Millie Rawlins (26) found Amelia Peck in the deep off Ridgway's bowling. Shortly after their 42-run partnership was broken, Haynes (29) was bowled by Stockdale in the next over, leaving the visitors at 77/5 after 16 overs. Wickets continued to fall—Ridgway trapped Kaser (2) LBW, then struck again in her following over, with Stockdale taking a catch to dismiss Pugh (7). Duggan returned to bowl the final over sealing an impressive bowling performance as Pearson (4) struck the last ball of the innings straight into the hands of Peck, leaving Bucks requiring 91 runs to win.

Once again, a classy opening stand from Hill and Peck brought the home side close to victory until Peck (31) was bowled by Pearson, with Bucks 70/1 after 11 overs. Burton-Pye picked up where she left off in Game One, striking 13 runs from the 12th over alongside Hill, leaving just 9 runs to win with eight overs remaining. After a single from Hill, it was left to Burton-Pye to smash two more boundaries and seal an emphatic nine-wicket win with over seven overs to spare. Chloe Hill finished unbeaten on 37\*, with Rosie Burton-Pye 14\*.

## STAFFORDSHIRE v BUCKS SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE @ MILFORD HALL C.C.

This was the showdown between the two top sides in the Division with the prize for the winners of qualification for the **Vitality Blast Women's League 3 - Division 1 Final**. Bucks ensured that it was they who progressed to the Final after two emphatic victories over their hosts at Milford Hall CC. The Final will be played at Wormsley Cricket Ground on Sunday 27th July where the opposition will be Wiltshire.

Two strong performances were required from Bucks to reach the Final and this they certainly provided that, winning the first match by 54 runs and the second by 8 wickets.

**Game One.** Invited to bat first by their hosts, Bucks did not get off to the best of starts losing 3 quick wickets for just 10 runs, but opener Chloe Hill, with a vital 61 not out, and captain Cara Duggan with 35 steadied the ship and helped to steer their side to an eventual total of 146-5 from their allotted 20 overs.

Chasing a daunting total, Staffordshire struggled against an impressive bowling performance from the visitors, with Tash MacBean leading the way with 3-17, closely followed by Mailey, Stockdale and Peck with two each. The only real resistance came from keeper Matilda Atherton-Gater with 38, but once she departed, incidentally caught by Bucks keeper Chloe Hill off the bowling of Teagan Stockdale, the innings quickly closed on 92, leaving them 54 runs short.

**Game Two.** Staffs again won the toss and this time opted to bat first, but a fast start from the hosts was quickly halted by another excellent bowling display from the visitors with all six bowlers taking wickets between them. Tash MacBean led the pack returning figures of 2-21, whilst the other 5 (Duggan, Mailey, Stockdale, Peck and Molly Carter) all chipped in with one apiece. Opener Lexi Cantrill was the pick of the hosts batters, but 3 run outs did not help their cause in reaching their total of 121 all out.

In reply, Bucks openers Annie Townsend and Chloe Hill got the innings off to great start rattling along at well over a run a ball and reached 79 before Townsend departed for 34, stumped off the bowling of Georgie Harrison. Undaunted, Hill carried on driving the score along and with help from both Peck and Tilly Fellows, Bucks reached their target of 122 for the loss of just 2 wickets with just over 5 overs to spare. Hill capped a memorable day by again remaining undefeated, this time with 51 to add to her 61 in the first innings.

**Women's Lead Coach Ben Ungaretti shared his pride:** *Absolutely proud of the girls — they were outstanding yesterday. To come through two tough games and qualify for the final is a huge achievement. The way the team performed, especially under pressure, shows the hard work and determination that's gone in all season.*

*Chloe Hill was exceptional, scoring a half-century in both matches. Her consistency and composure at the crease gave us the platform we needed in each game. Performances like that inspire the whole team and really set the tone.*

*To reach the final means a lot — it's a testament to the team's commitment, talent, and belief. We're going into the final with momentum, confidence, and immense pride in what we've accomplished so far.*

### Final Table League Three - Division One South

	P	W	L	NRR	PTS
<b>BUCKS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.05</b>	<b>23</b>
Cheshire	6	4	2	-0.38	16
Staffordshire	6	3	3	0.29	15
Cambridgeshire	6	0	6	--1.95	0

## UMPIRES CORNER

Continuing our chats with Bucks umpires, the spotlight now falls on.....

### ANNA HARRIS



**In 2021, 24 yearold Anna Harris became the youngest ever umpire in an international match during the 2nd ODI between England and New Zeala**

When, where and why did you start umpiring - how long have been doing it?

I took my course when I was about 16 because mum had been umpiring my games and thought I could learn a lot as a player, plus I could earn some pocket money! I have now been umpiring for 10 years

What League(s) do you currently officiate on ?

I am not assigned to a local league, instead all my umpiring is in the professional Women's and Men's game, from 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Championship fixtures to Internationals

When did you become an international umpire, and how did that come about?

I made my international debut in 2021, aged 22, on the back of some strong performances in the Hundred and across the domestic game

How is your time , roughly, split between domestic and international matches?

As I write this on 25<sup>th</sup> June, I've officiated 15 international fixtures this year and 3 domestic! Usually it's about an even split, if not weighed more towards domestic fixtures, but this year I spent 3 weeks in Sri Lanka umpiring international fixtures so I started the UK domestic season a bit later

What is your current involvement with Bucks cricket - clubs/ age groups / mens/ womens ?



Whilst I live in Cardiff, having just completed Medical School, I am still involved in Bucks Cricket mainly via my umpire tutoring role and because my mum Yolanda is the Chair of Bucks ACO! I was honoured to receive my Bucks county cap this season at Wormsley for my performance for Bucks Women and my contributions to the game through my umpiring as well



Photo: Luke Stafford

Anna receiving her County Cap from Bucks Chief Exec Rich Hudson

Leading question - Do you prefer umpiring men or women ..... and why?

Each format is quite different. Whilst the men tend to use more power and speed, women use more technique and swing the ball a lot more.

Which are your favourite grounds to umpire on?

You can't look past Lord's for longer format games, with the Oval being a great atmosphere for T20 cricket. However, Wormsley holds a special place as a Bucks person. Newlands in Cape Town is also special as I made my iT20 debut at the Women's T20 World Cup.

Apart from your elevation to the peerage(!) what the highlights so far.....and have you set yourself any objectives for the future? My highlight was calling play on the Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa in 2023. South Africa playing as the home team meant we had a great atmosphere, and it was a real privilege to stand in the opening game. I was also immensely proud to stand in the Women's Ashes Test at Trent Bridge which went to the 5<sup>th</sup> day and had some strong individual performances.

Apart from actually standing in the middle, do you hold any other roles in the umpire community

I am an ECB Umpiring Tutor so I get to give people the skills and tools to start umpiring at whatever level they want to umpire at. I enjoy learning from them and hopefully passing on some wisdom!

Other roles that you have?

I have just graduated as a Doctor so I'll be starting work soon as a Foundation Year 1 Doctor in August

**Many thanks Anna, for giving up your time to talk to Coloured Trousers**

# ALTERNATIVE - PART ONE

**Another thought provoking blog from Yahoo Over Cow Corner about the potential alternatives facing the long standing and long suffering county cricket supporters who face the continuing reduction in the number of red ball games available to them in the long hot lazy days of summer. Football has seen a number of fan run and owned clubs emerge in the last few years, could something similar happen in the cricket world ?**

Twenty years ago, the Glazer family famously purchased Manchester United football club in a landmark and significant moment for the sport. Frustrated and disillusioned with the gradual erosion of the sport's traditions along with the insidious corporate influence, a group of supporters took dramatic action and formed their own club: FC United of Manchester. Seeking a better balance between the priorities of supporters and the inevitable desires of outside influences, the decision proved almost equally as significant and noteworthy as the takeover of the Old Trafford behemoth. Two decades on the club has progressed to the seventh tier of the English football pyramid and has become the third largest fan-owned club in the United Kingdom.

As English domestic cricket experiences changing and tumultuous times, one ponders if there is an equivalent for county cricket supporters? Naturally, Football provided a ready alternative for supporters fed up with the short shrift that they were being shown in the form of the lower-leagues and the non-league pyramid; the latter recently enjoying a curious renaissance as a consequence. Cricket's structure doesn't really allow supporters a viable parallel though. Yes, club cricket remains a staple of the weekend for players but those long, hazy midweek days of watching red ball cricket are only replicated, briefly, by the National Counties and a handful of wandering clubs.

Unlike Football, though, the number of those hazy, midweek days appears likely to reduce in future years; the handful of rounds played during the midsummer months likely the first to be culled as the County Championship is firmly banished to the poles of the season. Red ball cricket remains a staple of the club season's highest levels though as most Premier Leagues feature a near two month section of the campaign dedicated to timed matches at a juncture of the season when the County Championship enters a sort of hibernation, potentially providing a ready alternative.

The beauty of the Premier League structure is that one doesn't have to travel too far in order to enjoy a match. One's personal journey on this particular afternoon measures less than half a dozen miles to the village of BurrIDGE where the hosts will play Bournemouth in the top division of the Southern Premier League. Curiously, Bournemouth elect to field after winning the toss on what appears set to be another hot afternoon. The Dorset club bely their position at the foot of the Premier Division table by claiming a trio of wickets inside of the first ten overs of play; Cole Rushforth and Ollie Breckon, both players with National Counties experience with Dorset, taking early scalps. BurrIDGE wicket-keeper Toby Snell and Dan Stancliffe repair the early damage but a handful of inside edges for boundaries provides the visitors with plenty of hope for further wickets.

As the effects of another hot, sunny afternoon take effect on the softening ball the BurrIDGE batters adopt a more attacking *modus operandi*. Snell reaches a half century and the partnership approaches three figures when Stancliffe erroneously chips a return catch to Connor Smith. The left arm spin bowler claims a second wicket soon after to leave honours somewhat even at the lunch break.

Curiously, the interval seems to disrupt Bournemouth as opposed to the BurrIDGE batters as Snell and Azim Chowdhury record a half century partnership at almost a run a ball after the resumption. The visiting pace bowlers struggle to extract anything from the wicket as Chowdhury opens his shoulders in recording an increasingly quick half century, dumping a massive straight six over the sight screen into the neighbouring boules courts. Snell, a former Australian under-19 international, is becalmed a little as he navigates his way through the nineties but eventually completes a well crafted century; his second in consecutive weekends as BurrIDGE declare their innings closed at an impressive 304-9 after 61 overs. Connor Smith en route to a five-fer

Arguably one of the most significant barriers to club cricket enjoying greater support is cricket's bizarre fascination with status, where matches that are not deemed first-class or List A are far too often viewed as contemptible and not worth one's time or efforts. The counter argument to such reasonings is to focus on what club cricket is rather than what it isn't. For instance, during the current season the teams in one's local Premier League, the Southern Premier League, will feature a couple of Hampshire's most promising young stars (Dom Kelly and Eddie Jack) along with potentially some of the next generation in the county's Academy team, a pair of first-team regulars (Felix Organ and Fletcha Middleton) a former Bangladeshi test captain, (Mohammad Ashraful) erstwhile Middlesex, Hampshire and Northamptonshire bowler Gareth Berg at table topping Lymington, a current Namibian international who has played at the coveted List A level and a number of players who have regularly appeared at National Counties level. Earlier in the summer one had watched an all-rounder from the current New Zealand Super Smash champions in the Surrey Championship. Previous generations have seen the likes of Chris Lynn, Glenn Maxwell, Chris Rogers and Luke Ronchi all appear as overseas players during the formative years of their playing careers. Scott Oliver's two recent publications on overseas stars that have appeared in the local leagues highlight that these are not isolated occurrences to clubs on the south coast. The standard is high, very high, even if the old bugaboo of status seems ready to cast aspersions and dismiss club cricket. Cricketers performing at the next level below first-class remain quality practitioners even if they are not acknowledged by many cricket supporters.

Despite a hot few hours in the field and facing a not inconsiderable target, Bournemouth openers Luke Webb and James van Gool begin the innings at express pace; a flurry of early boundaries scored as the early overs are plundered at almost ten runs apiece. Both openers fall on the cusp of tea but Ben Rogers and Shaun Fouche take up the reins during the final session as the Dorset club bring up three figures inside of a dozen overs. Fouche, a Namibian international of a dozen ODI's and 3 T20 equivalents, forges a destructive partnership with Rogers that more than keeps up with the required run rate. Both batters record half centuries as Burridge's bowlers struggle on a flat wicket just as their Bournemouth brethren did earlier in the afternoon.

Rogers and Fouche all but manoeuvre Bournemouth to within 100 runs of victory when Inayat Ullah, all but bowling unchanged from the boules courts end, disturbs the stumps of both batters in quick succession. He repeats the trick with Lewis Freak en route to a five-fer that alters the course of the contest. The visitors visibly drop anchor, aware that a draw is likely all they can salvage from such a juncture.

Inayat Ullah claims a sixth wicket in a display of persistence as Bournemouth lose seven wickets for little more than sixty runs. Skipper Simon Woodruff offers stout resistance but is dramatically run out by Burridge stalwart Sully White. Requiring just one more wicket, Burridge pressure the last pair for whom Jake Hurley claims most of the strike. The overs begin to drift away as the sun heads toward the horizon, creating a dramatic conclusion that is unique to red ball cricket and one that has been witnessed aplenty in recent rounds of the County Championship. Hurley and Ollie Breckon are required to reach the end of the fifty-ninth over in order to secure a draw but a dozen deliveries from that landmark Hurley edges Dan Staniclicfe to Azim Chowdhury and the hosts chisel out a last gasp success.

In all truth, cricket is unlikely to witness as dramatic a revolution as that of FC United of Manchester or AFC Wimbledon. The dynamics and the set up of the sport are considerably different to those of professional Football for a parallel to take place. But the ethos of the move by those supporters in Manchester and London could be adopted by cricket supporters. Many county supporters have become disillusioned with how the season, in particular the red ball element, continues to shrink and be marginalised. In the absence of county championship cricket during the peak summer months there is red ball cricket to be enjoyed, each and every weekend though. Football has embraced its non-leagues in recent years as fans have searched for an alternative to the hyper commercialism of the Premier League. Groundhopping has become a phenomenon and non-league attendances have mushroomed in recent seasons. Cricket could easily experience its equivalent if only supporters would dispel and disregard the old tropes that seem to have created a barrier between the professional

and the amateur game. It would be well worth it. Premier League cricket is rather good, after all.

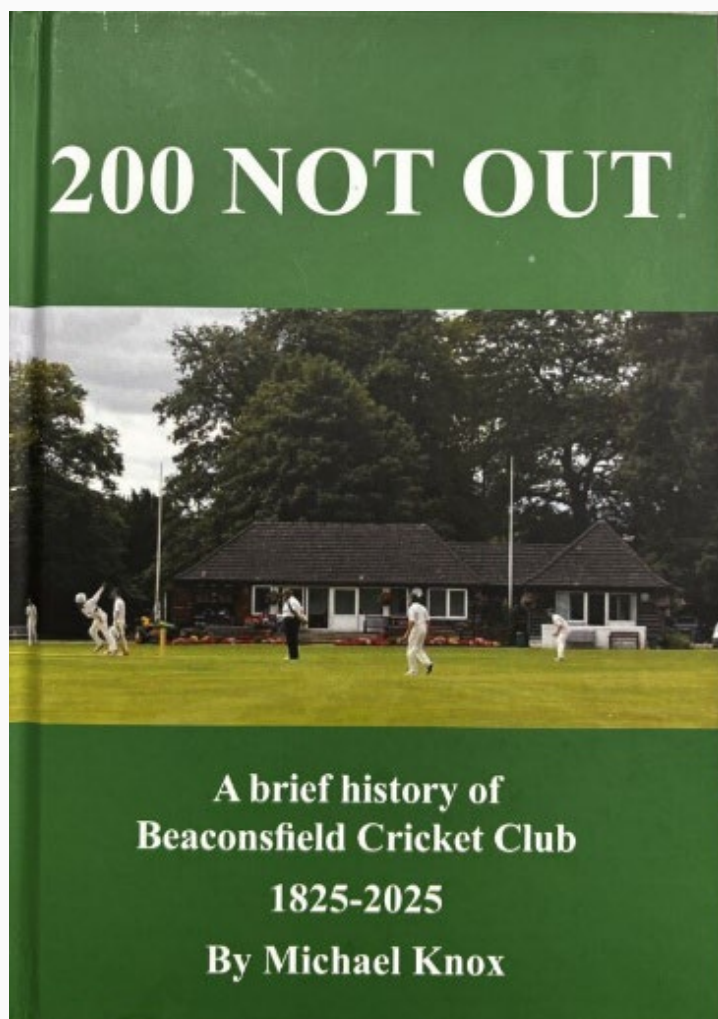
*If the predictions of the continuing decline in the number of county championships come true, it is clear that there will be a void to be filled, and we all know that nature abhors a vacuum. I believe opportunity beckons for National Counties cricket to help to fill that void and provide the solution..... **and echoing the words above, after all, it is rather good.***

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I mentioned our the younger players who are now coming through in the last edition – Danny Chapman, Ed Horsley, Ryan Friend, Teddy Fleming, Archie Dodds, Sheridan Gumbs, Ben Taylor but forgot to include Aum Raykar and George Harvey – many apologies to both, but we can now also add Billy Dodds, younger brother of Archie. Obviously they are not too well known to many of our members – yet!

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DAY	DATE	FORMAT	TEAM	OPPOSITION	COMPETITION	VENUE
Mon	21/04	50 Overs	Women's 1st XI	Cambridgeshire	Metro Bank One Day Cup	Wormsley Estate
Sun	04/05	50 Overs	Men's 1st XI	Cornwall	Trophy	Tring Park CC
Sun	18/05	50 Overs	Men's 1st XI	Oxfordshire	Trophy	Tring Park CC
Sun	01/06	50 Overs	Women's 1st XI	Hertfordshire	Metro Bank One Day Cup	Campbell Park
Sun	08/06	x2 T20	Men's 1st XI	Bedfordshire	T20	Chesham CC
Sun	15/06	x2 T20	Women's 1st XI	Cheshire	Vitality Blast	Bledlow Village CC
Sun	29/06	x2 T20	Men's 1st XI	Berkshire	T20	Chesham CC
Sun	29/06	x2 T20	Women's 1st XI	Cambridgeshire	Vitality Blast	Holmer Green CC
Sun to Tue	10/08 to 12/08	3 Day Game	Men's 1st XI	Cambridgeshire	Championship	Chesham CC
Wed	20/08	40 Overs	Women's 1st XI	MCC Women	Friendly	Chesham CC
Sun to Tue	31/08 to 02/09	3 Day Game	Men's 1st XI	Lincolnshire	Championship	High Wycombe CC
Sun	07/09	50 Overs	Women's 1st XI	Staffordshire	Metro Bank One Day Cup	Stony Stratford CC

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DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sat	28/06	10:00am	Women's Club Softball Festival	Wormsley Estate
Sun	13/07	12:00pm	Disability Super 1s Festival	Cublington CC
Sun	27/07	11:00am	NCCA Showcase vs. Northamptonshire	Northants County Ground
Fri	29/08	11:00am	Juniors Festival - MK Showcase	Campbell Park
Fri	29/08	1:00pm	Women's 100 - MK Showcase	Campbell Park
Fri	29/08	4:00pm	Men's 100 - MK Showcase	Campbell Park

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### **RON HEDLEY'S SPONSORED CHARITY WALKS**

Attached; Planned walks as at 23.03.2025

Walks to County grounds include a free match ticket.

Anyone wishing to join any of these walks must let me know in advance, to book match tickets, and must make a donation to Ron's March.

On the Essex walk we are hoping to be joined by Graham Gooch and on the walk to Lords by some former Middlesex players.

On 30th October 2025, 37 people will be travelling to Rome as part of an invitation to take a cricket team to play against Vatican CC (St Peters). The tour is being used by the Catholic Church, in Rome, to spread the word of prostate cancer awareness and testing across the Catholic World.

We play Capannelle CC on the Friday, Vatican CC (St Peters) on the Saturday and are hoping to play the President of Italian Cricket XI on the Sunday.

It is hoped that we will be invited to be part of Holy Mass in St Peters Basilica and be taken on a tour of the tunnels under St Peters.

An amazing experience for us all.

#### **Prostate Cancer Walks**

Ron's March with The Bob Willis Fund and Prostate Cancer UK

Sunday 17th August 2025 Worcestershire Walk (Gloucestershire) New Road, Worcester

Friday 26th September 2025 Hampshire Walk (v Surrey) Utilita Bowl, Southampton

Thursday 30th October to Tuesday 3rd November 2025

Prostate Cancer Awareness XI tour to play St. Peters CC- Vatican

On Saturday 1st November 2025 we shall be in Rome to play St. Peters CC - Vatican Cricket Team, at their invitation, to support our Prostate Cancer Awareness Campaign.

We have matches against two local Clubs one on the Friday and one on the Sunday, whilst in Rome. (An honour and a privilege)

The walks in Surrey, Essex, Middlesex, Edgbaston and Worcester have been confirmed, further details to follow on all walks.

It is hoped we can arrange another walk at The Eric Morecambe Centre in Harpenden, Hertfordshire late in September.

We are hoping that Counties who have not arranged a walk, so far, will be able to in 2025, so by the end of the year all Counties will have supported this amazing campaign.

The total raised now stands at £55000 plus £7000 Gift Aid.

Once again, many thanks for all your support and to all those who have helped and contributed to Coloured Trousers over the past year, particularly Andy Bone and Sports Shots, Mike Knox, Kevin Beaumont, Ron Hedley, Jonathan Lilley, Annie Chave, County Cricket Matters, Yahoo Over Cow Corner, Steve Peart, Paul Dean, Anna Harris, Rich Hudson, Rachel Hudson, George Halfhide. Trevor Taylor, Tom Hampton, Alexei Kervezee, Carla Duggan and Ben Ungaretti. We are of course obviously very grateful to all our sponsors and especially to Sports Shots for their excellent media coverage as well as to Charlie Carter for all his excellent photographs. All contributions have been gratefully received of course – why not pass the time in between cricket matches by writing an article or two and join our happy band of literary contributors.

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