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BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER



CHAMPIONS





Alexei Kervezee became the third Bucks captain in the 21st century to lift the NCCA/Minor Counties Championship Trophy/Shield, when they defeated Devon by 19 runs at West Bromwich. Previous winning captains were Jason Harrison in 2009 and Tom Hampton in 2023. It is the 12th time that Bucks have won this competition, which started back in 1895, and leaves them just one victory behind Staffordshire.

A spectacular bowling display by Conner Haddow secured Bucks a dramatic 19-run victory over Devon in the National Counties Clubberly Championship title-decider at West Bromwich Dartmouth on the third day of the Final.

The High Wycombe left-arm spinner bowled throughout and returned sensational match figures of 16-143, the second best in Bucks's history (including 9-73 in the second innings), to help them win the Championship for the second time in three years and their 12th in all. Only Staffordshire have won more.

It was on this ground two years ago that Bucks beat Devon by a record 550 runs to land their 11th title, but it was a much closer this time. On a dusty pitch - ill-suited for the scheduled four-day match - spinners on both sides dominated proceedings, after Bucks won an important toss and chose to bat first.

The innings was dominated by skipper Alexei Kervezee, who made light of the conditions to make 89 from 108 balls with nine fours - one of only two-half-centuries in the match. Apart from the Dodds brothers he received little support as Bucks slumped to 187-9, before a valuable last-wicket stand of 30 by Max Uttley and Tom Weymes lifted Bucks to 217. Devon left-arm spinner Callum Harvey captured 6-60 from 22 overs.

With opener Ben Privett scoring 67, Devon progressed smoothly to 111-3 before Haddow, who bowled throughout the innings, ripped out the middle order to reduce them to 138-9 before, in a match of dogged last-wicket stands, they recovered to 166 all out, a deficit of 51. Haddow's first-innings figures were 27.2-6-70-7.

Ewan Cox recovered from his first-innings golden duck to hold the early part of the Bucks second innings together with 36, but got little support as Bucks slumped to 114-9. Thankfully Ed Bragg (24*), who made a habit for shoring up the Bucks middle order in this campaign, was still there and helped add 24 for the last wicket as Bucks were bowled out for 138. Callum Harvey was again Devon's star bowler with 6-40 for match figures of 12-100.

So Devon were set 190 for victory and looked well set at 35-0, but Haddow, grandson of former Wycombe Wanderers legend Paul Bates, began to weave his magic. They slipped to 98-5 and when the ninth wicket fell at 150, Bucks seemed assured of victory. But the last pair added 20 before Haddow trapped Matt Jeacock lbw and the Bucks celebrations could begin.

Haddow's second-innings figures were 25.5-2-73-9 for match figures of 53.1-8-143-16. Truly astonishing.

Afterwards, all a relieved Bucks coach Jason Harrison could say was: "I need to lie on a sunbed after that!"

Below is the full day by day report of the Final courtesy of Paul Bolton from the NCCA

DAY ONE

Callum Harvey took his maiden five wicket haul to give Devon the early advantage on a rain-interrupted opening day at West Bromwich Dartmouth. Slow left-armer Harvey, one of five Devon players who are in their first season of National Counties cricket, found some early turn and took six for 60 as Buckinghamshire slipped from 161 for four to 187 for nine in seven overs. Harvey's victims included Buckinghamshire captain Alexei Kervezee who held the innings together with an unflustered 89 in two-and-a-half hours.

When Kervezee departed, edging one that turned to wicketkeeper Matt Thompson, he did so with a long look at the pitch. With Buckinghamshire's slow left-armer Conner Haddow on a hot streak having taken 23 wickets in his last two Championship matches, Devon could face their own trial by spin, particularly as they face the prospect of having to bat last.

Former Worcestershire and Netherlands batter Kervezee had rescued Buckinghamshire when they lost their first three wickets for 14 after he won the toss and opted to bat first under heavy cloud cover.

There was pace and carry in the pitch early on and Moiz Rana was caught by Thompson, who is playing his last match before retirement, for 21 off seamer George Greenway before Craig Penberthy bowled Billy Dodds and Ewan Cox – who shouldered arms – in successive balls.

Rain, which had threatened all morning, arrived after an hour and delayed proceedings for three hours. When the players returned Buckinghamshire regrouped with Kervezee and Archie Dodds batting through the afternoon session and seemingly laying the foundations for a substantial total.

But Harvey made the breakthrough when Dodds edged low to Seb Linnitt at gully after he had batted two fours for his 24 and helped Kervezee add 89 for the fourth wicket.

The wickets then fell at regular intervals with George Harvey and Ed Bragg, who was smartly caught at second slip by Greenway, following Dodds. Ryan Friend then picked out long-on where Penberthy back-pedalled and held the catch to give Harvey his fifth wicket. Haddow became the sixth wicket to fall when he appeared astonished to be given out LBW but a vital 10th wicket partnership between Max Uttley (23) and Tom Weymes (10 not out) frustrated Devon and added 40 extremely valuable runs in a lively partnership which took Buckinghamshire to 217 before Uttley was LBW to off-spinner Sam Read.

It came as no surprise when Haddow took the new ball for Buckinghamshire but only one over was possible before the light deteriorated and the umpires took the players off.

DAY TWO

Conner Haddow put Buckinghamshire in control on the second day by taking a career-best seven for 70 to dismiss Devon for 166, giving Bucks a first innings lead of 51 runs.

The slow left-armer, who has been trialling with Northamptonshire, took his wickets haul to 30 in his last five innings and 93 in 13 matches in the competition over the last three seasons. That remarkable figure includes 24 wickets in five innings at West Bromwich Dartmouth with power to add more in the second innings here.

Haddow took his first wicket, Elliot Hamilton caught behind from a ball that looped off his bat via his pad to wicketkeeper George Harvey, from the golf course end of the ground but all his others came when he switched to the Birmingham Road End from which Devon slow left-armed Callum Harvey had taken his six wickets on Sunday.

Devon's first innings was almost a replica of Buckinghamshire's with just one innings of substance – Ben Privett's 67 – a collapse from 111 for four to 138 for nine before the last wicket pair gave the total a late boost. Craig Penberthy and Matt Jeacock added 28 before Penberthy went LBW to Haddow leaving Bucks with a small first innings lead of 51. That was extended to 110 for the loss of three wickets before thunder and lightning forced the umpires to take the players off for safety reasons one ball into the evening session.

With Haddow scenting a third successive ten wicket match haul and only two batters – Privett and Buckinghamshire's Alexei Kervezee – having passed 40 or played with certainty so far, Devon needed to bat well in the fourth innings on a turning pitch if they were to avenge their heavy defeat in the final two years ago.

This match has been more evenly contested and Devon might have got a little closer to Buckinghamshire's first innings 217 with some better shot selection and execution.

Captain James Horler was caught behind slashing at Tom Weymes and was furious with himself for doing so and Harvey and Sam Read both fell to off-side catches forcing the pace against Haddow.

Seamer Ed Bragg bowled most of the overs at the other end and had Privett caught behind then ended Seb Linnitt's innings with a beauty that struck off stump.

Penberthy and Jeacock enjoyed themselves at the end of the innings before Haddow claimed his seventh wicket and bettered his previous career-best return of seven for 91 against Cambridgeshire at Chesham last month.

It came as no surprise when Harvey opened the bowling for Devon, as Haddow had on Sunday evening, and he struck with his sixth ball when Billy Dodds went LBW.

Ewan Cox decided that attack was the best form of defence and thumped six fours and a six in his 30-ball 36 before he went caught behind driving at Penberthy.

Max Uttley was pushed up the order but soon departed to a low catch by Lawrence Walker at second slip off Penberthy before Kervezee joined Moiz Rana and steered Buckinghamshire to 59 three when the rain arrived.

DAY THREE

Connor Haddow was at it again, as the slow left-armed took nine for 73 in the second innings, the best figures in an innings and in a match, a total of 16 for 143 – in the Championship final.

Haddow's match figures bettered the 15 for 54 that the great SF Barnes took for Staffordshire against Glamorgan in the 1908 final at the County Ground in Stoke and they were also the best figures in the competition since George Walker took 16 for 96 against Cambridgeshire at Horsford in 2009. Haddow also bettered his best bowling in an innings for the second time in the match.

Haddow enjoyed himself on a pitch that took spin from an early stage and took all but one of his wickets from the Birmingham Road End. Batters may not have enjoyed facing Haddow but it made for a gripping contest which finished just before the forecast rain arrived. It was finished with four sessions to spare but, with a pessimistic forecast for Tuesday night and into Wednesday, it meant that the prospect of the title being shared for a second year running was avoided.

Haddow's performance eclipsed that of his fellow left-armed Callum Harvey who also improved on his career-best figures for the second time in 48 hours with his six for 40 giving him match figures of 12 for 100, another personal best.

At the time they were the best match figures in a final since 1938 but they proved to be only that for around four hours as Haddow worked his way through Devon's second innings, varying his pace intelligently, beating the bat frequently and turning the ball sharply.

In all 17 wickets went down on what proved to be the last day with Harvey causing Buckinghamshire problems as they sought to build on their overnight lead of 110.

The departure of Buckinghamshire captain Alexei Kervezee, who clipped off-spinner Sam Read to midwicket, opened the door for Devon. When Harvey joined the attack his namesake, George, edged to first slip, Moiz Rana went LBW and Ryan Friend followed two balls later.

Haddow was then brilliantly run out by a direct hit from James Horler at point and when Archie Dodds was caught behind from one that turned and bounced, Buckinghamshire were only 162 ahead.

For the second time in the match their tenth wicket pair – on this occasion Ed Bragg and Tom Weymes – added 27 priceless runs which gained significance when Devon set off in pursuit of a target of 190.

They began positively with Elliot Hamilton and Ben Privett putting on 35 in the first eight overs before Hamilton became the first of four LBWs for Haddow. Privett became the second on the other side of the lunch interval before Max Uttley deprived Haddow of the chance to take all ten wickets when he had Lawrence Walker LBW.

Horler was bowled trying to cut Haddow but Buckinghamshire were then frustrated by a fifth wicket stand of 47 between Matt Thompson and Seb Linnitt. Haddow made the important breakthrough when Linnitt cut him to Archie Dodds at point but Thompson was then joined by Callum Harvey in an attacking sixth wicket stand.

Harvey struck two sixes off Uttley which forced Buckinghamshire to revert to seam at the golf course end and Harvey had two let offs in successive balls from Archie Dodds' first over when he survived a caught-and-bowled chance and a more difficult one to gully.

But Harvey went in the next over when he was stumped off Haddow, Read soon followed and Thompson's hopes of steering Devon to victory in his last match before retirement ended when he swept Haddow to Archie Dodds at square leg.

That gave Haddow his 100th wicket in 13 Championship matches over the last three seasons and that quickly became 102 after George Greenway was taken low down at slip by Kervezee and Matt Jeacock went LBW.

Haddow's haul took him to 33 wickets in six Championship innings in three seasons, two of the matches being finals. Unsurprisingly, he was named Player of the Match by NCCA President Phil Caley.



Final thoughts from Bucks Head of Performance Jason Harrison



the Final itself..... and requiring the sunbed!

The final was a fun few days - WBD came up trumps in all aspects of hosting the match , which made the occasion very special.

The game itself was a great advertisement for NCCA cricket - 2 evenly matched teams playing on a result surface were brilliant ingredients for an up and down, all-around final, which fell our side on the Tuesday afternoon.

-our second final in 3 years under two different skippers and with 2 different teams.

At the end of the 2021 season , Tom Hampton our former captain, Simon Stanway and I put together a blueprint of how we wanted Bucks cricketers to look like moving forward - athletic, driven , coachable cricketers , with an eye for the moment rather than "Stat" collectors were essential ticks for any new players . Over the last few years our success has been built on those fundamentals, together with some excellent leadership from Tom and now Alexei.

- differences,(real or perceived) between our red ball and white ball cricket ?

What was great this summer, was the improvement we made in both white ball formats... winning regularly from different situations breeds confidence - again with the help of Joe Rance our County Analyst, we have identified several areas to improve on -which some progress has been made.

With 5 trophies in the last 4 years in long form, it might be perceived we are a red ball team - I see it different, if you are a good player or team, you win the bigger moments within games more often than not, adapting, no matter what the format - Our challenge now is to have a lot of fun seeing if we can dovetail consistency in all the 3 formats .

- impact of the new youngsters coming through.

Our young players made vital contributions throughout the season ...as I mentioned earlier all of them showed at different stages they could succeed in the big moments.

We are very fortunate to have a fantastic pathway in place which is producing a conveyor belt of talented cricketers. James Savory, who heads up the pathway, has done a fantastic job in getting players "cricket educated " throughout our system. Richard Hudson and Jason Rance have also played pivotal roles over recent years helping us map out our best young players into the first team .

We have a double responsibility as a National County , firstly to produce players for our first team ,then for the very best in class, to push forward to the professional game - in September, Northamptonshire CCC 4 day Championship 2nd team game had 5 of our players in their team - seeing this, gave me as much pleasure and fulfilment as our Championship final win !

Skipper Alexei Kervezee gave his thoughts to Coloured Trousers after his first season in the hot seat.



Full credit has to go to everyone involved... from the players to the coaching staff, everyone played a massive part and it was a real collective effort.

A really pleasing aspect for me has how well the youngsters have come in this year and stepped up straight away. Be it a match winning innings, a game changing spell with the ball, moment of brilliance in the field... they've all played a massive part in our red ball success but also our progression in white ball cricket.

We've made massive progress in white ball cricket, qualifying for the 50 over quarter final and then so close to the next round in the 20/20 competition.

Although we've made big strides forward, we're also aware that there are areas that we need to work on and keep improving in.

Alexei was also in discussion with the NCCA and hopes that Conner Haddow's record-breaking performance in the NCCA Clubberly Championship final will help him secure a contract with a first-class county. Haddow took nine for 73 in the second innings of the 19 runs victory over Devon at West Bromwich Dartmouth and 16 for 143 in the match, both of them records for the Championship final. The slow left-armers match haul nudged the great SF Barnes of Staffordshire and England out of the record books, a major achievement in itself. Haddow has now taken 102 wickets in 13 Championship matches in just three seasons and although the pitch at West Bromwich undoubtedly helped him, that has not been the case in all of the matches he has played in during that period.

Kervezee, who has top level experience from his time with Worcestershire and the Netherlands, has watched Haddow develop and is surprised that the 25-year-old's talent has not brought him more than occasional appearances for Northamptonshire's second team. *"Full credit to Conner to get 16 wickets in a final. I hope that people are taking notice of what he is doing and has done for a period of time," Kervezee said. "I think he has gone to whole new level this year to be fair to him. I genuinely hope that counties around the country are taking note. "He's been trialling with Northants and it hasn't quite worked out for one reason or another. But I hope that with this performance, what he has done with Northants and what he has done for us for a period of time that people will have taken notice."*

Although Haddow, who also been a prolific wicket-taker for the Challengers representative side, dominated the final to help Buckinghamshire win the Championship for the second time in three years, their success was very much a collective effort by a young side which included five players who made their Championship debuts this season. *I am very grateful and happy to have won the trophy," Kervezee said. "Full credit to the lads, they have all contributed and put performances on the board which have helped us to win the trophy. "It's a young side, we have won a trophy with a young side and we a lot more good young lads coming through as well. "We will probably have a target on our backs next season but it's a target you like to have. I am over the moon and hopefully we can go again next year."*

BUCKS CHAMPIONSHIP AVERAGES 2025

BATTING (2+ matches)

	M	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave
EWB Bragg	5	7	4	140	32*	46.67
AN Kervezee	5	8	1	248	89	35.43
BGS Dodds	5	9	1	266	55	33.25
EA Cox	2	3	1	38	36	19.00
MC Uttley	5	6	1	90	36*	18.00
EJ Fleming	2	2	0	34	34	17.00
M Rana	2	4	0	59	27	14.75
CPW Haddow	4	7	3	58	19	14.50
AJ Dodds	5	7	1	77	24	12.83
GD Harvey	3	4	0	51	16	12.75
CDR Parsons	4	5	0	61	44	12.20
RJ Friend	5	7	0	65	31	9.29
CJ Marrow	2	3	0	20	20	6.67

Played in one match: RM Edvalath 71, 10; E Horsley 37;
CH Hemp 19, 7; TG Weymes 10*, 2; D Chapman 2; TS Toor 38*

BOWLING (3 +wickets)

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave
CPW Haddow	175.1	34	467	41	9-73	11.39
EJ Fleming	14	1	83	4	4-83	20.75
MC Uttley	55.2	11	209	7	2-11	29.86
AJ Dodds	46.3	5	168	5	2-29	33.60
CDR Parsons	112	31	257	7	4-41	36.71
RJ Friend	32	7	122	3	2-46	40.67
EWB Bragg	91	20	330	8	3-26	41.25

Also bowled: TG Weymes 15-1-43-1; TS Toor 3-0-16-0;
AN Kervezee 2-0-5-0



RECENT BUCKS 2nd XI RESULTS

21st August @ High Wycombe Two T20 matches v Oxfordshire

1st Match: Oxfordshire won by 6 wickets

Bucks 166 (Rhys Nicholas 35 Billy Dodds 34) Oxfordshire 167-4

2nd match Bucks won by 4 wickets

Oxfordshire 143-9 Soo Boorghu 4-36 Bucks 144-6 (T Fleming, R Nichols, S Wijeyasinghe all 34)

26 August @ Chesham v London Schools C A

Bucks won by 4 wickets

LSCA 245 & 133 Bucks 186 & 196-6

29 August @ Milton Keynes v Milton Keynes XI 100 overs

Bucks won by 14 runs

Bucks 122-9 (M Rana 24) MK XI 108-9 (Lucas Bertin 4-14)

BUCKS WOMEN

The new Women's Domestic Cricket Structure - a 3-tiered county-based system began life this summer. 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.

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

50 overs Metro Bank One Day Cup

Following on from their strong performances in the T20 competition Bucks transferred their form into the 50 Over One Day Cup, putting in an excellent performance in Division One recording 4 wins and two losses with one abandonment to eventually finish 4th out of the 8 teams. Devon were the dominant side in the group, not losing a game and winning 5 with 2 abandonments.

The next four clubs, including Bucks, were all very close— all of them winning four matches and losing two, to eventually end up with just two points between them. Unfortunately Bucks last game on Sunday was abandoned due to rain thereby depriving them of at least the opportunity to finish as runners up in the League in the first new season of The ECB Women's County Championship.

Nonetheless it has been a great season for the Women, with probably the highlight reaching Bucks first ever Final in the Vitality T20 competition and only suffering a very narrow defeat by just 6 runs. All of the squad can take great pride in their performances over the season, for many it has been a learning curve, and they look forward to continuing this progress as they build for next season.



Photo courtesy of Luke Stafford – Sports Shots

Last Two Match Reports

Bucks Women fell to a seven-wicket defeat against Staffordshire in their penultimate Metro Bank One Day Cup match at Stony Stratford.

After an economical opening spell from Staffordshire's Lauren Kenvyn (8 overs, 0-19), Bucks found boundaries hard to come by and were pegged back to 20-2 after 10 overs. Opener Molly Carter made a patient 22 before being stumped by Helen Hughes. With wickets falling and the run rate slowing, Annie Townsend (29) and Cara Duggan (31) fought back with counter-attacking knocks, edging their side towards 150. Hannah Hayes had Townsend caught before quickly removing Natasha MacBean (2) and Tegan Stockdale (4). With Bucks falling to 146-9, Caia Townsend stepped up with a spirited 30 from 25 balls alongside Carys Gerber (13*). The final-wicket stand brought up a 50-run partnership, and a total of 200+ was in sight until Stockdale was adjudged LBW to the bowling of Lucy Shenton, leaving Staffordshire with a target of 197.

MacBean's left-arm spin has been a reliable source of wickets this season, and it struck again as she dismissed both openers — Malisha Tennakoon (4) and Emily Hughes (13). From there, Staffordshire quickly took the game away from Bucks. No. 3 batter Matilda Atherton-Gater produced a classy unbeaten 92 from 115 balls, well supported by Lydia Perry (35) and Kenvyn (37*). In 36.4 overs, Staffordshire sealed the win with back-to-back boundaries from Kenvyn, handing Bucks a seven-wicket defeat.

Final game of the season – Berkshire v Bucks at Slough last Sunday

Match Abandoned

Just one innings was possible and that came from Berkshire who were asked to bat after Bucks won the toss. They did manage their full 50 overs to end up on 191 -7, top scorer being Izzy Storar with 67. With ball, Middlesex loanee Hannah Davis led the way with 3-20, whilst captain Cara Duggan chipped in with 2-35. With Bucks unable to bat in the conditions, the match was abandoned with both sides taking 2 points.

Final League Table

	P	W	L	NRR	PTS
Devon	7	5	0	1.91	27
Berkshire	7	4	2	1.53	22
Staffordshire	7	4	2	0.9	21
BUCKS	7	4	2	0.13	21
Cheshire	7	4	2	0.31	20
Wiltshire	7	2	4	0.71	11
Cambridgeshire	7	1	6	-1.53	5
Hertfordshire	7	0	6	-2.4	2



Photos courtesy of Sports Shots

Many more photos of Bucks Women in action can be found at <https://www.sportsshots.org.uk> / images

Women's Lead Coach Ben Ungaretti, in an interview with Coloured Trousers, summed up his reactions to a successful 2025 season.

As the curtain falls on the 2025 season, I wanted to take a moment to reflect, not just on results, but on the journey this team has taken over the past few years. It's been a season of real progress, challenges that tested us, and performances that reminded us exactly what this group is capable of.

Looking back, one of the most pleasing aspects of this year has been the growth of our team identity. We're no longer a side simply trying to compete we're a side that's starting to consistently challenge, push boundaries, and step up in key moments. A great example of that was our One Day Cup victory over Cambridgeshire, where we held our nerve to win with just a ball to spare. That performance, like many this season, was built on belief, composure, and a refusal to back down when the pressure was on.

There have been standout individual moments too. Cara Duggan has led this side with maturity well beyond her years setting standards in the field, supporting her teammates, and showing

real leadership under pressure. Natasha MacBean's 5/17 in the T20 competition was a clear highlight and should have been a match-winning spell as it gave us the control we needed but unfortunately we dropped short against a good Tier 2 side she also ended up on 28 wickets which was amazing as it was her first season changing to left arm spin. Chloe Hill joining us on loan for most of the T20 competition with a return of 293 runs in only 8 games! her level head, top level keeping and experience really boosted the team and released the pressure on others so they could free up and express themselves more. It's been particularly satisfying to see younger players grow into their roles, learn fast, and contribute meaningfully.

Reaching the final of the Vitality Women's County T20 League Division 1 was another key moment for us. It underlined the fact that we're no longer content just to be in the mix we want to be there at the end, competing for silverware. Playing that final at Wormsley, in front of families and supporters, was a proud moment for everyone involved and a real reward for the effort the players have put in all year.

That said, we know there's work to do. There always is. Our batting depth remains a focus too often, we've relied on one or two key partnerships to carry us through, and we've seen how costly early collapses or stagnant middle overs can be in both formats. Our fielding, while improved in many areas, still has room to reach the consistently high standard we're aiming for those one or two chances missed, those small moments, often prove decisive.

Another area we'll focus on is the depth of the squad. We've been lucky to have a more consistent group this year, but we need to make sure that injuries, exams, or availability issues don't leave us short. Developing our wider squad and giving younger players exposure to senior cricket will be a key part of our off-season strategy.

Looking ahead, the message is clear, we build on what we've started. We'll be spending the winter sharpening our tactical approach particularly in T20s and working hard to improve our ability to manage pressure situations. Whether it's closing out tight games, finishing innings strongly, or chasing targets with clarity and control, we know that better decision-making under pressure will take us to the next level.

Off the field, I want to acknowledge the people who make this all possible to the families who travel, cheer, and make sacrifices so their daughters, sisters, and friends can play the game they love. Your support has been incredible, and the players feel it every time they pull on the Bucks shirt.

To the squad thank you. Thank you for your commitment, your energy, and your belief in what we're building here. This season showed what we can achieve when we work together, and I genuinely believe this group has only scratched the surface of what's possible.

We'll rest, reflect, and reset and when we come back, we'll be ready to go again.

Here's to an even stronger 2026 season!

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Firstly a great big thank you to all those members/ supporters or companies who sponsored a player over the past seasonand or previous seasons - see below for the list. We are planning to continue with the sponsorship initiative for next season..but the full squad list will not be available until early next season. **There have been at least 12 players making their full debuts for the County in the last couple of seasons and obviously not too many are yet known to our members , but almost certainly that will change as the new season progresses. WHY NOT SPONSOR one of these young players next season and show them that their talents are appreciated.**

If you wish to continue last season's sponsorship or sponsor one of the new additions to the Squad, or for more information Please contact Bill ScholesTel: 01420 560290 or billscholes@hotmail.co.uk

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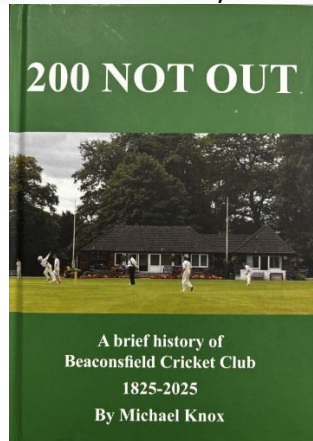
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All of Bucks 1st XI games will be streamed live on our YouTube channel, and from this season all clubs will be required to have a camera at both ends of the ground, so that the view will always be from behind the bowlers arm.

RON HEDLEY'S SPONSORED CHARITY WALKS

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.

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.

More pictures from the Middlesex walks at Lords in May.



Coloured Trousers fame spreads far and wide!

Spotted in the latest edition of Chiltern District Referees Association magazine

The life of a dual official: cricket umpire and football referee

Recently, Simon Parbery was interviewed for the Bucks CCC newsletter Coloured Trousers. He shared his experiences of umpiring on the National Panel and running the line at Step 2 of the football pyramid.

Well, that's the NCCA season done and dusted for another season. The weather generally behaved itself, although there were one or two hiccups – heatwave one day, torrential rain on another day – but all three competitions did at least produce winners this year. Congratulations to Dorset, who won the KO Trophy, to Norfolk who won the T20 competition and of course to Bucks winning the Championship.

What will next season bring.....we will have to wait and see, but let's hope that the seeming desire from the ECB to tinker and reduce the number of matches played at 1st Class level – due to player burn out! -does not percolate down to the NCCA game.

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, Jason Harrison, Mike Knox, Kevin Beaumont, Ron Hedley, Jonathan Lilley, Annie Chave, County Cricket Matters, Yahoo Over Cow Corner, Steve Peart, Paul Dean, Anna Harris, Simon Parbery 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 Andy Bone and Luke Stafford of 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 the winter by writing an article or two and join our happy band of literary contributors.

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