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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

IZZY  
WESTBURY

## DAD's LAMENT

### THE AUTUMN OF A CRICKETER ...maybe

(a poem by Pat Colbourne – 1984)

1. *That's it, it's over, the last ball is bowled  
We've all got old and grey  
The ankles ache and the knees they swell,  
It's time to call it a day.*
2. *Now, pints are drawn and whites are stowed  
More often than before,  
While thoughts of actions long ago excite;  
Alas .. no more!*
3. *The battered bag with grubby socks  
lie silent 'neath the bed.  
Now Welly boots and gardening togs  
Are sadly donned instead*
4. *"How good were you when you were young?"  
My sons enquired, in fun,  
"Oh, I don't know, you'll have to read  
Viv's <sup>1</sup> book, page 51.*
5. *I bowled to Viv, Ted Dexter <sup>2</sup> too,  
Now they were two fine bats,  
And Snowy <sup>3</sup> was my stable mate  
When we were given our caps.*
6. *The Rev' <sup>4</sup> was quite a prize for me  
When I was seventeen.  
Mike Smith <sup>5</sup>, another in his prime;  
Then I was fit and lean.*
7. *Another pint is pulled and bought  
For my friend, dear old Vern' <sup>6</sup>.  
"It's changed", I say, "I like to watch  
the youngsters play and learn".*
8. *In a car park down in Hove, a man  
Helped me to bowl and bat.  
John Langridge <sup>7</sup> was a super coach,  
But that's enough of that.*
9. *The autumn nights are closing in  
On memories we lament,  
While, on reflection, it's been great.  
We smile and feel content.*
10. *A thought – hell no! – I'll not give up  
This game, I hold so dear.  
I'd like to play with my two sons.  
Maybe, just one more year!*

<sup>1</sup> Sir Vivian Richards Somerset and West Indies & Lnsdown CC - biography <sup>2</sup> Ted Dexter Sussex and England. <sup>3</sup> John Snow Sussex & England. Fast bowler and same age as Pat. Both came through the Sussex junior ranks together. <sup>4</sup> The Rev' David Sheppard Sussex & England and later Bishop of Liverpool. <sup>5</sup> M.J.K.Smith, Warwickshire and England. <sup>6</sup> Vernon Hazel. Long standing regular umpire for Bath CC <sup>7</sup> John Langridge played for Sussex. A member of a cricketing family dynasty and known, in his day as 'the best cricketer never to have played for England']

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# President's Piece

Pat Colbourne



The frenetic lifestyle we live these days tends to leave us no time to consider and dwell on important issues. It seems that many of our daily irrelevances take over our life and we seem unable to deal with, enjoy, or even consider those wonderful moments that make life beautiful.

The best of our life is made up of a collection of small, precious moments yet we no longer give ourselves enough time to enjoy them before we move on to the next problem. We do not allow ourselves the opportunity to dwell on and appreciate the experience of what has just happened. Is it this phenomenon that is creating a sense of non-commitment in people's lives? I wonder.

I have always considered vigorous and active participation in sporting hobbies to be the best learning medium – the best environment for young people to learn about life and about living. The requirements of nearly all sporting disciplines teach young people to cope with a few hard knocks, help them develop some cooperative skills as well as develop vital friendship, self-discipline and self-reliance skills. These come naturally through working together as a team and by their development the young person will become a more valuable part of society, as well as a more harmonious member of the family, at work, as well as in social activity within the community.

Loyalty seems to be a dirty word amongst some players these days. The tendency for players, young and not so young, to opt out of playing for their team at the last minute is frankly an objectionable habit to me. The lack of commitment seems to be the Ebola of modern society. Captains should be much tougher with the disloyal player. If I were again in the position of managing teams I would not tolerate that lack of loyalty, once you have committed yourself. The shameful player has no business to survive in an organisation that is striving to provide the very best environment for sporting development.

Enough of my vitriol, but I do hope attitudes will change rapidly during this coming summer where players become more honest when they are unable to play.

A few of you may have been following my 'Dick Whittington' adventure as I walk around the Coast path of the UK - I have completed around 4,500 kms so far. This summer, and having reached the ripe old age of 74, I have struggled for much of the time and have needed to return home for medical check ups. However, I did complete the link-up with past endeavours as I reached Land's End via the south coast route with my good friend Tim Firth (who is actually my accountant) in April. It is reassuring to have someone to talk to during a long walking day of five to six hours. We concluded, while chatting, that those people who wish to waste their hard earned cash on so called exotic holidays are foolish as we have the most wondrous coastline and beautiful countryside around our shores. It is all there if we would only go and find it – quite beautiful. The environment is also outstanding even when it rains or blows – exhilarating.

On my return to the walk, after visiting my doctor, I ventured around the south coast path of Wales. Newly opened two years ago, it is developing well. There are teething problems but there are also splendid and quite beautiful areas to visit and trog. The Gower coast is one and, where I am aiming for next April, the Pembroke Coast is another glorious place to witness. I have reached Worm's Head on the Gower so, if you wish to join me for a day, weekend or a few days during the summer months, phone me on my mobile and make a date (07702 606713). I would love to see you and you will be warmly welcomed.



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# Chairman's REPORT



When I took over from Mike Roe as Chairman of the Club at last years AGM I knew I was taking on a considerable challenge. What I hadn't bargained for was how it would start to take over my life.

As I write this, I have been at the helm for nine busy months and there have been some dramas on the way. The club itself is in a good financial position, following the development of both the clubhouse and the Indoor Cricket Centre and the hospitality side of the club is going from strength to strength.

Nevertheless, the club has issues. We struggle to retain players at the club after games and we need greater commitment from players to make selection of sides easier for Captains. We share these issues with many other cricket clubs, both locally and nationally, with potential players finding other pastimes or finding it harder to commit due to modern work patterns. This is not unique to cricket, it is a familiar pattern across all sports.

The good news is that we do have plans in place for next season and we will be working hard to reverse this trend.

I tried a few social events during the summer, with some success, and next season hope that the newly formed Cricket Committee will take forward those successes and build on them. Social events require your participation to make them a success and it is up to us all to support them if the club is to thrive. We are extremely lucky that we have a great venue, that is also in the heart of a World Heritage site. So let's work together to make it a vibrant social club. I am always open to suggestions for social events and have shown that we are prepared to invest in those nights.

I would like to mention a few people who are retiring and standing down.

After twelve years at the helm as Cricket Director Ian Shrubsole is standing down from the role, but hopefully remaining at the helm of Women's and Girls cricket. Ian has given his all over those 12 years and I shall miss exchanging emails at 6.30am!

Also retiring, from the role of Treasurer, is Mike Priscott. Mike has given countless hours over the years supervising the financial side of the club's business.

Thanks Ian and Mike for all your efforts and especially your support to me over the past nine months.

I would also like to thank Gordon Gill for all his work on the ground over the past 12 years. He has arguably turned the ground into the best ground in the West, if not the UK. I wish him well for the future.

Thank you to all the staff at the club; Dave, Kelly, Mandy, Stuart, Rob and Terry for all their work throughout the year.

On the field all the Captains worked hard through the season, where availability made consistent selection difficult. I thank them for all their efforts.

I am excited by the challenge of moving the club forward and look forward to the 2015 season.

**Andrew Linnett**

(Top right) North Parade; (2nd from top) John Watson is presented with an OSCA for his 25 years of volunteering at the County ground, Taunton; (2nd from bottom) My first official engagement, the re-opening of the Bath Indoor Cricket Centre with Pat Colbourne and Peter Wight; (Bottom) Pete Smith and Family, Peter Wight, The Stoye Family and Simon Ridd from Sport England Inspired Facilities at the opening of the Indoor Centre.



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# CAPTAIN'S REPORT | 1ST XI

LLOYD DAVIES

**I came to Bath Cricket Club seven seasons ago to prove myself as a cricketer. There was no better place I could wish to play.**

Some may feel I have proved myself at 1st XI level. I still feel I have lots to improve on with both bat and ball. I've been fortunate to taste success as part of a team and as an individual over these seasons too. Without doubt though, the happiest and proudest moment that I will never forget is captaining the 1st XI for the first time in the league at North Parade vs Frocester.

I've been lucky to play at Bath under three very different, but very good captains. Thorby had this passion that he instilled in all of us to play for the sword on your shirt. Stayty was the great man manager who made our roles clear in the team. Letty was tactically astute and always one step ahead on the field. How was I going to follow them? Being honest, I wasn't sure until I was out in the middle. This was going to be a learning curve for me, but a challenge that I was going to relish.

Reflecting back on the overall season, two things will stay with me. Firstly, that I underestimated the scale of what is involved in captaining this club. There were times that my communication to all players wasn't good enough. I had an idea of the strongest XI that I'd like to play, but for numerous and well documented reasons, I only had one selection meeting all year when there were more than 11 or 12 1st team players available!! Is that acceptable at this level in this club? This made having any clear selection process difficult. Secondly, depending how you measure success, this

season may still be viewed as successful. Yes we didn't retain the WEPL title, circumstances probably dictated that actually we didn't deserve to. However, this season has been one of transition.

A number of senior and experienced guys haven't played much, or at all. Their places have been filled by 'the next generation'. Tim Rouse & George Hankins batted with skill and authority over and over again. Their 200 run partnership at Downend will forever stick in my mind. Both of these lads have huge futures in cricket and the club should be proud of the part we are playing in their development.

Two 'senior' bowlers stood out to me too. Si Marchant at times bowled at his best without gaining the rewards he deserved. Then there's the epitome of commitment. Adam Kelly is a captains dream.

He commuted all year from Southampton for training and matches. His consistency with the ball in any situation is unnerving. He richly deserved to be 1st XI player of the season and I couldn't have been happier to present him with his award.

I'd like to say that changes are happening at the club and that those changes need to be embraced by all players and members. They might not lead to overnight success, but I'm sure that the next three to five seasons will be exciting times, with the blend of younger and older players we have.

Success, on and off the field, will return and I hope you want to be as much a part of that as I do. I'm already buzzing for the 2015 season to get underway!

Finally, I have to end by thanking Gordon Gill for all of his passion and expertise as head groundsman in my time at the club and before. I know I speak for many other players when I say the biggest draw to playing at Bath has been how picturesque the ground looks on a sunny Saturday afternoon. Those will be some big boots to fill in your absence! I hope to share a lager and a packet of crisps with you next summer Gord!



# CAPTAIN'S REPORT | 2ND XI

ALEX MUSE

**When you start the season by losing the toss, getting bowled out for 52 and losing by 4pm the omens are not good!**

However, by the end of the year we secured a 2nd place finish behind a dominant Bridgwater side, who finished with the top three bowlers in the league and 43 more points than us.

Finishing second may not be considered a success in the long history of Bath Cricket Club but this year, with this group of players, I firmly believe that we can be very proud of that. We used 27 players during the course of the season, which in itself highlighted the issues with availability that we encountered, and we fielded some of the youngest sides put out by the 2's in the last decade.

We wanted to go back to basics this year a little bit. Focus on enjoying our cricket, being positive and bonding as a team. At 4pm on the opening day of the season you could argue that we had a lot of work to do!

By the end of the season though the positives far outweighed any negatives. Young players stepped up and took responsibility for key roles in the side. At times we were outstanding in the field, more often than not the outcome of games rested in our hands and we responded to those situations well. We probably lacked a little composure with the bat on occasions, especially in the face of better attacks, but we know now, as a team, and as individuals, what is required at this level to be successful, both personally and collectively.

The opportunity to get back on track after the Frocester game was denied to us when the next week we were rained off against Bristol. However, we then beat Taunton St Andrews by 203 runs with Smythy making a quite superb 135. Harry Hankins debuted in this game and took two wickets to cap off a great day for the team which in hindsight I think really gave us a lot of belief. We did then lose to Keynsham, despite a fantastic spell of bowling from Baz Street. Unfortunately we didn't see much of him for the rest of the year, but this heralded a six week run of victories before we were duly thrashed by Bridgwater. We then won another five on the bounce, before losing to Frocester in the last game of the year.

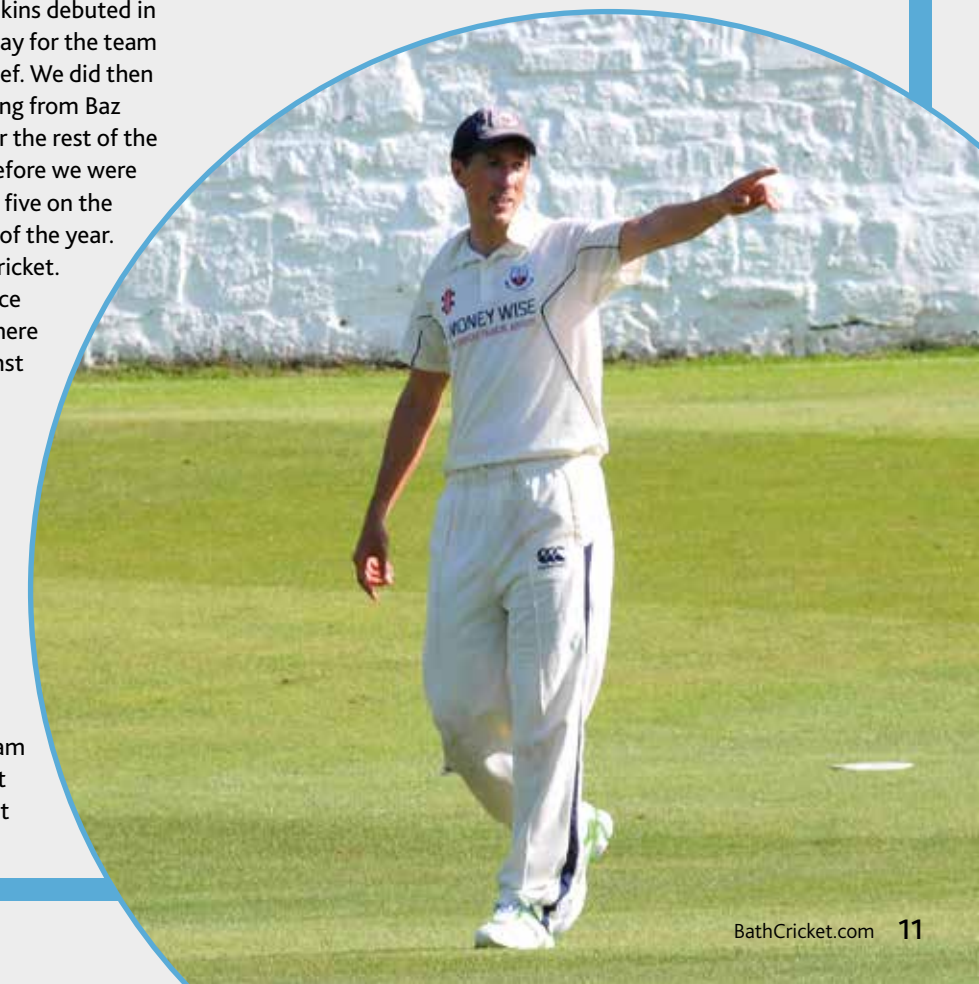
In amongst those games we played some great cricket. We beat Corsham twice after they had only lost once the previous year, and Bristol in a cracking game where we just about defended 202. The return game against Taunton St Andrews really summed up the impact of our young players stepping up a gear this year. Reece Croker made an effortless 112 before Matt Cadywould destroyed their top order helped by two fantastic catches in the slips by Luke Tapsfield and Crokes - Smythy and Ben Briggs having been relegated into the outfield!

I really do think that everyone contributed at some point. Reece Croker had a breakthrough year with 394 league runs and excellent spells of bowling. He picked up 11 wickets and hopefully he will push on and challenge for more regular first team opportunities in 2015. Sam Morris returned to adult league cricket with the club for the first time and hit

some very handy runs, finally getting his reward with a fine knock of 64\* to see us to victory over Taunton Deane. Charlie Brain struggled a little with the bat but was a massive success with the ball as we were left without a frontline spinner with Baz's injuries and Alex Wright's work schedule. It was a steep learning curve for Charlie but 3-44 v Corsham and 3-26 against Weston Super Mare really showed his potential. Matt Cadywould picked up 22 wickets to finish as our most successful bowler and with 158 runs, including a fantastic 70\* when we were in early trouble against Taunton Deane. Cady was also a tremendous guy to have around the team and never failed to say or do something hilarious every week! He'll hope to kick on and be even more consistent next year. It's also worth noting the positive effect that Luke Padgett and James Brown had on the team when they joined us and the consistency of Ben Copp and Rich Metcalfe.

Looking forward, the squad is young and a little inexperienced but full of potential and ability and this year has been a huge step forward for a number of players. We lost games to Frocester (twice) and Bridgwater (once) both of whom also finished in the top three. These games showed us the standard of cricket that we need to aspire to achieve ourselves, which we are fully capable of in 2015.

I'd like to take the opportunity to congratulate Thiaan on a wonderful year for the 4ths, Gordon and Stuart for their time and efforts with the ground for us every week and Dave, Kelly and the bar staff for their support this year. I'd also like to say a final, special thank you to Ken Bailey for his time and commitment to umpiring for us again this year and Maggsy for being a great sounding board for ideas, thoughts and issues. Have a great winter and see you on the other side!





# CAPTAIN'S REPORT | 3RD XI

MIKE ROE

**At the end of July I challenged the 3rd team to win four of our last five games. We finished up winning four, and I suspect it would have been five if Exiles hadn't cancelled the last game of the season.**

Those four wins ensured we finished a very credible 3rd, behind the winners Bath Hospitals and second placed Stratton on the Fosse.

It was a season that actually went entirely to plan....we agreed at the start of the season to try and win as many games as we could, but in a way that accelerated the development of some key young cricketers, and in a manner and spirit that reflected the values of Bath Cricket Club.

The guys have been outstanding in the way they have gone about their task this year. As is the way with the 3rd team, quite a large number of players have represented the team throughout the year, but all have come in and quickly aligned themselves around the endeavour, style and manner of play.

At the heart though have been a core of young players who I confidently predict will not be with me for long, Harry Hankins, Louie Brown, Sam Crocker, Andy Griffiths, Will Stoyke, Nathan Oliver, have all put in the type of performances that will make them really good prospects for the second team and beyond. The truth is that the only way to really accelerate potential is in the middle, learning from the good days and learning even more

from the days that don't go so well. The team have always been prepared to challenge themselves to get even better and champion each other in the process.

Any side with a significant amount of young talent needs some steadying influences and that has come from the vice captain Kenny James and this year in particular from the 3rd XL players player of the year, Tom Winnan. His keeping has been exemplary, his batting against Grendal sublime, but his enthusiasm and passion for the team has ensured we will miss him hugely next season due to the arrival of small person number two.

Special mention to Mathan, things you might not know! Those of you who remember John Dixon will know that some of his best performances came after barely having been to bed the night before. Mathan has the same party animal tendencies.....not quite the same impact on match day, but now nicknamed "4am" has increased his "street-cred" no end, and has cemented his place within the team.

Finally, some personal reflections on the season for me. Ken Patterson continues to be the legend he is, tirelessly scoring in all sorts of odd locations, I think I will get another season....and another....and maybe another from him.

Working with other captains is always key to any successful season, and I think great credit should go to Lloyd Davies for his leadership of the squad with some difficult challenges to navigate. Either side of the 3rd XI both Tienne and Alex have been an absolute pleasure to work with, with Maggsy being the glue that binds us together. Thanks guys.

There is talk of the 3rd XL perhaps being in another league to allow the 4th team the opportunity to progress in the North Somerset league. Wherever we are I hope we will be able to maintain what has become quite a special spirit and bond and identity amongst the senior sides.

Thanks to everyone involved.  
Mike



# CAPTAIN'S REPORT | 4TH XI

THIAAN ASPELLING

**Firstly I would like to say well done to Lloyd and the first team who took it right down to the wire and just missed out on the title.**

To Musey, who has a very young and inexperienced side and is very much at the beginning phase of building a team, so to finish second is a remarkable achievement. And then to Roe'y. In many ways, Roe'y has played a big role in the success of the 4ths for the past two seasons, as in the past the 4ths were tasked with bringing through the young up-and-coming stars of the future. Roe'y decided that he was happy to do this, so thank you and well done for still finishing in the top three!

Last year's success was built around a core of players who were available for most of the games. This year it was the complete opposite!!!(apart from Andy Roberts who played every game!). We had to literally beg, steal and bribe to find players in the first half of the season (not quite but close at times)! We ended up with more than 50 players playing for the 4ths this season, which demonstrated the hard work at times.

With that said, I am extremely proud of the fact that we had five sets of parent and siblings playing for us this season(Van Gelderen, Young, South, Shrubsole and Groome) and also the fact that we had eight Wanderers players play for us this year, which must be a record!!

So, it's easy to see why I'm extremely proud of winning the league again this year. I can say this year it was down to every single player who stood up at different times, whether it was with a wicket, catch, partnership or runs. At some point every player contributed in some form or another to the success and I can honestly say it was a team effort all the way!! Special mention to young bowler Tom Van Gelderen and young batsmen Sam Young for their efforts beyond their years, well done! Funniest moment of the season without a doubt goes to Kate 'slasher' Randall for, while attempting another slash through point, missed the ball and late cut the bails off her stumps!! Genius!!

Lastly thank you to Magsy, Shrub and Beth for all the support throughout the season and a special thank you to Roe'y who is very open and understanding while we try to get the balance right in the 3rds/4ths.

Cheers.

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# WANDERERS REPORT | 1ST XI

IZZY WESTBURY

## 290 miles - the distance our captain, Jackie Hawker, travels up and back for each and every Bath match at North Parade.

Add on to that the half a dozen others who regularly do a 200 mile-plus round-trip and it's no wonder we're called the Wanderers. That, of course is only the home games - it's a fair old trek down to Hayes in Kent for that away fixture, to name but one.

The relevance of the above? Apart from applauding the dedication to the Bath cause that some of the players show, and have shown for years, it highlights a real frustration that has run through the entire season. It is said that Jane Austen was no fan of Bath, so perhaps it's a home counties thing because Bath, it would appear, is simply not worth the travel for many a women's side this season.

In a league of seven teams, with 12 prospective fixtures each, to have reached the end of the season having only played half those matches is a troubling tale. True, bad weather is to account for one or two, but the Southern Premier League is considered the strongest club league in the country. The fact that teams can't even make the effort to travel across to Bath is a symptom of a much wider malaise bubbling just beneath the surface of the top tier of women's cricket in England.

But that's a moan for another day. Besides, we almost won the league on the back of the games won through the opposition conceding. So let's rewind to the start of the season. A dodgy call to cancel a game on a "damp wicket" in Finchley meant that our first fixture was spent sunbathing instead (truly). By the following week however the tables had turned as we tried desperately to kick things off in typical arctic conditions against Horsham at North Parade.

Bath raced to 192 off 31 overs with a few runs for Westbury, Shrubsole the Elder (including two sixes) and Wilson (not out - something which proved to be a running theme throughout the season) before the heavens opened and the match abandoned. Two weeks in and nothing to show for it. The setting of a trend? Surely not.

Bath had to wait until May to have a stab at opening our account with a trip to Hayes. A solitary club fixture in the middle of the county season saw a Bath side without our England superstars face up to a Hayes side with theirs. It was trying stuff on an awkward outfield and much leather chasing was had by the Bath contingent. A solitary defiant innings of 71 from Le Marchand proved the highlight as Bath fell well short chasing the 242 that Hayes had set us. So far, so bad.

Beginning of June saw us head down to an unusually sunny Wokingham for a tough match between two full strength teams, with a total of four England players on the pitch, including the current England captain and vice-captain. Unfortunately for the Wanderers things with the bat didn't quite click. Nothing disastrous, but a bit of a scratchy showing, bar a beautiful innings from Wilson to steady the ship (56\*) , meant a below par score of 175 was posted from our 50 overs. Some economical bowling from Comfort (2-31) and a few more expensive wickets for Westbury (3-44) couldn't do anything to stop Wokingham cruising to the target with plenty of overs to spare. The elusive win remained just that.

A new month saw a new game and this time the Bath bus made it's way down to Horsham with a young side that did well to bowl out the hosts for 175 with the veteran trio of Comfort, Hawker and Westbury all in the wickets and some incredibly economical bowling from the reliable Withers (1-14-10). The run chase got off to an encouraging start with Westbury (63) ably supported by Godman the Younger (24) whose hard work over the winter was starting to pay off. They say it's not over 'till the fat lady sings and this proved to be the case for Bath.

Cruising at the half-way stage, wickets started tumbling at regular intervals as we agonisingly finished just one short on 174 from our allotted 50 overs. It's was ours to lose and lose we did. A close game's a good 'un at least...

The following week (back-to-back matches, shock horror!) saw us play host to Finchley with two full strength sides out on the pitch. This time around things clicked with the top four all producing the goods - Le Marchand 51, Westbury 73, Luff 38 and Wilson 54\* - to set an imposing total of 250 at North Parade. With Shrubsole the Elder back into the bowling attack for the first time this season, Bath started the second innings well, getting the openers out cheaply. The Finchley middle order threatened an unlikely rear-guard action but the spinners saw to it that never materialised with Shrubsole the Younger and Westbury in the wickets and a good economy rate from Luff (1-5-4) with an all too rare bowling appearance to wrap things up.

With the county season over, Hursley Park awaited us late on in August in their picturesque ground in the heart of Hampshire. Needless to say, they weren't the most challenging we'd faced, although it took us 48 overs to break through in what was one of our less riveting matches to date. Westbury ended up with 5-18-10 and Comfort spearheaded the attack with a tidy 2-10-10. The 122 posted by the opposition didn't prove too hard a task as we knocked it off without the loss of a single wicket, with Le Marchand getting her guns out for the girls to muscle her way to 68\* - doubling up on her opening partner who was very much the anchor in the partnership.

The final match of the season saw us host top-of-the-table Wokingham, although some confusion surrounding the points awarded from games conceded meant that it looked briefly, and surprisingly as though Bath were in with a shout. So it was set to be a tough match whatever the circumstances and so it proved. We managed just 116 - a score only reached thanks to some mature knocks from Godman the Younger (27) and Imlach (16) to save face. Despite the meagre total on the board, the bowling attack came out fighting spearheaded by Comfort who ended the day with 4-25-10. Two wickets apiece from each of Withers, Westbury and Shrubsole and a couple of stunning catches from Gwyn-go-go-gadget-arms-West, saw us bowl out the league leaders for just 71. Very much an end-of-season type game but a win's a win and even more so to register one against the league champions.

It was a topsy-turvy season, with a few top class performances and a few less so. There were some consistent showings from the Bath stalwarts, none more notably so than a certain Frances Wilson who ended the season with an almighty average of 164 thanks to getting out just once. Casual. Even more encouraging was the way in which many of the younger generation breaking through into the first team not only showed their potential but stood and delivered - highlighted no more visibly so than in the last match of the season.

Last but not least, a big thank you should be extended to Shrubsole the Elder-Elder (more commonly known as Ian), for - as per usual - his organisation, encouragement and general omnipresence behind the scenes. It was his work that meant that Bath didn't jump on the bandwagon of conceding matches - no, not in his name.

Of course we are left wondering what might have been had we played a few more matches, but it's onwards and upwards and the signs are encouraging. Roll on next season.

Izzy Westbury



# WANDERERS REPORT | 2ND XI

JAN GODMAN

## 2014 promised to be a busy and challenging season for the Wanderers 2nd XI.

The fixture schedule showed a fascinating mixture of Somerset League games - in 35 overs, 15:15 days and 8-a-side festival formats - entry into the more testing environment of the South West League T20 competition and friendlies against county sides and assorted local women's teams. In the end it proved to be something of a stop-start season, as first the weather and then the limited playing resources of several other sides restricted the number of games that were actually played. When we did play we were good and continued to unearth an exciting group of young players, eager to learn and improve.

In the Somerset League we won every 35 over game we played, lost just one 15:15 game out of four played and never actually played any of the scheduled 8-a-side games for the reasons stated above. We played two T20 games against South West League opponents, losing both at a time when our playing resources were stretched to the limit. Whilst in the friendly games; we beat Dorset women in three out of four T20 games, beat Wiltshire Women in a 40 over tussle, lost to Cam in the mud, beat Hong Kong but lost to China and lost to a strong Newport side in an excellent end-of-season day across the Severn Bridge.

Captained (mostly) by Jan Godman, with help on occasions from Daisy Vowles and Kate Randall, the Wand2 has become an excellent breeding ground for young players making their way in Senior cricket. Players' Player of the Year Gwyn West, Emma Godman and Izzy Imlach have all produced excellent performances in this

side and have made the step up into the 1st XI where they are also making more meaningful contributions. The Gloucestershire girls - Charlie Phillips, Danika Dyer and Hannah Cockram- have also made telling contributions with both bat and ball, whilst Jemma Beetham has shown great promise with the bat and Abi Fielden with her off-spin, whenever they have been able to play. New recruit Hannah Burgin has also been a welcome addition to the side.

Then there is a group of even younger players who, aged 15, have shown that they have the right stuff to step up a level into senior cricket. Zoe Olsen-Groome, Sarah Rawle, Jessamy Edwards and Lucia Spencer have not just all been regular players but have produced runs and/or wickets at vital times.

Finally, there is a group of not quite so young cricketers who have worked as hard as anyone at their game and are increasingly proving to be a highly valuable asset to the club. The Wanderers New Cricketers' Group (formerly "the mums") have made great strides in learning the game and, on the back of some internal practice games, become increasingly involved in Wand2 games. Pernille Olsen, Jane Shaw, Paula Smith, Kerry Edwards and others have been regularly involved and, hopefully, will play even more in 2015.

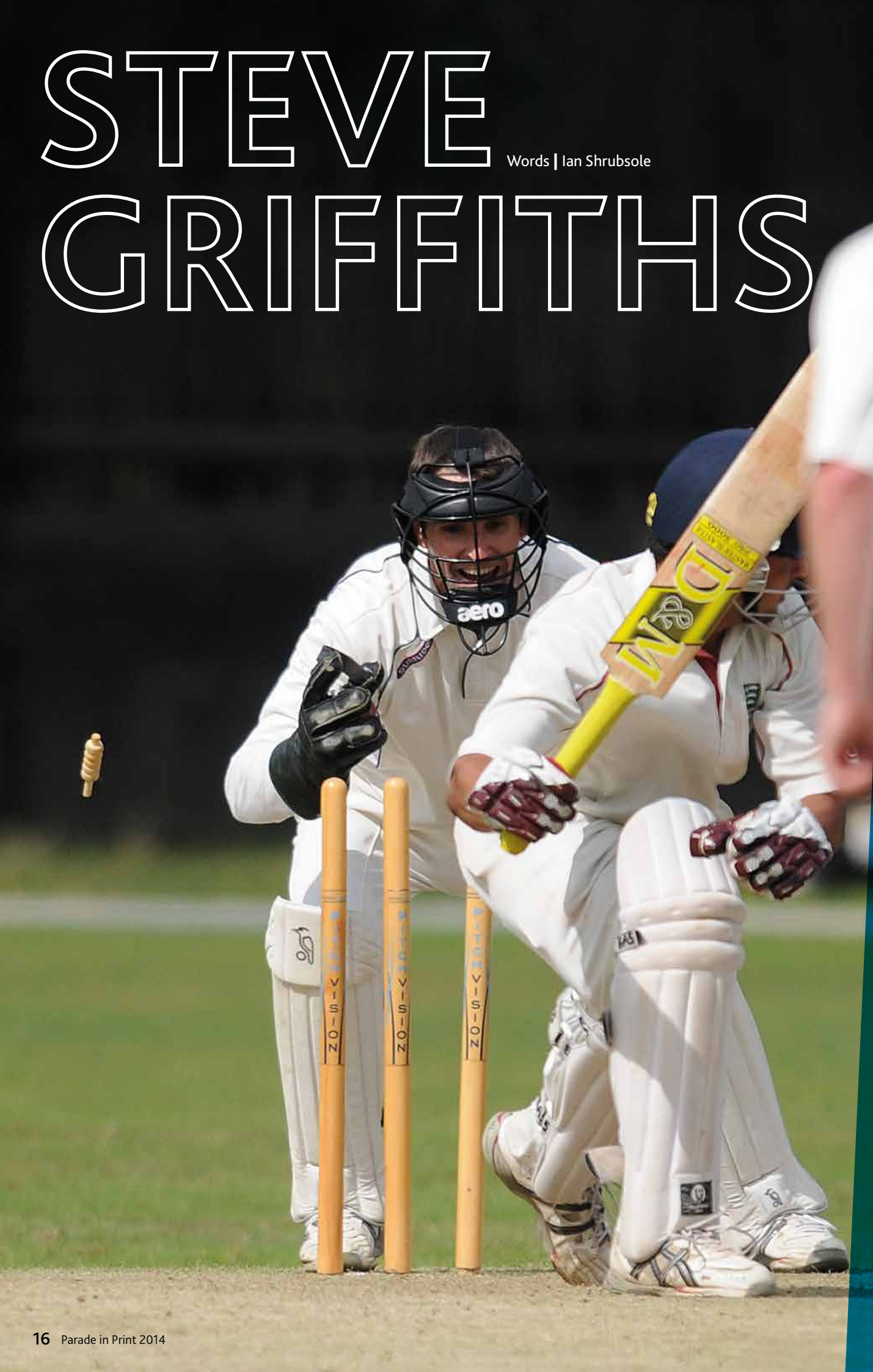
Next year, the Wanderers will play teams in two Premier Leagues at the same time, their current Southern League and the South West League, testing playing resources and challenging emerging players even more. We will also play in the Somerset league and will aim to involve the next crop of young players and more of the NCG. Exciting times!





# STEVE GRIFFITHS

Words | Ian Shrubsole



# #5

BATH CC HALL OF FAME | STEVE GRIFFITHS

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Beechen Cliff under 15s were in a spot of bother. They only had 10 players and not one of them was a wicket-keeper. Their captain and tearaway opening bowler asked the teacher in charge what he should do. The large, bearded teacher said that he had some wicket-keeping kit in his car and suggested that the captain took the gloves for the day. He did...and never took them off again.

A report from the National Knock-out quarter final of 2009 neatly sums up neatly what made S. P. Griffiths, born 31st May 1973, a special cricketer.

“There are not many wicket-keepers who have the capacity to change games....but Steve Griffiths is one of them! Batting first, Ealing got off to a flier in front of a large and expectant home crowd. Captain Thorburn and Lloyd Davies were tearing in, but it seemed one of those days that the faster it came, the easier it went. Griffiths decided that he must come up to the stumps!

Almost immediately, things turned in the Swords' favour. Griffiths takes a stunning catch off the bowling of Lloyd and the batters, who previously had the freedom of West London, were now shackled to their crease and afraid to venture out in case the Bath stumper would expose them. Chris Davies was introduced and Griffiths was on hand to pick up two more smart catches and a stumping as the home innings stuttered and stumbled. It was fitting that the innings finished with another Griffiths stumping - this time off the pace of Lloyd Davies as Ealing finished on 174 off just 42 overs. The stats will show Chris Davies 4-34 and, good as his bowling was, the real plaudits were really deserved elsewhere”

Griff was a product of the Pat Colbourne/ Beechen Cliff School conveyor belt and often vied to top wicket-keeper status with contemporary Scott Bryan. Colbourne was quick to see something special in the young Griffiths and he impressed all who saw him at school, club and county age-group cricket before being taken on by Somerset as a YTS cricketer as a 19 year old. When things didn't fully work out for him at Taunton he concentrated all his cricketing efforts at North Parade before being snapped up by Derbyshire.

As understudy to the eccentric Karl Krikken, first team opportunities were limited but a memorable First class debut saw him take 5 catches - mostly standing miles back to Devon Malcolm. His next game saw him foolishly accept an invitation to act as nightwatchman against a fired-up Allan Donald in the Edgbaston gloom and in his 12 First Class matches he took 38 catches before being released by the county in 1999 - to be replaced by another former Bath player, Luke Sutton.

Since that moment he has “belonged” to Bath CC again and his performances have consistently highlighted just how brilliant his wicket-keeping was and, whenever he answers the emergency call, still is. He is one of a very rare breed - a wicket-keeping match-winner.

Never as at home away from the stumps, Griff was always looking for the excuse to come up to the stumps - often to bowlers he had no right to be there for - and made every take, every catch, every stumping look so easy and effortless.

Unfortunately the records available to not give us any idea of the number of catches and - in particular- stumpings he has taken but, even if we had that information, it would not tell us the whole story: how many runs he has saved, how many batsmen have been restricted and how many games he has turned. It really is no exaggeration when many experienced watchers of the game state that Steve Griffiths is the finest wicket-keeper they have ever seen!

However, there is more to add. He is a true Bath CC legend, growing up at the club and continuing to be involved in whatever way he can. He embodies the values of the club and he has constantly exerted a superb influence on those around him whilst he is so willing to share his knowledge and enthusiasm for the game with everyone. He plays the game with all the passion and competitive edge that successful sportsmen exhibit, but at the same time he is able to play with a smile on his face and a mischievous air. He has such talent in those hands and reflexes but has always worked hard to stay at the top of his game. He has always been his own fiercest critic yet also remains self-effacing and often self-deprecating.

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# MARK SAGE

Words | Ian Shrubsole



# #6

## BATH CC HALL OF FAME | MARK SAGE

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“He was a captain’s dream – always there, always reliable, able to make things happen with bat and ball.”

It is universally accepted that the period from the late 1990s until the present day has been a golden period for Bath CC. During that time there have been some “star” names that quickly spring to mind from the sides of that era; Murrie, Priscott, Staunton, Swinney, Barnes, Stayt, Lett, etc. However, when people with a knowledge of that whole period (and beyond) are asked to attempt to name their best Bath XI, there is one name they all find it impossible to leave out – Mark Sage.

Affectionately known as “Bully” for a striking resemblance to the mascot of the popular “Bullseye” TV show of yesteryear, Mark Sage is an easy choice as an entrant to the Bath CC Hall of Fame, given his contribution to the club during the 11 years from 1990 to 2001. He was (and still is) a fearless cricketer with a relentlessly positive attitude and an inner belief that the team could get themselves out of whatever position they found themselves. He was a captain’s dream – always there, always reliable, able to make things happen with bat and/or ball and a hugely stabilising influence in a team full of talent, character and egos.

As a bowler he was Mr Consistent. From the sideline he looked less threatening than those who had gone before him, yet he bowled a heavy ball and mixed up his pace well, in an era before T20 and the advent of “mixing up your pace”. It was his ability to swing the ball late into the right hander that was his major weapon – particularly with Steve Griffiths up behind the stumps- whilst his legendary “quicker ball” surprised many top-quality players. He was always amongst the wickets and often, before opponents knew it, he had bowled 10 overs, for next to no runs, and Bath were ahead in the game.

In his years at Bath, Mark’s batting skills tended to be employed in the lower-middle order and were usually of a swash-buckling nature. It is interesting, therefore, that one of the innings for which he is best remembered was in the 1998 cup run when faced by a huge run-chase at Stroud. He masterminded a lower-order rearguard via the method of accumulating ones and twos (since then forever known by the term “milky milky”), before unleashing some characteristically mighty blows to see Bath to an improbable victory. Bully could hit the ball with tremendous power whilst also being able to hit it in unusual areas, always making him an extremely difficult proposition to bowl at – particularly when you understand what a clever cricketer he is as well.

Mark’s last game for Bath was in the 2001 National Knockout final at Lords. Having played a fantastically explosive innings in the 1998 final, there was more disappointment again this time as The Swords fell to a disappointing

defeat by Bramhall. Mark was to return to the home of cricket again in 2006. This time his 72 was not enough to stop Timsbury suffering the traditional West Country defeat.

Mark moved back to his home club, Timsbury CC, in 2002 where he has captained the side until the present day. With the injuries picked up when bowling at North Parade, he is now an aggressive opening batsman who has led the side to promotions and cup finals. In recent years he has produced some remarkable moments, including 164 vs Bristol Pakistanis and an amazing 173\* vs Butleigh in the Village Cup. Mark Sage is a special cricketer and a top man. Timsbury know how lucky they are to have him now and Bath CC is privileged to have had such a player at their club.

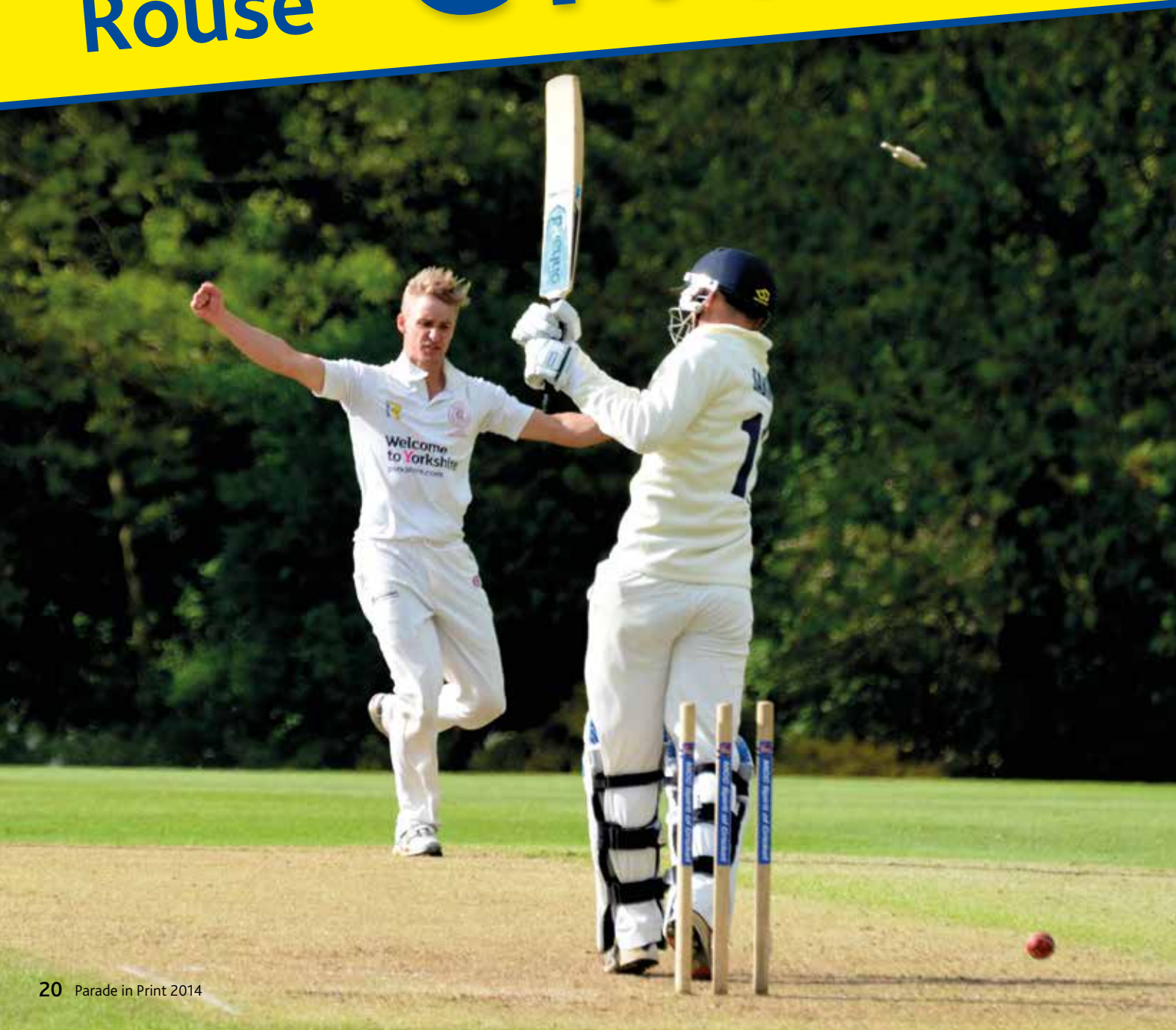






Harry  
Rouse

# Cricket at Leeds



2014 brought about my second season playing cricket for Leeds-Bradford MCCU. We have had another successful year, playing at Lords as runners up of the two-day competition, and winning the Red Bull T20 Campus Cricket National Tournament (resulting in our involvement in the Red Bull T20 World Cup in July). I have developed from my first year now; holding a consistent place in the side, successfully opening the bowling in both one and two day cricket and batting in the middle order. With several signed county cricketers in the squad I feel this is an achievement to be proud of.

The schedule is busy, playing three first class games (this year against Yorkshire, Somerset and Leicestershire) and games against the other five MCC Universities. To have played against numerous professional cricketers, including international players such as Plunkett, Trescothick and Balance, has given me irreplaceable experience resulting in an opportunity to play for Gloucestershire this summer.

Combining cricket with work can be tricky, especially as the cricket fixtures arise shortly before and during the hectic examination period. For me, attending university means that my work should be my priority. If I don't do particularly well then I will have wasted my time. Nonetheless, cricket also plays great importance in my time at Leeds. After all, I chose Leeds because it has – I may be biased – the best university cricketing set up in the country. However, with organised planning it has been possible to fit in as much cricket as is possible whilst having success academically.

I have been asked to compare playing up in Leeds with playing for Bath CC. Clearly there are various differences: I spend more time with the squad members in Leeds over many months; we prepare as a team on most days over those months and the social side of Leeds-Bradford cricket remains consistently exciting (socials practically daily!).

The standard of First Class Cricket is (as would be expected) intensely more challenging than playing against many of the sides in the Premier League, the opposition trying to beat you off the field before they've even bowled the first ball. It is in these pressure circumstances that we must simply try and control what we can personally control, and not worry about other things: our coach said to us at the start of the season "front up or f\*\*k off", and we all took that on board accordingly.

During the season we play three, four or five days of each week, meaning that if you are on a good roll you can continue it, but if you fail others are in the wings to quickly take your place. Still, playing for Bath is also challenging, and great. The standard of the Bath CC squad is constantly improving, meaning that we must all continually up our games.

As a side, Bath strives to win, as does the Leeds side. In this respect they are very similar. The team spirit between the old hands and the new prodigies such as George

Hankins has this season been brilliant, and whilst it isn't quite like playing cricket with all of my best university friends, playing cricket for Bath is an experience I would never wish to miss out on.

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# Moneywise on Parade

**It's been just over a year since Bath based financial advisers Money Wise agreed to become the clubs main sponsor. Founder and Director, Malcolm Coury, explains why sponsorship is much more than simply providing a financial commitment to the club and how the activities they have participated in over the last 12 months has benefited them.**

Like us, most businesses will happily help raise funds for charity and sponsor good causes. However, we have always chosen to associate ourselves with sports related organisations. In particular those that have a benefit and positive impact on the wider local Bath community where we live and our children are growing up.

For that reason the decision to become the main sponsor for Bath Cricket Club was a relatively easy one for us – many of us have either enjoyed or still enjoy playing cricket and certainly we have plenty of avid followers on the team, but we saw this as a unique and fantastic way to support a club that is right on our doorstep in the centre of the city where we work.

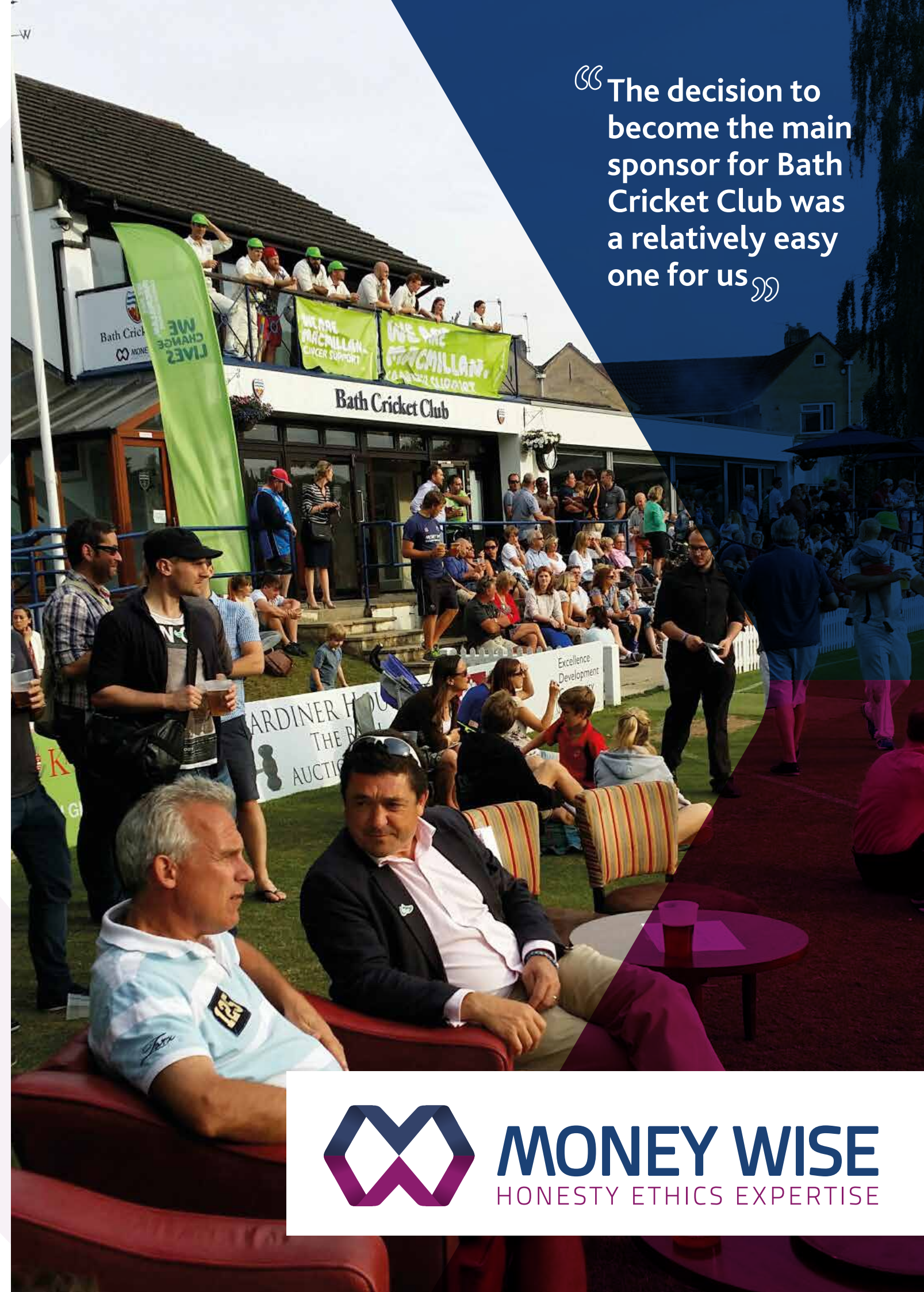
For many years, Money Wise has enjoyed being involved with Bath Rugby and while we continue to have a strong link with the Club and the Bath Rugby Foundation, our decision to shift our emphasis of support through sponsorship to the Bath Cricket Club was based upon a desire to find a more inclusive opportunity where we can support grass roots sport through cricket, locally in Bath.

We hope that in doing so we would encourage other local businesses to follow suit and certainly one of the main benefits of our new relationship with Bath CC has been to get involved in events such as the Charity T20 involving the Bath Rugby Legends and to help host a Charity 6-a-side tournament for the bath Rugby Foundation. These events not only prove excellent teambuilding and fundraising opportunities but they also allow us to introduce more businesses and friends to Bath CC, to enjoy some relaxed networking over a game of cricket, a BBQ and a sociable pint or two! These events have helped us, and many other business people, build new and stronger relationships within the Bath community. Being an active sponsor at Bath CC is important to us and in the same way as we actively protect and look after our clients investments, we are keen to see the relationship grow and develop over the coming years.

Malcolm Coury



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# TO WATCH

Words | Alex Muse

## 1 Matthew Cadywould

A first full season in two's cricket should be viewed as incredibly promising for Cady and he surely has the potential to get better and better over the next couple of years. A single outing in the second team in 2013 represented nothing more than a late call up but this year he's been a permanent fixture and contributed so much more than just on-field performance. A pleasure to captain and a constant source of amusement for various off field antics and stupidity, he has the potential to take a stack of wickets next year as well as score some very valuable runs. It's worth noting that Bridgwater, a team that dominated the league in 2014, were aware enough of who he was and the success he'd had this year to target him with some choice comments! 4-25 against Corsham and 4-38 against Taunton St Andrews really summed up his season; real wicket taking potential but a tendency to be a bit expensive, and it will be this strive for consistency whilst maintaining that cutting edge that will be a key focus next year.



## 2 Harry Hankins

For someone that only made his 2nd team debut in 2014 at the age of 15 it's an impressive reflection of Harry's social standing in the club that this didn't really phase him one bit. Two wickets to help bowl out Taunton St Andrews for 99 on debut and a very respectable spell of bowling against Frocester in the final game showed a lot of maturity. Coupled with some handy runs against Keynsham, he proved that he will be a second team player on merit in a short space of time. In the 3rd XI this year he made 219 runs with three half centuries including a top score of 80, having really only turned his hand to batting very recently. Combine this with 3-17 against Bristol 3's and he really does have an all round game, albeit raw at the moment. Harry is a very likeable cricketer at the club and it's great to see him get involved in club events and be prepared to listen to advice from more experienced players.



## 3 Sam Young

A quick look at the batting averages for the 4th team this season reveals that they were topped by Sam with an average of 111. For the record, Harry Lewis was second having amassed 236 runs and Gaven Royce third with 79. They don't reveal that while Harry and Gaven are relative veterans of Bath CC, Sam is still a member of the clubs' Under 13's. Further still, Sam's 111 runs in three games for the 4th team included one knock of 82\*, opening the innings against Combe Down, that helped his side chase down 201, losing eight wickets in the process. This included a collapse of epic proportions that saw seven wickets fall for 28 runs. To keep his head at such a young age, when all around him were losing theirs, is a great sign for the future and we look forward to hearing more about Sam next year!





# 4 Louis Brown

Louis epitomises somebody who is incredibly focused on doing well. Another very likeable young player at the club, Louis made his debut for the second team in the last game of the season and will be pushing for more games at this level in due course. A season of opening the batting in the 3's produced 251 runs to be the leading scorer in the team, although his average of just under 21 belies a self confessed habit of getting out too easily when quite well set. It's worth noting that when selected for his second team debut, he and Harry Hankins were at the club at 10am getting some net time in the BICC. 15 league wickets in the 3's also reveals ability with the ball and at times is backed up with a good level of aggression which can be harnessed, with confidence and self-belief, to harvest a good number more victims next year.



# 5 Emma Godman

It could be a help or a hindrance to have a mother who is a former England cricketer. When your mother is also a World Cup-winning cricketer the advantages and/or disadvantages could be magnified even more. There could definitely be a temptation to steer well clear of cricket altogether for the worry that the pressure of comparison or the challenges of expectation could be too great. Emma Godman is not that sort of person. She has learned from her mother, taken up the challenge, forged her own path and is rapidly becoming a fine player.

2014 has been something of a break-through season for Ems. She has always been an outstanding performer in age-group cricket and, whilst her opportunities in meaningful senior cricket have been limited, she would be the first to admit that things had largely been a struggle. Playing for Wanderers 1st XI and for Somerset Women, Ems consistently found herself walking in to bat needing to rescue the side in a major crisis or with the need to score extremely rapidly...and largely managed neither.

This year with a concentrated spell of winter training behind her (as part of Fran Wilson's batting group) she has looked a more assured cricketer and she has started to demonstrate the skills and application which those who have known her for a long time have seen throughout the age-group sides. A vital – and probably match-saving – innings for Bath against champions-elect Wokingham at the end of the year demonstrated her growing confidence and may have really helped to establish her place in the Wanderers middle-order into 2015 and far beyond.

She is a powerful left-handed bat who has worked hard to increase her range of strokes, whilst also seeking to eliminate one or two which regularly got her into trouble. Wisely, she has taken up off-spin bowling (to very good effect) whilst she is an athletic fielder with a powerful throwing arm. Ems has proved herself an astute leader in younger teams and she is confident enough to have her say in the senior sides as well.

A World Cup winner's medal to match her mum's may be a long way off, but Ems can establish herself as a key contributor for Bath and Somerset for years to come if she keeps striving to improve as she has done this year. She is most definitely one to watch!





# ALL BLACKS, ICE CREAMS & MOPS

Life has been very different this year for Morag and I. After three consecutive summers working in the UK we found ourselves 'doing' things which were very different to either pouring pints in Scotland or mowing the outfield at the Brownsword ground.

We went to Eden Park in Auckland to see your English rugby team nearly win against our All Blacks! We were very nervous spectators for 75 minutes. Couldn't bear the thought of Terry Harper, Mark Kingwell and Ian Shrubsole gloating to me via emails if England had won!

Also, my expertise in operating a floor mop has progressed as well. I have a cleaning role at my local Rugby Club. Rugby players are just like cricketers when it comes to leaving a mess in changing rooms. However I feel better cleaning up others mess – if we have won on the Saturday! To lose, then leave a mess in their changing room, that makes this Kiwi grumpy.

Also 'putting on' a tie every day and walking 100 yards from my home to a private junior school to work part time assisting a 12 year old Japanese boy in the classroom with Maths and English. Also been to cooking classes with him as well. But I'm not much use to him there!

If and when the young boy does well in the classroom, I take him out to the soccer field for him to shoot goals. With me as goalie! That's his reward! Now, having never played the game and only once been to an actual match myself – you can imagine how pathetic I must look in 'best clothes' trying to save goals!!

Lastly, I am stepping back after 20 summers running the Cornwall Cricket Club here in Hastings, N.Z. Not easy to adjust for me. My mates at the club think I am joking and say 'Old Blackie' won't know how to give up! I will look after our Pavilion – that's all. Am leaving it to others to sort the cricket side of things. Morag is an interested bystander looking on! If I fail to pull back – she will certainly have a say!

Lastly, it may be of interest to your readers for me to list here the players from Bath who have visited and played for my Cornwall Cricket Club here in Hastings, New Zealand. They are; Joe Dorgan, Hannah Lloyd, James Campbell, Jackie Hawker, Jenny Withers.

Those who were purely tourists who also came to our shores were; Dave Nelson, Judy Willmot, Ted Roe, Becky Dudbridge, John Perry, Kim Gregory and Mark & Ally Kingwell.

Cornwall players who have turned up at North Parade and played on your hallowed turf there are; Peter McGlashan, Erin McDonald, Josh Rurawhe, Lincoln Reid, Jayden Waters and Dan Moffitt.

I'm positive all have many happy memories of both clubs. Friendships made to last forever?

Best wishes to you all and all the best for 2015.  
We miss you all.

**David & Morag Black**  
Hastings, New Zealand



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# YOUTH CRICKET 2014

## YOUTH CRICKET 2014 | Reports

### 2014 Awards

#### UNDER 13'S AND UNDER 15'S YOUTH AWARD WINNERS

##### U13-CENTRAL

Player of the Year **Will Metcalfe**  
Most Improved player **Archie Carr**

##### U13-SOUTH

Player of the Year **Hugo Davies**  
Most Improved player **Emile Sealy**

##### U13-1

Player of the Year **Tom Van Gelderen**  
Most Improved player **Finn Crown**

##### U15-1

Player of the Year **Harry Hankins**  
Most Improved player **Matt Smith**

##### UNDER 15-2

Player of the Year **Ollie Penny**  
Most Improved player **Vinnie Kuma**

#### GIRLS AWARD WINNERS

U15 Player of the Year  
**Zoe Olsen-Groome**

Most Improved U15 player  
**Lucia Spencer**

U13 Player of the Year  
**Ursie Olsen-Groome**

Most Improved U13 player  
**Lali Rhydderch**

U12 Player of the Season  
**Alice Dymond**

Most Improved U12 Player  
**Katy Zhang**

U11 (joint) Players of the Season  
**Rosie Gelston and Holly Drew**

Most Improved U11 player  
**Maya Ramirez**

### U11 - Arrows

Coach **Tom Baker**

This season has been extremely exciting with some fantastic cricket on display from every member of the squad at some stage of the season. With two games to go and the title in our own hands it was disappointing to fall short, chasing small totals against Keynsham & Lansdown, especially after having bowled and fielded so well to keep them down to 89 & 75 in the first place. Given the strength of the U11s at Bath, runners-up never feels like an achievement. Hopefully next year, with that in mind, those players, whether they are still with the Arrows, or having moved on to the U13s will endeavor, through harder work on the training ground and more application during matches, to "go win that title".

However, it hasn't been all doom and gloom as we have the cup final to look forward to on Sunday morning at Winsley. A huge number represented the club in the cup this year and is has been agonising trying to choose eight from at least 18 deserving cricketers. If you haven't been selected we would love your support on Sunday, it's a 10.30 start.

On to the honours, which were extremely easy to award this year - thank goodness.

#### Most improved player

When he turned up for winter training I had never clapped eyes on him before, but from week one he has been superb. He is a fantastic role model for the younger ones to look up to and, as the season wore on, he quickly became the bowler to go to for a wicket, or to stodge up one end. He is excellent in the field and is a constant source of encouragement, which is so important and greatly appreciated by captain and coach. Batting has improved no end, but there is still plenty to work on through the winter so that he can bat higher up the order next year. This year's most improved player is Ed Gilpin.

#### Player of the year

Wow, what a season! He has achieved so much this year. He has threatened to bat like this for a couple of years but, through bad luck or technique or self belief it just hasn't happened for him. He has more than made up for that this year with several man of the match innings. One of the best innings I have seen from an under 11 cricketer came in the first

game of the season where he tore into the opening bowlers of Winsley/Wiltshire. An undefeated half century, full of crunching cover drives, saw us overhaul a challenging total of 119.

But there was more. After 15 years of coaching the U11s we had a centurion. Normally this is impossible due to the time available, the small total you're chasing or being retired at 50. However on this occasion he scored his runs so quickly that when he retired on 103 there were almost five overs left for others to come in and bat. A wonderful innings that summed up his season. Whether for school or club, he was the main man. The player of the year is your captain, Ollie De Glanville.

#### Novice award

The novice award has seen some illustrious winners in the past who have gone on not only to play first class cricket, but at international level too. Consequently, the winner of this trophy is someone who we, the coaches at Bath, think has a bright future in cricket.

The winner was playing soft ball cricket between 5 and 6 on a Tuesday last year. This year he has been opening the batting for the Arrows and keeping wicket too. He can also bowl pretty useful medium pace as well! This all sounds like a natural progression but, when I tell you that this individual is a year 3, soon to be year 4, it becomes all the more remarkable. So much self belief and natural talent. This year's recipient has needed no extra encouragement given his tender years. Four of this year's first team have come through the Arrows ranks and if he continues to work as hard as he currently does, then that will be the minimum standard he will reach. The sky's the limit for the 2014 novice award winner, Wilfred Everitt!

### U11 - Blades

Assistant Coach & Manager  
**Pete Squires**

A squad of 20; new indoor nets; a fair weather forecast; 11 matches and one cup in the offing; everything was set for an excellent summer of cricket. But could the boys deliver?

A number of the squad had reaped the benefits of pre season nets, meaning that Mike Smyth and I were spoilt for talent when it came to team selection; never an

easy thing because there are always nine capable cricketers left disappointed each match. But first, the coaching. Fitness, technical skill and team tactics were the key areas of focus, all mixed up with some fun along the way. The boys were engaged throughout, with individual, match performances and confidence growing throughout the season as the boys got to know each other, experimented with new techniques and were exposed to some competitive cricket.

Many of the boys were new to the 'big rules' format for the first season, if you're out, you're out! This meant that protecting your wicket became vitally important, but so too was scoring runs with only 20 overs to get them. Equally, accurate bowling was still vital because of the two run penalty for wides and no balls, so the added pressure provided a good stepping stone to older cricket.

As for the season's results; played 10, won two, tied one, lost seven and cancelled one. Okay, not as great as one might have hoped, but you often learn more in defeat than victory. The area of strength was definitely fielding and bowling. The boys were sharp in the field with Toby Hasting's stupendous run out of Corsham's last man ending a heart stopping match with a tie. Adi Mishra won the 'Most Improved' trophy for some outstanding and highly penetrating bowling performances, taking a plethora of wickets during the season. Ably supported by Dan Squires's demon swing, Finlay Marshall's seam bowling, and Thomas Crawford's tantalising leg spin the opposition totals were always achievable. Batting performances, however, proved the team's Achilles heel. Some excellent innings from the quick fire scoring of Cam Kelly, Tom Nesbitt, '6 hitting' Charles Cannadine and 'half century' Ben Waters (who was awarded Player of the Season) ensured runs were always on the scoreboard but, unfortunately, it often proved not to be quite enough. Nonetheless, there was plenty to be positive about and the season has provided a great springboard from which to propel.

And finally, the cup. A joint Arrows/Blades team, using Barrington Rules format, made it all the way to the final match to meet Winsley, following some prodigious scores and emphatic wins en route. Unfortunately, they were just pipped to victory in the final few balls, but can hold their heads high with their excellent performance in every game.

Onwards to 2015!



# YOUTH CRICKET 2014



## U11 - Swords

**Coach Crispin Shingler**

### Played 9 Won 3 Lost 6

The Swords season of 2014 was a great season. What our playing record doesn't show is the vast improvement each and every squad member made, not only in the games, but in training as well. It doesn't show the games where we lost by only one run, or the valiant efforts made by players to chase down runs or put their body on the line to prevent the opposition from getting the required total. More importantly, it doesn't show the determination each squad member to improve their skills, to bond as a unit and the journey these players took throughout the season.

At the first training session of the season many of the players had a basic knowledge of cricket and for some it was their first encounter with the hard ball. Nevertheless, this didn't prevent them from having the courage to get stuck in and learn from their mistakes. Fielding positions were quickly learnt, basic techniques such as hand positioning for catching were quickly adopted and batting stances were corrected. What did come naturally to the squad was the sense of team; encouraging each other in training and in matches, keeping each

other's heads up when things were not going their way and working in a fun and exciting atmosphere. It allowed for the squad to work in a safe environment, where they felt secure to explore out of the comfort zone and understand that making mistakes is part of training and development.

The Swords squad was a great squad to coach and each member made a huge journey throughout the season. The squad had two captains this season, George Maxwell and Felix Barnes, each bringing their own flair in leadership. Both understood the field positions and their relevance and set pretty secure fields and both lead by example, putting in strong, individual, all round performances such as; diving catches, dispatching the ball to the boundary and taking wickets. By the end of the season both captains had grown in confidence and understood being a captain is about tactics and strategy.

The Swords captains were very lucky to have the squad they had. When decisions were made, there was nothing but loyal support for them. Ben Godman was always ready to train, play and try something new. His levels of discipline allowed him to improve in dramatic ways, especially at bowling where his confidence had clearly grown. Billy Gwilliam is a player any coach would want in his squad. He wants nothing

else but to improve, better his skills and contribute to the squad. Throughout the season it was clear Billy was taking the skills he had learnt at training and applying them to his game. At the beginning of the season, Alex Layton appeared to be overwhelmed by the game of cricket, but that didn't stop him wanting to take wickets and get runs. By the end of the season as a batsman he had developed a level head choosing his shots wisely and his line and length in his bowling was threatening.

Ben McKinney-Barber was another player who displayed great improvement during the season, always walking in and attacking the ball in the field and bowling testing deliveries. Benji Morriss was the Yin and Yang of the squad. Like all players, even international ones, he would have his off days not making the right choices which got the better of him. However, when he was on form he was unstoppable; belting the ball to the boundary (he hit a six with a straight bat over the covers in one game) and getting wickets, sending the bails flying. William Nicholson had an incredible journey this season, from not knowing how to hold the ball or the bat correctly, he became the squad's leading wicket taker and one of the more reliable batsmen.

Tom Pullan was always keen to get stuck in, overcoming some tough obstacles and

really developing in the field, attacking the ball and getting several direct throw run outs. Freddy Purcell was another with a keen energy for the game and showed real development in all disciplines, particularly bowling. Tom Rorison stepped up to take the gloves and be the Swords' wicket keeper, not being afraid to stand up to the stumps and get several stumpings. As a coach, the tricky thing is he is also a very good pace bowler. Davide Montani showed great focus in training and improved in all disciplines. He was the first of the squad to understand backing-up at the non striker's end and the benefit of the quick single. Once the squad had seen it in action, many followed suit. Dieter Morgan brought a great positive energy to the squad. He was a keen bowler and by the end of the season was able to understand how to manipulate his height in his delivery. Tom Spriggs, another great bowler, bowled a pacy delivery...out of the back of his hand! Many opposition coaches noted this and commented on his pace and accuracy, even with the back of the hand delivery.

Each squad member not only had a great season in terms of personal development in skills, technique and camaraderie but also in the spirit of the game by being understanding sportsmen to each other and the oppositions they encountered. I can honestly say I am proud to have coached the Bath Swords 2014 squad. They represented the club correctly, wherever they played, and never gave up or allowed their heads to drop. For me, this squad symbolises all that the "Spirit of Cricket" represents.

## U13 - 1

**Coach Jon Green**

I would like to think that 2014 has been a successful season for Bath CC's current crop of Under 13 players with only three losses (two of which were taken into the last over) in 11 fixtures.

Starting with an exciting winter in the new Bath Indoor Cricket Centre, the boys we spurred on by the new lick of paint, lighting and surface to push each other and test their ever developing skills and physical strength to stake a claim for the top squad.

As with all teams, this season the weather and poor availability for opponents halted our momentum moving from inside to competition, and were it not for the help of

parents turning into Lansdown groundsmen we may have played one less. Once up and running however it was clear that we have a skilled squad of run scorers, wicket takers and strong fielders.

BUSY proved to be our buzz word and perfectly summed up our philosophy and I hope it continues in the future. Being BUSY looking to steal runs and put pressure on the bowler to bowl tighter, fielders to get closer and made captains change their field placings. Being BUSY in the field diving, sliding, stopping as many runs as we could to make batters fret about run rates. BUSY bowlers always threatened the stumps and made the batters make tough decisions. I'm proud to say that everyone stuck to this task, which led to our success. This was illustrated by six 50s and two further retirements in the cup (Will South, Tom Van-Gelderen, Max Gordon and Patrick Crawford) and five matches where a bowler picked up three wickets or more in an innings (Nathan Gregg, Josh Davies, Finn Crowe and Patrick Crawford). I would like to add that there were many other successful innings and spells that haven't been mentioned that were just as important for the team in our season of BUSY CRICKET.

### Most Improved Player

We have had many players who have worked hard to improve their abilities and perform under pressure when it counts. The player in question was given the option to take an easy route and be a big fish in another squad, or try and make it against the toughest players in the BDYCL. Thankfully his shyness hid a steely competitive core that proved to be our stand-out new ball bowler. As a left arm seam and swing bowler he has put the best that Somerset and Gloucester has had to offer under pressure and always taken wickets. I'm glad he chose the tough route and hope he continues to work hard in the future because he has been our diamond in the rough! – Finn Crowe

### Player of the year

Picking a stand out player has been hard and any number of the squad could have picked up this prize given the aforementioned list of performers. I feel however that the player that has had the biggest impact on the most fixtures deserves this accolade. Whether with a flashing blade when batting or ball in hand swinging the ball in at pace or when

throwing himself at the ball this young man has always changed games even in losing causes. They always keep their and team mates heads up during the tough times, which is possibly the hardest skill. I'm glad to say that he's now doing this for Bath's senior teams as well. For these reasons Tom Van Gelderen is the Under 13-1 player of the year.

### Manager of the Year!

My life has been ridiculously easy this season. Pick a team and umpire with a touch of coaching in-between. The hard graft has been done by Daren; creating spreadsheets, contacting opponents, the league and cup administrators, badgering me to select a side and finding replacements for last minute changes. These are all requirements needed, a long with top rate scoring and you have the perfect team manager. Daren, your efforts have been priceless. Many thanks.

## U13 - Central

**Coach Andrew Griffiths**

This season proved to be hugely frustrating due to the number of times it rained on a Tuesday evening. This, coupled with opposing teams being unable to raise a side, unfortunately meant the Under 13s Central squad only played four of their scheduled ten league matches. Despite this, the newly refurbished indoor school allowed training to happen on a weekly basis, regardless of the weather, and it was in this time I was able to see huge developments in what was a great group of lads.

Will Metcalfe's consistent wicket taking and low economy rates often either won us matches or ensured they were closer than they should have been. This resulted in him, very deservedly, taking home the player of the season award. Stephen King's ability to bat for long periods of time and score runs saw him pick up the most improved player of the season award. It was brilliant to see the Fizzpot award - for the player showing great effort and commitment throughout the season - go to James Butters.

Despite being a frustrating season in terms of the weather it was a pleasure to coach the under 13 Central squad and I look forward to working with them again in the winter.



# YOUTH CRICKET 2014



## U13 - South

Coach David Ford

All I can say is... What a season!  
What a team!

Although you probably wouldn't have said that after our first few games.

Our first game started with a game against a strong Spears. I think the lads thought they had their first win under their belt before they even rocked up to the ground. They were looking good in training and full of confidence going into this one. Sadly this wasn't the case as we lost our first game falling a fair few runs short, not really taking the game to them at all. The hard work started from there.

We then moved onto play Purnells and Timsbury at home. This is when we showed our real ability to dominate our games!

Sunday 18th May came and we had Hampset away for a 10am start. Unfortunately I couldn't make this game as I had a call up in the national knock out. Sorry! Later that evening I received a message from my manager Sarah Sealey. Going along the lines of..."what an awful performance from the guys, we were bowled out for 19 runs".

As you could imagine after reading that message I was very disappointed in the team. So much so that even I was left pinching myself thinking, could this have really happened? I honestly couldn't quite believe it. This didn't help matters, because we had training the following day. 19 players turned up to training that evening and as you could probably imagine I was not in the best of moods. So, as a punishment for the whole team, I made them do fitness drill after fitness drill. All evening.

I think a few of the parents overlooking the session weren't too impressed, but hey, every coach deals with it differently.

It didn't help that we played a strong Midsomer Norton side later that week. After sticking them into bat we managed to restrict them to a reasonable score. I feel this was the turning point of the season

Young Isaac De Burriatte opened up the 2nd innings really taking the game to Midsomer Norton. We were ticking along nicely, playing some exquisite shots. Not only did he race to 30 in no time but his shot selection was so mature. Not only did he deserve credit that evening but Emile Sealey came of age that night hanging around to steady the ship. After a few quick wickets had fallen I thought the game was

dead and buried, but this when we showed our true character managing to win the game by the scruff of the neck.

Onto the next one...

Purnells, Spears & Timsbury to play. I never doubted that we might struggle in these matches, especially after a spectacular team performance against Midsomer Norton. This is when everyone was starting to click. Hugo Davies stepped up to the plate hitting 30s and 40s all over the park and bowling people out for fun.

Alfie Prescott's captaincy shone through the side, bossing everyone around like he knew the game inside out, and also playing a captains innings of 50 odd not out in one of the games. Not only did those two fire but our fielding performances and bowling was just exceptional!

One of the highlights of the season, and I'm sure the whole team will agree (for those who played), was Roland chasing a high sky-er shot from one of the Timsbury batsmen and plucking out a one hand diving catch to dismiss their destructive slogger!

Three wins, one to go!

Keynsham were the side to beat all year, after being top of the league it could only come down to the decider, coming up against an in-form hungry Bath side. I could not describe the excitement, atmosphere and adrenaline, the guys were feeling. They had been looking forward to this game all year! We somehow rocked up with 10 players that evening and completely played Keynsham off the park, with bat and ball. It was a pleasure to sit back and watch! After seeing how far everyone has progressed, whether we had won the league or not, I think everyone deserves a pat on the back because you have all achieved something very special.

**Most improved Player - Emile Sealey**  
**Player of the year - Hugo Davies**

## BATH UNDER 13's SOUTH CHAMPIONS!

I would like to say a few thanks; Sarah my manager for putting up with me nagging and pestering her constantly to check we have a side, you were just great! All the parents for your cooperation. Rob Maggs for filling in Mark Thorburn's shoes, you did a fantastic job and helped me out massively. Last but not least, someone who I didn't get to say good bye to properly...Gordon Gill. You've been at the club, ever present, since I was a Junior. You've produced some amazing facilities for us to train, coach and play on and without your hard work we wouldn't be able to appreciate what we have at the club. I thank you personally for everything you've done and I wish you well for whatever the future holds for you.

## U15 - 2

Coach Harry Roberts

Well, this season was my 1st as a under 15s coach and hopefully not my last! This season has had it's difficulties with weather, availability or teams not being raise a side! Numbers for training this year have been pretty low, but it goes to show both player of the season and most improved both trained more often than not. The teams we managed to play this season were very strong competitors and maybe an extra season older than some of us, which can mean playing against someone two years older than ourselves. Hopefully this will

make us stronger next season! The standout moment for me this season was an Oliver Penney special- one handed diving catch...off his own bowling. That's it from me until we start winter training. Thanks for a great summer

## Girls' Cricket 2014

Ian Shrubsole

At the women and girls' end-of-season get-together it was universally accepted that the female part of the club had had a very successful season! But – as Mike Roe might say – what does success look like? How are we measuring that success? Here are a few suggestions.

**Numbers:** Whilst many parts of junior section of the club are at capacity, there has always been scope for growth within the girls ranks. In 2013 there were approximately 75 female players as a whole at the club, whereas in 2014 we saw that figure rise to around 115.

**Matches:** It's all very well having lots of players but they need to play! In 2014 the girls teams played in (boys) kwik cricket festivals, girls national kwik cricket competitions, U11 8-a-side hard-ball (boys) league and cup, U11 11-a-side (boys) league, U11 friendly fixtures, U13 (boys) league and cup, U13 National competitions, U15 National Competition, U17 friendly fixtures whilst most girls in the U15 age-group played senior cricket at some point this summer.

**Getting teams on the pitch:** In a season where lots of male and female teams struggled, the girls did not cancel a single game because they couldn't get a side together and the senior women's side only did so once (compared to about 101 against us-or at least it seemed that way at times!)

**Quality coaching:** The girls had a team of dedicated coaches - led by Lauren Shrubsole, Fran Wilson and Kate Randall – who made increasingly massive Friday night training sessions enjoyable, whilst also creating a culture of hard work and striving for improvement.



**Winning some games:** The girls playing in the U13 league were within a whisker of winning the league – but having to settle for the runners-up spot in the end. The Spears 2 finished in third in the U11, 11-a-side, table and, whilst the Spears 1 struggled in the 8-a-side league, experience has taught us that this is valuable learning time. We competed well in the national competitions, but ultimately lost out to stronger opponents.

**Individual improvements:** It sounds somewhat clichéd, but the whole group of girls are working hard to improve their skills and understanding. However, there are obviously some who have made particularly telling contributions this year. The runs of both Zoe and Ursie Olsen-Groome have been very consistent, Eva Lynch has produced some fireworks with the bat and Jess Smith scored her maiden 50. Lali Rydderch and Alice Dymond regularly terrorise their opponents with the ball, whilst Molly Matthews, Luci Spencer and Sarah Rawle have also been amongst the wickets. Amongst our younger players, Rosie Gelston and Holly Drew have been regularly strong performers.

**Teamwork:** Teamwork on the field is important of course, but off the field it is equally important. We are particularly fortunate within the girls group to have developed a fantastic group of parents who have made everything flow along so well. Thank you in particular to Petra Lynch, Ian Cutter, Lucy Dymond, James Gelston and, of course,– Nick Groome.

Roll on 2015 – we can do even more!



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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Most runs in senior cricket





# “Club legend” is a term that often gets over-used. I mean, how can you define the phrase?

In terms of cricketing success and contributions to a club, listing Adam Kelly’s accomplishments since coming to join us at North Parade in 2008 would be a pretty good place to start. ‘Keggsy’ as he is affectionately nicknamed (something to do with cornflakes I think, but nobody really knows) came to us with a wealth of WEPL experience already behind him at a time when our 1st XI badly needed rebuilding. We had lost a significant portion of the consistent performers that had helped us to back-to-back titles in 2005 and 2006 and in 2007 we had found it a struggle. The very first game of the season pretty much set the tone for the next 6 years, as AK picked 4-13 at home against Downend.

AK’s contribution to our side on a Saturday afternoon is invaluable and totally irreplaceable, as I found during my second season of captaincy when he missed the opening six games. From the moment the warm up begins, until the last ball is bowled, he sets an outstanding example to his teammates. His passion and commitment is incomparable and his competitive nature has so often driven the side on when we’ve needed it, or picked us up at

a crucial time. He moves the ball both ways and asks questions of every batter that walks to the crease. His career WEPL economy rate is 3.09, a statistic that is incredible in itself when you consider that number is based on nearly 1400 overs in one-day cricket. Then when you factor in that he bowls four overs a week at the death, it stands out even more. That’s not the only statistic that stands out. He has taken a staggering 11 five-wicket hauls, that is almost double the number of the next highest in a top ten that features six ex-professional cricketers.

Cricket is a batters’ game. This is summed up by the conversations heard in the clubhouse after a game. It has always seemed funny to me that a batter could get a good looking 30, that might involve a couple of decent shots, and somehow that achievement will dominate discussions over someone who has gone out and taken four wickets. I think this is partly the reason that Keggsy is so undervalued at our club. He doesn’t talk himself up, he doesn’t get in the limelight nor does he enjoy it. He isn’t the guy telling all the jokes in the bar, dancing on the tables or throwing muffins around



Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Avg	5WH	Econ	Best
1384.3	268	4289	239	17.94	11	3.09	7-32

“The number that matters is this one – 239. This is the number of WEPL wickets he has taken. That is 14 more than anybody else in the history of the competition”

but he IS the guy who wins games for the club every week. I was delighted to see him collect the players’ player award at the end of the season and it was richly deserved.

I could list hundreds of instances where he has been the single difference in games, but really the one that sticks out has to be Sully in the national in 2009. He ripped out their top order, then rescued us from a situation of serious peril with a priceless 43\* in the most memorable game of cricket I’ve ever played at NP. This game sums him up in a nutshell. No cause is ever lost, no situation irreversible.

Finally, the number that matters is this one – 239. This is the number of WEPL wickets he has taken. That is 14 more than anybody else in the history of the competition, taking over from our very own Tom Stayt at the top. We are so lucky to have him at our club. He is one of those guys who will never wax lyrical about his own achievements so it’s up to me to do it, because this guy is something special. Let’s hope we have him for many more years yet.

Written by Robin Lett





# Will

# SOUTH

## 13 years

Although I had played one senior match for Bath 4th's earlier in the year against Saltford, when I opened the batting with my Dad (I think they must have been short of players), I was just so excited about playing my first senior match for the Bath Sunday XI against Filton Wayfarers at North Parade.

It helped that my mate Sam was also playing and he opened the batting. Sam did really well as the opening bowler was amazingly quick. I was down to bat at number four, so was relieved I didn't have to face him as Dad heard someone say that he was bowling around 75-80 mph. This would be about 10 mph more than I had ever faced before, except in the nets when my coach Rob Maggs sometimes tests me with a faster delivery!

When Sam got to about 30 runs, we lost our second wicket and I was in. We shared about eight overs before he was out for 46. I then managed to get to 40 before I was caught and bowled. This is an experience I will never forget and getting a good score in my first game at home for a Bath Senior Side makes me look forward to playing this standard of cricket next year.

After the match my dad took a photo of us both in front of the club house which was really embarrassing, especially as the image was put on the website with the caption "The Future of Bath Cricket!"

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# Mark Thorburn



## Describe your job in 50 words?

I am currently the Fast Bowling Coach and Performance Analyst for Gloucestershire CCC. In a nutshell I am responsible for the fast bowlers on the 1st XI through to our up and coming academy bowlers. In addition to this I oversee the analysis of both our performance and that of our opposition.

## What's the biggest challenge in your job?

Without doubt it is the man management aspect of the role, the technical stuff is generally pretty simple. This includes helping players who are coming back from injury, who are suffering a dip in form or are disgruntled as they're currently out of the side. Having only taken over from Stuart Barnes this season, it's been particularly important for me to really understand each player in order to build trust and hopefully a successful working relationship.

## What do you enjoy about the job?

Gosh where to start!! Essentially I get to do something I love every day, whether this be coaching or analysing the game. But the real highlight has to be game day, especially some of the bigger games. The buzz around the playing group and the ground is fantastic.

## What do you think of the current state of County Cricket?

This is a slightly tricky one to answer, but I'll have a go. I guess one of the main purposes of county cricket is to produce international cricketers who will go on to represent England and on the whole I believe its fulfilling this aim with some very exciting young players coming through. However, one major concern is the gulf that is emerging between Division 1 and 2 sides. It is becoming increasingly difficult for those clubs with smaller playing budgets to compete with the likes of Yorkshire, Notts, et al. It's also a big challenge for these smaller clubs to retain their future stars and build towards the future. Take Leicestershire as an example, with the likes of Stuart Board, James Taylor and Harry Gurney all being lured away from Grace Road with big money and the prospect of Division 1 cricket, which will ultimately improve their chance of international recognition. I believe these smaller clubs should receive greater funding for producing these players, which in turn will help them achieve more sustainable growth. Rant over.

## What's the best piece of advice you would give to a young player?

Get the fundamentals right first before trying to get too clever with your bowling. If you can get your run-up and alignment at the crease right you'll avoid so many other technical deficiencies and potential injury risks as you progress through your action. And don't neglect this at any time, you should always set aside time to work on your technical drills even during the summer.

## What does next season hold for you?

I'm not looking forward to next season quite yet as we have an important winter of training to plan and deliver beforehand, but 2015 has got the potential to be very exciting. Gloucestershire have a young and exciting crop of bowlers aged between 20 and 24 years old. The most encouraging sign for me was in the last few games of this season when we didn't have Will Gidman the mainstay of our bowling attack the younger guys stepped up and bowled out Worcestershire and Kent to win us those games. My challenge is to get the most from them in 2015.



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# 2014 SEASON STATS

## Bath 1st XI

### Bath 1st XI 2014 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Alex Barrow	9	0	415	46.11	106	2	1
Tim Rouse	20	2	661	36.72	115	3	2
George Hankins	17	5	439	36.68	88*	2	0
Jonathan Green	9	4	137	27.40	40	0	0
Robin Lett	14	2	315	26.25	54	2	0
Sam Mount	19	2	389	22.88	82*	1	0
Lloyd Davies	17	4	257	19.76	33	0	0
Luke Padgett	13	3	169	16.90	46	0	0
Harry Rouse	10	3	104	14.85	55	1	0
Max O'Leary	7	0	102	14.57	35	0	0
Adam Kelly	7	2	51	10.20	17*	0	0

Qualification 7 inns

### Bath 1st XI 2014 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Adam Kelly	159.3	36	471	34	5-22	1	2.95	28.14	13.85
Harry Rouse	47	3	198	11	3-17	0	4.21	25.63	18.00
Simon Marchant	150	19	579	29	4-28	0	3.86	31.03	19.96
Sam Mount	52.4	1	312	15	3-35	0	5.92	21.06	20.80
Lloyd Davies	139	16	624	28	5-36	1	4.48	29.78	22.28
Tom Drake	91	16	309	13	2-14	0	3.39	42.00	23.76
Jonathan Green	88	7	421	12	4-17	0	4.78	44.00	35.08

Qualification 10 wkts



Back Row Left to Right: Rob Maggs (Cricket Manager), Sam Mount, Adam Kelly, Tom Drake, George Hankins, Jon Green, Polly Rhodes (Scorer)  
Front Row Left to Right: Simon Marchant, Alex Barrow, Luke Padgett, Lloyd Davies (Captain), James Campbell, Tim Rouse.

### WEPL Premier One League Table 2014

	Played	Won	Lost	C	A	T	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Frocester	18	11	4	3	0	0	66	67	258
Bath	18	10	4	3	1	0	60	75	255
Taunton Deane	18	8	7	3	0	0	60	69	224
Downend	18	9	7	2	0	0	57	71	223
Bridgwater	18	9	5	4	0	0	56	47	213
Corsham	18	7	7	3	1	0	53	59	202
Bristol	18	7	8	3	0	0	48	60	188
Taunton St Andrews	18	5	8	5	0	0	45	45	165
Weston Super Mare	18	6	10	2	0	0	35	57	162
Ashcott & Shapwick	18	1	13	4	0	0	20	30	65



ADAM KELLY



TIM ROUSE



SIMON MARCHANT



# 2014 SEASON STATS

## Bath 2nd XI

### Bath 2nd XI 2014 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Reece Croker	13	2	505	45.90	112	2	2
Mike Smyth	8	0	323	40.37	135	1	1
David Ford	6	4	67	33.5	19*	0	0
Matthew Cadywould	12	7	163	32.60	70*	1	0
Sam Morris	13	3	319	31.90	64*	1	0
Ted Roe	7	1	180	30.00	47	0	0
Ben Briggs	10	1	210	23.33	72*	2	0
Luke Tapsfield	8	1	128	18.28	50	1	0
Charlie Brain	14	1	138	10.61	22	0	0
Ben Copp	8	3	49	9.8	25*	0	0

Qualification 6 inns

### Bath 2nd XI 2014 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Richard Metcalfe	34.4	4	88	10	3-14	0	2.53	20.82	8.8
Charlie Brain	46.1	5	213	15	3-24	0	4.61	18.48	14.20
Matthew Cadywould	79.5	7	365	23	4-25	0	4.57	20.81	15.86
Alex Wright	26.3	0	163	10	2-4	0	6.15	15.90	16.30
David Ford	58	4	214	12	4-35	0	3.68	29.00	17.83
Reece Croker	60	6	234	12	3-33	0	3.90	30.00	19.50
Alex Muse	113.2	10	422	20	4-20	0	3.72	33.99	21.10
Ben Copp	86	8	360	11	3-19	0	4.18	46.90	32.72

Qualification 10 wkts



REECE CROKER



MATTHEW CADYWOULD



Back Row Left to Right: Sam Morris, Harry Hankins, David Ford, Reece Croker, Charlie Brain, Ollie Weaver.  
Front Row Left to Right: Matt Cadywould, Ben Briggs, Alex Muse(Captain), Alex Wright, Mike Smyth.

### WEPL Premier One 2nd XI League Table 2014

	Played	Won	Lost	C	A	T	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Bridgwater	18	13	3	2	0	0	74	86	300
Bath	18	11	4	3	0	0	64	68	257
Corsham	18	9	3	6	0	0	61	48	229
Frocester	18	9	5	4	0	0	63	56	229
Bristol	18	8	7	3	0	0	58	54	202
Swindon	18	6	7	5	0	0	50	54	189
Keynsham	18	4	11	3	0	0	57	46	158
Taunton Deane	18	4	8	6	0	0	32	43	145
Taunton St Andrews	18	3	9	6	0	0	30	41	131
Weston Super Mare	18	2	12	4	0	0	42	39	121



ALEX WRIGHT



# 2014 SEASON STATS

## Bath 3rd XI

### Bath 3rd XI 2014 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Thomas Winnan	5	2	119	39.66	59	1	0
Harry Roberts	5	2	117	39.00	36	0	0
Harry Hankins	8	2	234	39.00	80	3	0
Kenny James	5	2	101	33.66	64*	1	0
Ishmael Clarke	5	2	65	21.66	52*	1	0
Sam Croker	7	1	119	19.83	29	0	0
Louise Brown	14	2	252	19.38	46	0	0
Gavin Royce	5	2	55	18.33	48*	0	0
Andrew Griffiths	10	2	130	16.25	45	0	0
Mathan Balasubramaniyan	5	2	48	16.00	25*	0	0

Qualification 5 inns

### Bath 3rd XI 2014 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Andrew Griffiths	69	8	199	22	5-12	1	2.88	18.81	9.04
Mathan Balasubramaniyan	73.5	13	234	21	5-24	1	3.17	21.08	11.14
Nathan Oliver	75.3	4	276	18	3-27	0	3.65	25.16	15.33
Kenny James	62.3	8	263	17	3-14	0	4.20	22.05	15.47
Stuart Antell	40.4	2	190	11	3-15	0	4.66	22.20	17.27
Louis Brown	58.1	7	206	10	3-32	0	3.53	34.92	20.60

Qualification 10 wkts



Back Row Left to Right: Ken Patterson(Scorer), Nathan Oliver, Andrew Griffths, Stuart Antell, Louis Brown, Mathan Balasubramaniyan  
Front Row Left to Right: Alex Biggs, Tom Winnan, Mike Roe(Captain), Kenny James, Will Stoyale

### North Somerset Div 1 League Table 2014

	Played	Won	Lost	C	A	T	Pen	Pts
Bath Hospitals	18	13	1	3	1	0	0	60
Chilcompton Sports	18	12	1	4	1	0	0	58
Bath 3rd XI	18	11	3	4	0	0	0	52
Brislington	18	10	5	3	0	0	0	46
Back Flax Bourton	18	5	7	5	1	0	0	32
Stanton Drew	18	5	8	5	0	0	0	30
Bristol	18	5	10	3	0	0	0	26
Grendal	18	3	11	4	0	0	0	20
Exiles(Bath)	18	2	10	5	1	0	0	20
Wrighton	18	2	12	4	0	0	0	16



ANDREW GRIFFITHS



KENNY JAMES



MIKE ROE TEAM TALK



# 2014 SEASON STATS

## Bath 4th XI

### Bath 4th XI 2014 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Harry Lewis	5	1	236	59.00	72	2	0
Ishmael Clarke	5	1	90	22.50	44*	0	0
Chris Crighton	7	0	150	21.42	52	1	0
Beth Howe	5	3	42	21.00	15*	0	0
Marc Wilson	8	0	142	17.75	34	0	0
Kate Randall	6	3	53	17.66	21*	0	0
Nick Groome	6	2	65	16.25	21	0	0
Andy Roberts	7	1	78	13.00	27	0	0
Thiaan Aspelling	11	0	141	12.81	61	1	0

Qualification 5 inns

### Bath 4th XI 2014 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Jenny Withers	11.2	0	53	7	6-22	1	4.69	9.68	7.57
Tom Van Der Gelderen	28	4	95	8	3-15	0	3.39	21.00	11.87
Thiaan Aspelling	68.5	11	257	20	4-8	0	3.73	20.64	12.85
Kate Randall	47.1	4	215	12	5-28	1	4.55	23.60	17.91
Steve Milne	37	4	188	9	4-28	0	5.08	24.66	20.88
Andy Roberts	87	12	313	11	2-24	0	3.59	47.45	28.45

Qualification 7 wkts



Back Row Left to Right: Chris Mould (Scorer), Ishmael Clarke, Dave Bean, Steve Milne, Nick Groome, Andy Roberts, Tom Benney, Josh Godman.  
Front Row Left to Right: Marc Wilson, Lauren Shrubsole, Thiaan Aspelling(Captain), Beth Howe, Kate Randall.

### North Somerset Div 2 League Table 2014

	Played	Won	Lost	C	A	T	Pen	Pts
Bath 4th XI	16	10	3	3	0	0	0	46
Saltford Fairway	16	8	4	4	0	0	0	40
Avonside	16	7	6	2	1	0	0	34
Combe Down	16	4	5	5	1	0	0	32
Old Park	16	7	7	2	0	0	0	32
Harpree Villages	16	6	6	4	0	0	0	32
Lansdown	16	6	7	2	1	0	0	30
Mells	16	3	9	4	0	0	0	20
Keynsham	16	3	7	4	1	0	0	18



ANDY ROBERTS



THIAAN ASPELLING



JOSH GODMAN





# 2014 SEASON STATS

## Bath Wanderers 1st XI

### Bath Wanderers 1st XI 2014 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Frances Wilson	4	3	164	164	56*	2	0
Sophie Le Marchand	5	1	219	54.75	71	3	0
Izzy Westbury	7	1	274	45.66	73	2	0
Sophie Luff	5	0	104	20.80	38	0	0
Emma Godman	5	1	60	15	27	0	0
Izzy Imlach	4	0	42	10.50	16	0	0
Lauren Shrubsole	4	0	40	10	13	0	0
Moiria Comfort	4	2	15	7.5	8*	0	0

Qualification 4 inns

### Bath Wanderers 1st XI 2014 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Moiria Comfort	59.2	19	153	12	4-25	0	2.58	29.65	12.75
Izzy Westbury	53	2	198	15	5-18	1	3.73	21.20	13.20
Jenny Withers	53	10	167	6	2-17	0	3.15	53.00	27.83
Lauren Shrubsole	45.2	3	209	7	3-61	0	4.61	38.82	29.85

Qualification 6 wkts



Back Row Left to Right: Emma Godman, Lauren Shrubsole, Izzy Imlach, Gwyn West, Jenny Withers, Sophie Le Marchand  
Front Row Left to Right: Izzy Westbury, Moira Comfort, Sophie Luff, Anya Shrubsole, Fran Wilson

### Womens Cricket Southern League Premier League Table 2014

	Played	Won	Lost	C	T	Default Against	Default	Pen	Pts	Avg
Wokingham	12	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	154.39	17.15
Finchley Gunns	12	5	3	3	0	1	0	0	149.25	16.58
Bath Wanderers	12	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	143.37	15.93
Hayes	12	6	2	2	0	1	1	10	152.47	15.25
Horsham	12	4	6	2	0	0	0	0	126.57	12.67
Hursley Park	12	1	7	3	0	0	0	0	78.62	8.74
Bentley	12	2	3	2	0	0	5	110	-49.72	xxx



IZZY WESTBURY



SOPHIE LE MARCHAND



BETH HOWE





# 2014 SEASON STATS

## Bath Wanderers 2nd XI

### Bath Wanderers 2nd XI 2014 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Izzy Imlach	5	3	138	69.00	41*	0	0
Charley Phillips	4	3	67	67.00	43*	0	0
Emma Godman	7	4	152	50.66	51*	1	0
Zoe Olsen-Groome	6	1	134	26.80	68	1	0
Daisy Vowles	6	2	73	18.25	38*	0	0

Qualification 4 inns

### Bath Wanderers 2nd XI 2014 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Sarah Rawle	8	0	19	4	2-9	0	2.37	12.00	4.75
Charley Phillips	33	3	112	11	5-16	1	3.39	18.00	10.18
Zoe Olsen-Groome	17	2	53	5	4-14	0	3.11	20.40	10.60
Daisy Vowles	9.5	0	35	3	2-2	0	3.57	19.6	11.66
Hannah Cockram	15	1	57	3	2-10	0	3.80	30.00	19.00
Jessany Edwards	24	2	164	3	2-18	0	6.83	48.00	54.66

Qualification 3 wkts

### Somerset Ladies League Division 1 League Table 2014

	Played	Won	Lost	C	A	LCN	WCN	T	BatP	BowlP	Pen	Pts
Bath	6	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	8	8	0	96
Bridgwater	6	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	22	14	0	86
Weston Super Mare	6	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	12	13	0	85
Minehead	6	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	13	9	0	72
Wells	6	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	6	8	0	34
Taunton St Andrews	6	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	7	5	0	2
Wembdon	6	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	-5



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