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Editors FOREWORD



Welcome to another edition of Parade in Print. It's been another successful season with the 1st XI capturing the WEPL and the Somerset Senior Cup. The 3rd and 4th XI were both promoted again with the 3rd XI under Ted Roe picking up the title. Both teams are working their way through the Bristol and District league.

The youth section had a good season after it was revamped by Jon Green with the number of sides reduced to alleviate the issues with coaches and availability of players.

The club faces an exciting future with the possibility of the new development bringing in investment and improved

training facilities for not just the club but the surrounding community. I firmly believe that we should use this opportunity to help local clubs in the Bath area with possible funding to support improved facilities. We are in a very privileged position and should use that to try and ensure the survival of all local clubs.

I would like to wish Kelly all the best for her new chosen career, having been Chairman I can safely say that staff like Kelly do not come along very often. Sometimes working ridiculous hours to ensure that the club continued to run smoothly.

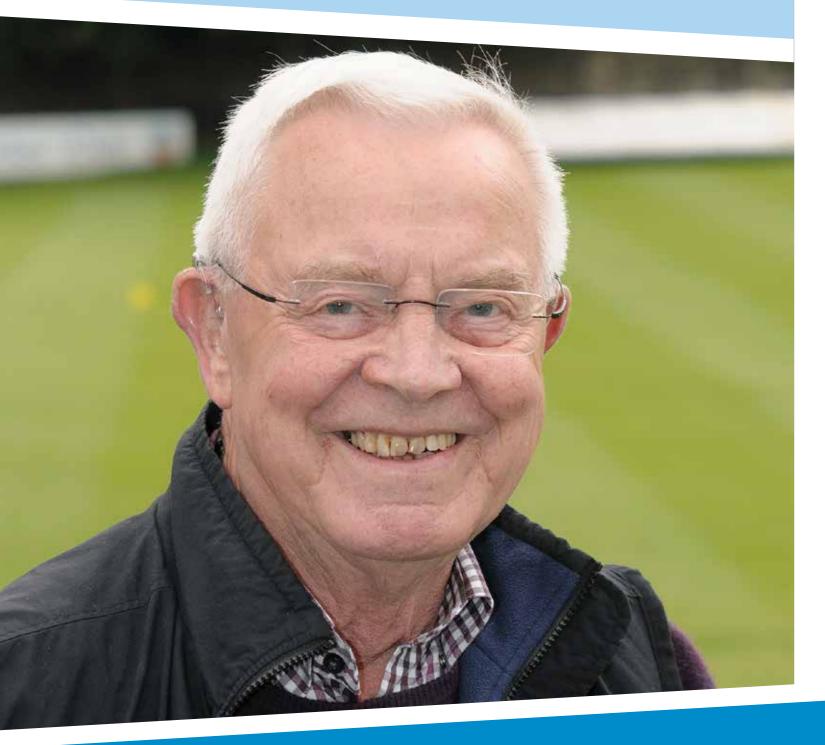
I would like to thank Jon Green and Rob Maggs for their help in collecting and writing articles and Jeni Dindar for proofing the magazine.

I hope you enjoy the magazine and if you wish to contribute articles for next year drop me an email at andy.lil@blueyonder.co.uk



THE PRESIDENT'S PONTIFICATIONS

by David Hilton



It was a great honour for me to be elected President after Pat Colbourne. Such boots to fill (I'm only a size 10).

51 years with the club, captain of the 1st XI, who won the old Western League for the first time in its history, Captain of the 2nd and Sunday XI, founder of our youth policy, Director of Cricket, Chairman and then President. And then, in his spare time, appointed National Coach of the year! What a record! It seems the only positions he didn't take on were Secretary and Treasurer and for that - the club is profoundly grateful. I can never attempt to emulate his contribution to the club – so I won't try.

I'vhad a lovely summer, watching the success of our teams, getting to know this generation of players and renewing old friendships with those both on and off the field. Congratulations to our men's teams, the 1st XI winning the Western Premier League for the second year running, to the 3rd XI and 4th XI for their promotion. To the 2nd XI, I think you had a good season because you have at last been put into a league where you are really being tested against the 1st XI of so many local sides. So good on you. You will grow as a result. Our youth teams flourish and, win or lose, the most important thing is you learn to win or lose with dignity and sportsmanship.

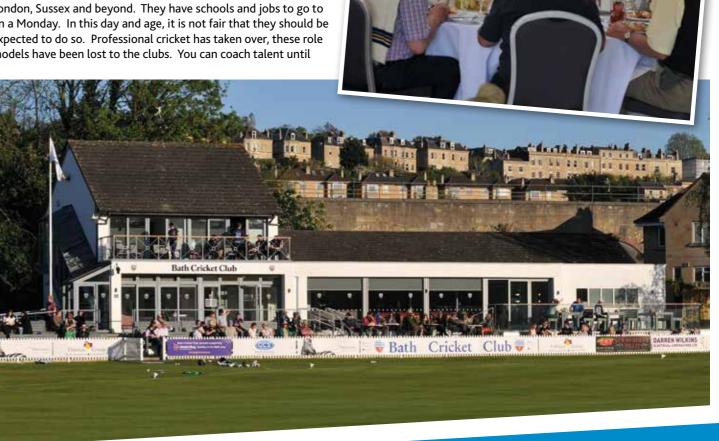
The one blot on the landscape is our women's teams. In 2016 you had 28 fixtures, this year I understand that just eight were completed – or was it seven? All sofa critics are drooling over the fact that England won the World Cup thanks to Anya's inspired bowling, (and incidentally, whilst she quite rightly took the plaudits, who top scored when we lost to India in the first round and batted to win the semi-final? None other than our own Fran Wilson) but where is the next generation coming from? Our girls who won the National Championship in 2015 did so by travelling from Bath to London, Sussex and beyond. They have schools and jobs to go to on a Monday. In this day and age, it is not fair that they should be expected to do so. Professional cricket has taken over, these role models have been lost to the clubs. You can coach talent until

you are blue in the face, but unless they get real competition with matches, they will fall by the wayside. I think a letter to Clare Connor is coming on!

But playing is only part of the ethos of a club. We know that we are blessed with a steady income stream, so I was delighted to see the players give their support to the Jessie May Trust, led by Lloyd Davies. Jessie May is a charity providing home nursing care for young people who are not expected to live beyond the age of 19 years. What an appropriate charity for a group of young men and women. The Bath Half Marathon was entered and Lloyd produced a complicated card game where nobody won, but all were persuaded to put in money for the cause – well that's how it seemed to me. Plus a pub quiz and our stalwart Terry Harper has rattled a bucket on their behalf for pretty well every home 1st XI game. £2,000+ has been raised. That to me is great! We are a charity and we are charitable.

No club can survive without its backroom staff and here we have another team working for the good of the club, be it coaching, admin, hospitality, or groundsmanship. Well done all.

I have really enjoyed meeting old friends and making new. Keep well in the winter, have a good Christmas and see you in 2018.



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Chairman's REPORT



As another season comes to an end, it gives me time to reflect on what the club has achieved on and off of the field of play.

Taking on the role of Chairman comes with not only a responsibility for the game of cricket at Bath CC, but I believe also within the wider community, where in the future, we may be able to extend a helping hand to fellow clubs or individuals in an attempt to help them achieve their goals.

The season of 2017 has seen all of our teams compete exceptionally well and with much success. Part of this success comes from the recruitment of new players, and in particular cricket coaches who have nurtured the evolving players from our junior section so they are able to progress into the senior sides. The success of our senior teams has been unprecedented, seeing us winning several promotions, league titles and, let us not forget, winning the Somerset T20 cup for the first team in the club's history But I must not steal the respective team's captains thunder, as I am sure they will let you all know in their detailed resume of the season gone.

A special mention goes to Jonathan Green who leads our junior section. Last season we struggled with the retention and then development of our coaches, Jon has since recruited and developed new peopleal thus enabling the introduction of the 'Fideluis Cup' for the under 9s age group across the community to play at North Parade over a two month period, in a tournament run by Bath CC.

We have seen some old friends of the club returning to support us socially and added with some new faces who visit North Parade, they all contribute to enable an enjoyable environment in which to watch and support the teams on match days. The hospitality offering now on both match

and training days has been much improved. The new bar menu was a very successful and welcome addition. It goes without saying how we all appreciate the work that goes on to provide us with the wonderful fayre on offer, and I wish to thank Kelly and the team for their efforts and to Phil, who keeps an eye on things.

The management committee and my team have seen some changes this year, most importantly President Pat Colbourne who decided to "hang up his boots". On behalf of everyone associated with the club I would like to thank Pat for the dedication and commitment he has shown to the club over the many years he was involved. We wish you well Pat. The election of our new president David Hilton was a natural progression. David a former Chairman and supporter at Bath for more years than he cares to mention, was an obvious choice to support me in, what I call, a period of change. David has been extremely active across all aspects of the club, including successfully negotiating a new lease for the Brownsword ground, ensuring cricket will be played there for years to come. We have also seen David Bean return to the management team as our treasurer. We all welcome David back and thank him for the work he has already done for us.

Karen Young, our finance director, has put in place a new financial structure for all of our club and business activities, along with a full review of our budgets thus allowing responsibility and accountability to keyholders. Regular visitors to the club will see we have made further improvements, both internally and externally, to the structure But, not everyone may be aware of the behind the scenes goings-on by our back-room team who ensure the club is working productively and ensuring our business acumen is in great shape. The importance of the financial structure is to

enable future projects to be considered, such as the JR pavilion, new pavilion at the Brownsword ground, a community schools coaching programme and improved training facilities.

That said, the game is constantly under pressure. The stresses of maintaining a work-life balance and so many more options for people to participate in other activities means the challenge to make sure we keep our game attractive is our biggest challenge. Bath CC owes it to our community to ensure we do our very best to ensure we preserve the game of cricket.

"Off the field" is where I feel I can make the biggest difference to our club tol ensure cricket is played in Bath for many more years to come. It has always been my intention to create the very best environment for all to enjoy the game of cricket, whilst at Bath CC. The activities off the field have been full on this year. We have seen further improvements to both our grounds this year, which forms the start of our improvements plan for all our facilities. It would be extremely easy for us as a club to stand still and say "why do we need to change", but I feel we have the responsibility to the game, and our community, to push the boundaries of our club, which will secure the game of cricket in Bath. We have seen the introduction of a new club card 'The Free Hit Card',

'Our Vision' At the end of last season we undertook an extensive deep dive into our club's activities on and off the field. Led by Karen Young, we ran a two day review session away from the club to formalize a new club strategy and vision that will support all cricket not just for Bath CC, but for "Cricket in Bath". One of key areas that we committed to was to improve our communication throughout the club.

Hopefully everyone has enjoyed reading about our new vision and strategy, along with what has been happening within the club throughout the year.

"The Project" Everyone should be fully aware of what the new project is all about and what it will look like by now. This has consumed a significant I amount of the MC extra time to ensure this project not only fits with our vision and strategy, but

ensure we get best value, along with the very best facilities you can have for the club. This sees the start of a very exciting period of change for the club and will secure not only the future of Bath CC, but the future of the game of cricket across the whole community of Bath.

I would like to personally thank all of our players and members for their continued commitment to our very special club and congratulate you all on the part you have all made on and off the field of play, that has seen probably the most success of the clubs history. I am fully committed to deliver our vision & strategy to ensure this club, and cricket in Bath has a secure future.

Matt Hankins Chairman



I would like to personally thank all of our players and members for their continued commitment to our very special club 55



CAPTAIN'S REPORT **1ST XI**

JAMES CAMPBELL

As a youngster starting out at Bath CC I always wondered what it would be like to represent the flagship side of the club.

Along with some of my team mates we used to sit and watch the likes of Ben Staunton, Gordon Swinney, Will Murray, Stuart Barnes and Greg Brown (who didn't have any hair back then either!). For the most part we took everything in and a lot of that has stuck with me since. Brownie's run down to third man, shot after shot, hasn't. This year being given the honour of following in some pretty big shoes (Letty size 14!) I was given the opportunity to lead the most talented group of blokes I have ever played with at the club.

Expectations were high, especially with some reinforcements to the squad. Paul Muchall and Tom Hankins joined at the back end of the previous season and both would be pivotal in how the season would play out. We had our young guns in George Hankins and Tim Rouse, who most sides feared to see turn up on a Saturday. Greg 'The Anchor' Hay was also back to give us some backbone and added experience. Then you had a couple of old timers still clinging on in myself, Lloyd, AK, Padge and Mounty. Put them all together and we were thinking we should do alright this season!?

Our goals were simple. Ffrom the beginning we wanted to win every game we played. Easy. Well, we lost our second league game at home to Clevedon. Good teams always have set backs but it's the manner in which you bounce back from the unexpected that makes you a great team. From that moment on (with a few wobbles here and there) we were pretty much unstoppable. Our bowling attack was fearsome and made some very good batting

orders look extremely average. The unsung hero for the first half of the season was Harry Hankins who seemed to be able to produce these spells of magic where he'd remove three or four batters in the space of an over or two. AK and Muchy formed a very good partnership with the new ball and always got us off to good starts. Then the old timer in the middle Tom Hankins would come on and bowl wicket to wicket, frustrate the batsman with his poor chat before removing them after an ungainly heave to the leg side and being trapped in front. The batting was bolstered when young pros Tim and George were around. Add 'The Anchor' to that and a couple of sloggers and for the most part we went alright.

However, as always, it would be the batting that let us down several times. We didn't lose games because of it, but we made it pretty hard for ourselves. I would say that everybody contributed at one stage of the season to a victorious cause but it would be Hay, Rouse, G.Hankins and Muchall who were the most consistent performers.

Highlights:

- Sam Mounts 200 odd against Keynsham. Best innings I've seen Mounty play without actually slogging.
- Adam Kelly brining up his 300th league wicket in the biggest game of the season away at Clevedon. This man is a Bath legend and sets the standard for all of our youngsters to follow.
- · Greg Hays form on and off the field.
- Tim Rouse hitting a six to finish the game against Bridgwater when we were nine down.
- Muchy's hat-trick (and they were all top order batters!?)
- · Reaching the quarter finals (again) of the National Knockout
- Winning the league for the 645th time!?



JONATHAN GREEN

Second season 'Blues' in the full WEPL pyramid for the side. Regardless of results it's a great environment for a club of our size and ambition to be in the WEPL Bristol and North Somerset League. Runners-up in 2016 and this year we hoped for more of the same. For years we played in a league with possibly just four strong fixtures per season.

Now we have the opportunity to play against 1st XI players of greater ability and experience with no soft cricket. Absolutely what we need to produce our own leading players of the future at North Parade.

This year however, after an up and down start, we failed to gain traction and unfortunately losing became a habit. Too often Saturdays became 'Groundhog Day' (young players look it up!) with early loss of wickets or bleeding extras with ball and therefore unable to assert ourselves on teams when it mattered.

This is not to say that there weren't any performances of note during the summer.

Harry Hankins (110) kicked off the league season with a century and soon found himself in the 1st XI. Likewise Mount (128*) and Hewett (132) both scored heavily with three figure scores against Brislington and Bristol respectively. With the ball, Bobby Cave joined the club and gave our attack a lift with his left arm spin, bagging our sole five wickets against Pak Bristolians (5-36) on the hottest weekend of the year. This set up Joe Jenkins (119*) and Ben Ackland (87*) to chase down 246 for the loss of one wicket. Joe Prescott, David Ford and Dan Meek also chipped in with four wicket hauls.

I have no doubt that with the help of Paul Muchall over the winter and a chance to reflect we can work on areas to make our technical, tactical and psychological abilities greater. As a result I'm sure the young players in the 2nd XI will bounce back and challenge for the title again as a grittier and more effective unit.

Big thanks to Rob for helping with selection and running from 3rd man to 3rd man for 50 overs v Pak Bristolians! Chairing selection and striking the balance of performance, development and keeping a club happy is always challenging, but year on year he gets the job done.

Thank you to Muchy who has taken the club by storm on and off the pitch. From the winter, driving the batters and bowlers to higher standards and challenging themselves to work outside their comfort zone. On the pitch he's been a force of nature buzzing around always at the batters or bowlers. He's a great role model and I hope we continue to benefit from his energy and expertise moving forward. There's not a better example of hard work and enthusiasm.

Alain for the last two years has been tremendous in his commitment and desire to turn out for the Bath Cricket Club badge. He consistently puts extra hours into practice and preparing for Saturdays and has become an ever-present supporter and member of support staff for National Cup games.

Tim Dean's support as vice captain has been awesome and was sorely missed in the second half of the season.

All of the first teamers that have turned out for us, every player to a man, has put in 100% and were a credit to the club (it'd be easy to take cricket less seriously or sulk). Mounty being the stand out in this area, he made Brislington Cricket Club look a world apart from the game that he played. From minute one at their ground, Sam contributed in leadership, fielding, bowling and then topped it off by striking 128 in 72 balls.

Here's to new starts and a successful 2018. I'll enjoy watching from the sideline with a pint in hand!







CAPTAIN'S REPORT | 3RD XI

TED ROE

The keyword to this year's success is teamwork. #teamworkmakesthedreamwork

Again, similar to last year, we had a solid core of players which played a major part in our success.

Having players like Alex Muse makes the difference to a bowling attack with his experience and run sapping bowling for the opposition! However Phil Lyle and Ben Copp followed suit and really put us on the front foot this year and made it hard for a lot of teams to get any grip on the game. Equally, Kenny James (the rabbit hunter) took the game away from the opposition with some tight bowling, I think he gets better with age!

Max massively improved through the year, with a change of batting spot and a confidence boost making all the difference, top work Max on your first fifty for the club. It was also entertaining when the odd fielding error occurred, it appeared to Max like it was the end of the world! Special mention to Phil and Roey for helping me through the year and filling in when I was away.

Stand out performance for me (although I was not there!) was Ben Copp, 61* against Failand and of course Ishmale's 150 plus!

As always it's been a pleasure to get to play cricket with some great mates and a selfless team. Looking forward to the challenges for next season.



CAPTAIN'S REPORT 4TH XI

THIAAN ASPELING

I'd like to start by congratulating the first team on winning their league and winning the T20 Somerset cup. Also the 3'rds on winning back to back leagues.

Lastly I'd like to say well done to Green'y and the 2'nds, although they didn't win any silverware, they are showing some real promise for the future.

Onto the 4'ths.....it has been an excellent season for us as a team playing in Division 6 of the B & D league and by far the most competitive league we have played in for a good couple of years where literally any team could win on the day!

The season started off badly by losing two2 stalwarts in Kate and Andy, but credit to all the new players and the entire rest of the team for all contributing at some stage in the season and all playing a part in achieving promotion.

Particular mention has to go to our bowlers, with three 3 bowlers (Ejaz, Rhys and Kerr Snr) each taking over 20 wickets with Jozi coming up tops with 26 wickets.

I am also particularly pleased with our two2 youngsters, Jamie Kerr and Seb Chester Philips, these two2 are going to be real superstars in the future. Special mention has also got to go to Beth, she was sublime for us this season behind the stumps with catches, stumpings and probably saved us between 20 to 30 runs per game.

Thank you's... Maggsy for all your efforts and support. Keith our umpire who sometimes has to deal with a lot of flack especially from me(!) but keeps turning up! Tom the groundsman for making our ground by far the best in our league, Kelly and all the bar staff and lastly to Beth, she has to endure a lot as a cricketing wife and what comes with the 4'th team captaincy., Bbu,t as she always says, she is the real captain and I am just the spokesman!!

Lastly I'd like to say it has been a real honour to cCaptain the 4'ths this year, and have always seen it as a privilege and not a divine right to be at the helm. It is a job that is not always easy with a team that pretty much changes every week, but somehow we have managed to get promoted five5 years consecutively, which makes me very proud of this team. We don't have a win at all costs approach, we all play for the love of the game and in the right spirit and for each other, and in my experience when those things come together, winning and success happens automatically!





WANDERERS REPORT

JAN GODMAN

2017 was always going to be a challenging season from the start.

Shrub stepping down would always have an effect on the Wanderers teams and we have sorely missed his relentless enthusiasm for the women's and girls game. Added to that we have lost most our first XI in one fowl swoop, four players to the Kia Super League and four on to the next chapters in their lives.

The strength of the legacy is that we still have had enough players to put two sides out on Sundays, when county cricket isn't being played. All be it at a lower standard, but we can, in theory, still offer hard ball cricket to girls and women.

I say 'in theory' because I will now give a brief summary of the season below:

1st Xl

Nine fixtures

Two won, two lost, two conceded by the opposition, one conceded by Bath and two rained off.

2nd Xl

Eight fixtures

Two won, five conceded by the opposition and one rained off.

A season of two halves: The first half was affected by a severe lack of opposition and a much younger cohort of players who were in the throes of exams. Once these were finished, the holidays start! For the second part of the season.... rain!!

However, it is not all doom and gloom. These are exciting times for female cricketers. What with England's World Cup victory (Anya's amazing bowling!), Western Storm's victory in the Kia Super League (Luffy, Fran and Anya) and Somerset's promotion back into the first division (lots of Bath girls!). These are what young players can aspire to, in the new professional game.

The elite part of the women's game has developed unbelievably in the past five years. But the grass roots needs to be able to catch up to continue making the game sustainable. Somerset has seen many more women involved with playing in the soft ball format, along with school girls already taking part. But how can we make sure these women and girls move into the hardball game and stay playing?

Bath has a crucial role to play in this and we will be looking to put a plan in place over the winter that willcater for any format and a good cross-section of ages.

Hopefully this will all coincide with some big celebrations, that I will need help to plan, as Wanderers celebrate 50 years of female cricket!! Don't be shy, volunteers needed!!

Finally, can I just say a huge thank you to Jackie Hawker for her 13 years as captain. The miles you have travelled in the Bath colours!! I owe you a bottle of bubbly!! I will always pester you to keep playing.

Much to do, but fingers crossed for 2018!







Previous clubs: Frocester, Gloucestershire CCC, MCC YC's, Hong Kong CC, Birkenhead CC (Auckland, NZ) Freemantle District CC (PERTH AUSTRALIA), Durham CCC, South Shields CC

Current Job: Cricket and personal training coach

Highest score: 99*

When did you join Bath CC?: 2017

What attracted you to the club?: Great facilities and the opportunity to coach the 1st and 2nd teams.

What was your best match and why?: The final of the county cup, getting the chance to play with the young guys in a pressure game, against top quality opposition with the likes of Alfonso Thomas, Chris Skidmore and many other players who have played a higher standard of cricket. It was great to see the young guys doing the majority of the work and put in match winning performances.

Funniest team mate and why?: It's got to be Seb Benton, he just always puts a smile on everyone's faces, whether it's a story from one of his nights out, or if it's his dance moves in the showers after the game.

What could be improved at the club?: I think the new development at the club will create one of the best facility's to develop young and older cricketers in England.

Aims for next season?: Continue with the success that we had this year, and look to add a national cup or two to the trophy cabinet at North parade.



Fidelius Cup 2017

Jonathan G<u>reen</u>

The summer of 2017 welcomed in the inaugural Fidelius Cup for local under nine cricketers at Bath Cricket Club's North Parade.



For years we have sent teams to local clubs to play in soft ball cricket festivals, every other Sunday or so. This has always been great for our young players; giving opportunities to participate, building cricketing skills and experience in a non-competitive environment. Whereas we support this as a club it was always tricky to make sure we had enough players and coaches on hand to be involved regularly. With this in mind, a change was needed. And, like the Kevin Costner film 'Field of Dreams', an "if you build it, they will come" approach was required.

Six clubs (Biddestone, Hampset, Hinton Charterhouse, Lansdown, Timsbury and Winsley with Bath entering two sides) were invited to visit North Parade every other Sunday (starting on the 7 May with the final round of games played on Sunday 16 July) to play eight-a-side, pairs cricket, to challenge for a new trophy. My hope was that by bringing clubs (and their families) to North Parade, creating branded coloured club t-shirts and playing matches on coloured pitches, the mornings would run quickly and efficiently. Once a routine was established and the sun came out the cricket really took off, with wickets, catches, run outs and boundaries being cleared to the delight of teammates and supporters alike.

Congratulations go to champions Biddestone CC and all of the coaches, parents and players who helped to create an amazing

atmosphere each morning. On the whole we were very lucky with the weather and the spirit with which the match days were played was a credit to all of the clubs taking part. If the amount of bacon rolls and coffees consumed are an indication of a competitions success, then it couldn't have gone any better.

Looking forward to 2018 this has been a great experience for both Bath CC and youth cricket in the surrounding area, showing that our sport is very much alive. We would have loved to host every team who showed interest, but space restricted us to four pitches, which unfortunately resulted in a handful of clubs missing out. Overall, however, we had at least 80 players take part, the actual amount could have been nearer to 100! This is just the start when it comes to Bath Cricket Club driving participation and engagement of all ages, abilities and genders. As a pilot study for creating new events, our tails are up, and we'll be aiming to create further opportunities for cricketers in the wider community. We will go again next year and hope for continued sunshine and smiles on the cricket pitch and plenty of food and drink off it!







Hospitality

By PHIL CHANT

In the words of the immortal Spike Milligan, when accepting his lifetime achievement award at the British comedy awards in 1994 "I am not thanking anyone, as I did it all on my own". He also mentioned a 'grovelling little so and so', who had penned a letter expressing his adulation, admiration and devotion to this comedy genius. Well, to be fair, I didn't do it on my own, and I will refrain from naming the grovelers who did not express their adulation, admiration or devotion, to me, an unsung culinary genius?

The hospitality team at Bath Cricket Club is just that, a team,ed by "Our Kells" (Miss Kelly Morton). The team is made up mainly of fine young men and young ladies who take respite from their studies at various places of learning and hone their skills at making, 'frothymoccaamericanolattecappuccino' and pouring pints of ale to the top of the glass (no 'Combe Downers' served here) (please email for an explanation of the "Combe Downers" if you're not from around these parts) and all of the above whilst texting, watching youtube, Facebook, Instagram and snapchat, all at the same time... Amazing!

The hospitality team has had a busy year hosting games of cricket outside of the home teams fixture list. We have entertained Scotland, Ireland, Somerset, Gloucester, Surrey and Hampshire, both at youth and 2nd eleven levels. Also, a match that was somewhat of a humbling experience when Somerset took on Warwickshire in the area final of the blind and partially sighted players league. Touring teams from Australia and the USA and let us not forget the MCC, also enjoyed the experience of North Parade. In between we managed a corporate day for a national brewery, a sporting memorabilia valuation day, the 'Lions Tour' to New Zealand on the 'bBig screen', the Jesse May charity quiz, and an umpires forum to name a few. Out of season, the list of businesses and companies, both locally and nationally, who wish to hire the facilities at North Parade for their conferences, seminars and team building days is growing. We host the cricket society who meet every month, when a guest speaker of cricketing notoriety talks to the audience that now tops around 90 people. Mike Proctor, Mark Alleyne, Fred Rumsey and Vic Marks are just a few who have enthralled the audience with their cricketing tales.

On reflection, the 2017 season for me has been a success with regard to the food offering in the form of the bar menu and the teas. During one week, when we hosted Somerset for a three-day game, added with a double weekend of cricket, a day time seminar, a one-



off evening function, all training plus the paying public, we served collectively just over 1000 lunches/teas/suppers/breakfast baps. No time for texting, Facebook, snapchat etc, that week.

You may, or may not know, that Kelly Morton has chosen a new career path and has gone into full time education and has given notice of her employment. The good news is that her notice could be around one to two years as she intends to stay on in a part-time capacity. Her dedication and loyalty could be written in a Parade in Print special edition, so when that final pint is pulled, get your copy.

Many funny moments occur, none more so than in the office with Karen, Jeanette, Maggsy and Andy. I treasure their companionship and respect their focus on the roles they are charged with. The one thing I have learned is not to go out socially with Seb Benton and James Campbell unless it's to a temperance bar, plus James Campbell is such a fussy eater - who doesn't like pasty, chips and beans on the hottest day of the year?

Finally, the highlight for me was having the opportunity to work alongside a young man named Harry Roberts who came to club to gain some work experience. Harry had come through the youth section of Bath CC and went on to represent the Somerset disabled team, an amazing achievement. I watched him grow in stature and in confidence during his time at the club and he touched the hearts of all around him, so if you're reading this Harry, 'viva lasagne'.





Development REPORT



By DAVE BEAN

In 2016 Bath Cricket Club (BCC) explored the possibility of developing the North Parade site to increase its revenue stream.

The main aims of this were to allow the club to expand its outreach programmes in the wider community and to provide funds to make cricket more engaging and accessible to a wider audience through improved facilities. One option explored was the construction of an additional level of parking over the existing car park, but during exploratory discussions with Bath and North East Somerset it was suggested that building some form of accommodation above the car park was also worth investigating.

The club was introduced to a developer (Gilltown Ltd) by a long-standing club member. The proposed project comprises a student accommodation building on the

site of the existing car park at North Parade. Since the car park is within an area of high flood risk, the student accommodation would be built on columns, with students living on the first floor upwards. The area underneath the student accommodation would be returned to a car park after construction, having been completely resurfaced, lit, with enhanced CCTV security installed and parking bays marked out.

The club would also benefit from:

- a one-off lump sum cash consideration
- a new state-of-the-art two-lane cricket school
- · a new gym above the cricket school
- reimbursement of lost revenue from the car park whilst it is closed during construction and from the reduction in spaces resulting from the development
- a cash contribution towards enhancing and extending the existing clubhouse

Throughout the course of the project, the objectives and priorities of the Management Committee have included the following:

- To have the club's charitable objectives to "promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for playing cricket and to advance the education of children and young people, whether or not in formal education" at the forefront of all decision making
- To fully investigate and, if deemed appropriate, maximise the opportunity for BCC and its members
- To retain freehold ownership of the entire North Parade site
- To ensure any development would not jeopardise the future cricket aspirations of BCC as well as avoiding a negative impact on its culture, values and heritage
- Ensure Gilltown understand and respect the club's requirement to operate as a cricket club during the playing season
- Not to take (or pay for) any planning risk in relation to this project
- To keep speculative expenditure to a minimum (preferably zero) by the club on the project, particularly in the early stage
- To keep members informed of progress and to seek staged approval/mandates from the membership via a series of Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM)s
- Future proof the club's main source of revenue by retaining as many car parking spaces as possible post development



Although the physical impact and financial value of the project is more ambitious than any other project considered or realised by the club to date, the concept of development at North Parade is not new. Previous Management Committees have explored the feasibility of developing the ground, including a clubhouse extension, a multi-lane cricket school and underground car parking. The significant financial outlay of previous unsuccessful projects has driven the Management Committee to take as little risk as possible on this development.

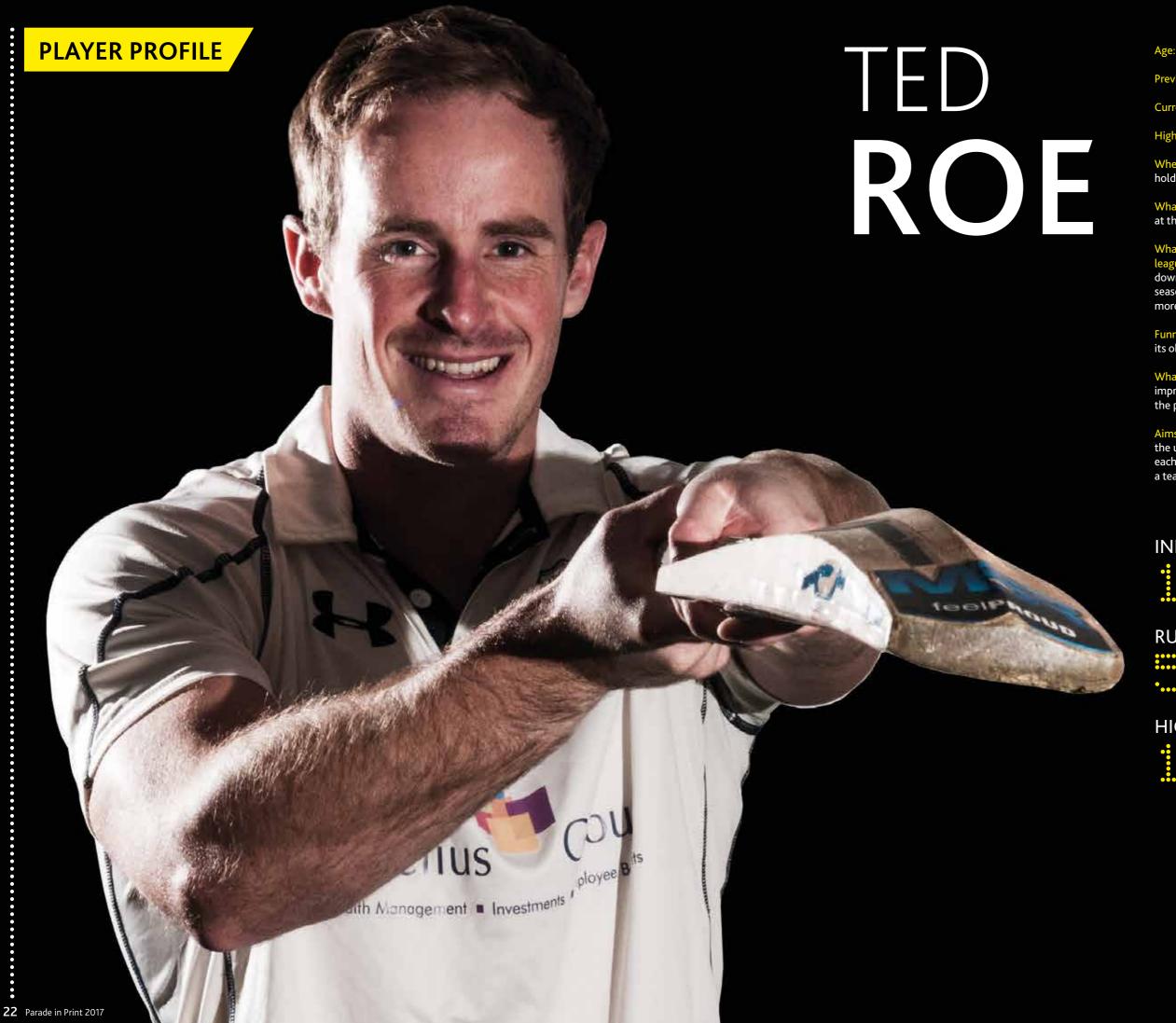
Two EGMs have been held to date, one in March 2017 and one in July 2017, where members voted in favour of progressing the project. The Management Committee will seek final approval from members to enter into the necessary agreements (subject to planning approval) at the AGM later this year.

If successful in the planning process and a club member vote, construction of the facility would commence in early 2018 and be completed by summer 2019 – the new cricket school would be available for the 2019 season. The North Parade ground will still be open for the 2018 and 2019 seasons, although parking will not be possible and the club is in discussion with alternative parking options for this period. Temporary winter training facilities have been sourced for 2018 and early 2019.

The project will have far-reaching and long-lasting positive benefits for the club, its members, future players and the wider community.

At the time of writing this article, a planning application had been submitted to Bath and North East Somerset, and is pending determination.





Age: 29

Previous clubs: Bath CC only (British Police CC)

Current Job: Detective Constable

Highest score: 163 vs Backwell Flax Bourton

When did you join Bath CC?: Ever since I could hold a bat!

What attracted you to the club?: My family played at the club

What did you think about the standard of the league last season: The standard is very up and down, so you have to be able to adapt, but next season against mainly 1st teams it will be a lot more challenging

Funniest team mate and why?: Kenny James and its obvious why!

What could be improved at the club?: In terms of improvement I will stick to the cricket and leave the politics to someone else

Aims for next season?: We are stepping into the unknown but I just want the team to enjoy each other's company and play together as a team like last year.





YOUTH CRICKET 2017



REVIEW

Where were we in 2016?

Last season the youth section found itself feeling stretched and a little sorry for itself. Parents and players were understandably struggling to support decisions and efforts made to further cricket at North Parade, with the under 13's and girls' section regularly disappointed by constantly changing coaches on training and match days.

What was the effect?

Practise lacked continuity and relevance to what specific groups required to improve skills and build game awareness. The knock on effect would be demotivated and disgruntled players who questioned their continued involvement in cricket at Bath CC, or in the game at all.

How did we respond in 2017?

In times like these its best to front up and listen. To the families that took the opportunity to respond to our questionnaire and attended our parent's forum we owe you a huge thank you.

Being stubborn and strong willed in an attempt to show strength can only get you so far (often not very far at all). Accepting help is not a sign of weakness. You can't put a price on allowing people who care about the club, the game and their children's development to help.

What was the outcome?

In 2017 we made our best efforts to ensure that every squad had their own fully committed coach on practise and match days.

The recruitment drive started early and we struck gold with Ollie Parry, Mark Gunning and Tom Bryan joining the Under 9s, 11s and 13s respectively. All three showed the professionalism and dedication to not only deliver great training sessions but they worked well with their managers and placed high value on the little extras that put a shine on being a playing member at Bath CC (social media, reports and pictures).

Much of the feedback from the 2016 under 9s was to play hardball and the under 11s Cutlasses wanted to play real cricket (T20) in 2017 (Previously the U9s had played soft-ball cricket and then the third U11 squad played 8-a-side 'Pairs' cricket). Ollie Parry (our youngest coach at 17) and Gunner's (not quite our eldest at 37) were the perfect fit to help make that change. Always prepared and progressive, they focused not only on fundamental skills but placed a high value on teamship and togetherness. The little things like placing photos on Facebook, tweeting results and finding their inner wordsmith for match reports helped to make Bath CC a family club in 2017. Where as the U9 Gladiators didn't score a victory in 2017 they were well supported and introduced to nets and games as novice players. Ollie's patience and smile never faltered, filling cricketers with energy and the tools to step into league matches next year. The Cutlasses became the epitome of being greater than the sum of their parts and thoroughly deserved their bank holiday in the sun following a giant slaying run to the league cup final. I have a feeling 2018 won't come fast enough for them. Elsewhere in the U11s, the Arrows had an "invincible" season with the boys taking the league and cup double. Congratulations to all of you!

Another group who performed phenomenally considering their squad size was the U15 Samurai's. Again we got lucky with new senior player, Ben Ackland,

who won't mind being called a 'Cricketing Badger'. With assistance from kiwi Greg Hay and manager Alan Phillips they worked with just 9 under 15 players and recruited the best of the under 13 Axes to create a tight knit and highly competitive unit. Pre season we worried that fixtures would have to be cancelled, but, with the certainty of selection and diary planning, they not only got through it but also won their league for the first time since the National winning year of 2012! Our next challenge is to keep them all playing cricket as they move into the senior section.

However, we shouldn't just judge success by silverware. The girls section continued to grow from strength to strength. Fridays have become a joy and regular social event for parents able to bask in the summer sun with a beverage or two as the coaches on deck (Tim, Ollie, Joe, Molly, Emma, Chloe, Shep and Kenny) worked hard to build their skills and game awareness. Again, the usual issue of having consistent coaches on hand for matches continued but we did get closer to achieving this target. Results have now started to go the girl's way in the BDYCL as the Spears 8-a-side (school years 5-8) won four, Sabres 11-a-side (school years 5-8) coming third to the Arrows with five wins and the Daggers (school years 8-10) victorious in three fixtures (most importantly getting one over on our Under 13 Katanas). A great effort by all.

What have we learnt?

The most important lesson this year was listening to and accepting help. Both are key to juggling eleven sides with added projects. Without volunteer, club cricket doesn't function. All of the managers throughout the youth section have been tremendous, thank you! Communication between



families, managers and coaches has to be tip-top if we want less stressful cricket seasons in the future. 2017 was a start but there is still room for improvement and we'll continue to explore ways in which we can make our system better. Cricket in Bath continues to grow with more and more boys and girls playing in schools and afterschool. Our intake of Stumpers players along with Allstars' popularity at Lansdown CC is testament to the numbers wanting to join the fun. With more and more players we'll need to recruit from outside and develop more coaches from within.

Where do we want to get to in 2018 and beyond?

2017 was the beginning for new Bath CC projects with the Under 9 Fidelius cup, which brought clubs in the surrounding area

to Bath CC on Sunday mornings. Cricket Camps also made a return to North Parade with takings helping to fund coaching and equipment for our youth section. As a starter for ten it's lit a fire and we hope they will be the first of many projects over the next few years. Our aim is to continue growing participation and engagement in state school children. We want more competitions in state schools. We want to explore new formats to encourage the new, and develop current players. We want more time in schools to coach children and provide professional development for teachers. We want cricket to continue in the summer after the school's break for holidays. There have been too many barriers to playing in the past and we're going to work hard to break them down.

I hope that next year you'll have even more to read about new schemes.

For the winter however we have already started back in October with hardball development and advanced courses along with another cricket camp over half term. Cricket at Bath CC never stops and before you know it we'll be back outside playing our first fixtures of the new season. Until then have a great winter.



U15 Samurais

The 2017 season was one of success for our boys. It was a magnificent achievement following the footsteps of the 1st XI and winning the league.

After a blistering start, winning by nine wickets against Brislington, the boys settled into a season that was full of highs but one which also had some learning curves.

The highlight of the season had to be holding on for victory against Keynsham at North Parade. After posting a modest 109, we held our nerve with the ball to win by just a couple of runs. We did our best to let them get close, but Adi Mishra showed extreme courage to keep them at bay.

Seb Chester-Philips led the team brilliantly from the front. He was mister consistent at the top of the order averaging well over 40 and showed his class with the ball when needed. Archie Carr showed glimpses of what he can do with a new ball, especially against Brislington. Whilst Stephen King showed his ball striking ability in patches.

Despite having lower numbers at this age group than we would like, the actual U15s showed great commitment. The passion and desire to represent our great club was always there to be seen.

This age group were helped out by the ever keen U13 group at various times throughout the year. If it wasn't for their help (along with the hours put in by managers Alan Phillips and Martin Barnes), we wouldn't have completed this marvellous feat. Thanks must go to them as they filled in whenever asked and fulfilled whatever job was asked of them.

Fittingly, Seb Chester-Philips was named as player of the year for his fantastic contribution with bat and ball and Adi Mishra as most improved. Great season boys, one you should all be proud of!

Finally, a big good luck to Seb who will be representing Somerset in Sri Lanka this winter.

U13 Daggers

2017– a good season for the Daggers. The future looks very bright for this age group as our numbers were always bolstered by enthusiastic and talented U13s, meaning that next year we will have a lot of cricketers who are already experienced at this higher standard.

It is fair to say that whilst we certainly had the talent, it took us a while to gain the confidence to get us over the line. One of the most exciting games was the cup game against Bath Katanas. Katy Llwellyn hit a magnificent high score of 46*, however, the momentum swung back in favour of the Katanas as they took a few wickets in the closing overs. We ended up being just 10 runs short. Over time though, we grew in confidence with more people putting their hands up to open the bowling, move up the batting order, or keep wicket, as well as being more determined to get bodies behind the ball in the field. The Hampset Harriers fixture saw one of the best performances. Jess Smith starred with the bat, hitting 58* (including several sixes) and was backed up well by her teammates. A great team fielding effort (three run outs) combined with accurate bowling meant we notched up our first win. Following on from here, we secured several victories including squaring up with the Katanas in the league fixture avenging the previous nail-biter.

I am sure that those who will move into the Daggers 'officially' this year will continue to make valuable contributions in matches, and I look forward to seeing how those who move onto senior cricket next year flourish.



a parents ### ## ** view...

Howzat & WhatsApp, a Summer of Cricket

by Martin Barnes

I love football, live for it in fact and the wonderful Manchester City make my winters bearable. My children also love Manchester City (funny that) and Felix plays each weekend for the mighty Bath City. So winters are ok.

But cricket? Well cricket is my first love and besides there's really very little upside for parents during the football season. Most winter weekends you'll find me and Victoria huddled together on a touchline, behind the 'respect' barrier (none of those in cricket), fighting with an umbrella that's obscuring the view, toes slowly numbing, the will to live evaporating, images of centrally heated homes crossing the mind. I hear rugby parents feel much the same?

So, when Spring rolls around and the first sight of summer of cricket at Bath Cricket Club comes into view I find it genuinely transformative. What's that all about?

Well it's about being a small part of something good. To begin with, there's nowhere quite like it. I live near Alexandra Park, walk the dog there most days. In Wintertime I look across the city from up there through the cold and wet and my eyes often rest on the small piece of grass betwixt a railway line, a canal and a river that somewhat remarkably belongs to us, our little cricketing community. 'Come on then Jimi' I'll say, 'only four months to go.'

But for me it's mainly about the young members of that community being given the opportunity to have fun, learn new skills and express their talents. I love watching them roll up on a training or match night dragging kit bags behind them, as big as them in some cases. The Monday evenings this year watching the Arrows brilliant season unfold, whilst beyond them in the nets the ex-Arrows ply their trade.

It's also around the opportunities for our youngest members, like with Stumpers. Or our Issy joining the younger girls Friday night training for the first time this year. She loved every minute of it. Playing in the Sunday morning Fidelius Cup gave her a taste of the great opportunities to come and the enjoyment to be had playing cricket with her friends. It was just brilliant and superbly organised, so let's do that again!

And it's about the many excellent coaches at BCC, like the ones my children had this year, Tom and Alain for Felix in the U14s and Grant and Kenny with Issy and the younger girls. They are all just fantastic people throughout the age groups who love the game and manage to transmit that to our children. We know what our children can be like sometimes, herding flies springs to mind, so we must show our thanks and appreciation for all the work they do to make the training and matches happen. Chapeau!

And we know we are lucky to be able to enjoy everything on offer at BCC including all the quality service the hospitality crew give, so thank you to them, we know we're always welcome until we move on. And if I may indulge, there's something quite lovely about a Friday evening there with a pint in my hand watching the sun go down over the steeple spire whilst a small part of the future of Cricket unfolds before

So listen, the new U15's WhatsApp group lies dormant for now but rest assured there will be a beep or a buzz sometime around May, it will spring into life and if you're anything like me you'll be delighted.

Note from Jonathan Green

"Martin invested many man hours this year as manager of the u13's and helped to raise money for our chosen charity - Jessie May Trust - by hosting a quiz night in June.

Without his generosity and that of other parent volunteers our attempts to make Bath CC great on and off the pitch would be many more times harder. Thank You."

Girls teams

I had the privilege this season not only to coach matches for the Spears but also for the Sabres. Even from the small number of games I covered for each team, there were vast improvements from game to game, showing an ever promising future for girl's cricket at Bath.

The Spears played in an U9 boy's league and for some it was a daunting experience,. But to see the team comradery and encouragement the girls gave each other, it gave them the confidence to go onto the pitch knowing they could give the boys a run for their money. I also saw this reflected within the Sabres. They were playing in an U11 boy's league and never failed to cheer each other on and were always so positive, even when things weren't going their way. Both teams showed a lot of resilience and with help from some stand out performances, it allowed for multiple wins throughout the season, proving our girl's youth cricket is going from strength to strength. Looking forward my main aim as a coach, who has come from playing junior cricket all the way through to women's, it would be to maintain engagement of all ages at the current high rate. The attendance of girls on a Friday night is so encouraging, this means as coaches we have a responsibility to ensure the girls make their way through the age groups and into the women's side. The girl's teams are the foundation for the women, so it is essential that these girls go on and re-establish the high level of women's cricket that has previously been set.

Emma Godman

Over the course of the 2017 season I got to meet nearly every girls side in the club. Having not been affiliated with any one side each week it was a surprise to find out I would be helping with a different team.

However, this allowed me to plainly see that Bath girls cricket could not be in a better place. The standard of all the girl's sides, from Kenny and Grants youngest all the way through to Chloe's U15's, is fantastic. I can safely say I have full experience of this talent as the boy's side I coach, the Gladiators, was beaten in their league fixture against the Spears, their counterparts in the girl's sides. It is not just the quality of the girl's sides that impresses everyone at the club, but the number of players Bath has at its club. Whether it is the barbeques in the evening or the amount of cricket on offer, something is drawing a lot of young cricketers to Bath Cricket Club and this has massively improved both the atmosphere at training sessions and the constantly improving standards of all the cricketers at the club. In my opinion, the one thing that has players hooked on this club are the people around them, chatty, funny and dead serious about their cricket Bath cricketers are the all-round package, which makes the club such a great place to be. To conclude the, the quality of girl's cricket is only going from strength to strength, with statistics to back this up. It has been a massive privilege to spend the season with the girl's sides, I hope that they learnt plenty, I know I did thanks to a few coaching tips and tricks from the girls in Kenny and Grant's side. Most of all I hope that every player enjoyed the season as much as I did.





Chloe Micklewhite

U11 Spears

2017 was an extremely successful year for our Spear's side. Being new to coaching the Spear's in 2017 I had little idea of what to expect.

2017 has been a sign of great things to come. Our Friday night training nights were well attended. With the help and advice of Grant Shepard these sessions very active and enjoyable for all involved.

Our games took place on a Monday evening. It took a couple of games to get going, but once we got our first win under the belt there was no stopping us. All of our games were against teams of boys who tended to under estimate the ability of our side. Finishing the year having won six games out of a possible ten was an impressive achievement.

However, the biggest achievement was the spirit that we trained and played with throughout the year. In comparison to our opposition, we didn't come across anybody who could come close to the positive manner in which we played our games, which the result reflect. We also had a loyal following of parents who attended every training session and match, whose support was invaluable and very much appreciated by players and coaches.

Overall, 2017 will be the beginning of great things to come for the Spears.

U11 Arrows

At last!!! After coming runners up in the last three years, including blowing two chances to win the league against Keynsham & Lansdown in one year, it was a sense of relief and a huge amount of pride that was felt when the 10th Hinton wicket was taken on the 17th July to make it a perfect 10 league games played 10 won!

Half the squad had experienced the 'almost' feeling of the year before and there was a real sense of determination that ran through the Arrows this year. To be honest we didn't have one close game, we either batted teams out of it batting first or bowled and fielded first so miserly that often only a score of 60-80 was posted against us.

As well as winning the league we were also w victorious in the cup making it the perfect season. 15 wins out of 15 did not flatter us this year and amazingly half the squad will stay with us for the 2018 season.

As the season went on the boys really started to understand that when you do the little things better it all adds up to make the complete performance.

I'm extremely proud of everyone in the quad, each of whom put in at least one match winning contribution this year.

On a sad note, Jo who has been the Arrows manager for what feels like 15 years is obviously moving up with Wilfred and I can't thank her enough for being the brains and the humour behind this double act, I will miss her greatly.

Annie Moody, welcome to the Arrows, we know you will do a brilliant job! Thank you to Kelly, Rosie and all the girls for attending to my polite squad and to Jim for always going the extra yard for us, especially getting pitches available for up games at super short notice.

Bring on winter training 2018, come on Arrows let's win it all again next year too!

Tom Baker, Arrows coach 1996-2018



a parents TINIXXX

Cricket has always been in my family, my brother played to a decent level and spending weekends traveling the county to watch him play was something I was very used to. So when our eldest son, Dylan, asked for a cricket helmet for Christmas, when he was five, you can only imagine the delight on my brother Andy's face!

Dylan started at Bath Cricket Club in the spring of 2016, under the watchful eye of the brilliant Tom Baker, in the U11 Arrows team. We joined as a family and instantly felt welcomed.

As the summer kicked in, our youngest son Ethan, then 5, began attending 'Stumpers' on a Tuesday evening and although sometimes tentative, the coaches, quickly swept him up and he got stuck in. It became apparent very early on how the club invests in their coaches, bringing through their own young men in their late teens and early twenties to help develop and engage the children at the start of their cricketing days. We loved this approach and seeing the fun created, whilst instilling the basic skills of bat and ball, drove Ethan to be extremely eager to start back the following summer.

Through that first summer, we saw a big change in Dylan, his knowledge of the game and confidence grew massively and Tom's values of respect, sportsmanship and teamwork really shone through. It is these values, ingrained in the players around him that, being the youngest in the group, helped support him through a great first season and what we believe led him to achieve an award at the end of season dinner for 'Most Improved Player', something he treasures.

The club as a whole really does feel like home from home now during the summer months, the atmosphere in the club house, great food options, friendly staff and the accessibility to use the nets to practice in has made us feel so welcome. Being able to have a say in how the club develops in the future is a really exciting prospect for us with two children loving the sport. The opportunities and vision to develop grass roots from the home of Bath cricket is paramount in upholding the community engagement and something we are delighted to see happening.

As a family, long days and evenings sat around a cricket pitch come easy, it's a game we all enjoy and it's why we, as parents, are happy to invest the time to see our boys thrive in a club that really cares about their development.

Bring on the summer!

Anne Moody







U11 Cutlasses

The Cutlasses season was based around hard work, commitment and a team spirit that encouraged and enthused the whole team to succeed and progress.

After some very testing games in early May, the team's performances improved with us even managing back-to-back wins in mid-June.

As inexperienced players of hard ball cricket, the batting part of the game was something we had initial issues with, especially when spin was added to the mix. However, as the season progressed, the team began to value their wickets far more and we even hit over 100 runs in several games.

The bowling was good throughout with all players learning quickly that accuracy was far more important than pace. Two individuals even picking up four and five wicket hauls, a fantastic achievement for such young players.

The fielding ethic in the squad was fantastic with a big emphasis placed on walking in and taking our chances.

Overall, this worked well throughout the whole season. Even manager of the Lansdown Griffins commenting that we were the best fielding side he'd seen.

In conclusion, many lessons were learned, progress was made but importantly smiles and memories were created. Here's to the Summer of 2018.

Gunners

Many thanks, M Gunning

U9 Gladiators

The season as a whole was a very enjoyable one, for myself and hopefully the kids too.

Having first met them near the end of January I can happily say the improvement has been enormous; each player has come on greatly as the season progressed. When we began back in January, I was certainly worried about the oncoming season, asking U9's to play in an U11's league is no easy task. However, from week to week the standard of the team only improved.

Having only played predominantly soft ball cricket before this season the boys had to learn quickly the way a hard ball would play. The change in bounce, the speed of the ball off the bat and the general toughness of the ball were all new experiences for a number of the kids. The improvement made by the boys is plain to see in the results. Sadly we didn't get the wins we deserved, although the number of runs scored in each game only increased, a total of over 400 runs scored over the seven games. The number of wickets taken steadily grew as the season played out. However, in my opinion the most important statistic is the number of wickets conceded.

Apart from one exception, we lost less and less wickets as the games went on, which in the league we play has a vital part to play in the numbers of runs scored as five are lost per wicket. Being my first year of fully coaching an individual side I can't help but say I was nervous, but it didn't take long before the enthusiasm of each player had me feeling a similar excitement before each match or training session.

It was an absolute pleasure to have been a part of the U9 Gladiators side this year and I really hope I get to see you all again next season.









Your support has meant so much...

It has been an incredible honour to be associated with Bath cricket over the last year. Its been a busy year. Starting off with the Bath Half Marathon you joined with us and pounded the streets for 13.1 miles, hosted a quiz night and of course had our collection cans. The total over the year has been a fantastic £3016.11. Moreover, its not just about the money raised, but it is also about the awareness.

Our biggest challenge is to tell people about the fantastic work of our Jessie May Nurses, helping people understand the needs of our children and families. During the past year we have supported 8 children and bereaved families with vital respite visits, end of life care and subsequent bereavement support. We can however, always do more. Without the help of the local community we simply wouldn't be able to commit our nurses over a long period of time and we wouldn't be able to respond whenever a new child comes to us – usually that is the point a family needs us most.

Bath Cricket is at the heart of the community and we cannot thank you enough for your support.

So, what does £3016.11 buy? It can buy a lot – 6 months of respite care for a child. All of the children cared for by Jessie May Nurses have very complex needs. They are not expected to live past the age of 19 and care for them is often described by parents as "relentless". Parents cannot simply walk away from their children and leave just anyone to care for their child. Jessie May only use qualified experienced Nurses that get to know a child and becomes that person who is trusted giving Mum and Dad a chance to walk away for a few hours of respite.

We aren't just there to provide the respite, though, but we also help families make those precious memories – we provide fun packed respite days, family fund days and a legendary Christmas Party. We're also there to support parents on those days they find harder and we are never more than just a phone call away. As one Mum recently told us:

"My daughter's care needs are so intense that life feels like a pressure cooker at times. I can't sink – my children need me. A Jessie May Nurse will come in and take the weight off to give me a break. Their support is invaluable!"



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36 Parade in Print 2017

HIGHEST SCORE

paced my innings and had good fun at the end hitting some maximums.

What's the starndarof the 3rd XI: Pretty average teams, hopefully promotion will bring some better quality teams.

Funniest team mate?: Kenny James. Brings lots of energy, and noise.... never a dull moment. Specialist rabbit culler.

What are your aims?: Score as many runs as possible, maybe get a bowl. And enjoy my cricket with a good bunch of lads.









































































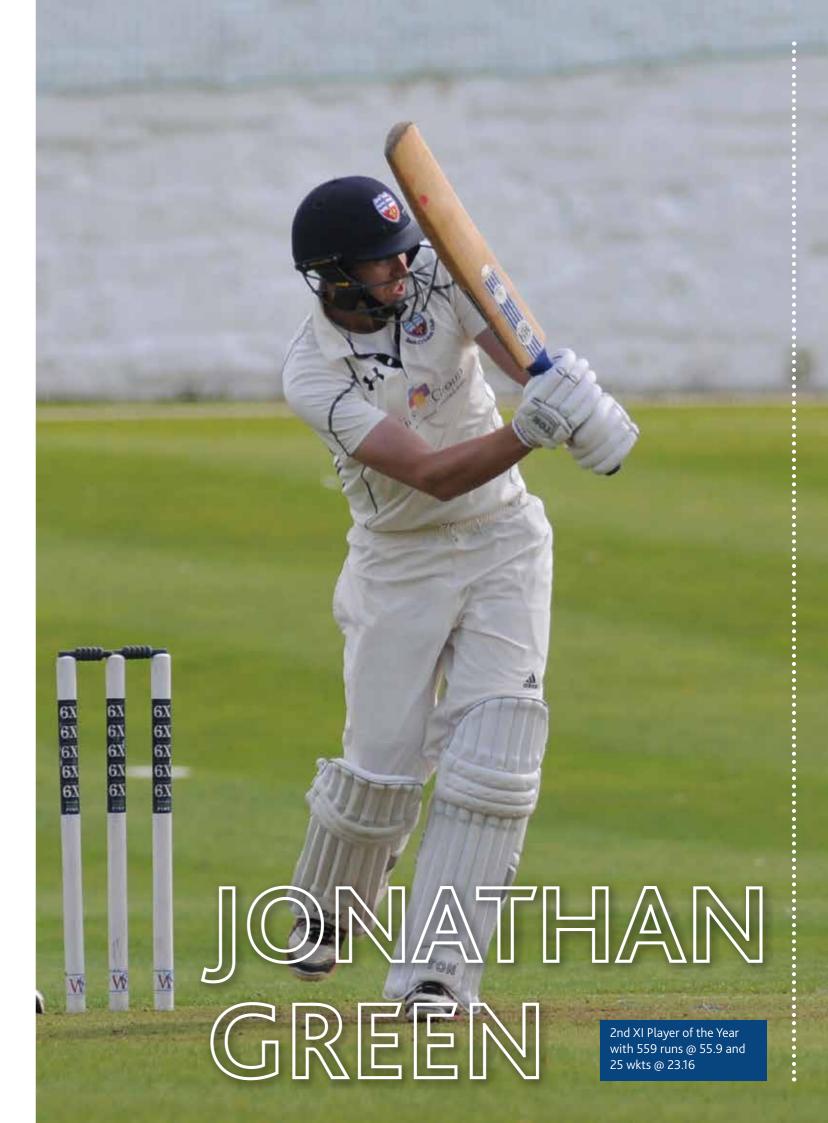












SOMERSET Written by Rob Maggs



The Somerset cup provided many opportunities for the club this season. Myself, Paul and Jonathan decided to give the youth the chance to gain some experience playing with some senior players in the competition which worked very well.

Early rounds against Keynsham and Midsomer Norton saw some excellent performances with the bat from Tom Hankins [75], Harry Hankins [59], Tom again [57] and Luke Padgett [41]. Some good late hitting from Joe Jenkins and Alain Hewett both with 30s contributed to some excellent scores.

The semi- final against Brislington again saw Hankins and Padgett star with the bat with 67 and 97 respectively in a total of 188 for 2. In reply, Brislington managed 107 for 8 with David Ford claiming 2 for 19

The final at the county ground at Taunton was a great opportunity for us as a club to

follow to the same philosophies as previous rounds, by giving our younger players a "chance to shine " and I have to say they all did the club proud.

Will Arney [1 for 33] and David Ford [2 for 25] starred with the ball in Bridgwater 149 for 5 in 20 overs. In reply we reached the target with one over to spare. Young Ben Wells with 33 and Tom again 46 in the runs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Somerset Cricket Board for running a most enjoyable competition, the scorers and umpires for assisting and all the players who played the game in good spirits.



Man of the match: Tom Hankins



Back Row Left to Right: Charlie Brain, Alain Hewett, Will Arney, David Ford, Ben Ackland, Paul Muchall. Front Row Left to Right: Ben Wells, Luke Padgett, Lloyd Davies, Tom Hankins, Joe Jenkins.





Back to Bath once more!

2017 saw the return of two club legends.

David Black seen here with close friend Terry Harper visited the club with wife Morag flying in from New Zealand.

Pete Burkhart who played for the club in 1989, 1991 and 1996 returned after an absence of

Pete lives in Sydney and broke the Western Suburbs run scoring record previously held by Bobby Simpson during an illustrious first grade career.

We hope to see them both back soon.







CLUB WINS PITCH VISION COMPETITION



Polly Rhodes our first team scorer entered a competition with the prize being a PV Match scoring system. Fortunately for us Polly won first prize and kindly donated her prize to the cricket club.

Below is a little information on the new software we intend to put into operation for the start of the 2018 season.

PV/MATCH is a new scoring technology by PitchVision which is transforming how cricket scoring is captured and presented. With PV Match, you can stream live games, score, plot wagon wheels, provide detailed line and length pitch maps and promote matches on social media at the push of a button.

Up to three HD cameras automatically connect, capture and tag every ball, providing you with comprehensive TV style coverage and analysis. All of the footage is available to view via the PV app and naturally aligning with PitchVision's coaching systems PV/ONE and PV/VIDEO something we are looking at installing in our indoor academy.

Bath CC was the winner of a recent All Out cricket magazine competition where we won a full system and will become one of the first users of the system in 2018.

The system also offers fantastic commercial options, allowing our sponsors to watermark live match videos and utilise social media options to help grow our club, and allow members who can't always make match days still stay up to date and even watch the live game online.

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Bath Cricket Club by Adam Kelly





Oh the A36, how we have become much acquainted. It's during these long drives that I have time to reflect and think (which is rare in this day and age). And it is during these times that I often ponder my life values and reasons for playing this great sport.

Why do I play for Bath CC?

For me, life comes down to values. If you live your life by your values, you'll be able to achieve amazing things. When I grew up on a council estate, bowling tennis balls at a bin, I never imagined playing at Bath CC (I probably didn't even know where Bath was). However, my values have allowed me to achieve things I didn't know I could. And I see certain values I hold in Bath Cricket Club; never give up, always try to better yourself, help others and appreciate the past.

Never give up.

For me this value is a must have in life and one that will enable you to go beyond what was possible or expected. Bath CC demonstrated this value to me in 2003 (five years before I joined Bath). I was playing for Bridgwater in a national KO cup regional final against Bath. Bath were 29-5, then somehow crawled to a below par 164. But at no point did the Bath players give the impression that they were beaten. This was demonstrated

further when they fielded and bowled us out for 110. They simply never gave up.

Since I have been at Bath I have seen this value first hand. I can recall a plethora of occasions where we have never given up and won games where we shouldn't have. In these game you'll see players scoring hundreds in run chases of 250+. Players taking 5fers when defending 150 or less scores. This value is why teams don't like to play us. And why we win games we shouldn't.

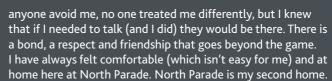
Always try to better yourself.

I've played at a few clubs, however not one can match the Bath CC's intensity and desire to improve. Training is well attended and this provides you the opportunity to be better. It provides YOU the OPPORTUNITY to be better. We have the best facilities outside the professional game, high quality coaches, all the equipment you'll need and there are a host of experienced players who'll happily talk to you about your game. As a player I love this! I love the opportunity to be better because every session I know I can be better than when I started that session. This club provides its players with everything possible to become better. The caveat - you need to put the work in to get the most out of this opportunity. At this club you don't have any excuse for not working on your game you have everything at your fingertips.

Having played at other clubs I know they all talk about this value, but as the season goes on this values dissolves. At Bath not only do we try and become better and train hard, but we also evaluate our performance post-game. These conversations not only acknowledge those players who performed well that day, but where we can be better. Such intense focus on improvement provides a breeding ground for players, especially young players, to become better. These young players not only improve and move up the teams here at Bath, but go on to become professional cricketers and even become World Cup winners. Not many clubs have multiple World Cup winners, a list of professional cricketers and a plethora of junior county cricketers in every age group. This happens here because, as a club, we want to become better cricketers and the club provides all of its players with everything they need to achieve this.

Help others.

I've played at Bath CC for 10 years now. During that time I have experienced highs, such as getting married and having a beautiful daughter, however I have had some lows, such as experiencing depression. It was during this low time that the people at Bath CC made playing cricket allow me a break from myself, from my thoughts and from my fears. At no point did



Appreciate the past.

In the clubhouse, in the changing rooms, on the balcony, before, during and after the game you'll hear players talking about the amazing Bath games and players of years gone by. I was lucky enough to play against some of these greats; Murrie, Gwilliam, Swinney, Staunton, Thorburn, Brown, Stayt, Lett, Hankins, Campbell etc. But since joining the club I have learnt that these players were standing on the shoulders of greats like; Roe, Shurbsole, Priscott, Shepherd, Brown, Howard, Burkhart, Griffiths. When you play for Bath CC, every team andevery player wants to beat you because of these greats. For the opposition playing Bath CC is their cup final. It's their biggest game of the season and possibly ever. But to us it's a game, just another game. However we should appreciate the greats that came before us at Bath CC, as it is these greats who started to make the club what it is today. The history at Bath Cricket Club is why opposition teams love and fear us in equal measure. As a player I urge you to remember that this club is built on these greats - you are standing on the shoulders of giants. We all have a duty to emulate these great players, to be the best we can be and to continue the legacy of Bath CC.





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SAM MOUNT

Age: 24

Previous Clubs: Glastonbury CC (three month loan!) and Corsham CC (one year loan!)

Current Job: Engineering Recruitment Manager @ Rise Technical

Highest score: 206* vs Keynsham

Joined Bath CC: I joined when I was 8 and played throughout the youth system and then started playing for the 3rd XI when I was 14. I had a season and a half 'on tour' with two other WEPL clubs (Glastonbury & Corsham) and then came home to Bath when I was 19.

What attracted me to the club?: I started having 1-on-1s with Grant Shepphard in 'Whitey's' when I was seven as my parents knew it was the best club in the area, I went to school just up the road so was aware of the club. A year later when I could start playing junior cricket it was a no brainer to join Bath because of the amount of cricket available and facilities/ location. After having a couple of years away from the club to get some more 1st team cricket, Robin Lett, who was 1st XI captain at the time, called me and said he wanted me to come back. I'd always know in my mind I would want to come back and play at Bath – in my opinion not only do we have one of the best grounds in the country (certainly the best location), but the facilities, coaching, opportunities and general ethos of the club are things that I believe is attractive to every cricketer in

Best match?: There's a few that spring to mind – playing at Lords in the 2014 university final (even though we lost) was a really special game for me. In 2015 we chased 245 against Sunbury in thelLast 16 of the National KO. They'd gone really well in the comp the previous year so we were probably underdogs. I chipped in with the usual quick cameo 30-odd (slogging) but Letty batted through for one of the best hundred's I've ever seen. And we did it eight down with a couple of overs left. It wasn't necessarily the biggest win we've had as a team, but the atmosphere on the balcony as James Brown hit the winning runs in front of a huge crowd is something I'll never forget.

Standard in 1st XI?: Quite simply, if you want to play and train at a standard as close to a professional environment as possible then Bath CC is the place. It's fantastic to be able to have young guys like Timmy and George Hankins playing championship cricket and still turning out for us on a Saturday. That combined with ex-pro's like Muchy and someone with as much 1st class experience under their belt as Kiwi, I genuinely believe we'd give a lot of good minor counties/2nd XI sides a good run.

Funniest team mate?: There are a few candidates, and all for different reasons – JC is in the mix as he's always good for a prank around the dressing room. Padge is a funny guy for the first couple of hours on a Saturday until he realises he hates cricket and all of his mates! I'd have to say Seb Benton – again, loves a prank - and can often be seen parading round in his 'budgies' which is a good chuckle for all the lads. We've been known to have a spontaneous wrestling match early on a Sunday morning so I'd say he just nicks this one.

What could be improved?: Although there has been a marked improvement in the last 12 months, I still think we could improve the social side of the club. To be fair, Mutley and all the staff at the club (plus people like Lloyd) have put a massive effort into raising the profile of socials but I think it would be great to see a full clubhouse on a Saturday night. At the rugby club I play for, everyone goes back to the club and all the teams nominate a 'man of the match' and 'idiot* of the day' which is finished off with a boat race between all the candidates – I think this could be a great addition.

*idiot being the only appropriate word!

Ambitions for next year?: It shows the strength of the club that this year we've won the league and got to a National quarter final and I don't think we're considering it a 'good' season.

Ambitions for next year have to be to go on and finally win the National Knockout – we've got a great squad and a lot of ambitious guys who are really passionate about this club and I know we'd all love to finally get this one in the bank!







2017 SEASON STATS Bath 1st XI

Bath 1st XI 2017 Batting averages all matches

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	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Greg Hay	19	5	796	56.86	176	3	2
George Hankins	11	0	600	54.55	138	2	3
Paul Muchall	28	10	948	52.67	99*	4	0
Tim Rouse	13	1	469	39.08	113	2	1
Sam Mount	25	3	672	30.55	206*	1	1
Lloyd Davies	14	5	259	28.78	74	1	0
Tom Hankins	31	2	823	28.38	106*	6	1
Charlie Brain	11	2	231	25.67	110	0	1
Luke Padgett	21	5	392	24.50	97	1	0
James Campbell	23	3	462	23.10	74*	2	0
Seb Benton	8	0	173	21.63	70	1	0
Harry Hankins	15	6	192	21.33	59	1	0
Ben Ackland	15	3	202	16.83	44*	0	0
Adam Kelly	9	2	33	4.71	13*	0	0
David Ford	10	8	20	10.00	8*	0	0

Qualification 8 inns

Bath 1st XI 2017 Bowling averages

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	Overs	М	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave		
Bobby Cave	41.0	2	135	10	3-30	0	3.29	24.60	13.50		
Adam Kelly	149.5	28	495	32	4-11	0	3.30	28.09	15.47		
Harry Hankins	89.0	5	432	26	4-4	0	4.85	20.54	16.62		
Tom Hankins	182.1	15	835	47	4-22	0	4.58	23.26	17.77		
Paul Muchall	213.5	21	923	48	6-31	2	4.32	26.73	19.23		
Lloyd Davies	107.0	10	482	23	4-23	0	4.50	27.91	20.96		
David Ford	74.0	5	445	20	3-24	0	6.01	22.20	22.25		
Sam Mount	56.4	0	278	10	3-31	0	4.91	34.00	27.80		
Tim Rouse	72.0	1	334	11	3-29	0	4.64	39.27	30.36		
Simon Marchant	90.0	8	427	14	3-16	0	4.74	38.57	30.50		

Qualification 10 wkts



WEPL Premier One League Table 2017

	Played	Won	Lost	С	А	Т	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Bath	18	14	3	1	0	0	74	81	301
Clevedon	18	12	5	0	1	0	58	74	252
Frocester	18	9	8	1	0	0	71	63	230
Bristol	18	9	9	0	0	0	66	71	227
Downend	18	8	10	0	0	0	65	75	220
Potterne	18	7	9	0	2	0	70	68	218
Bedminster	18	8	9	0	0	1	63	68	216
Bridgwater	18	8	9	0	0	1	58	75	214
Lechlade	18	7	9	0	2	0	52	67	201
Corsham	18	3	14	0	1	0	49	60	142









2017 SEASON STATS Bath 2nd XI

Bath 2nd XI 2017 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Jonathan Green	15	5	559	55.90	101*	1	1
Ben Ackland	12	3	437	48.56	102*	3	1
Alain Hewett	18	1	524	30.82	132	3	1
Jack Scrivens	10	1	189	21.00	56	1	0
David Ford	8	4	81	20.25	26*	0	0
Joe Jenkins	13	1	234	19.50	119*	0	1
Charlie Brain	16	0	301	18.81	75	2	0
Seb Benton	9	0	159	17.67	67	1	0
Tim Dean	9	1	124	15.50	68	1	0
Joe Prescott	11	5	84	14.00	33	0	0

Qualification 8 inns

Bath 2nd XI 2017 Bowling averages

	Overs	М	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
David Ford	62.0	8	254	14	4-33	0	4.10	26.57	18.14
Ben Ackland	34.0	1	190	9	3-31	0	5.59	22.67	21.11
Bobby Cave	60.0	4	234	11	5-36	1	3.90	32.73	21.27
Jonathan Green	116.2	12	579	25	4-28	0	4.98	27.92	23.16
Daniel Meek	36.0	1	216	9	4-49	0	6.00	24.00	24.00
Tim Dean	72.5	9	344	14	3-54	0	4.72	31.21	24.57
Joe Prescott	114.0	10	526	19	4-54	0	4.61	36.00	27.68
A Alex	53.0	4	237	8	3-53	0	4.47	39.75	29.63

Qualification 8 wkts







WEPL Bristol & North Somerset - 2017

	Played	Won	Lost	С	А	Т	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Midsomer Norton	18	13	3	0	2	0	64	84	290
Winterbourne	18	12	5	0	1	0	77	84	287
Bristol	18	9	6	2	1	0	60	72	239
Stapleton	18	9	8	0	1	0	68	70	234
Knowle	18	9	7	2	0	0	51	62	215
Brislington	18	7	10	0	1	0	64	65	205
Bath CC	18	6	9	0	3	0	65	62	202
Chew Magna	18	6	11	0	1	0	48	61	175
Old B's Westbury	18	6	11	0	1	0	42	67	175
Pak Bristolians	18	5	12	1	0	0	44	61	159







2017 SEASON STATS Bath 3rd XI

Bath 3rd XI 2017 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Ted Roe	13	4	698	77.56	121*	4	2
Sam Crichard	7	1	200	33.33	69	2	0
Ishmael Clarke	11	0	350	31.82	143	0	1
Ben Copp	10	5	147	29.40	61*	1	0
Michael Roe	7	3	109	27.25	37	0	0
Max Gordon	14	2	276	23.00	70*	2	0
Tom Lawrence	11	0	225	20.45	44	0	0
Daniel Meek	7	0	137	19.57	37	0	0
Phil Lyle	8	3	91	18.20	21	0	0
Gavin Royce	8	2	97	16.17	27*	0	0
Kenny James	13	1	137	11.42	30*	0	0

Qualification 7 inns

Bath 3rd XI 2017 Bowling averages

	Overs	М	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Alex Muse	77.4	13	214	26	5-21	1	2.76	17.92	8.23
Monty Keith	45.0	9	115	12	4-15	0	2.56	22.50	9.58
Kenny James	91.5	8	323	28	4-12	0	3.52	19.68	11.54
Phil Lyle	89.1	8	314	25	4-14	0	3.52	21.40	12.56
Ben Copp	80.2	6	303	17	3-16	0	3.77	28.35	17.82
Matt Smith	49.0	3	210	11	3-22	0	4.29	26.73	19.09
Mike Roe	20.4	0	118	6	2-21	0	5.71	20.67	19.67

Qualification 6 wkts









Bristol & District Cricket Association Fourth Division - 2017

	Played	Won	Lost	С	А	Т	Pen	Pts
Bath	18	13	3	1	1	0	2	423
Failand & Portbury	18	11	5	0	2	0	0	389
Bristol West Indies	18	9	9	0	0	0	0	322
Frenchay	18	8	9	1	0	0	0	296
Stapleton	18	8	9	1	0	0	6	289
Claverham	18	8	10	0	0	0	0	283
Bristol YMCA	18	7	9	1	1	0	0	271
Chew Magna	18	7	9	1	1	0	2	258
Barrow Gurney	18	6	9	1	2	0	1	256
Shirehampton	18	6	11	0	1	0	4	237





2017 SEASON STATS Bath 4th XI

Bath 4th XI 2017 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Gavin Royce	8	3	354	70.80	127*	1	1
Thiaan Aspeling	19	1	628	34.89	116	1	1
Vik Prasher	9	0	208	23.11	52	1	0
Rhys Davey	9	3	127	21.17	33	0	0
Nick Groome	15	2	221	17.00	57*	2	0
Beth Howe	12	3	136	15.11	31	0	0
A Alex	7	0	72	10.29	19	0	0
Matthew Kerr	8	4	34	8.50	12	0	0
Jamie Kerr	9	3	5	0.83	2	0	0

Qualification 7 inns

Bath 4th XI 2017 Bowling averages

	Overs	М	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Ejaz Ahmed Rajpoot	101.2	12	365	26	4-17	0	3.61	23.35	14.01
Rhys Davey	84.4	3	361	25	5-20	1	4.26	20.32	14.44
Thiaan Aspeling	59.4	7	233	15	5-29	1	3.91	23.87	15.53
Matthew Kerr	95.1	10	361	23	3-15	0	3.79	24.83	15.70
Mathan Balasubramaniyan	62.2	9	234	12	3-9	0	3.75	31.17	19.50
James Maby	46.0	0	236	9	5-18	1	5.13	30.67	26.22
Jamie Kerr	97.0	7	459	16	3-25	0	4.73	36.38	28.69

Qualification 9 wkts



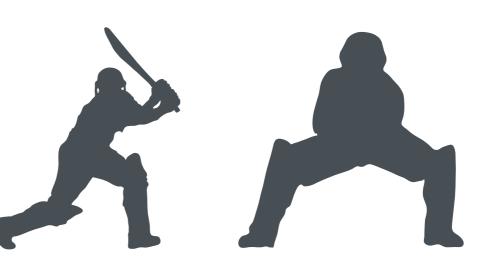






Bristol & District Cricket Association Sixth Division - 2017

	Played	Won	Lost	С	А	Т	Pen	Pts
Bedminster 3rd	18	13	5	0	0	0	0	420
Bath 4th	18	13	5	0	0	0	0	410
PR Royal	18	12	6	0	0	0	2	372
Winterbourne A	18	11	6	0	1	0	4	371
Pak Bristolians	18	10	6	2	0	0	14	327
Chilcompton Sports	18	8	8	0	2	0	2	301
Patchway	18	8	9	1	0	0	2	292
Pucklechurch	18	7	10	1	0	0	4	259
Taveners	18	3	14	0	1	0	0	159
Bristol Sri Lankans	18	1	17	0	0	0	4	105













Award Winners



1st XI Players Player of the Year



Ionathan Green 2nd XI Players Player of



3rd XI Players Player of the Year



Nick Groome 4th XI Players Player of the Year



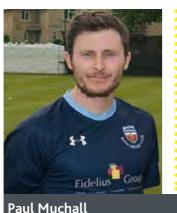
Melissa Storey Wanderers 1st XI Players Player of the Year



Zoe Olsen-Groome Wanderers 2nd XI Players Player of the Year



Tom Hankins Most wickets and runs in mens cricket and fastest fifty



Nationwide award and Louis Powell award





Harry Hankins Young Player of the year



Lloyd Davies J Mabel Reason award for best bowling figures



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