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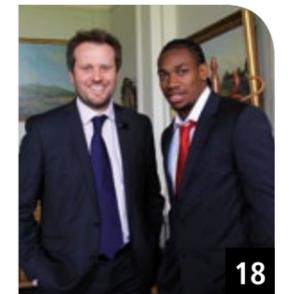


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North Parade flooded,
a familiar site in 2012

From the editor



Welcome to this my third edition as editor of Parade in Print.

Sorry for the delay in production this was mainly due to the new club refurbishment which we wanted to feature. If you haven't visited North Parade since the work has been completed you will be blown away by what you see.

This is an exciting time for the club with three possible building projects. One is nearing completion and two are in the planning stage. The club stands on the verge of a great new era!

I will be sorry to see Mark Kingwell depart the club after providing such great service over the last 18 years. Mark joined the club in 1994, the same season I joined, and he has become a great friend and I hope to see him at the club during the season to share a beer or two.

We are also hopeful that the JR Pavilion will have been re-built by the start of the 2013 season and also that the Indoor school will have been refurbished. This will help to cement the club's place as a one of the premier recreational cricket clubs in the country.

I hope you enjoy this edition and look forward to seeing you all making use of the superb new facilities.



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Pat Colbourne

President's Piece

In 1939 the British public came together to defend our shores and do battle against the invading Nazis. We had a common aim, we worked together to overcome a great challenge and we survived!

In August 2011, the country was suddenly thrown into despair by terrible city riots. Yet, in just 12 months the UK public has shown the world its determination, courage and resilience to rise above this by putting on a great Olympic show of unity, the like of which you may only see once in a lifetime. "London has held a fabulous Olympics." So said Jacques Rogge, the President of the International Olympic Committee. He added "It has enabled athletes to make history and I am a very happy and grateful man."

The 2012 Olympics was won by London in July 2005 mainly due to the emphasis that was put on a vital element – a promise to leave a sporting legacy. The UK bid stated that it would stimulate, encourage and lead the next generation of young people into greater participation in all aspects of sport. Last August I spent most of my waking hours watching the wondrous display of events unfold on TV. I must say how spectacular and exhilarating the whole occasion has been, surely an event to excite and inspire all youngsters.

As Chairman of the Avon Schools Athletic Association way back in 1972, I was fortunate to be invited by the City of Bath Education Committee to select ten talented young athletes, both male and female, to join forces with Brunswick, our twinned city in Germany. Brunswick took us down to the Munich Olympics where we witnessed an astonishing display of sporting talent for over two weeks. It was a memorable time for all of us. May I say, admittedly from my arm chair today, that the London Olympics has surpassed everything I saw then, and have seen, heard, read or hoped for since, and that includes the fabulous Sydney Olympiad of 2000. The efficient organisation, the performance of the sportsmen and women, the wonderful volunteers and military

support and, of course, the British public and spectators, seen 30 rows deep at times on the London streets for the non-stadium events. I am so proud of my country and my country folk.

In 1972, Bath Cricket Club created its own future by developing a youth policy and a coaching programme for ambitious young people who wished to play top class cricket. Today, forty years on, we have a legacy spawned from that time which is now well established. It stands strong and vibrant. Evidence for this is shown by our Girls and Boys youth teams reaching and succeeding in Regional and National competitions, such as our U15 Boys team this year. Also, a number of our young individuals have gone on to represent their county and their country.

Talent is all very well but it's not much use on its own. For talent to excel you need to combine it with opportunity and investment. I am, like Jacques Rogge, a very happy and grateful man that Bath CC has made great strides in providing this legacy for young cricketers. We are currently investing in a major upgrade and improvement of our club, ready for the next decade of cricketing achievement

May I ask all of you to go out, as the 2013 season approaches, and encourage families, relatives, neighbours, OAPs, friends or even strangers and volunteers but particularly enthusiastic young people, to join us in our drive to promote this great game of ours. Let us all do our bit to inspire the next generation, in keeping to the promise of the London Olympic legacy. Invite them to a youth match, or a cup game, or even a tight league encounter, or simply just for a cup of tea on a sunny afternoon. A club like ours will thrive on your input. Thank you.

Lloyd Davies West of
England Premier One
Player of the Year 2012





Mike Roe

Chairman's Report



As you enjoy this edition of Parade in Print I hope you will have by now visited the newly refurbished North Parade Clubhouse.



With the committed and passionate work of Mandy as project manager, Biggs have delivered a superb project. This has enabled us to end what has been a challenging year on a high and signpost what I believe will be a refreshed and exciting next phase for the cricket club.

As you know we started 2012 still reeling from the recent loss of Mike Jones. I am very pleased to say that the core team really

stepped up to the plate and Mark T, Gordon, Mandy, Gregg, Mark, Rob, and Terry, all rallied and have worked as a team helping each other and picking up the work that Mike did so brilliantly. What compounded the situation was the opportunity for us to carry out much needed refurbishment to the club, in a difficult financial environment. This has been a tortuous process as we have negotiated a bank loan and building contracts. The club has been so fortunate that our Finance team of Mike Priscott and Akhil Chokra have provided leadership, counsel and huge

commitment to get this project and other financial projects over the line. I would like to make a special mention to Mike Priscott, who has spent hours tirelessly negotiating with banks to get us the best deal, eventually creating a partnership with Barclays.

I would also like to thank all of the membership for your patience and support as we have managed the disruption of building work and limited provision of services and hospitality. I hope you will think it has been worth it. Of course it was not just the pavilion that featured so prominently this year, in May we had the tragic destruction of the John Ruddick Pavilion, probably by arsonists. Plans are well underway for rebuilding this to its former glory and in a way that we hope would make John proud.

There is something of a "building trilogy" this year as we are also actively seeking ways to refurbish the cricket school. We have made the decision to apply for funding to restore the building to a quality two-lane school, and as I write we are still waiting for a response to our bid. We do have some significant support from a parent/member of the club and this has provided a major stimulus for the project. I hope with their permission to share more details in due course.

Amongst all this off-field activity there was a lot of on-field activity, and whilst our senior sides provided some great entertainment and competitive cricket we did not manage to win a title this year. This will provide extra incentive for the 2013 season. We did however have a lot to cheer about as the Under 15's became National Champions, a great effort from Stuart Kingwell and his young team. We were also hugely proud of our first women cricketer, Anya Shrubsole, who played in the 20/20 world cup final and look forward to watching her in next year's 50 over world cup.

My report this year also marks a major change in personnel at the club as Mark Kingwell has decided, after nearly 20 years, that it is time for a career change. He has been an outstanding servant of the club, and together with Alison has been key in the off-field success of the club for many years. It is very hard on paper to truly reflect and represent the contribution of the Kingwells, but theirs is a legacy to be hugely proud of. I suspect we will have a number of opportunities to thank them before he leaves at the end of February.

A final thank you to everyone who has provided such valuable support during this year and I look forward to a phenomenal 2013 for us all. Happy New Year.

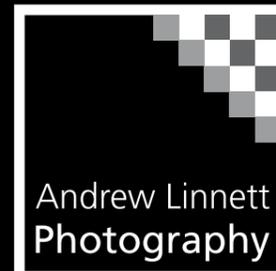




Newly refurbished members bar



Stuart Brennan appeals in vain in 3rd XI match at the Brownsword



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Captains report 1st XI



Team	P	W	L	C	A	BatP	BowlP	%Wins	Pts
Bridgwater CC	18	12	3	3	0	79	73	80	294
Bath CC	18	12	1	5	0	66	64	92.31	290
Downend CC	18	8	4	6	0	43	56	66.67	227
Corsham CC	18	7	3	6	2	44	50	70	222
Taunton St Andrews CC	18	8	5	5	0	43	54	61.54	217
Bristol CC	18	6	6	6	0	28	54	50	190
Ilminster CC	18	4	8	4	2	37	46	33.33	160
Frocester CC	18	2	9	5	1	39	41	16.67	150
Taunton Deane CC	18	2	11	4	0	43	53	14.29	149
Gloucester City Winget CC	18	1	12	4	1	23	42	7.69	97

Robin Lett - 1st XI - League Position: 2nd

Pre-season prediction:

To win the league.

Seasons top performers:

Jon Green has already been mentioned, James Brown is so consistent it would be easy to let him slip under the radar but he was excellent. Stayty, Lloyd, AK all had good years and we saw flashes of brilliance from Sam Mount and Will Jenkins.

Best individual performances:

Two performances stand head and shoulders above the rest in terms of sheer brilliance. Sam Mount's hundred away at Bridgwater was quite simply, sensational. He batted sensibly for his first 30 overs and from 77 for 4 after 25 overs, propelled us up to 268 with some massive hits on a very sticky wicket. It was awesome to watch. The other performance was Lloyd Davies 5-26 against Gloucester City but more specifically his opening spell of 5-11. I've faced some pretty quick bowlers in my time but he was roaring in. At one point he had four slips, two gullies, a leg gully and a short leg and they were petrified of him. Everything that got edged got swallowed up and it was just a scintillating passage of play.

Seasons key moments:

I would say it was Adam Kelly injuring his shoulder shortly before our first home,

pre-season game. Had he not done that then Greeny never would have come into the side and done so well. His contribution with the ball has been enormous for us. Failing to take more wickets in the game we lost to Bridgwater ultimately cost us the league. They ended up with 23 points from that game. If we had taken six wickets rather than three, we would have won the league.

Best team performance:

We won almost every game we played very comfortably so it would be hard to pick out a best game, though the six wicket win at Corsham was very pleasing as up until that point, our batting had been underwhelming.

Worst moment:

I'd say the National defeat to South Wilts where we had countless players unavailable for various reasons and our inexperienced batting order crumbled on a flat wicket in the heat as we let our heads get clouded by all the sledging and nasty atmosphere.

Personal contribution:

I've been playing mainly as a fielder this year! My batting has been absolutely woeful at times but I've held on to 30/31 catches this season in the slips which is pleasing. I've managed to chalk up four half centuries in league and cup but nothing to write home about.

Player most often late:

JB.

Worst player at returning calls/texts:

Alex Barrow.

Best catch of the year:

Padge at home vs Frocester to get rid of Trainor. (it was a snare and'alf!)

Most untidy team member:

Me.

Loudest team member:

Me.

Who is the biggest "Captain's pet":

Staunts! no obviously joking. I'd say Greeny probably.

Best single opponent:

Michael Coles, Rob Woodman and Toby Davies were the only players who got past 50 against us all season long.

Captains report 2nd XI



Team	P	W	L	C	A	BatP	BowlP	%Wins	Pts
Bridgwater CC	18	11	1	3	3	69	64	91.67	282
Bath CC	18	11	1	5	1	55	62	91.67	272
Corsham CC	18	8	3	4	3	63	51	72.73	241
Frocester CC	18	7	5	5	1	56	53	58.33	224
Bristol CC	18	6	3	8	1	40	48	66.67	217
Taunton St Andrews CC	18	4	8	5	1	43	44	33.33	172
Downend CC	18	4	7	6	1	34	41	36.36	168
Keynsham CC	18	4	8	4	2	35	51	33.33	168
Taunton Deane CC	18	2	10	6	0	43	35	16.67	146
Warminster CC	18	1	12	4	1	29	30	7.69	106

Stuart Kingwell - 2nd XI - League Position: 2nd

Previous captaincy experience:

Every male team at club including youth teams, with the exception of the first team.

What were your expectations for the team in April?

Win the league but after one or two games and seeing the age range of the team I was hoping for a strong finish in top half!

Were there any key players that you thought you would have in your team that you didn't for some reason, and any that were there that you didn't expect?

Jon as captain and any other senior player I would have thought would have played but Youth it was! (They were brilliant though).

If you were writing a simple school-style end of term report for the team, how would it look?

Very promising future lies ahead.

Can you identify any key moments during the season?

Ben Staunton batting with Pat Grieshaber. The experience Pat gained from that innings after that he looked much more confident in the middle opening for the seconds!

Best team performance:

Taunton Deane second game of year with a youthful side chasing large total the young players batted with great patience and understanding of the adult game! And we won = big moment as we had lost the first game!

Worst moment:

First game of year with a lot of unavailability against rivals Bridgwater we lost and it turned out to be our only loss and cost us league!

Players who have really stepped up to the plate?

Pat Grieshaber : first year as a senior batted well and kept beautifully Max O'Leary bowled with control and excellent in field

Ted Roe as a senior batter in team showed reserve in his batting not trying to hit every ball for six and led the way with the bat most of the year!

Best individual performances:

Pat and Tim Rouse knocking off 188 for no wicket to keep us in the chase for league! And Max O'Leary first senior 5 fer.

Personal contribution:

Batted well when required hopefully showing some of the youngsters how to do it on a dodgy wicket against Taunton St Andrews and striking it cleanly when quick runs we're required!

Player who is most often late:

Ted.

Worst player at returning calls/texts:

Me.

Top catch of the year:

Myself at Warminster at slip to Alex Wright it just stuck. (we dropped quite a few catches this year so had to be me!).

Most untidy team member:

Ted until last two games then Adam Mitchell.

Loudest team member:

Me. (a lot of youngsters who need to speak up).

Who is the biggest "Captain's pet":

Pat Grieshaber. (every one else caused me loads of hassle)

Biggest hit of the year:

Ted generally hit lots.

Team we'd love to play against every week:

Bridgwater to show that we can beat them and it's a challenge.

Best single opponent this year:

Bridgwater only team to beat us.

Captains report 3rd XI



Team	P	W	T	L	A	C	Pen	Pts
Bear Flat CC	16	8	0	1	2	5	0	53
Bath Hospitals CC	16	6	0	2	1	7	0	42
Bristol 3 CC	16	6	0	4	2	4	0	41
Wrington CC	16	4	1	4	1	6	0	38
Bath 3 CC	16	4	1	6	0	5	0	36
Backwell Flax Bourton CC	16	4	0	4	2	6	0	35
Stratton on the Fosse CC	16	5	0	6	1	4	0	34
Brislington 3 CC	16	3	0	5	4	4	0	30
Grendel CC	16	0	0	8	3	5	0	21

Mike Roe - 3rd XI - League Position: 5th

Approximate age:

Middle age.

Previous captaincy experience:

Bits and bobs here and there!

How do you/did you see your own playing role in the team?

Counsellor, confidante, coach and catcher!

What were your expectations for the team in April?

Best case - challenging Bear Flat, more realistic - Mid table obscurity. Reality - bit of a relegation fight.

Were there any key players that you thought you would have in your team that you didn't for some reason?

Missed Harry Roberts bowling, although he might become a very useful batsman.

And any that were there that you didn't expect?

Had the pleasure of getting a glimpse of the future in the last game of the season at Stratton.....Stoyle, Gillow, Brain, Randall..... As well a number of the very successful under 15s during the course of the season who showed they can contribute at senior level.

If you were writing a simple school-style end of term

report for the team, how would it look?

"Predicted grades not good enough and will need some extra tuition to fullfill potential.....and there is a school uniform that should be worn!

Can you identify any key moments during the season?

Salford giving up helped the relegation battle!!! And beating Bath Hospitals gave momentum to the recovery.

Best team performance:

Percy joining the 3rds on returning from injury was a big boost. Closely followed by Maggsy's bowling effort when stepping in at the last minute.

Worst moment:

May to end of July.

Players who have really stepped up to the plate?

The team became a team in August.

Particular stand-out individual performances/moments?

Dan Gill and Mike Roe in conversation. MR "Dan where are the wicket keeping gloves?", DG "I havent got any but I have bought the tea"

Personal contribuiton:

Crocodile technique for catching still works. After all these years the slips is the new mid off.

Player who is most often late:

Dave Robertson.

Worst player at returning calls/texts:

Kenny, particularly for a two week period in the middle of the season!!!!

Top catch of the year:

Couldn't possibly say!

Loudest team member:

Stu Brennan.

Who is the biggest "Captain's pet":

Harry, he makes me tea.

Biggest hit of the year (either for us or against):

Hits...Stu Brennan smashed 27 in just under two overs.

Team we'd love to play against every week:

Bear Flat....they are the benchmark and have a brilliant attitude towards the opposition.

Best single opponent this year:

Bear Flat. Percy might vote for Grendall though! (Once again...I haven't made the question clear here, have I?!)

Captains report 4th XI



Team	P	W	L	A	C	Pen	Pts
Stanton Drew CC	18	11	0	2	5	0	58
Harpree Villages CC	18	11	1	3	3	0	56
Easton Cowboys CC	18	6	4	1	7	0	40
Avonside CC	18	8	5	1	4	4	38
Midsomer Norton 3 CC	18	6	5	0	7	4	34
Nailsea 3 CC	18	4	7	2	5	0	30
Wrington 2 CC	18	2	6	2	8	0	28
Churchways CC	18	3	8	2	5	0	26
Bath 4 CC	18	2	8	2	6	0	24
Timsbury 3 CC	18	1	10	1	6	0	18

Paul Bird - 4th XI - League Position: 9th

Well, what a wet summer! We had a total of eight of our games called off. My wife was hoping to be a cricket widow, but for most Saturdays she had to put up with me hanging around the house and I had to be content with doing any odd jobs that she could find me!

We really felt for Gregg and Gordon as they tried to prepare pitches, when conditions favoured wellies instead of cricket spikes.

It seemed to get into a Friday night routine where we would wait for the rain to fall and then I had to send the cancellation text messages to my players.

In our squad this year, we had players ranging from 11 to 53 and even though we went through some tough times, the spirit the team showed was still very good and there were some very encouraging performances from our younger players. Jack Dancey, Joel Quinn and Josh Godman scored maiden half-centuries, whilst Lucas Reeman also recorded a fine 44.

Young players introduced to the 4th team for the first time were: Joel Quinn, Lucien Calkin, Will Stoyle, Jack Scrivens, Bron Wood, Piran Gillow, Hoywel Jones, George Dancey and Sam Cope.

Harry Hankins, turned from a spin bowler last year to a seamer this year, was

one of our most improved young players and was impressive when given the new ball in tandem with Mathan.

For me though, Joel Quinn was the real find of the season, he batted, bowled and fielded really well and fitted in to the side excellently in his first full season. He is one to watch for the future.

Joe Quinn (2) and Chris Crighton scored centuries this season, whilst Paul Bird (2), Marc Wilson and Dan Gill scored half-centuries.



Joe Quinn

On the bowling front, Thiaan Aspeling ended up as leading wicket taker, narrowly ahead of Tom Benney, Mathan and Harry Hankins.

Beth Howe and Thiaan Aspeling led the way on the appearances front and played every game of the season which was a great effort.

Some thank yous: To all the 4th team squad – thanks for your efforts this year, to Chris Mould for his scoring efforts and website updating, Thiaan Aspeling in his first season as vice-captain and Maggsy for helping me to find players at short notice, Mark Kingwell and the team for the teas and Gregg and Gordon for the lovely Brownsword ground !

Thankfully after the North Somerset League restructuring we are staying in Division 3 for the 2013 season.

To finish off, over the years I have enjoyed being captain of the 4th XI, but now think it is time to move over and let someone else have a go, may I wish them well for the future.



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Anya's World Cup

Anya Shrubsole



A guide to what it's like to be an England player at the T20 World Cup in Sri Lanka (in no particular order):

- It's seriously hot – hotter than you could ever imagine. There is a reason why we do all the fitness work we do and that's to cope with playing in the heat!!
- Running long-off to long-off and bowling your overs in the heat can in no way be described as fun!!
- The bus journeys to and from training and matches were horrendous!! Suffering from travel sickness as I do meant I had to sit up the front with the captain, coach and assistant coach all who were suffering as well!! Sitting at the front has the added disadvantage of thinking that you are going to crash at least 10 times a journey – the choice between sickness and fearing for your life is an interesting one!!
- It is no wonder the sub-continent nations produce all these mystery spinners – we have hoards of net bowlers come and bowl at us every training session (for three hours) and then bowl at the next team and then rock up and do it the next day and the day after and the day after... think you get the picture
- It's hot!!
- Air conditioning in hotel rooms is a must in Sri Lanka
- You couldn't spend your allowance if you tried... everything is just so cheap!!
- Having to pee in a pot every morning to have your hydration checked is not all it's cracked up to be!
- Random drug tests appear not to be so random... Sarah Taylor and I were both randomly selected on both occasions the drug testers turned up!! I won't go into detail but it's not the nicest process in the world.
- Our physio is easily the busiest person on tour!!
- At times you have a fair amount of down time but believe me, you need it!! The heat takes it out of you so you use any time you have. There's no shortage of things to watch on TV, especially if you like cricket!
- Discovering how Wi-Fi works in the hotels is pretty much the most important thing to every member of our team!!
- It's hot!!!
- When you have an afternoon game the mornings seem to really drag on. Just really want to get going!!
- Having a migraine the evening before the World Cup final is not ideal preparation!!
- Security around the team and hotel was very tight... Couldn't go anywhere without them!! Two members of the team ended up with a member of security sat at their table!!
- Sri Lanka is an amazing place. The people couldn't be friendlier or do any more for you!!
- Sri Lanka is no place for seamers!!
- It's hot!!
- Losing the World Cup final was arguably my worst moment to date on a cricket pitch!! There's no secret that we were out there to win and anything less than that would have been deemed a failure in our eyes!! At the end of the day, we didn't play up to our standards in the final and lost to the better team on the day!
- This England team is an incredible team to play for!! We are pushing the boundaries both on and off the field and are the best supported international team by quite some distance!! It's up to us to continue developing as individuals and as a team to make sure we keep ahead of the rest!
- We have a brilliant chance to put right this loss with the 50-over World Cup just around the corner!! We are reigning champions and are desperate to retain our title in India.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Bath Cricket club for their continued support. I am very proud to say that I am a Bath player through and through and always will be. Bath has played a major role in getting me to where I am today. I'm hoping that in years to come there will be many more girls who get the opportunity to play for England!! Hopefully I will continue to represent Bath well with my performances for England and can bring the World Cup back in February!!

Lands End to John O'Groats

Alex Muse

There is definitely an element of romanticism surrounding the thought of spending 12 days cycling the length of mainland Britain.

Whistling along quiet country lanes, discovering new places and meeting different people along the way, it all sounds very quaint and peaceful. Granted, it's a long way, just over 1000 miles to be precise, but average 15 mph for six hours cycling per day, break it up with cafes and pubs along the way and John O'Groats is easily attainable. Right?

Wrong. We'd not catered for the rain that arrived the day after we started and sat over the country for a week. Sat in a pub on top of Dartmoor, the middle of day two, drenched to the bone and having just been blown off the road by gale force winds, there was little enthusiasm for the rest of the day let alone the remaining 10 days. Somehow we pressed on and made Exeter that night. Day three saw us traversing flood water across the Somerset Levels while day four started out by crossing the Severn Bridge, angled into the wind and trying not to get blown off the bridge!

Onwards through Bolton, the Lake District (despite the 86 flood warnings present in the UK at that point), then north over the border into Scotland on day seven and past Glasgow up through Glencoe Moor. Being blown off the road on Dartmoor seemed like child's play in comparison to an hour on the moor where the rain lashed down, the wind blew us across the road and into the path of oncoming traffic and muscles locked solid due to the cold. Probably the worst conditions I've ever been outside in and

without doubt the worst I've ever tried to ride a bike in!

Day nine saw us pressing on along the shores of Loch Ness, a tailwind mercifully helping us knock off 130km's in just over four hours, before starting out across the northern territories of Scotland and reaching John O'Groats on schedule, just before 5pm on Day 12.

Despite the horrendous conditions, hills everywhere, frequent sense of humour failures and an extremely sore behind, we made it on time and in one piece. It's a slightly underwhelming feeling rolling into John O'Groats, there's no one there, it's cold, you've yet to find your B&B, and you just want to get off the bike after another 135km. But gradually over the next day and during the train journey home, it begins to dawn on you that you've cycled the length of Britain. And that sounds pretty good!

Physically it was tougher than anticipated, but really it was the mental challenge that was harder to cope with. Just the act of dragging yourself onto the bike each morning knowing that you're about to spend another 6 hours in the saddle, knowing that it's going to rain, your arse hurts and knowing that the last 40km of the day is going to be torture again.

However the feeling now, a couple of days later, is definitely one of satisfaction, some great memories and another challenge ticked off the bucket list!



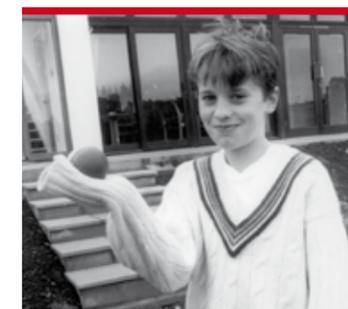


Neil Priscott

'As Head of Media and Public Affairs for Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) I promote all of the MCC's activities around the world and ensure that Lord's is portrayed in a positive light'



BCC to



I first played for Bath CC in the 1987 season, when I was 10. I was 'under age' for the Under 13s and played with my brother John in a few games in that first year. One game in particular, away at Purnells, was memorable for me because John took three wickets for not many and I took a hat-trick to bowl them out cheaply. Danny Watson was the superstar of that team and, although John would admit he wasn't the world's greatest player, it was immensely satisfying as a 'young'un' to share that great experience with one of my brothers. I would of course go on to play many times with my eldest brother Stuart, who has had a stellar career at Bath and promises to be the star of the fourth team in the 2013 season!

I quickly made my seniors debut for the 3rd XI, and it was all a bit of a whirlwind for a junior school cricketer to take in. This was the team of stalwarts such as Fred Ford, Paul Collard (my first Under 13 Manager), Terry Harper, Phil Corbett, Paul Wacey (whose wife was called Tracey!) and others...all I can remember is that I tossed up my leggies and most of the opposition tried to whack them out of the park – without much success. The next day I'm playing for the Sunday 'B' XI under the great Patrick Shervington and I've picked up another hatful of wickets, basically because I think the opposition were either too scared of getting out to a young kid or too sympathetic to take

the bowling on. As I was so young, it got a bit of local press attention and I ended up being given a Club long-sleeve sweater which was miles too big for me. I think Stuart tried to give me beer at the end of season awards dinner; I refused, but it didn't take many years to start to appreciate the delights of the post-match de-brief.

I played for every team at the Club – from the Under 13s up to the 1st XI – and at one time had high hopes of breaking into the professional game. I toured many countries, with a variety of representative sides, and was probably at my peak as a bowler when I was 15 and I made an England winter training squad. Marcus Trescothick was in the school year above me so he was a familiar face at that time – and if you look closely you'll see I made the cut in his award-winning autobiography! Playing with Stuart was great fun, and I also played against him for my school (Beechen Cliff). I found him easy to face because he never turned a ball. He did once hit me for a six at the Sports Centre end, but who would be a spinner at North Parade with that short boundary? I beat him in the flight and it stills goes for a maximum. My proudest moment was probably hitting a 50 in a must-win 2nd XI match against Stroud to win the league. That was an absolutely solid crew – Maggs, Linnett, Baker, Brunt, Chokra, Smithy et al – top lads. No question though that my best memories of

Bath CC were in the years of the tours – two to Blackpool and one to Dublin. Just absolutely solid gold memories – trashing Roey's room on a daily basis sticks in the mind, as does a vicious 'lifter' that broke my right hand in Blackpool.

A large dollop of the yips put paid to any hopes of a career on the field, or indeed the first team, and I last played regularly for Bath in the 2000 season. But I like to think that my association with the Club is still very much alive – I'm a regular visitor and all my family are members. My Dad is heavily involved in the finances of the Club so I'm up to speed with it all and always check the website for the results. I now bat very occasionally for the Cross Arrows CC, who play their games at the end of each season on the Nursery Ground at Lord's. Pat Colbourne calls me 'slogger', which is probably a fair description of my approach!

Although I don't play the game for a living, I have got the next best thing as I am very much involved in the sport – I am Head of Media and Public Affairs for Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). I have just worked my tenth season at Lord's and have seen a massive change in the game in that time. My job is to promote all of the MCC's activities around the world and to ensure that Lord's is portrayed in the most positive light possible. It is a wide-ranging role that has its challenges, but I very much enjoy being based at Lord's and have been very fortunate to have met some very interesting people and legends of the game in the process. I have also had the chance to play on the main ground, and my 400% strike rate at the Home of Cricket ranks alongside the great hitters in the game – although I don't want to talk about that! If you see something positive written about MCC/ Lord's in the papers or online, I have hopefully had a part to play in that article. If it is a negative piece, it had nothing to do with me!

MCC



Back Row Left to Right: Sam Croker, Lucas Reeman, Osh Cook, Patrick Grieshaber, Lucien Calkin, Janninder Morgan, Ben Snook, Charlie Brain.
Front Row Left to Right: Will Stoyle, Jack Dancey, Felix Weston, Hywel Jones, George Hankins, Max O'leary.

2. If two days previously we had not managed to get our victory against Cheddar (and not on the toss of a coin!)
3. If it wasn't, once again, for the amazing efforts of the ground staff at Nailsea getting the game started just one hour later than the allotted time.

Westlands offered little resistance to this Bath team, scoring just 70 in the 20 overs, which we knocked off for the loss of three wickets, one off the first ball. Round three complete and now Somerset champions!

Bad weather and torrential rain turned the next round into a logistical nightmare. The match was rearranged so many times, and eventually confirmed for a date when most of the team were on tour with Somerset or away with Bunbury. But the rest of the squad stepped up, with a few additions from the under 15-2's and the under 13's. Thanks guys. Christchurch had very politely suggested we send down our second team after hearing of

we moved into the finals. Facing a highly fancied Newport team, that had won the under 13 nationals for the previous two years and now moved into the under 15 age group, this was going to be tough. Bowling first again! Oh boy, did we bowl and field well. A classy Newport team held to 47-9 from their 20! A brilliant bowling display, especially from our left arm spinner Osh, with 2-11 from four overs, taking apart their highly rated top order. The Bath team responded no problem, with 48-1. South West Champions! National finals here we come.

National Finals

You know what happens. A win by nine wickets in the semis then a win by 10 wickets against reigning champions in the final. The BEST TEAM in the country by a million miles. Every one of this squad contributed to our success. I am so proud of every single one of them and cannot wait to see what they do in the future. A truly awesome team and more importantly an amazing group of people!



U15 National Champions!!

Stuart Kingwell

At the start of the year, on a cold wet Wednesday evening in April (I realise this could describe the whole summer) the 15 squad got together to discuss our aims for the year. At the conclusion of the meeting we, the squad, Steve and myself, came up with one clear goal to win the national club championship!

This is how we did it!

Right from the start I had said that the national cup would not be won by just the 11 that played on the day, but by the entire squad. Sure enough that's how it happened.

With the majority of early fixtures washed away due to the ever annoying rain fall, which just seemed to keep on coming, the squad went about their business in the nets and for the clubs senior teams ensuring that when the

day came and we actually got to play in the cup we would be ready!

Our first game in the cup was against a strong Brislington team. The Bath team had yet to be tested. Brislington elected to bat, a decision they would live to regret, as would almost every team we came up against, scoring just 85-6 off their allotted overs, with Max O'leary picking up 3-9 from his four overs. In response, Bath eased to victory with the loss of just two wickets in the 14th over. Round one complete!

The second round saw us up against a relatively unknown Cheddar team. With the bad weather persisting, it was touch and go if we would play or not. If the rain continued a toss of a coin would decide our fate! Surely not. Thanks to amazing work by Gordon and Greg a ground, that had been under water six hours previous, was playable. Cheddar turned out to be no match for this unstoppable Bath team, with Bath amassing a huge 183 from 20 overs, losing just five wickets (more than most teams got against us). Patrick scored 77, with the rest of the team chipping in nicely. In response, Cheddar fell a long way short with just 86 runs. Janinder picked up three wickets and Max another three. Round two complete!

Next came the Somerset finals that might not have gone ahead for these reasons:

1. If we had not managed to get our Brislington game played, just five days previously.

our predicament, something that was not received well by our youth coaching co-ordinator. We owed this lot one! I always said everyone in the squad would be required, and what a squad I had at my disposal! Step up Sam Crocker and Harry Hankins, 2 for 12 off 4, and 3 for 5 off 3 respectively and Christchurch, for the first time in the year, had been kept to under 100, scoring 91. With Mr Stoyle taking over the scoring from me at the half way stage, I was able to start my pacing of the boundary, something that became a bit of a habit during the tournament (getting the best view of what was going on, of course, nothing to do with my nerves). I didn't need to worry, Charlie Brain and Hywel got us off to a flyer, by the time they were both dismissed the game was ours. 95-2. On to the regional's!

The regional's were always going to be tense. Swindon came first. Brushing them aside, for the loss of no wickets,

In this whole competition we lost just 14 wickets in all eight games combined, and only two wickets in the final four games. I was worried they might buckle when put under pressure but this team was so good they never felt under pressure. CHAMPIONS!!!

There is one more person who made this all happen, not only by scoring every game, but by making sure we had a team turn up, even with the rain and cancellations. Without him I would not have been able to concentrate on my role to give cricket guidance. Thank you so much Steve. You are a true legend and I owe you a lot.

As for next year...can we repeat it?? I think so. Stuart Kingwell Under 15 National Winning Coach (that sounds good!!!)





Bath Rugby Triumph Again!

David Nelson

After the success and sunshine of 2011's inaugural charity T20, the Bath Rugby Legends XI were again invited to play against a Bath CC Select XI in July.



The scene for this year's game, however, could not have been more different. In the days running up to the match it rained and rained and then rained some more, casting a huge amount of doubt over whether the fixture would be played at all.

Finally, on the morning of the game, we had a let up in the weather. We'd had a huge amount of rain that night though, and the forecast was, well, 'iffy' at best, but after discussing our options with Gordon, Gregg and Mark, we decided we'd go for it! With a reassessment penned for midday the super-soppers went into overdrive and it was all hands on deck trying to get everything set up.

Midday soon came...and so did a short, sharp, shower. I held my breath as Gordon looked on but it passed as quickly as it had arrived. 'Let's keep going' were his words, along with 'well, there are a couple of huge puddles in the outfield, but that'll be mighty entertaining watching the rugby

boys slipping and sliding through them'. I laughed, albeit a bit nervously! I could see the Chronicle's back page headlines reading very differently from how I wanted them to....!

So, with the game on and players and punters arriving alike, we were all set for another interesting contest. Bath Rugby had arrived with a mixture of players. Some were well known to us (Banahan, Batty, Fearn, new head coach Gary Gold and World Cup winner Stephen Donald); some less so, coming from the Academy and from yester-year.

Having 'won' the toss, Bath CC batted first and we set about our task somewhat differently from last year. Wickets tumbled at a fairly rapid rate, and so did the Legends, few of whom had brought spikes with them. At the halfway point of our innings we were not very many - for quite a few - off far too many! It was only when club captain, Robin Lett, marched to the crease that we began to see a dramatic increase in the run rate.

Four overs and 50 runs later he was duly retired. A few more quick runs through Tom Stayt and it left us with a semi-respectable 168, with Banahan picking up 3 wickets for the visitors.

The Legends opened up their chase with some lusty blows straight from the off. A smashed car windscreen on the far side of the white wall was a result of just one of the many sixes that were inflicted upon us in the opening stages of their account. Banahan, seemingly the man of the moment, even opened up his innings with a reverse sweep. Surely we weren't going to lose again?! Not even a few quick wickets or even some rain could save Bath CC from a second consecutive loss to the Legends. They reached the target with four overs to spare - bathed in glorious sunshine!

All the proceeds from this year's game went to BBC Children in Need. Bath Rugby is keen to play again next season - hopefully we'll have a dryer day for it. A huge thank you to Gordon and Gregg for their efforts, without you we wouldn't have had a match.



Fantasy Report

Alex Muse

2012 was not a vintage summer. But it did provide a league season that went right down to the final week. On, and off the pitch. While the 1sts, 2nds and Wanderers teams missed out by the smallest of margins on the hallowed turf, Fantasy League provided a proper battle at the top with six managers all holding the lead at various points and up to four managers in with a chance during the final weeks.

Eventually, and thanks in no small part to Tim Rouse's performances in the last third of the season, it was Alex Muse who triumphed over Les Marchant by 227 points, with James Brown just falling into third a further 36 points back. The top six positions were completed by Paul Bird, Reece Croker (an early season leader for a while) and Chris Davies. At the bottom Jan Godman managed to acquire enough points in the last couple of

games to remove herself from the foot of the table leaving Dave Bean with egg on his face and the unwanted pleasure of the wooden spoon for this year!

Simon Marchant had an incredible first half of the season and at one point was fully 300 points clear of anyone else in the Players League. However, the all round potential of Lloyd Davies was realised in the back half of the summer and he poured it on, finishing with 968 points, with Marchant settling for second on 718 and Tom Stayt just pipping Adam Mitchell to third by two points with 662.

In the Women's league Kate Randell did enough to finish clear of Anya Shrubsole and Moira Comfort although the three were only separated by 31 points at the end of the year.

Here's hoping that 2013 brings with it a far greater number of sunny days, less rain and more Fantasy League entries.....



Team Scores: Top Ten

Position	Team Manager	Team Name	Overall Points
1	Alex Muse	Stiffler's Barmy Army	4893
2	Les Marchant	Gordon Ottershaw	4666
3	James Brown	Cmryu am Byth	4630
4	Paul Bird	Play for the badge	4503
5	Reece Croker	Team Croker	4455
6	Chris Davies	Davo's XI	4378
7	Alex Muse	Mitch Martin's Barmy Army	4258
8	Tom Benney	Norfolk n Chance	4097
9	Dave Bean	Flight and Guile	3891
10	Josh Godman	Team Godman	3699

Player Scores: Top Ten (male)

Position	Player	Total Score
1	Lloyd Davies	968
2	Simon Marchant	718
3	Tom Stayt	662
4	Adam Mitchell	660
5	Pat Grieshaber	639
6	Tim Rouse	637
7	Stu Kingwell	587
8	Jon Green	579
9	Reece Croker	506
10	Sam Mount	505

Player Scores: Top Ten (female)

Position	Player	Total Score
1	Kate Randall	503
2	Anya Shrubsole	491
3	Moira Comfort	472
4	Lauren Shrubsole	379
5	Beth Howe	335
6	Jackie Hawker	319
7	Jenny Withers	318
8	Emily Knight	267
9	Elwyn Campbell	247
10	Daisy Vowles	226

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Youth Cricket

Cricketbath Extend Their Reach Into The Community



Mark Thorburn

Cricketbath

In 2012 Bath Cricket Club's community coaching arm 'Cricketbath' took on a district wide coaching project through Chance to Shine in order to provide more cricketing opportunities for children of state schools in the B&NES area.

The project consisted of establishing links with six other local cricket clubs (Lansdown, Hampset, Stothert & Pitt, Midsomer Norton, Bathford & Keynsham) to provide coaching to those schools within their catchment area, 15 schools in total.

Cricketbath assisted these clubs by establishing links with the schools, providing professional coaching provision through a team of eight coaches and administrative support. The project was a great success with over 370 hours of coaching being delivered across the schools and clubs, introducing cricket to almost 1000 children in the local area. In addition to this seven kwik cricket and inter cricket competitions were set up and run at North Parade to provide the children with the opportunity to try out their new found cricketing skills.

The greatest success of the project was the migration of children from their school to their local club, with all the clubs involved in the project reporting increases in their youth membership. Now that these clubs have had an involvement with Chance to Shine for one year our hope for the project in 2013 is for the clubs to identify individuals within their own ranks to start delivering more coaching hours and potentially take a lead on the administration of their own project in order to maximize this fantastic opportunity.

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runs off the total for a wicket) and it all came down to Georgia & Max needing seven of the last over. A couple of dots and singles off the first four balls left us needing five off two balls. But the fifth ball was stroked through the covers for four and the final ball was a wide,

tying the scores up. Cue high drama as Biddestone crowded the bat, max Knight plays to mid wicket and sets off but their fielder picks it up cleanly and throws at the bowlers end..... he misses and we squeeze through by the narrowest of margins!

Player of the season?

Sam Young. Got runs every time, hit the ball along the floor, looked a cut above the rest. Bowling, steady without blowing teams away (I feel he may turn into a canny off-spinner one day). Fielding, breathtaking. Made cover his own, when he picked it up (cleanly of course) you expected him to hit the stumps, and he mostly did. And he captained too! I have high hopes for him, he's definitely in the Anya Shrubsole, Harry Rouse, Tim Rouse, Pat Greishaber mould where you expect them to go on to great things.

Player to look out for?

Tom Campbell. What a gritty character he is. You would want him to bat for your life, he hates getting out and although he had limited hard ball experience he was one of our leading run scorers and got runs at 4, 7 & 9, very versatile and adaptable. Bowling, oh yes! Off-spin, lovely flight and spin and lately he has added control to that too. I'm very excited about this season and he is a certainty to captain some games.

Hopes for next year?

Just one really. Some opposition to test our squad. We work so hard in the winter and we want to be challenged and pushed so we can show off our talents. See you in February. Tom.

Arrows

Coach Tom Baker

Best Individual Performance:

The ball definitely had the edge over the bat this year for obvious reasons so my vote goes to Greg Harden. He had just stepped off the plane from the West Indies and came straight up to the Brownsword to play in a crucial league match against the Centurions. This was made more difficult as we were also playing against two Blades, but Greg bowled quick and straight and blew the opposition away to return figures of 5 for 8 off his four overs. Well done Greg!

Best Team Performance:

I would love to say that going the whole season unbeaten was a testament to our quality and strength in depth and whilst that was partly true, the standard of the opposition was so poor, predictably our toughest game was against the Blades. Having worked hard to get to 104, which was par at best, we found ourselves looking down the barrel as after 10 overs of the Blades reply they were 54-2 and looking good. However we refused to give in and managed to take wickets regularly and in the end ran out victors by nine runs, Phew!

Most Memorable Match:

I'm going to choose the Quarter Final of the cup v Biddestone which was a cracker. In truth this game was low on quality but high on drama. For 95% of the game we were outplayed by a confident display from the Wiltshire club. Biddestone posted 74 from their 16 overs which was below par but we kept losing wickets (five

Blades

Coach Mike Smyth

Best Individual performance and why?

Patrick Crawford in a practice match at north parade. Playing reverse sweeps and timing them beautifully for four!!

Best team performance and why?

Corsham away - they were a potent team last year so we needed to be strong to beat them. Not only did we beat them comfortably, but every single player contributed to the win with bat or ball.

Player of the season and why?

I can't pick a single player because we played so few games. But I was impressed with how the whole squad trained and put that into practice in the few matches we did play.

Player to look out for and why?

Patrick Crawford as he is unorthodox and lethal with the bat and a great athlete, and Nathan Greg who is very thoughtful with what he does in cricket, a gritty batsman who never gives up his wicket and a talented leggy with variations!

Hopes for next year?

To play more than four league games so I can see the players grow and develop.

Centurions

Coach Tracy Husher

Best Individual performance and why?

Marcus Kendall - taking five wickets for a small number of runs in the first match (vs Brislington). He was bowling leg spin.

Best team performance and why?

All performances were great to watch with a real sense of enjoyment coming from the players.

Most memorable match and why?

The Bath vs Brislington match was the most memorable because it was the first match, following several rain cancellations, played up at Lansdown on a beautiful sunny evening and the team won.

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There were a lot of happy, excited boys at the end.

Player of the season and why?

Angus Hill - reliable batsman.

Player to look out for and why?

Hugo Davies - all round great development.

Hopes for next year?

Continue to play and develop as a team as some players new to the Bath Squad Centurions.

Daggers

Coach Alex Muse

Best Individual performance and why?

Many notable performances to choose from including some spectacular fielding displays, notably from Tom Calvert, solid wicket-keeping from Stephen King,

some great bowling from Seb Phillips and contributions at various times from everybody in the squad. However, Seb's spell at the Brownsword against Lansdown was a stunning blast off in swing bowling and the three wickets he took in no time at all meant that Lansdown were very much on the back foot.

Best team performance and why?

Difficult to choose from so few matches completed but the team really did gel through the few games they did play and their fielding in particular was devastating at times. The game against Lansdown Sabres notable for three run outs, catches, and straight bowling despite only having seven players.

Most memorable match and why?

Ironically, probably the game against Keynsham that we lost. The team really showed fight in the field but were outclassed with both with bat and ball, however the subsequent games showed some real lessons learnt and basic cricket

skills, like backing up, running between the wickets, bowling straight and playing straight were beginning to hit home.

Player of the season and why?

I would have to award this to Tom Calvert. Tom led the way in the field with some superb, aggressive, fielding, setting the benchmark for the others, bowled well and struck some fine boundaries.

Player to look out for and why?

I was impressed with Emile Sealy's improvement over the year and in the final game he began to strike the ball through the off side as well as the leg side!

Hopes for next year?

For the boys to get more of a chance to play in games. The weather ruined the season and prevented any continuity or development. Having the chance to learn skills through playing games is critical and they'll enjoy their cricket even more!

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Swords

Coach Dave Nelson

Played 11, Won 1, Lost 2, No Result 8. League position 4th out of 10.

Rain - This was to be the order of the season and it undeniably caused havoc, with both training and matches alike being cancelled all too often. The weather also most certainly had a knock-on effect on the projected development of the squad. Unfortunately, most players only managed the one full game, although it must be said they were always eager to play, come rain or shine.

One standout highlight from the season has to be the last ball win against Hampset. On an unusually sunny evening, and with a reasonable total having been set by the Swords, we set about fielding for our eight allotted overs. Some excellent bowling ensued and it was matched by our fielding. Very few wides were given, and with a steady stream of wickets through both run outs and our bowling, it meant we were poised for a great finish. With one over to go Hampset were four runs ahead and on the last but one ball a wicket fell, taking them to one under our total. A dot on the final ball left Hampset reeling and the Swords rejoicing. A fine win!

Hopefully next season the boys will be able to emulate this on a more regular basis - if the weather plays ball!

Spears

Coach Lauren Shrubsole

Best Individual performance:

The format of 8-a-side pairs cricket means that there are rarely real stand-out individual performances. The squad as a whole performed well against some very tough opponents and every team member contributed with either the bat or the ball at some point during the season.

Best team performance:

This has to be our win at the start of the season against Stothert and Pitt with

a crucial run out coming in the last over of the game winning it for us. This was a key example of when the girls really got behind each other and continued right to the end with great enthusiasm and determination. Having said that I'm very proud of the girls for all the games they have played this season as they've come up against some very tough opponents. Even when the other teams were on top and games couldn't be won the girls still battled to the very end with smiles on their faces.

Most memorable match:

For me the most memorable match was our win at Stothert and Pitt. They needed about five runs off the last over. They were going along comfortably until a brilliant piece of fielding from Alice Dymond resulted in a run out, meaning that we won the game. One of the beauties of cricket is that everything can change in one ball, and this was a clear demonstration of this.

Player of the season:

Again, the format of the cricket we play, along with our intention to involve every player from the squad in equal measure, means that it would be wrong to single out any one player. Every player has had the chance to learn more about the game, improve their skills and enjoy being part of an ambitious side. The key to all cricket, but this format in particular, is that everyone contributes their little bit to a successful outcome.

Players to look out for:

Everyone has improved over the course of the year but to pick a few :

Alice Dymond: She is our most experienced and accomplished cricketer at the moment and has already made some telling contributions in older sides.

Charlotte Chilton: Has shown an aggressive and fearless approach to her batting

Hannah Morris: Has bowled with increasing accuracy

Jess Smith: Has shown a growing awareness of how to accumulate runs.

Hopes for next year:

1. That all the girls continue to play and enjoy their cricket
2. That they show the same level of

3. enthusiasm and willingness to learn
3. That they make increasingly significant contributions in whatever team they play in.

Particular thanks must go to Lucy Dymond for all her help and hard work as manager in 2012....please help me again in 2013?!

U13-1

Coach Jon Green

Best Individual performance and why?

Bron Wood 4 for 2 off 3.3 against Hampset in our last fixture of the season. We had struggled to get a full side out and asked for players from our other under 13s and 11s taking the field with 10 players. Given the chance to post a score, we were bowled out for 59 in 11 overs in which Bron was run out without facing. After a strong start by our openers Bron joined the bowling ranks and managed to lift his spirits to produce a devastating spell of wicket-to-wicket deliveries even managing his stress levels when the ball was taken out of his hand between overs when on a hatrick! Bath finally managed to bowl out Hampset for 23 and take an unlikely victory to end with five out of five wins in the league this year.

Best team performance and why?

It's hard to look past a more convincing win than our triumph away against Brislington Bucks. With possibly our strongest side put together for the league this year, Bath made 173 with Benedict Gundry and Harry Hankins both retiring having reached 50s, the former at an explosive rate of 208.00 and Harry's a little more watchful and mature at 83.33, put us firmly in pole position. The second half can only be described as clinical and focused and with five run outs for the team and three wickets for Charlie Patterson, leaving the home team all out for 25 in 9 overs.

Most memorable match and why?

Keynsham A turned out to be our first fixture of five this season on the 22nd May. We managed to keep the opposition under four runs per over for their innings

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on a typical evening at the Brownsword. Our second innings turned out to be a real eye opener for an under 13 fixture. Our openers, Louis Brown and Piran Gillow, set about chasing the target with patience and skill only losing the latter with a couple of runs needed allowing our number three to finish the game off in one hit. To witness the boys' first opportunity to play outdoors after a strong winter was a real treat when it would have been understandable if we had struggled to adapt to playing on soft early season pitches in low temperatures.

Player of the season and why?

Benedict Gundry. From the beginning of the winter through to August he has given 100% when playing and training. He has led by example as a captain both on and off the field with words of encouragement and through his own actions with bat, ball and as one of our strongest fielders.

Player to look out for and why?

Joseph Hawes. A fringe player that started in one of the other under 13 sides, Joe was invited to join the under 13 1st team due to his extra pace and bounce with the ball. This proved to be a real handful for even our strongest players. If he continues to progress as he has this year he'll become a regular threat with the new ball in the future.

Hopes for next year?

Another year of success hopefully! Even with the poor weather we still managed a 100% win rate and had a great cup run in the national competition. We will have lost some very strong players to Stuart who will hopefully regain his National title next year but I have great faith in the under 11s that'll be joining us for 2013.

U13-Central

Coach Stuart Kingwell

Best Individual performance and why?

I wouldn't say we had one specific best individual performance but a number of strong team performances. As a group we had a lot of players who were strong in all disciplines. Joshua South with four wickets



against Keynsham and Louis Charlie 43 in same match were two very good contributions.

Best team performance and why?

During the same game as mentioned above the boys fielded brilliantly and batted with real patience and control to gain their first win of season against Keynsham.

Most memorable match and why?

Playing away to Lansdown was a highlight of mine on a dark miserable Tuesday (yes most were like this) we managed to restrict Lansdown to just 70 but as the dark clouds surrounded us and it became harder to see the wickets began to tumble. The game went into the last over with Bath 8 wickets down. We managed to scrape through with one ball to spare and it was a great triumph for the team!

Player of the season and why?

My player of the season would have to be Arthur Parashar who led the team really well throughout and showed his class with bat and ball throughout the season.

Player to look out for and why?

Players to look out for would be Arthur again and Tom deGlanville who hits the ball as well as anyone I have seen at his age.

Hopes for next year?

My hope for next year would be for this team to continue to develop their skills and show big improvements. During my time coaching at the club the Under

13 teams have got stronger and stronger this is shown in the fact we won as many as we lost this year which is a huge improvement to when I first took a 13 Central team which won only one game all year.

U13-South

Coach David Ford

Best Individual performance and why?

Daniel Riou against his former team (Hinton Charterhouse) it is never easy playing against your old side, let alone some of your best friends. I purposely selected Daniel to bat @ No.3 as a precaution to arise to any challenge. If no one knows Daniel he is a very determined individual & is a passionate cricketer. Ironically this performance sums him up because what you see is what you get. The team lost two early wickets in the 1st over, therefore putting us right on the back foot, Daniel partnered with Matthew Smith throughout the remainder of the game both scoring between them 75 runs for the 3rd wicket. Dan managed to take the game to Hinton, even though it was a strong pacy bowling attack let alone having all the pressure on his shoulders to prove a point, he managed to reach a hefty 50, it also helped when you have Matthew at the other end (25) playing some exquisite textbook cover drivers, swinging the game in our direction.

Under Thirteen Reports

Best team performance and why?

This has to follow on from the previous question. Hinton were undefeated all season & only lost the one game. Guess what side that was? Yes it was us Swords! We were on an unbeaten run ourselves all the way to the end of the season & were improving time after time. Winning 6, Losing the first 2 games & having too many games cancelled due to our unusually extremely hot summer!!! I'm that confident as coach if half of our fixtures weren't cancelled, then we would of challenged for the league, therefore this performance tops it as we beat the top of the league & proved we were worthy of a shot at the title. I can't thank my team enough for the hard effort given in every game & training session.

Most memorable match and why?

Every game was memorable just about...if I can cast my mind back to the summer! The most memorable was our bounce back from a poor start, after having a strong word in the changing room for 10minutes after game two, something clicked & the players gave me answers to my questions. They all managed to pick themselves up, everyone came out of their shells, characters started to create in the team, confidence picked up with performances & increased competition for all, not only that but it felt like I had 11 leaders on the pitch every game. I turned up late for the 3rd game home, but what made me feel confident that we would turn things around that day was seeing the whole team warming up together with skipper Lewis Taylor Smith bossing everyone around.

Player of the season and why?

This is a tough one as I feel all my team thoroughly deserve high praise, there were some outstanding performances that made this swing in different directions each week & I hate answering this question at the end of every season, because its tough to pick an individual as I feel it is down to the team effort, but if I had to choose one from the group then it would be Louis Mann without question. He trained hard, smart & is a clever cricketer, inspiring the whole team with great performances, making it hard for me to drop him as he never had an off day, he

was very consistent. He ticked every box for me & deserves this award.

Player to look out for and why?

There is not one to pick out singly from my squad, they were all exceptional & if I'm truthfully honest everyone who was part of the U13s South 2012 all have a bright future within Bath Cricket Club as they all had the correct attitude...keep your eyes peeled.

Hopes for next year?

To get the best out of my players & build on the foundations from the previous years. I like to help progress others through the ranks & give as much guidance & knowledge as possible. I also love a challenge & love winning!!!

Girls U13

Coach Ian Shrubsole

I took charge of the U13 Girls side just after the mid-point of the season after it - like every other cricket side in the UK - had experienced a frustrating season in terms of the number of games they actually played.

Best Individual performance :

I'm going to dip out here and say that I saw no single performance more worthy than any other. Contenders would have to be Katie Briggs bowling at Westbury, Eva Lynch's batting v Arrows, Kirsten Meehan's batting in Lady Taverners regionals but the success was built around contributions from everyone in all three disciplines. Katie got great support from Ursie (amongst others) and some great fielding to keep control of things at the other end, Eva's innings contained a few vital partnerships whilst Kirsten needed the crucial support of Nancy Richardson to see us to victory in Worcester.

Best team performance :

I was lucky enough to be with the team when they were involved in several close games - a narrow win at Westbury and a victory over the Centurions. However, I believe that our finest hour came in defeat by a single run to the previously unbeaten

Arrows at North Parade at the end of July. If Tom Baker had been there he would have been both delighted at the way the girls played and extremely worried about his side's 100% record. The girls went toe to toe with their talented opponents and showed that all their hard work over the previous five weeks (and before) was really starting to bear fruit.

Once again, my time in charge of the girls was characterised by real team performances with consistent contributions from the whole squad rather than any single player. The culture I have tried to create is that every player in the squad is extremely valuable to the team and that everyone needs to contribute.

That said, one person who does deserve some credit is Hannah Williams. She has coached these girls for a few years and struggled to balance work and cricket in 2012. She should take the majority of plaudits for the way in which these girls have performed and the effort and enthusiasm they show for the game.

I didn't realise the potential of this group of players until I started working with them. You could pick just about any player you want and get excited about what they could achieve if they really want to develop. Georgia Wilson bats and bowls with real maturity, Sarah Rawle hits the ball so hard, Molly Matthews can really bowl, Zoe and Ursie are very talented, Eva Lynch can do everything, ... I could go on and on and I haven't even mentioned Katie Briggs, Kirsten Meehan, Abi Tonks, Ellie, Lauren or Jess yet.....the list just goes on. Sorry to any I haven't mentioned!

There's quite a lot to sort out next year - it's really quite exciting to see where we can go! Some girls will need to play in the U13 ("boys") league whilst a few U15 (girls') games are already being planned. Additionally, the Wanderers 2nd XI are very likely to take a step back into the Somerset League in 2013 - a standard at which the majority of these girls can play and make their mark. By the time you are reading this, the girls will hopefully already be back in training and then it's just a question of "How good do you want to be girls?"

Under Fifteen Reports

U15-1

Coach Stuart Kingwell

See pages 18-19.

U15-2

Coach Robin Lett

Individual Performance:

- Theo vs Westbury (when he essentially won the game for us) 57 not out
- Ben E vs Hinton (1st match of season) 53 not out and 3 catches
- Tom Grendon vs ChippMarsh - dismissed key batsmen when they were getting going and limited them to a chaseable total, took 4 wickets
- Ben E vs ChippMarsh - helped chase down total with 43 not out

Team Performance:

- ChippMarsh (cup quarter final). We were annihilated by them in the league (in 4.4 overs) Their batsmen were dominating until Tom Grendon changed ends and bowled beautifully. Game went to last over. Did well to reach target from awkward position.

Most Memorable match:

- Cup vs ChippMarsh (as above)
- Cup Final. As the second team, we do not get much chance at glory, so to reach final was a great achievement. Achieved on merit as opposed to lucky coin toss! We were unsure whether it would be cancelled but groundsmen saved the day. Good atmosphere. Tenacious batting display chasing large total. Proud day.

Hope for future:

- Many of the older team members play senior cricket
- Younger players use experience gained and help the new players in the team
- Team maintain their commendable spirit and good humour demonstrated
- Achieve a similar cup run that we so enjoyed - even better to win it next year!

I haven't suggested player of the season/player to look out for. I think Theo or Fin White are deserving, probably Theo wins on his all-round batting and bowling contribution. Although Owen's stats are not the greatest, I think he made a very loyal captain.



Bunbury's in Town!

The arrival of David English and his world famous Bunbury CC Charity XI with Sir Ian Botham and Sir Viv Richards in tow was eagerly awaited by all at North Parade.



The charity match on the 3rd June was the largest event the club had hosted in some time with all proceeds going to Hope for Tomorrow, a national cancer charity dedicated to providing mobile chemotherapy units.

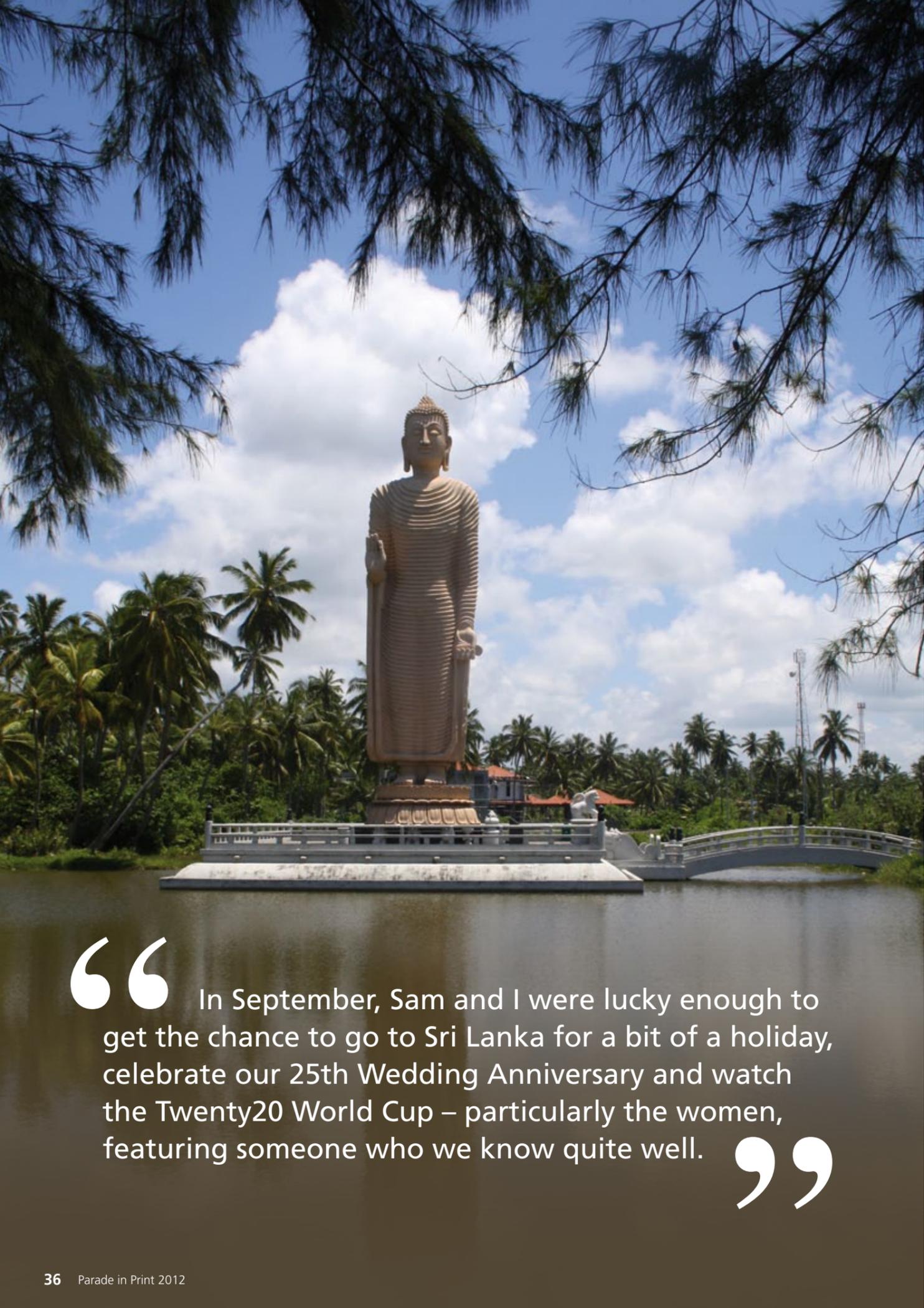
The main event was preceded by an under 9s kwik cricket tournament attended by eight clubs from the Bath area. This was a great spectacle in itself with over 100 children showcasing their talent in front of a growing crowd. Ian Shrubsole provided a running commentary throughout and the Weasley twins presented medals to all the children.

Charity matches are always great fun to play in and for half of the game this match was no exception. Fielding first, we had the tricky decision of how many runs we would be looking to gift them and when it would be appropriate to push for wickets. Steve Griffiths started in uncharitable fashion by sensationally stumping Somerset's Pete Trego first ball from the bowling of Kenny James. A further four stumpings followed from the Bath gloveman throughout the Bunbury XI innings. This was an important start as we knew the Bunburys batted deep with a 19 man batting line up!! We allowed the opposition to rebuild through David Smith and Sid Lawrence, with the latter launching three huge sixes. With their departure this brought David English to

the wicket. Gregg Brown dismissed him twice in the first two balls of his innings but in the spirit of the match we allowed him to continue batting as the Bunbury XI reached 165 from their 25 overs.

At the half way stage the match was nicely positioned and we were confident an exciting finish could be engineered. How wrong we were!! Despite a fantastic opening stand between Ben Staunton and Gregg Brown of 51 in the face of some intimidating bowling from Steve Kirby (Somerset), James Harris (Glamorgan) and Gemaal Hussain (Somerset) we slumped to 72 for 8 with Harry Rouse, James Brown and Steve Griffiths all registering ducks with Lou Vincent (New Zealand) being the chief destroyer picking up four cheap wickets. With the driving rain continuing to fall and the "Spirit of Cricket" seemingly a distant memory, Mike Roe and Mark Thorburn came together to salvage some pride for Bath CC. In the face of hostile bowling, verbal abuse from an inebriated slip cordon and 19 fielders, the pair managed to put on 63 runs for the last wicket to get Bath to a respectable 135 all out.

Although we were left feeling rather bemused by the way the Bunbury XI had approached the match, the most important thing was the day had raised a considerable amount of money for Hope for Tomorrow.



“ In September, Sam and I were lucky enough to get the chance to go to Sri Lanka for a bit of a holiday, celebrate our 25th Wedding Anniversary and watch the Twenty20 World Cup – particularly the women, featuring someone who we know quite well. ”

20 things about the Twenty20 in 2012

Ian Shrubsole

Here are 20 things that I learnt, remembered, noticed and saw which are (in some cases loosely) related to that experience. In absolutely no particular order...

1 The cricket Ground in Galle is fantastic! You may have been there yourself or at least seen it on TV. You know, it's the one with the Fort and loads of the Barmy Army watch from up there. The facilities within the ground are somewhere between very average and pretty awful but the view of the cricket from the old Dutch Fort is sensational..... we really should consider having a fort at North Parade!

2 Relatively speaking, England women are much better than the men. Not just in terms of where they got to in the tournament but also in the way that they are thrifty enough to cope with life in Sri Lanka spending £40 a day less than their male counterparts. On the field of play, the likes of Buttler and Bairstow are clearly extremely talented and will come through to be truly International class players but they were found wanting this time around, and don't get me started on the wicket-keeper.....

3 Security around the games and teams was massive. At the group games in Galle there was a ratio of police/soldiers to spectators of approximately 1:1. Around the perimeter of the playing area there was a ring of steel involving police officers at 6-8m intervals whilst, when not in use for the match, the square was guarded by four soldiers who performed an elaborate march-on and march-off routine. The hotels where the players stayed were swarming with security measures – largely people – which on the one hand filled us with confidence but on the other hand.....

4 It's unbelievably hot in Sri Lanka! Nothing more to say really, except it gives an appreciation of how hard it is for the players and why they spend all that time working on their fitness.

5 Gordon Gill is massively under-staffed. In order to cover the field adequately he needs at least 120 more people to help him, about 12 more big sheets and a load of massive tyres.

6 Second place is indeed first loser. Well –it is if you are the England women's team! They just didn't play as well as normal in the final and there was certainly no feeling of

“at least we got this far”. They came to win the World Cup and anything else was simply failure.

7 Spider-cam is incredible! If you watched the TV you may have seen the camera which almost ran alongside the bowler as he/she ran in. It was quite remarkable and able to get so close to the action. It was able to actually get down into the team huddle at one point and was so close to taking a magnificent catch on more than one occasion.

8 Vangelis' "Conquest of Paradise" is a fantastic piece of walk-on music. Before the games in the semis and final, the teams walked out (hand-in-hand with a small Sri Lankan child) behind their flags to this piece of music played really loud. It was stirring, emotional and inspiring for the spectators – goodness knows how the players must have felt. The national anthems were pretty emotional too, although the Sri Lankan one goes on for ever and doesn't sound like a national anthem at all.

9 Some commentators are really starting to "get" women's cricket and others are Sandray Mandraker! Guys like Nasser Hussain and David Lloyd have seen quite a lot of female cricket now and have a healthy respect for the players.....so healthy that they are now prepared to criticise things which are not very good – a sure sign that the game is coming of age. Sandray Mandraker on the other hand is awful – for men's and women's cricket – and should not be allowed to go near a microphone ever again.

10 If you like to get around places quickly, avoid Sri Lanka. The distances between cities are not enormous but the speed that it is possible to drive makes them seem enormous! If you average 40 km/h you have done very well whilst the average use of horn is also about 40 times per kilometre. As if the plethora of bikes, mopeds, motorbikes and – of course – tuk-tuks (some of which occasionally use lights at night) are not enough, you do need to watch out for the buses over-taking buses, over-taking other buses....with a bus coming in the other direction.....all sounding their horns!!

20 things about the Twenty20 in 2012



Groundstaff at work



Anya & Ian talk tactics



Ian, Anya & Sam



The Fort

11 It really is a batter's game! I am still harbouring resentments built up over 30 odd years of playing cricket but it's not a great game for the bowlers very often is it?! Not satisfied with smashing you straight back over your head for six, batters can now "scoop" and "ramp" and "reverse scoop" and "paddle" and God-knows-what to get perfectly decent balls to the boundary. Meanwhile the poor old bowler misses the leg stump by less than a millimetre after the batter has turned to switch hit and then spun back again and he/she gets called for a wide. (And while I am on this subject, surely in a "Bowler's Powerplay" loads more fielders should be allowed outside the fielding circle.)

12 Are players guilty of over-doing the variations at times? The other day I saw Kieron Pollard trying to reverse flick the ball.....madness!! the man is able to hit any ball from virtually any bowler out of the ground anywhere in an arc from midwicket to extra cover so why not just do that over and over again? I can't help thinking that the various sweeps are over-done, whilst too many slower balls just become slow balls don't they?! We used to call the slower ball bouncer a long-hop I'm sure.

13 Women's cricket is generally moving in the right direction. The female game is in decent health, although England and Australia are head-and-shoulders ahead of the rest....which may not be ideal for future development. The West Indies are improving but are hugely reliant on two key players, whilst wins for Sri Lanka and

Pakistan against traditionally stronger opponents give grounds for encouragement. India do not seem to get T20 (especially their captain) whilst New Zealand look good on paper but (as Cloughie would have said) the game is not played on that surface.

14 Random drug testing does not seem quite so random. The women cricketers are drug-tested with staggering regularity – if only the cycling authorities had been so thorough when Lance was tearing up Alp d'huez – however, it always seems to be Anya Shrubsole and Sarah Taylor who get chosen.....do they suspect something? The two players were randomly chosen on both occasions when England women were randomly chosen to be tested at a couple of random world cup games. (By the way, the process each test involves is not one that allows the testee to keep any dignity whatsoever!)

15 If you like statues of Budha, Sri Lanka is right up your street – or on your hillside. There are millions of them of all shapes (well, technically they're all Budha-shaped) and sizes all over the place; on hillsides, by the road, in the road, in caves, on top of mountains, on islands...as I said, everywhere. And why stop at one statue when you can have about thirty – all in one cave?!

16 The stadium announcer in Galle was so bad he was good! On one level it was very, very funny, although you could argue that at the World Cup you might expect a man on the PA who had even the slightest idea of what he was talking about it. In his defence some names are



a bit tricky – "Danielle" proving regularly troublesome – but he would launch into a very certain announcement such as "Bowling from the fort end is" without first having the faintest idea of the name that would end the sentence whilst his finest moment came when he started naming members of the (England) bowling team as the batters –e.g. Bowling from the Pavilion End is Arun Brindle (well, no – its actually Katherine Brunt) whilst opening the batting for Australia are Holly Colvin and Danielle (or something approximating this) Hazell.

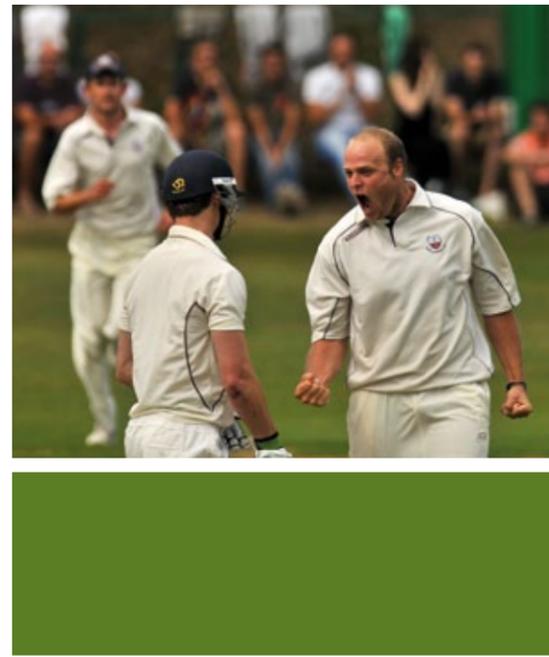
17 All Sri Lankans are lovely. Well, OK that may not strictly be true – they do have prisons after all – but the welcome we received was over-whelming. We were treated so well everywhere we went and the people couldn't do enough for us. I am sure that we don't give off that vibe as a nation to visitors to the UK.

18 The profile of women's cricket is growing thanks to T20. There is little doubt that the (televised) double-header of women's T20 followed by men's T20 helps the female stuff get seen and noticed. The next challenge is to reduce the gap between the games which at the moment tends to stand at a minimum of 90 minutes (allow adequate warm-up time for the men). However, interestingly when two men's games were played back-to-back at the World

Cup, that gap between games could be reduced to – well, nothing in the case of a couple of games that went to an UPSI over. The closer the two games the more the female game gains – it's just a question of priorities isn't it!

19 Coconuts don't grow on trees. Obviously they do grow on trees but just not in the way I had always imagined. My main contact with the coconut had previously been at fairgrounds or fetes with the "shy" arrangement and I had always imagined them growing on trees in their brown, sort of stringy form. I know that this places me in the "fairly stupid" category but I just didn't realise that they were, in fact, a nut (within a fleshy fruit I mean)!!

20 Bath CC should be very proud of Anya Shrubsole. Look – I know she's my daughter and all but try to ignore that for the moment. Here is someone who has played all her cricket at Bath CC. She started here as an eight year old under Tom Baker's guidance and has played in any number of teams for the club in her way towards International level and still comes back to train and play whenever she is able. We really should celebrate that as a club and challenge others – boys as well as girls – to be inspired by what she has achieved and know that the same is possible for them if they want it enough and are prepared to put in the necessary work.



Alun Jenkins

Jenk's Journal

You may recall the title of my piece for last year's publication, "Maggsy, its Jenks. What's the score?"

Well, mobile calls are no longer required. Polly's transfer from Lymington (apparently huge sums involved, and I'm not at liberty to divulge in which direction) has brought live online scoring to Bath CC, a fantastic resource for club members unable to get to every game. In truth, it's not exactly live, it is about 15 minutes behind the play, but then so is Maggsy!

Something didn't feel right in 2012. Of course there were high points, but the burnt out JR Pavilion, scaffolding around the club and, of course, the weather, made it feel a bit like an interim season - a season between seasons.

The weather did create an exciting finish. Despite playing three games less than the eventual champions, at tea on the final Saturday, text messages between Frocester and Bridgwater revealed that all was still to play for, but with respect to

Gloucester City, the upset required was never really going to happen. So, well done to Bridgemy.

Without the benefits of Bath's city location, Bridgwater understandably operate a more proactive approach to the recruitment and retention of players, but are they closing the gap?

I hope so, sport needs rivalries, and there is none bigger in club cricket than between Bath and Bridgwater. Two great cricket clubs on and off the field, where no quarter is given or expected, and there exists considerable mutual respect.

The two fixtures next season are already mouth watering prospects that even from this far out, could well decide the destination of the 2013 WEPL trophy.

Back to this season. Bridgemy were undoubtedly the beneficiaries of the weather in 2012, but can rightly point out

that in the only head to head possible, a thrilling opening fixture at The Parks, they came out on top.

It proved to be the pivotal afternoon of the season and produced a magnificent innings from Sam Mount. It is difficult to imagine striking a cricket ball any better than Sam did that afternoon, but Coley gave it a bloody good go in getting his side home with something to spare.

With the benefit of hindsight, some seasons can hinge on a single passage of play. Perhaps 245 for 6, to 269 all out in 49.2 overs in that opening game at Bridgemy was the equation that cost us.

I mentioned in this article last year, that a side winning the league, under the newly introduced win/lose rules, could probably afford to lose no more than three games in a season. However, it is now apparent that how well you win is proving to be equally significant. Dropped bonus points that can seem relatively unimportant at the time, can ultimately cost you the title.

Batting was a test throughout and to be expected during a damp summer of inevitably underprepared wickets, but

perhaps we are still guilty of being 30 for 2-ish a little too often.

Bath were as mean as ever with the ball, particularly during the second half of the season, supported by outstanding fielding and brilliant catching. Letty is up there with the best slip fielders I have seen, with a sixth sense for the edge of the bat. From the boundary, it was interesting to see Robin adjust and develop his style of captaincy as the season progressed. It takes time for a skipper and a team to be at one with each other, when it happens it becomes an irresistible combination.

A final word on the skipper and it is a personal opinion, but it was good to see him at the top of the order in that final match against Frocester. Letty is a class batter with the ability to bat anywhere but, were I captaining against Bath, I would be very happy to see him on the balcony with the pads on, rather than setting the tone at the top of the innings.

Greener was designed to bowl in the conditions that prevailed this summer. He bemused many with a cunning variety of slower balls, mixed with some even slower balls. However much they suit, conditions

only help if you have the skill to put the leather in the right place consistently.

That complementary paragraph is factually true, but also a rather pathetic attempt on my part to apologise for asking Greener if he was 'with child', during the warm up at Corsham. It wasn't a reference to any weight he may have gathered in a wet summer when so many bowlers, like John, lost their normally svelte shape through weekends of inactivity. No, it was simply an observation that the precise nature of John's movements, the overly careful placement of each limb, reminded Elaine and myself of anti natal classes.

Marchy is well worth a mention, he has developed into a wonderful bowler, whatever the conditions, whoever he is bowling at, he adapts. Lloyd's WEPL player of the year award is also recognition of a player who continues to get better as he matures. If Lloyd is at the crease with bat or ball, Bath will be playing positively.

Seeing Staunts and AK leave the field at Frocester was genuinely moving. Staunts even handed out his kit at the end. These items are destined to become Turin Shrouds of the future, with doubts

cast over provenance - I am glad I made sure Will was photographed receiving Staunts 'Alan Border Albion' sun hat and 'proper' cricket jumper. Sacred items, now in safety deposit boxes.

Ben will be back. Oz will just be too macho for him. You can't turn up with a lemon drizzle cake for the skipper in Sydney!

AK is a warrior, simple as that, he gives everything in every game, no excuses. He backs himself against anyone. A top man, whose skill, passion and commitment will be hard to replace..... as AK was telling me this, I found myself nodding my head in total agreement!

With the National U15 club title back at North Parade, the conveyor belt of talent shows no sign of slowing up. Tim Rouse and Patrick Grieshaber will undoubtedly be occupying the thoughts of the selectors next summer, two wonderful young players with exciting futures. The number of Bath youngsters representing Somerset age group sides suggests that there are plenty more to follow. Letty will not be the first Bath captain to spend his winter working out how 16 goes into 11!



Bath Wanderers 1st XI Report 2012



The season started with rain, it continued with more rain but fortunately it ended with a bit of sun...okay maybe that's a little lie, it ended dry!!

Still that's all we need to play a game of cricket – oh and of course a team to play against. Let me explain what I mean by that. As well as a few games being rained off, two games were called off due to our opponents not being able to raise a side. Pretty poor if you ask me and very frustrating after having so many games called off due to the weather, we just wanted to play cricket!

We finished third, which (I'm sure I speak on behalf of the team) is disappointing. Interesting that (England) Finchley Gunns finished second when they conceded a game after failing to raise a team. I'm told the rules say, any team that concedes is disqualified from the league??? League winners Loughton we didn't even get the chance to play due to the weather.

It was great to see Kate Randall return to the 1st team. Kate is such a valuable member of the team and when chucked the ball, always delivers, even though she had shrunk a bit – she didn't let that stop her!

Big congratulations to Anya for her England call ups and performances when wearing her England shirt. She wasn't bad with the Bath shirt on either, when she was allowed to bowl that is! Frustrating for me to learn that our opening bowler was not allowed to bowl. I know it was frustrating for Anya too. We all understood the reasons behind it, it's just a shame they didn't stop England batters from batting – just to be fair!

Well done to Sophie Luff who got a call up to the England U19s team to play against Pakistan. Very well deserved.

We had some cracking games this season and proved that we are a fantastic team and each and every player can contribute to a win.

Hayes away for example. A fantastic display of bowling at the start from Anya (2 for 15 off 10) and Moira (1 for 23 off 10) and in the middle of the innings Lauren Shrubsole (1 for 39 off 10 and claiming the wicket of England's Lydia Greenway) and Kate Randall (3 for 29 off 10 dismissing England's T20 opener Laura Marsh) kept Hayes to 178 for 8 in their 50 overs.

Although having lost Anya and Elwyn with the score on 27, things were looking OK. Fran and Luffy got together and were going along really nicely... then we lose Fran and Luffy almost immediately,

one after the other, 78 for 4. Sophie Le Marchand (36) thought she was batting with some 100 metre Olympians and ran Kate and myself out before thinking maybe she was the quick one and running herself out.... 139 for 7. So we needed 40, with three wickets in hand and not many overs! Beth Howe and Moira put on 22. 161 for 8. This took a very nervous Lauren to the crease. Easing her nerves however Moira was at the other end smashing the ball to the boundary. We lose Lauren, 177 for 9 with 6 balls remaining. Jlo held her nerves and defended her stumps like she'd defend an Amaretto and coke! One off the last over with one wicket in hand, Hayes bring the field in.... dot ball.... 1 of 5.... Field still in..... Moi smashes it through the fielders for two. We win! Such a brilliant game. Credit to Hayes who stayed out and played through rain to allow the game to finish instead of being decided on run rate.

Another nail biter was against England, sorry Finchley Gunns. You would understand my mistake when you see the Finchley Gunns line up. Natasha Miles (ENG Academy), Danni Wyatt (ENG), Charlotte Edwards (ENG), Sarah Taylor (ENG) Beth Morgan (ex ENG)..... think you get the picture! Losing the toss we were put into the field. Brilliant bowling and fielding, we restricted them to 178 for 9 (ha, just realised this was the same as Hayes bar one wicket) Couldn't have asked for a better start with the bat, 26 off the first over! Anya and Elwyn taking advantage of any loose delivery. We lost Anya for 14, Bath in 30 for 1. That soon turned into 130 for 6. It brought me and Kate Randall together. Not being able to buy a run, I was nervous! However, maybe the 30 minutes throw session with Shrub

before the game would pay off! Kate (19) and I put on 21 before Kate fell to Charlotte Edwards' quickish, supposed to spin, keep lowers! Moira joined me and we were both on a mission to win this game, needing 28 off 6 overs. A few good overs left us needing 15 off 12 balls. The penultimate over saw 12 runs come from it, including a well needed six from Moi! Three of the last over. Two dot balls, 3 off 4. We scamper a single two off three. I didn't want to leave it to the last ball, wanted to finish in style so I decided to hit a four! No one needed to know that if Danni Wyatt was paying attention she may well have been able to catch it and put her team in a winning position – it says for in the scorebook though – and I was confident – I hit it really well there was no way I was going to be out!

After such brilliant performance we then go and let ourselves down. Against Reading we were 57 all out! We bowled well but totally let ourselves down when batting – a game we would all like to forget. I don't think the journey back in the mini bus was much fun.

I wasn't around for the last game and I think if we'd won that we may have made the play offs. We didn't have our strongest side and unfortunately lost.

To sum up the season; it rained a lot, we played some great, nail biting cricket, we didn't turn up to one game and we came third in the league. Out of 14 games; we won four, lost three, four were cancelled, one was abandoned and two the opposition conceded.

I'd like to thank everyone for their contribution this season. Let's hope we can go that extra bit and win the league that has eluded us for the last few seasons. Have a great winter and keep fit.

Team	P	W	L	BatP	BowlP	Pen	Avg	Pts
Loughton CC	14	7	1	29.48	44.5	0	19.78	177.98
Finchley CC	14	7	1	24.01	23.5	0	14.06	126.51
Bath Wanderers CC	14	4	3	3.6	4	0	10.62	95.6
Brighton & Hove CC	14	3	4	26.87	30.5	0	10.34	103.37
Hayes Hurricanes CC	14	3	5	15.08	16.5	0	9.73	87.58
Reading CC	14	4	5	17.05	19.5	0	9.39	84.55
Bexley CC	14	2	5	12.57	14	0	7.22	50.57
Purley CC	14	1	7	7.88	9.5	0	1.94	19.38



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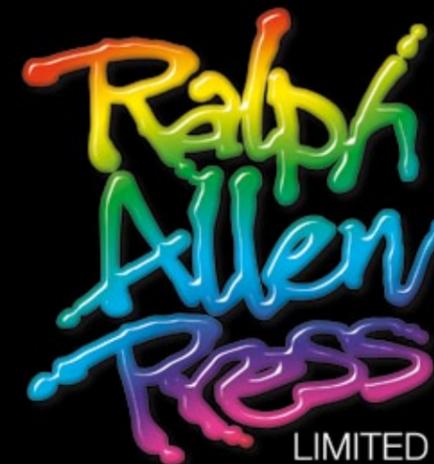
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Bath 1st XI 2012



Back Row Left to Right: Polly Rhodes (Scorer), Simon Marchant, Adam Kelly, Ben Staunton, Will Jenkins, Sam Mount, Jon Green.
Front Row Left to Right: Lloyd Davies, Luke Padgett, Robin Lett(Captain), Tom Stayt, James Brown

Bath 1st XI 2012 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Robin Lett	17	7	479	47.9	87	5	0
Lloyd Davies	12	3	387	43	89	4	0
Alex Barrow	9	3	218	36.33	76	2	0
Sam Mount	13	2	352	32	136	1	1
Tom Stayt	15	4	347	31.55	50	1	0
Will Jenkins	10	0	222	22.2	58	1	0
Harry Rouse	11	4	153	21.86	48*	0	0
Adam Kelly	7	2	97	19.4	30	0	0
Ben Staunton	18	3	289	19.27	38	0	0
Luke Padgett	9	1	127	15.88	32	0	0

Qualification 5 inns

Bath 1st XI 2012 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
James Brown	79.1	12	251	21	3-3	0	3.17	22.62	11.95
Simon Marchant	138.5	17	492	37	6-24	2	3.54	22.51	13.3
Lloyd Davies	87.5	9	337	23	5-26	1	3.84	22.92	14.65
Jonathan Green	130	17	405	27	5-13	1	3.12	28.89	15
Tom Stayt	113.4	21	393	24	4-11	0	3.46	28.43	16.38
Sam Mount	37.2	0	176	10	3-19	0	4.72	22.38	17.6
Adam Kelly	126.2	24	454	20	3-33	0	3.59	37.9	22.7

Qualification 10 wkts

Top innings 2012

Sam Mount	136	vs Bridgwater
Lloyd Davies	89	vs Corsham
Robin Lett	87	vs Frocester
Lloyd Davies	84*	vs Taunton St Andrews
Robin Lett	78*	vs Taunton St Andrews
Alex Barrow	76	vs Corsham
Alex Barrow	74*	vs Gloucester Winget City
Robin Lett	59	vs Bashley
Will Jenkins	58	vs Frocester
Lloyd Davies	55	vs Bashley

Top bowling performances 2012

Simon Marchant	6-24	vs North Devon
Simon Marchant	6-31	vs Gloucester Winget City
Jonathan Green	5-13	vs Taunton St Andrews
Lloyd Davies	5-26	vs Gloucester Winget City
Tom Stayt	4-11	vs Illminster
Alex Muse	4-15	vs Downend
Jonathan Green	4-15	vs Frocester
James Brown	3-3	vs Taunton St Andrews
James Brown	3-13	vs Keynsham
James Brown	3-13	vs Keynsham

Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Luke Padgett	19	10	29
Robin Lett	26	0	26
Sam Mount	8	0	8
Ben Staunton	8	0	8
Will Jenkins	7	0	7
James Brown	6	0	6
Adam Kelly	6	0	6
Jonathan Green	5	0	5
Tom Stayt	4	0	4



Alex Barrow

Bath 2nd XI 2012



Back Row Left to Right: Steve Grieshaber(Scorer), Alex Muse, Alex Wright, David Ford, Tim Rouse, Max O'Leary.
Front Row Left to Right: Reece Croker, Ted Roe, Stuart Kingwell(Captain), Adam Mitchell, Patrick Grieshaber.

Bath 2nd XI 2012 Batting averages all matches

	Games	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg.	50's	100's	Ducks
Mike Smyth	6	5	0	318	125	63.6	2	1	0
Ted Roe	11	10	4	323	83	53.83	1	0	0
Tim Rouse	10	10	2	323	135	40.38	1	1	0
Patrick Grieshaber	11	11	2	319	82*	35.44	2	0	0
Adam Mitchell	12	7	2	177	69*	35.4	1	0	0
Reece Croker	13	11	2	294	72	32.67	2	0	1
Stuart Kingwell	13	8	2	173	57	28.83	2	0	1
George Hankins	8	7	1	62	21	10.33	0	0	1
Max O'Leary	10	6	1	34	17	6.8	0	0	1

Qualification 5 inns

Bath 2nd XI 2012 Bowling averages all matches

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Max O'Leary	36.4	4	167	13	5-6	1	4.55	16.94	12.85
Alex Wright	43	8	135	10	3-21	0	3.14	25.8	13.5
Alex Muse	63.1	9	195	12	4-41	0	3.09	31.6	16.25
Adam Mitchell	68	11	291	16	3-22	0	4.28	25.5	18.19
Stuart Kingwell	51	5	206	9	3-32	0	4.04	34	22.89
David Ford	78.1	7	317	9	2-26	0	4.05	52.13	35.22

Qualification 8 wkts

Top innings 2012

Tim Rouse	135	vs Downend
Mike Smyth	125	vs Warminster
Tim Rouse	92*	vs Warminster
Mike Smyth	90	vs Taunton St Andrews
Ted Roe	83	vs Taunton St Andrews
Patrick Grieshaber	82*	vs Warminster
Ben Staunton	82	vs Corsham
Reece Croker	72	vs Warminster
Adam Mitchell	69*	vs Taunton St Andrews
Stuart Kingwell	57	vs Taunton St Andrews

Top bowling performances 2012

Simon Marchant	7-14	vs Bristol
Max O'Leary	5-6	vs Warminster
Tim Rouse	4-13	vs Corsham
George Hankins	4-29	vs Keynsham
Harry Roberts	4-37	vs Bridgwater
Chris Davies	4-39	vs Taunton St Andrews
Alex Muse	4-41	vs Corsham
Alex Wright	3-21	vs Taunton St Andrews
Adam Mitchell	3-22	vs Taunton St Andrews
Lucas Reeman	3-25	vs Claverham(Yatton)

Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Patrick Grieshaber	11	3	14
Stuart Kingwell	9	0	9
Reece Croker	5	0	5
George Hankins	4	0	4
Tim Rouse	4	0	4
Ted Roe	3	0	3
Adam Mitchell	3	0	3
Max O'Leary	3	0	3



Tim Rouse



Max O'Leary

Bath 3rd XI 2012



Back Row Left to Right: Ken Bailey (Umpire) Mathan, Dave Robertson, Josh Godman, Dan Gill, Rob Maggs, Richard Metcalfe, Ken Patterson (Scorer)
Front Row Left to Right: Sam Croker, Stuart Brennan, Mike Roe (Captain), Stuart Priscott, Charlie Brain

Bath 3rd XI 2012 Batting averages all matches

	Games	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg.	50's	100's	Ducks
Mike Roe	9	7	4	132	32*	44	0	0	1
David Robertson	7	7	1	182	83*	30.33	1	0	2
Harry Roberts	6	5	1	112	42	28	0	0	0
Richard Metcalfe	6	6	1	126	50	25.2	1	0	1
Kenny James	8	5	2	69	29*	23	0	0	1
Stuart Brennan	7	7	1	94	29	15.67	0	0	0
Charlie Brain	6	6	0	58	25	9.67	0	0	1
Dan Gill	8	7	0	65	23	9.29	0	0	3

Qualification 5 inns

Bath 3rd XI 2012 Bowling averages all matches

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Stuart Priscott	40	6	129	13	3-18	0	3.23	18.46	9.92
Andrew Jones	16	1	74	5	3-46	0	4.63	19.2	14.8
Richard Metcalfe	40	7	146	9	4-19	0	3.65	26.67	16.22
Mike Roe	21	3	74	4	2-33	0	3.52	31.5	18.5
Jack Scrivens	19	1	89	4	3-21	0	4.68	28.5	22.25
Kenny James	57	9	142	6	2-14	0	2.49	57	23.67
Mathan Balasubramanian	34	6	142	4	2-17	0	4.18	51	35.5

Qualification 4 wkts

Top innings 2012

Luke Tapsfield	87*	vs Brislington
David Robertson	83*	vs Grendel
Richard Metcalfe	50	vs Bath Hospitals
Mathan	47*	vs Wrington
Harry Roberts	42	vs Stratton on Fosse
David Robertson	41	vs Stratton on Fosse
Stuart Priscott	36	vs Bath Hospitals
David Robertson	36	vs Stratton on Fosse
Luke Tapsfield	35	vs Bath Hospitals
Andy Owen	55	vs Bear Flat

Top bowling performances 2012

Richard Metcalfe	4-19	vs Bath Hospitals
Ollie Lawson	3-16	vs Stratton on Fosse
Stuart Priscott	3-18	vs Backwell Flax Bourton
Sam Croker	3-21	vs Backwell Flax Bourton
Jack Scrivens	3-21	vs Grendel
Stuart Priscott	3-25	vs Bear Flat
Joel Quinn	3-31	vs Wrington
Alex Biggs	3-31	vs Backwell Flax Bourton
Stuart Priscott	3-34	vs Brislington
Andrew Jones	3-46	vs Wrington

Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Mike Roe	8	0	8
Dan Gill	4	1	5
Kenny James	4	0	4
Luke Tapsfield	3	0	3
David Robertson	2	0	2



Richard Metcalfe



Stuart Priscott

Bath 4th XI 2012



Back Row Left to Right: Chris Mould(Scorer), Marc Wilson, Mathan, Josh Godman, Dave Bean, Joe Quinn, Chris Crighton
Front Row Left to Right: Beth Howe, Thiaan Aspelling, Paul Bird(Captain), Sam Croker, Joel Quinn.

Bath 4th XI 2012 Batting averages all matches

	Games	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg.	50's	100's	Ducks
Joe Quinn	7	7	2	378	170	75.6	0	2	1
Chris Crighton	5	5	1	157	124	39.25	0	1	1
Paul Bird	10	9	1	176	57*	22	2	0	1
Joel Quinn	10	8	1	125	50*	17.86	1	0	1
Mathan Balasubramaniyan	6	5	2	48	16	16	0	0	0
Dave Bean	5	5	0	80	29	16	0	0	1
Beth Howe	11	7	1	66	21*	11	0	0	2
Thiaan Aspelling	12	10	3	76	27*	10.86	0	0	4

Qualification 5 inns

Bath 4th XI 2012 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Mathan Balasubramaniyan	34.4	8	107	8	5-6	1	3.08	26.03	13.38
Tom Benney	31.3	2	150	9	4-30	0	4.76	21	16.67
Harry Hankins	38	6	166	8	2-23	0	4.37	28.5	20.75
Thiaan Aspelling	63.3	11	241	11	2-11	0	3.8	34.64	21.91
Beth Howe	20	1	113	4	1-12	0	5.65	30	28.25
Joel Quinn	31	1	167	5	2-17	0	5.39	37.2	33.4

Qualification 4 wkts

Top innings 2012

Joe Quinn	170	vs Timsbury
Chris Crighton	124	vs Avonside
Joe Quinn	104*	vs Harptree
Josh Godman	79	vs Nailsea
Marc Wilson	77	vs Harptree
Paul Bird	57*	vs Avonside
Dan Gill	56	vs Avonside
Jack Dancey	55*	vs Stanton Drew
Paul Bird	53	vs Stanton Drew
Joel Quinn	50*	vs Midsomer Norton

Top bowling performances 2012

Mathan Balasubramaniyan	5-6	vs Timsbury
Tom Benney	4-30	vs Harptree
Thiaan Aspelling	2-11	vs Timsbury
Joel Quinn	2-17	vs Midsomer Norton
Thiaan Aspelling	2-19	vs Harptree
Jack Dancey	2-21	vs Avonside
Tom Benney	2-22	vs Avonside
Tom Benney	2-23	vs Avonside
Harry Hankins	2-23	vs Avonside
Finn White	2-28	vs Harptree

Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Tom Benney	3	0	3
Joel Quinn	3	0	3
Harry Hankins	3	0	3
Marc Wilson	2	0	2
Thiaan Aspelling	2	0	2



Mathan Balasubramaniyan



Chris Crighton

Bath Wanderers 1st XI 2012



Back Row Left to Right: Beth Howe, Moira Comfort, Anya Shrubsole, Elywn Campbell, Lauren Shrubsole, Jenny Withers.
Front Row Left to Right: Kate Randall, Francis Wilson, Jackie Hawker(Captain), Sophie Luff, Emily Knight.

Bath Wanderers 1st XI 2012 Batting averages all matches

	Games	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg.	50's	100's	Ducks
Anya Shrubsole	5	5	1	136	79*	34	1	0	0
Sophie Le Marchand	5	5	1	114	42*	28.5	0	0	1
Moira Comfort	7	6	3	79	32	26.33	0	0	1
Francis Wilson	5	5	0	99	33	19.8	0	0	0
Kate Randall	5	5	1	56	21	14	0	0	1
Sophie Luff	5	5	0	66	33	13.2	0	0	1
Lauren Shrubsole	8	6	0	48	17	8	0	0	0
Beth Howe	7	6	0	47	19	7.83	0	0	2
Jackie Hawker	6	5	1	24	20*	6	0	0	2

Qualification 5 inns

Bath Wanderers 1st XI 2012 Bowling averages all matches

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Anya Shrubsole	26	6	54	5	2-15	0	2.08	31.2	10.8
Kate Randall	43	3	135	10	3-29	0	3.14	25.8	13.5
Jackie Hawker	28	3	127	7	3-40	0	4.54	24	18.14
Emily Knight	31.4	4	123	6	3-20	0	3.88	31.7	20.5
Jenny Withers	49	7	157	6	2-31	0	3.2	49	26.17
Lauren Shrubsole	70	6	291	9	3-5	0	4.16	46.67	32.33
Moira Comfort	79.4	15	233	7	2-15	0	2.92	68.31	33.29

Qualification 5 wkts

Top innings 2012

Anya Shrubsole	79*	vs Hayes Hurricanes
Elwyn Campbell	61	vs Finchley
Elwyn Campbell	47	vs Hayes Hurricanes
Sophie Le Marchand	42*	vs Finchley
Sophie Le Marchand	36	vs Hayes Hurricanes
Hannah Lloyd	35	vs MCC Ladies
Francis Wilson	33	vs Purley
Sophie Le Marchand	33	vs Reading
Sophie Luff	33	vs Finchley
Moira Comfort	32	vs Purley

Top bowling performances 2012

Lauren Shrubsole	3-5	vs Reading
Emily Knight	3-20	vs Finchley
Kate Randall	3-29	vs Hayes Hurricanes
Kate Randall	3-31	vs Reading
Jackie Hawker	3-40	vs Hayes Hurricanes
Kate Randall	2-5	vs Reading
Anya Shrubsole	2-15	vs Hayes Hurricanes
Moira Comfort	2-15	vs Purley
Anya Shrubsole	2-25	vs Finchley
Steph Davies	2-30	vs Reading

Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Beth Howe	3	1	4
Jackie Hawker	4	0	4
Sophie Luff	3	0	3
Frances Wilson	3	0	3



Fran Wilson



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