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Kate Randall represented the Wanderers in the Charity match vs Bath Rugby Legends

From the editor



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

Welcome to this, my second edition as editor of Parade in Print. It has been another successful year on the field which you can read all about in the pages of the magazine.

I would like to thank all the contributors for their input, without which the magazine would not happen. I hope you enjoying reading Parade in Print and if it inspires you please write me an article for next year.

Off the field the club faces challenging times ahead with the difficult financial climate, making decisions over the future of the indoor school and clubhouse harder to make.

I do feel that the players need to think hard about how they can help the club off the field. They are privileged to have probably the best facilities on offer in the country and sometimes need reminding that they are needed to make the club successful off the field as well as on.

With two full time grounds men and a team off the field making the players lives very comfortable, there can be a certain amount of apathy and a reluctance to either volunteer or help with some of the tasks which a club needs to run smoothly.

With much personal sadness, I would like to thank Mike Jones for all his words of wisdom during our long phone calls over the years I have known him. I will miss him greatly. Perhaps now people will have a better understanding of the huge contribution that he made to the club.

Finally, I wish everyone all the best for the 2012 season.



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Pat Colbourne

President's Piece

"Our game has seen many changes since W.G.Grace, Sir Don Bradman and the era of the two World Wars".

The old players of today may state that cricketing life was better in their day. Yet it is highly likely that, over the past 65 years, each sport has produced its own example of a Usain Bolt who has emerged to break all records and improve performance, not just as an individual but in groups and teams too. I'm not saying that the Sachin Tendulkars and Brian Laras of this decade are any better than the legendary feats of Don Bradman. It is quite clear, however, that we have a better standard of living and nutrition available to us. In our world today science and technology is far more developed and therefore new techniques in fitness and training have evolved and allowed great advancement in all human physical pursuits. Cricket has not been immune to this progress.

England have done wonders over the past two years. Twenty/20 World Champions, winners of the Ashes twice (once in their own back yard), now World Champion Test team and they claim to have more targets in their sight. The recent recognitions of Cricketer of the Year awarded to Jonathon Trott and Test Cricket of the Year to Alastair Cook have put the icing on the cake for our national team and the whole game in this country.

Success breeds success and nothing succeeds without effort and determination and the England set up clearly deserve this recognition. The same goes for Bath Cricket Club. Success has come, not through pot luck but through sound planning, wise judgement and good appointments, persistent effort, good coaching and the maintenance of a strong youth policy. Our appointed captains have had their problems, as they do each year, yet have worked together admirably to maintain a

very high standard. For the 1st XI to win the West of England Premier League nine times in 15 years and our 2nd XI to go a step further and win it 13 times during the same period shows that we are doing most things well. The Wanderers won the National Women's League (South) title in 2007 and have been so close on other occasions, this year coming second again. With their young side their time will surely come again.

The evidence of this success is down to the points I have already mentioned as well as to wise management, good facilities, and leadership. Leadership is a difficult business but it is clear, from my own interest and study of the subject, that the most successful leaders reflect some astonishing qualities in their own personal lives. Courage seems to be the prime quality coupled with humility and wisdom. There are, of course, other requirements that leaders need for different situations but any successful organisation must have, not just one, but a team of strong leaders within their ranks, people who take the initiative and make things happen for the common good.

Finally I must add that for good cricket to be played and appreciated we rely heavily on a team of dedicated professionals and volunteers. Yet I do sense a mood amongst players of taking much from the club and not giving back. I would expect players representing Bath Cricket Club to give of their time and effort. I don't see evidence of that from some players and so I ask all of you, especially during this period of prolonged recession, to give of your time so that we continue to thrive. You'll feel more satisfied and fulfilled in your achievements if you give a bit of yourself and put something back – so do it!



Mike Roe

Chairman's Report

"I am writing this piece in September at a time when there is still a degree of uncertainty in the air".

What is certain is that the club has enjoyed further on-field success, with both the 1st and 2nds again prevailing during challenging campaigns, the girls coming very close to winning their league and more success for our youth sides. What is less certain is the position of the Development Project. We all know that we live in straightened times and that many economic and financial analysts predict stormy and difficult times ahead, perhaps for some years to come. For the club this challenging environment is evidenced in our own club business, both car park and hospitality.

The management committee recognise that it is our absolute duty and desire to do the right thing for the club, particularly when it involves the kind of legacy that a substantial bank loan would create for the club. By the time you read this edition of the Parade in Print, I suspect we will have spent considerably more time reviewing and reflecting on the project and the implications for the club. What I will promise is that we will keep you and every member informed of our current thinking and the rationale behind any decisions we propose to take. Nobody could perhaps have predicted the tough financial climate or recession we would have to negotiate to bring this project to a successful conclusion and it is vital that we are not driven by a blind faith or optimism around the indoor school, but sound and objective decision making in the long term interests of the club.

Following the uncertainty theme, I was a little unsure how I would find the transition from the 2nd XI to the 3rd XI. However, this season it has been my pleasure to be acquainted

with the Brownsword Ground and the North Somerset league. How many clubs can boast such a great second ground. I have been hugely impressed by the passion, commitment and talent of those who don't always get the opportunity to play at North Parade every week, but provide great depth and succession for the club's playing profile.

My brief experience of playing against North Somerset opposition has reaffirmed a personal belief that we must continue to embed and encourage a set of core values and soul within our club, based on respect, teamwork and a work ethic. It reminds me how fortunate we are at Bath, when you see players in the hour before the match, preparing the ground and sorting out the teas. Their passion and commitment to the contest is on a par with a premier league 1st XI game against Frocester. The disappointment on the faces of the Stratton players as Harry Roberts and Lucas Reeman put on 25 for the last wicket to gain an improbable victory was palpable.

In my personal view we should go an extra mile in re-aligning around our core values and make sure the culture at our club is one we are always proud of.

Many congratulations to Tom Stayt and Jonathon Green for leading their sides to success. A particular mention for Tom who is standing down after two very successful seasons. He has captained with great integrity and character.

I hope you all winter well and look forward to seeing you for the 2012 season.

Captains report 1st XI



Team	P	W	L	C	A	BatP	BowlP	%Wins	Pts
Bath CC	18	13	3	1	1	77	71	81.25	288
Frocester CC	18	11	5	1	1	67	75	68.75	262
Bridgwater CC	18	11	5	1	1	65	69	68.75	252
Taunton Deane CC	18	9	8	0	1	67	68	52.94	228
Downend CC	18	9	6	2	1	61	62	60	226
Taunton St Andrews CC	18	7	10	0	1	63	63	41.18	201
Bristol CC	18	6	7	4	1	48	57	46.15	188
Corsham CC	18	5	11	1	1	61	53	31.25	174
Weston Super Mare CC	18	5	11	1	1	46	57	31.25	161
Thornbury CC	18	3	13	1	1	67	53	18.75	158

Tom Stayt - 1st XI - League Position: Champions

Memorable match:

V. Frocester (h). We bowled and fielded well for 30 overs (rain reduced the game to 40 overs per side), but then conceded a fair few in the last 10 overs, meaning the momentum was against us at the break. The way Baz and JC (Barrow and Campbell) went about knocking the runs off was amazing, they were ruthless and clinical in their hitting. I think Frocester were pretty stunned and had no answer to our two openers. It was a huge win for us and kick started the run in of the season. The momentum and confidence we took from that game was so important.

Young players to watch:

Harry Rouse and Will Jenkins. These two guys forced their way into the side in the second half of the season and for the last few weeks were automatic selections, contributing to the team on and off the field. Rousey played two vital innings, against Corsham in the cup and Bridgwater at home in the league, showing great maturity and skill to get us up to competitive totals. He also ended the season taking the new ball and picking up important wickets. Will came into the side slightly later, having had a golden period in the middle of the summer where it seemed he scored runs for every team he played for. When he did get in the side he instantly looked like a 1st XI batsman

and in both the Taunton St Andrews and Downend fixtures struck the ball as well as anybody all season. Seeing their development into true 1st XI players was one of the highlights of the year.

Best individual performance:

A few that stand out; James Thorpe, v. Frocester (a). 3-20 off 10 overs. A constantly threatening spell of swing bowling at good pace, it felt like every ball the slips and keeper were going to be in action.

Alex Barrow, v. Frocester (h). 108*. A professional and classy knock at a vital time.

Harry Rouse, v. Corsham (h), 50*. National KO. Came in at 93-7, ended on 199, Rousey gave us the momentum and we won comfortably.

Lloyd Davies, v. TSA (a), 115*. Always a difficult wicket to bat on, any hundred at their ground is a good one.

Hopes for next year:

That everybody stays together. We have a great team spirit, which it's a pleasure to be part of. We have a group of guys who like spending time with each other, and happen to kind of like cricket, so Saturday's gives us all an excuse to be together!

Season highlights:

Winning the league. Simple. It was a tough and challenging year, but to

come through and win the last game for the title was extra special. The celebrations will long be remembered by all that were there, it was a fitting end to the season. If any of our players got paid, had too big an ego, or did not care about the team, that feeling would not have been the same for me. You can't recreate it, or pay to have it. Our success and cricket is based on good team spirit and shared values.

Worst moment:

Dropping mates. We had a competitive and talented squad, and that meant there were some difficult decisions at various points during the year. There are so many guys at the club who would get into every other 1st XI around, picking just 11 and trying to explain to some of your best mates why you haven't picked them is pretty tough.

What could the club improve:

Pass.



Captains report 2nd XI



Team	P	W	L	C	A	BatP	BowlP	%Wins	Pts
Bath CC	18	13	3	1	1	79	78	81.25	297
Corsham CC	18	13	4	1	0	84	76	76.47	295
Bridgwater CC	18	10	6	2	0	68	75	62.5	253
Keynsham CC	18	10	7	0	1	55	83	58.82	243
Bristol CC	18	9	8	1	0	69	73	52.94	237
Taunton St Andrews CC	18	8	10	0	0	70	69	44.44	219
Taunton Deane CC	18	8	8	1	1	61	57	50	204
Frocester CC	18	4	13	1	1	73	62	23.53	178
Weston Super Mare CC	18	5	11	1	1	43	43	31.25	146
Thornbury CC	18	3	13	1	1	40	52	18.75	132

Jon Green - 2nd XI - League Position: Champions

Memorable match:

Many to call upon for lots of reasons. We managed throughout the season to win and loose in a variety of fashions, which make them all memorable. The pleasing thing was that the majority of players called upon over the weeks made a sizable contribution to put us in winning positions, sometimes in unexpected roles and ways. Who'd have thought that David Ford would lead us home with the bat against Bristol?!

The stand out fixture:

- Bridgwater, away, 6th August. They play combative and aggressive cricket ably supported by their partisan crowd.
- League still in the balance having lost two weeks before to Corsham.
- Bath CC battle to 202-9 from 90-7
- Bath buoyed by the late order recovery (Kenny, Tom Winan and Harry Roberts) and full batting points, eat far too much of what is arguably the best tea in the away fixture list.
- Bath CC spin their way to victory by 35 runs. Priscott, Kingwell and Wright taking five, four and one wickets respectively.
- Bath CC travel back in team bus singing all the way up the M5. Kenny James is on the receiving end of new team spirit, lead by Croker, Roberts
- This kick-started our season again and could have been a huge banana skin for us, but with some mature and calm performances we side-

stepped the hurdle and gave us the boost to regain the top spot later.

Young players to watch:

Will Jenkins, Tim Rouse, Alex Wright & Charlie Wills have all either made centuries or taken five wickets this season. Others such as Reece Croker, Harry Roberts and David Ford have all also shown that they can change games and have been stand out players at some time or another. Sorry not to have picked one, but I feel they all deserve a mention as future clubmen.

Best individual performance:

Will Jenkins arrived as a senior batter scoring his maiden century (103) for Bath CC (202-9) v Bridgwater (167-AO) making the pitch look like a batters paradise where mere mortals batted like it was a minefield as their seamer's created trouble. I'm glad to say Will spent the last part of the season with the 1st team. I hope he continues as a great example to all our younger players by cementing his place next year.

Hopes for next year:

Without resting on our laurels, more of the same. In the last quarter of our fixtures the youngsters have really started to come out of their shells as they found their roles and performed. We do however, as a whole, need to improve as a bowling and fielding unit by restricting our 'extras' and putting

more pressure on the opposition with our ground fielding Hopefully next year we can hit the ground running and continue to build on the spirit and energy both on and off the pitch.

Season highlights:

- Five centurions (Priscott (twice), Kingwell, Jenkins and Rouse) versus the one century scored last year
- Maiden five wicket hauls for Wills (5-45) and Wright (5-25)
- One wicket win off the last ball versus Bristol. David Ford, Chris Davies and Charlie Wills becoming unlikely batting heros.
- Stuart Kingwell's slip catch at Bridgwater off Stuart Priscott
- Seth Tapsfield's singing of Busted's, "Crashed the Wedding" on the way home from Frocester

What could the club improve:

I feel we are extremely privileged to be part of a club with huge resources available at such a cheap rate. Unfortunately it's taken for granted throughout the year with many guilty of not showing gratitude to those who give the most to provide it. A thank you to Mark, Mandy, Gordon, Greg and Rob along with our scorers and umpires costs nothing but is priceless if we want to continue receiving what a lot of players feel they deserve.

Captains report 3rd XI



Team	P	W	T	L	A	C	Pen	Pts
Bear Flat CC	18	14	0	2	1	1	0	72
Bath 3 CC	18	11	0	4	0	3	0	55
Wroughton CC	18	8	0	5	2	3	0	50
Bath Hospitals CC	18	9	0	7	1	1	0	49
Brislington 3 CC	18	8	0	6	1	3	0	49
Saltford Fairway CC	18	10	0	7	0	1	0	46
Grendel CC	18	6	0	9	1	2	0	39
Stratton on the Fosse CC	18	4	0	11	1	2	0	32
Shoscombe Village CC	18	4	0	11	1	2	0	30
Knowle West CC	18	1	0	13	2	2	0	12

Jamie Walker - 3rd XI - League Position: 2nd

After around 17 years of playing 3rd team cricket under the likes of Baker, Pearce, Linnett, Ashford & Harper I felt that I was pretty well qualified for the role of captain, and thankfully so did Shrubby & Maggsy.

Little did I know when I took on the role of 3rd team captain that my season would end in early July for paternity leave. My thanks go to Roey for stepping in and helping out for the second half of the season.

So on with the cricket:

Overall it's been a good season and we finished second to a Bear Flat team skippered by a certain Mark Gunning who actively recruited a couple of good players over the last couple of winters with the aim of winning the league. With Wroughton losing two of their best players to Glastonbury (I think) it was probably going to be between Bear Flat and us. In the end, as we often see with a 3rd or 4th team at a club like Bath, the teams we put out each week can vary quite dramatically and there were certainly some matches this year where we felt disappointed to lose. The fact that we beat the champions at home, and were always in the running in a close match when we lost to them away, suggests it was matches against other opposition that costs us a chance of finishing top...but this is what the 3rds is all about. The players involved

will have learnt an awful lot this year about playing a season of senior cricket against teams of differing abilities and mindsets each week.

It was great as well to see glimpses of what next year could offer; Josh Godman bowling really well and being the match winner we know he is with the ball and scoring some pretty decent runs in the lower middle order - he will become an all rounder I am sure of it! Harry Roberts consistently taking wickets and making some deserved appearances in the 2nds; Charlie Brain, Max O Leary, Luke Tapsfield and Janinder Morgan looking more than comfortable at 3rd team level despite their young age and Stu Brennan, Oli Lawson, Dave Nelson, Tom Winnon and Kenny showing that, when available and fit, the old guard can also put in the odd performance as well!

Some "thank yous" first; Stayty, Greeny, Birdy and Kingers for all their input and support at selection. Letty for his coaching throughout winter nets which, in my opinion, helped us hit the ground running when the season started, Maggsy for always being on the end of a phone (there were some weeks when I spoke to him more than I spoke to my own girlfriend) and for all the help and support he gave me, Mark, Alison and all the staff for the excellent teas, Mandy and Shrubby for

their off the field help (well Shrubby for his on field as well as either 12th man or part of the starting X1), Gordon and Gregg for the fantastic facilities at the Brownsword (I'm trying not to be biased when I say we have the best facilities in the league), Andy Linnett for his constant support and input throughout the season and Ken and Steve for umpiring. There have been many things written and said about Steve Barton already and I would just like to add my thanks, not only for the fact that he gave up his time to umpire for us, but the way in which he did it. He was respected and liked by Bath and opposition players alike.

Speaking of next year, I've made the difficult decision that to stand down as 3rd team captain after just one (well, half) a season. As I'm sure a lot of people reading this will understand, trying to balance work and a young family will mean that my time will be stretched even further and I just won't be able to commit the time required to skipper, or even play. I will, however, be making regular trips up to the "Field of Dreams" to check on the team's progress and to introduce Freddie to cricket...after all he will be 10 months old when the new season starts!

Captains report 4th XI



Team	P	W	L	A	C	Pen	Pts
Keynsham CC	18	12	3	1	2	0	54
Shepton Mallett CC	18	10	6	1	2	0	46
Easton Cowboys CC	18	9	6	1	2	0	42
Bath 4 CC	18	9	6	0	3	0	42
Churchways CC	18	7	7	1	3	0	36
Midsomer Norton CC	18	8	8	1	1	0	36
Wroughton CC	18	7	8	1	2	0	34
Stanton Drew CC	18	8	9	1	0	0	34
Stratton on the Fosse CC	18	3	12	1	2	0	18
Whitchurch CC, Somerset	18	3	12	0	3	0	18

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

The 4th team had an excellent year and lots of good things have come out of the season, we were in the promotion hunt for much of the season, but have just fallen short; and have ended up 3rd, but what a great season we have had!

- 17 young cricketers were introduced into senior cricket
- female cricketers were introduced to senior men's cricket
- We've had lots of fun as well along the way, which is what the 4th team is all about!

It's been great to see young players like Max O'Leary, Jack Dancey, George Hankins, Charlie Brain, Sam Croker, Benedict Gundry and Lucas Reeman all playing in senior cricket and to have done so well.

During the season I was one of a gang of seven, these included; Stu Brennan, Marc Wilson, Thiaan Aspeling, Chris Crighton, Beth Howe and Dave Bean - these senior players were often to be seen (and heard) giving me advice from time to time - and plenty of cricketing emails when I was at work - and not to mention they wrote our weekly match reports too - thanks guys!

I must also mention that Beth Howe was the only player to play every league game, that was a great effort, well

done Beth! I also want to congratulate Beth and Thiaan on their forthcoming wedding!! Yes, we have even had romance in the 4th Team!

Season highlights include:

- The batting and fielding of Charlie Brain
- The promise shown by Max O'Leary - he is my young player to watch
- Dave Bean's 70 plus when we were struggling
- The Captain finally getting some runs after going back to opening the innings!
- The 17 young players introduced to senior cricket for the first time
- Coming 3rd when we'd targeted a top 4 finish. Really good effort guys
- The superb team spirit in the 4ths - second to none.
- Two really entertaining nights out at Jimmy Spices

Worst moments:

- Losing off the penultimate ball at Brownsword against Mid Norton, which probably cost us promotion
- Late cry-offs on Friday night/ Saturday morning
- Best Individual Performance (s):
- Tom Benney's fielding (he really has improved no end this year)
- Gaven Royce's fielding - he never dropped a catch and took some good ones
- Mark Wilson's tactical field placings

- The whole 4th team squad were all heroes to me

Hopes for next year:

Again, a top 4 finish would be good - promotion would be something special, but as long as we keep blooding young cricketers, having fun and including lady players, I will be happy.

What could the Club improve:

- Get the Bath CC flag up at the Brownsword Ground
- Have a more varied social scene

I can't thank everyone - so I am just going to say a few thank yous to all the 4th XI squad. Thanks for all your efforts this year and thank you to the selection committee for some interesting meetings, Maggsy for helping me to find players at short notice, Ian Shrub for your continued support, Mark and the team for the best teas in the league, Andrew Linnett for the Bath CC website and Gregg and Gordon for the lovely 'Field of Dreams' at the Brownsword!

I would also like to say a big thank you to the young players parents (you know who you are) for delivering and collecting their sons/daughters from matches, you've now experienced some lovely grounds in North Somerset!

To finish, it's been a pleasure being captain again and I hope to do it all again next year, if the club will have me!

Captains report Sunday XI



Team	P	W	L	A	C	Pen	Pts
Midsomer Norton CC	18	11	2	1	4	0	54
Keynsham CC	18	10	3	1	3	0	51
Brislington CC	18	10	4	0	4	0	48
Hampset CC	18	7	8	0	3	0	30
Westbury & District CC	18	7	6	1	4	4	34
Knowle CC	18	6	8	1	3	4	28
Lansdown CC	18	4	8	2	4	4	24
Bath CC	18	4	8	1	5	4	24
Hinton Charterhouse CC	18	3	10	1	3	0	23
Downend CC	18	4	9	0	5	8	18

Stuart Kingwell - Sun XI - League Position: 8th

When I agreed to take on the Sunday team once again it was with the idea that it would become a team designed to help the transition of players from youth cricket to senior cricket

I was to run the under 15 team and the Sunday team so that the players I was coaching would play for me on Sundays as well as their youth team, making them feel more comfortable with the transition into senior cricket.

However one problem with this idea was clear. The league we were playing in would be too strong for a under 15 team and me. So, the senior players in this team would be vital for the development of these youngsters, allowing them to be free just to enjoy the game and not worry overly about the result. So that was the idea!

Reflecting on the season I'm happy with the job that was done. Enabling those youth players to get involved. More than 17 players from the youth section have either played for me or plaed for our 3rd and 4th teams, a great acheivement. I'd like to thank all those players who have given up their time to play!

There's also been a large turnover of senior players over the course of the year, 24 to be exact, who have all

helped to bring on those youngsters and I thank all of them as well!

Special mention goes to the three players, other than me, (over the age of 18) who have played more than two games for the Sunday XI; Kenny OAP James, Alex Muse and Ollie Duguid. Thanks guys! It makes my job a lot easier when I have at least one or two other senior players to count on!

My last thank you is probably my biggest. As I'm sure you're all aware, I struggle to get 11 players on a Sunday, with the constant cry offs, generally on the morning of the games (five players was the record this year), so to have an umpire who was available (almost every week) means a huge amount to me and I can't thank Andy Vigor enough, he did a wonderful job this year!

In fact he did such a good job he even got a mention in the paper from Hinton Charterhouse when he continued to refuse appeals from myself and Simon when we were convinced the bat was plumb. It would have meant a victory for us, but I don't hold a grudge!

Andy is stepping down as Sunday umpire this year as he feels it is time with the lack of a social side after the games largely due to the lack of senior

players! And lack of team unity and I can't say I blame him, all I can say is thank you so much for all your efforts I would have given up Sunday cricket a long time ago if it was not for you so thank you!

I wish whoever takes over the role as Sunday captain next year good luck!



North Parade played host to Somerset and Essex prior to their 20/20 match at the Rec. Seen here Marcus Trescothick shares a joke with Ravi Bopara



'The Only Way is Bath' (via Essex!)



Luke Padgett
It's quite daunting joining a new club, particularly when you don't know the area very well.



You do your research, check out the leagues, get a shortlist together, have a preferred choice and then you ask your mates who play locally for their opinion. "Bunch of arrogant pre-maddonas" (no names, no pack drill), "teas are rubbish"; etc, etc.....and come the end you are back to square one. And, for those of you unfortunate people who have got to know me, you will see that as well as an angry young man, I am very indecisive which I thought would make this decision even harder!

However, after an afternoon of sipping Green Tea with Mr Stayt and a morning of painting the wall on my day off, there was only really one decision I could make, North Parade was the place for me.

Apart from representative cricket for Hertfordshire and Essex, I have only ever played for 2 other senior clubs, one of which was during a winter in Melbourne and the other, Bishop's Stortford, for whom I played for 17 years. As a result, my experiences have been pretty limited.

So, as you can imagine, come the first morning of my first game I was extremely nervous and keen to impress. These nerves however were soon long

gone after being greeted with a barrage of abuse regarding a ridiculously unfathomable resemblance to Joe Swash from the lads! And, this was only the start of it.

As the season has gone on, this is what I have grown to love about Bath Cricket Club. The feeling of unity and camaraderie is shown through all aspects of the club which makes Bath a fantastic place to play your cricket. Whether on the field or socially there is a bond which brings the team together which acts as a key factor behind the club's successes. The relentless 'banter' seems to bring a team together and is something I have grown to admire.

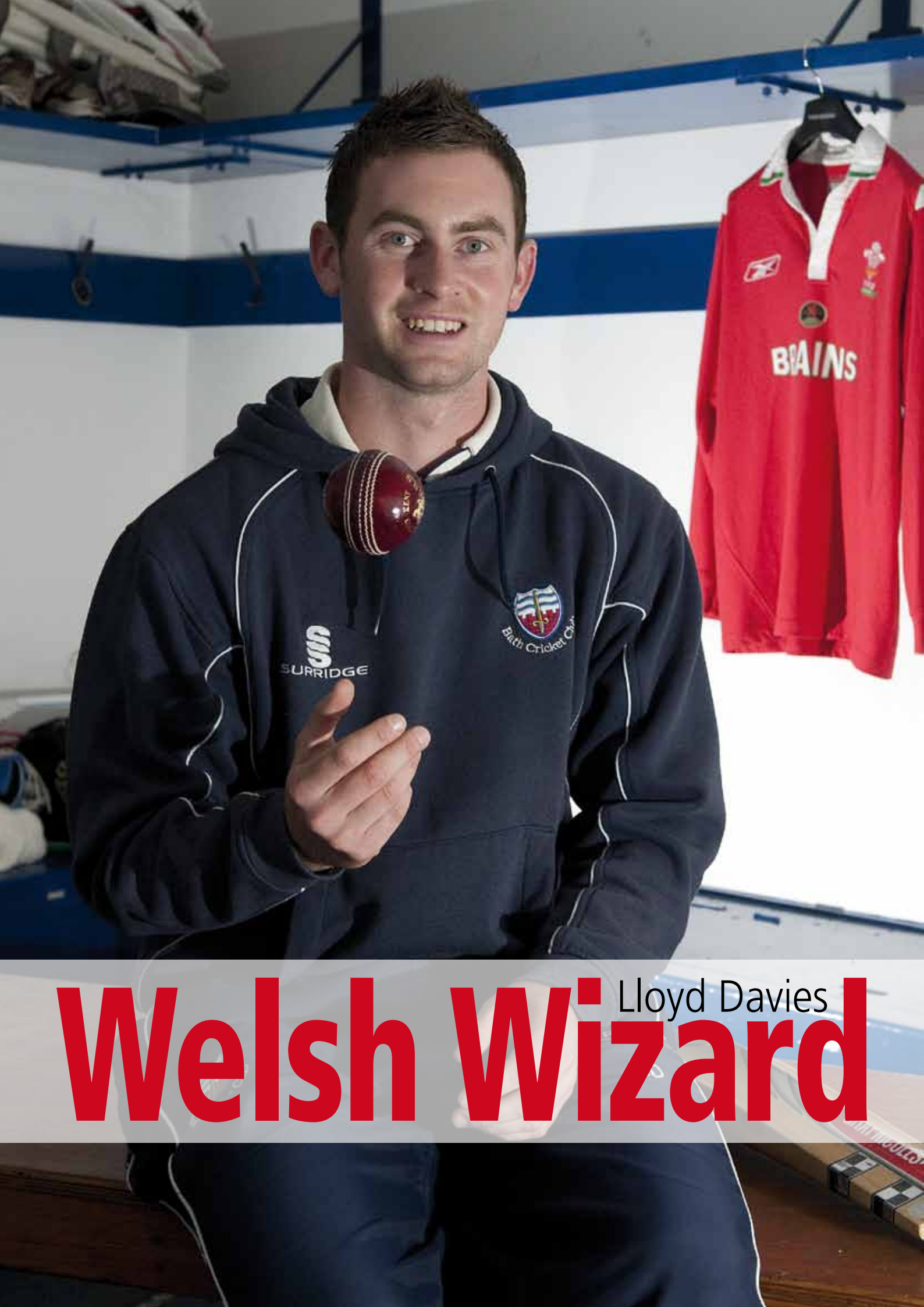
We must also not forget the unbelievable facilities, coaching and organisation with many people behind the scenes doing a fantastic job to make Bath a fantastic and enjoyable place to play cricket. This is coupled with a core group of supporters who regularly support us which is great to have around cheering us on.

That said, with such amazing facilities and offerings, I think there could be even greater potential within the club, especially during these difficult financial times. As most people know wicketkeepers are not normal and are regularly in a world of their own.

Whilst 'crashing symbols' on a daily basis behind the sticks, I have become amazed at the number of people that regularly occupy the car park or the bridge, often stopping for a picture and a quick pose. I feel there is a great opportunity to develop the club further through encouraging these 'passers by' into the club. I'm sure that after a tiresome day traipsing around the shops many people would love the opportunity of a beer or bacon butty. Can you think of a greater place to sit and relax for an hour or two with a beer on a hot summer's afternoon?

As the season draws to a close I wanted to express my gratitude and delight at joining Bath Cricket Club. During my first full season I have managed to upset a number of the opposition, as well as earning a new nickname or two, however most importantly I have gained a number of fantastic new friends. Whether basking in the sun on the balcony or socially, there is a common theme of acceptance, determination and a desire to succeed with a fantastic club.

I'm sure by the time you read this we will be celebrating as the West of England Premier League Champions. Roll on 2012 and more success for Bath Cricket Club!



Welsh Wizard

Lloyd Davies

After a great season, Parade in Print caught up with Lloyd for a chat the night before flying to Australia!

You had a great season what do you put that down to?

Well for the first time since my first season here in 2008, I have been fit which has possibly meant I have been able to contribute fully as an all-rounder for the team. Also this season I have felt that I knew my role with the ball - I'm there to run in hard and try and make something happen - which I have enjoyed doing. With Letty injuring his finger it gave me the chance to bat higher up which I've always wanted to do and I believed in my ability to fill that role. I also felt like one of the older heads in the dressing room which added responsibility - Stayty asked me mainly to look after JC (making sure he ate all his tea etc) - but I enjoyed the challenge overall!

Did the new format help you?

I think the new format helped all of us - win/lose cricket was far better and more enjoyable to play. We spoke at the start of the season and said there will be some tough days and we weren't expecting to go unbeaten this year - we bounced back really well after a couple of heavy defeats to Frocester and Bridgwater which showed a huge amount of character from the boys.

What was your favourite innings/bowling of the season?

My favourite innings this year has to be getting my first league hundred at Taunton St Andrews....batting on that wicket is never easy, so it was rewarding to play well and not give a chance. Also batting with Will Jenkins was good fun - he is a ridiculous talent and good fun to watch from the other end. Bowling wise, there were 2 spells - firstly against Keynsham in the cup on a quick deck, Stayty gave me license to bowl short and they didn't play it too well. Second favourite spell this year was in a losing cause at home vs Bridgwater where I channelled my anger in the quickest spell of 4 overs I've ever bowled - ended up taking 5 wickets which included some decent batters. I felt like I was in the zone (whatever that is) and the adrenaline was pumping...once I stopped bowling I could barely walk - weird experience!

Why does the team spirit so strong in the 1st xi?

The spirit in the side has been strong for a number of reasons - there have been new faces which has freshened things up and the banter has been flowing on a daily basis - I'm a huge believer in playing hard but also we are there to enjoy ourselves so any opportunity for a mick-take is rarely missed! I have to say that Stayty and Maggsy did a great job between them this year and were always positive in backing our ability. Youngsters like Harry and Jenks settled in superbly and showed us how good they are & also gave us lots laugh about! Padge behind the stumps was fantastic and on the balcony gave us some classic moments! There were times this year when things needed to be said between all of us - but the respect for each other was clear to see as we bounced back and fought hard for the league!

You are off to Australia in the winter what are you doing playing/drinking/coaching?

Yes I'm playing and coaching for Stratford CC which gregg brown organised. It's going to be a great opportunity and a good challenge for me on both the playing and coaching side of things. Not getting sunburnt will be my main challenge. I also imagine there will be the odd occasion where we head out for a beer or 2...nothing too crazy though!?! JC is playing for a club the other side of Melbourne so I'm sure we will meet up over Xmas - plus Hannah Ted and Beccy are travelling - so Bath CC will be well represented in Oz this winter!

Can you think of a rule change which may improve the league further?

I'd change the power play overs to mirror the pro game - no one really went hard at us in the first 10 overs - so if there were say another batting / bowling power play which you could choose to take anytime in the innings that would make the game a bit more exciting I suppose...though I would not be keen to bowl in it!

What are the differences between Timsbury and Bath such as social/training without upsetting anyone?

Bath and Timsbury are 2 very different clubs - people know I'm very proud of TCC as they looked after me very well as a young player when I started playing senior cricket, and I've always appreciated the support everyone there has given me since I've played for Bath. We are blessed to play at North Parade - every player in the Country would want to have this as their home ground - I would say that as a group of players we may not appreciate what we have here all the time - I'd like to see a change in attitude in this respect. This isn't a rant or rave but I also think the club or the players could organise more social events - I know it's tough with the travelling involved for the teams in the league, but if there was 1 night a month which say each team had to arrange and everyone supported I think the social side would improve - the Saturday night in the club after the 1sts & 2nds both won the league was an immense celebration - mainly because all of the players were there and just enjoyed each others success.

Hopes for the future short and long term?

Final thoughts from me....I'm already looking forward to next year - Adam Kelly coming back will be a massive boost to us - and the talent in the dressing room is ridiculous. I do think we need to reach a National Cup final - either the T20 or the main club championship if we want to be considered one of the best teams in this clubs history. The potential is definitely there, we just need to work even harder as a group and have a little bit of luck on the way.

I wish everyone well over the winter and I'll see all of you in April. Ta Lloyd

BATH BUCCANEERS VS BATH RUGBY LEGENDS NORTH PARADE GOES PINK!



David Nelson



It was back in early 2010 that I first had the idea that a game could be put together between us and our cousins, Bath Rugby, over the road.

Sarah, my girlfriend, had landed herself a pretty cushy job as the PA to the Chief Exec at Bath Rugby and so she, unbeknown to her at the time, was going to be my 'in'. I had mooted the idea at morning coffee down at North Parade and all those concerned seemed to think it was feasible, especially as there was already a history of the two clubs having played a game against each other. As it does, time ticked on, and we were soon into the 2010 season. It was now going to have to be something for the following season.

Fast forward to Christmas 2010. I'd started the ball rolling again and had put my 'mole' to work at the rugby club and she then put me in touch with Nick Blofeld, and also Matt Powell, the Business Development Director. They thought it a great idea but my problem was trying to get anything definitive out of them as they were, understandably, a tad busy.

More time passed and we were soon into spring and approaching the start of the season. By chance, I happened to be in a coffee shop in town when I walked Matt. This was my opportunity. A couple of lattes later I walked out with a solid idea about what I was going to do. He'd suggested rather than have an all day game, why not an evening T20. Also, it looked like they would rather label it as a 'vs Bath Rugby Legends' game, because it's near impossible to tie down any of the current players during their summer hols. This conversation, whilst giving me more direction, had actually blown the doors wide open on the possibilities of where to go with it! It was most importantly, however, a GO!

The next two to three weeks were completely consumed with writing endless notes and ideas. When to do it? Which charity? Who should play in our side? How to raise money? What happens

if it rains? Sponsorship? The list went on and all of these questions needed to be answered if it was going to work.

Throughout the coming weeks everything started to take shape. We'd set a date for the game, 29th of June, and with the help of Andy Hall, had made up some pretty striking posters to put up around Bath. Stayt had tapped up his 'contact' at the Chronicle to see if they'd be interested in the game, which they were, and I'd managed to get John Moore Sports to do us a deal on some shirts and other pink paraphernalia for the game. The BBQ was arranged, Great Western Wines were coming along, the PA system was booked, the team had been picked, a specially made pink helmet had been delivered by Ayrtek, a Mongoose cricket bat supplied for the auction (signed by Matthew Hayden) and a we had a Gloucestershire CCC shirt (signed by M. Muralitharan) courtesy of Greg Brown. The pieces were falling into place, we just needed the weather to play ball now!

Match day. It was grey, a bit windy but most importantly dry! Now all I needed were spectators. There had been quite a bit of chatter going on throughout the city. The Chronicle had run two pieces, the Rugby Paper had done a piece and the BBC had been on the phone sniffing around. Things were looking good. The "Legends" team, which by this point consisted mostly of the Bath Rugby current starting XV, arrived for a pre-match net. We watched from the balcony with eagle eyes, wondering what these 'boys' were made of. We'd heard rumours that some of them were reasonably handy. Sam Vesty, for instance, had played Premier League cricket and we were sure there might be a few others who played to a good standard. Having observed them closely from the balcony for 30 minutes one thing was for sure – they liked to hit the ball. Hard!



'At the half time break the Legends looked a little forlorn. Over 10 an over needed - a bridge too far?'

As the start time approached, spectators began to arrive. Not only that, but the clouds had parted and we were bathed in glorious sunshine. The BBQ was cranked up and the beer was flowing, soon it was time to toss the coin. Myself and Sam Vesty, the Legends skipper, marched out to the square, 'tossed' the coin and came to the agreement that it should be us that batted first.

What ensued was (almost) THE best scenario that I could have hoped for with regard to how the game would pan out. We batted our full twenty overs posting circa 210. Greg Brown carried his bat through the entire innings and managed his century from the last ball of the innings while Tom Stayt, Paul Bird, Jon Green and Kate Randell all played their part at the other end with some big hitting.

At the half time break the Legends looked a little forlorn. Over 10 an over needed - a bridge too far?

Well, at 10 overs in and ticking along as close to the run rate as I'd like, it looked like we had a serious game on our hands. Vesty had hit a half century and retired and Nathan Catt looked like he was going to do the same. The wickets of Perry, Dixon and Abendanon soon evened things up a bit but we were almost looking down 'the barrel'. Hipkiss then came to the crease and upped the ante again with some crunching sixes. Close - too close!

It was time for some drastic action, so on came Tom Stayt in an effort to peg things back. Hipkiss signalled for the pink helmet straight away! Good

lines meant only a single here and there and resulted in Cuthbert facing the last ball of the over. A big swipe, a big nick and an outrageous catch at slip from Griff. This was going to go all the way.

Final over. Claassens at the non strikers end, Hipkiss still there at the other - there was no choice, I had to bowl. Eight runs needed from the over, only a couple of wickets in hand. So when the first ball was given as a wide, much to the joy of the crowd, the pressure grew even more. A couple of singles, a boundary and Claassens found himself waiting at the strikers end with two runs to get in as many balls.

OUT! A straight and full pitched ball squeezed under his bat. One ball left, two runs to win. You couldn't make this ending up!

Matt Powell, who had engineered the team from Bath Rugby for the game, was the man to face the last ball of the day. All the fielders were out on the boundary and in I came. Again a full pitched ball. This time, though, there were no bails flying. Only a pink cricket ball sailing towards the boundary to secure a win for the Bath Rugby Legends. Well done! What a finish to a fantastic evening.

About 400 spectators turned up that day and we raised about £1400 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. Bath Rugby are adamant they would like to do it again and so next year it looks like North Parade will be going 'Spotty for Children in Need'. See you there!





Fantasy Report

Alex Muse

Fantasy Cricket took North Parade by storm this year and in its inaugural year attracted 35 team entries. Team managers selected 11 club players from each of the four men's teams and the two women's teams, with the idea being that real scores on a Saturday and Sunday were converted into fantasy league points.

Teams battled throughout the year for the top spot, but early on it was Marc Wilson, James Brown, Ian Shrubsole and Rob Maggs who set the pace and would stay the course for most of the season. With Tom Stayt providing regular points, Ollie Lawson throwing in star performances every now and then and Kenny James producing consistent, weekly, fantasy league points the race for the Player point's title was interesting throughout, particularly with Lloyd Davies' excellent second half of the season.

Following both the 1st and 2nd teams' victories against Weston-Super-Mare and the 4th team being called off against Wrington, Fantasy League was also complete. Top of the pile was Shrubby with 5619 points, followed by Maggsy (5544 points), Ted Roe (5374 points), Marc Wilson (5342 points), James Brown (5260 points), Josh Godman (5197 points), Tom Benney (5170 points). Bottom of the league was Guy Barrow (3387 points) who will surely look to avenge that in 2012!

James Brown and Chris Davies won the prizes for the best team score over two separate weekends, Tom Stayt finished with the highest number of individual points (997), followed by Lloyd Davies (932) and Kenny James (897). The girls list was topped by Beth Howe (638), with Kate Randell (587) and Lauren Shrubsole (537) pushing her close at the end.

Thanks to everyone who supported Fantasy League this year and hope to see even more managers joining in next year!



Ian Shrubsole

Team Scores: Top Ten

Position	Team Manager	Team Name	Overall Points
1	Ian Shrubsole	Who needs to use 75 points?	5619
2	Rob Maggs	Maggsy XI	5544
3	Ted Roe	Teddy Bears	5374
4	Marc Wilson	Marc's Marauders	5342
5	James Brown	Cymru am Byth	5260
6	Josh Godman	Godman Goliath's	5197
7	Tom Benney	Urine Trouble	5170
8	Harry Roberts	Team Roberts	5085
9	Ted Roe / James Campbell	I laughed so hard I fell off my dinosaur	5081
10	Alex Muse	Flat track bullies	5064

Player Scores: Top Ten (male)

Position	Team Manager	Score for first half of season	Score for second half of season	Total Score for season
1	Tom Stayt	577	420	997
2	Lloyd Davies	259	673	932
3	Kenny James	283	614	897
4	Stu Kingwell	339	456	795
5	James Campbell	434	301	735
6	Stuart Brennon	344	355	699
7	Ollie Lawson	222	464	686
8	Mike Smyth	370	316	686
9	Stu Priscott	354	315	669
10	Alex Muse	271	337	608



Tom Stayt

Player Scores: Top Ten (female)

Position	Team Manager	Score for first half of season	Score for second half of season	Total Score for season
1	Beth Howe	285	353	638
2	Kate Randell	311	276	587
3	Lauren Shrubsole	322	215	537
4	Elwyn Campbell	215	315	530
5	Moira Comfort	438	84	522
6	Anya Shrubsole	512	0	512
7	Jenny Withers	260	239	499
8	Sophie Le Marchant	74	404	478
9	Steph Davies	323	28	351
10	Hannah Williams	208	133	341



Beth Howe

New Captains for 2012



Robin Lett
1st XI



Jon Green
2nd XI



Mike Roe
3rd XI



Paul Bird
4th XI



Jackie Hawker
Wanderers 1st XI



Hannah Williams
Wanderers 2nd XI



Luke Pagett
Sunday XI



Gregg Brown
Midweek XI

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Youth Cricket

The 2011 season proved to be another extremely enjoyable and successful summer for the youth teams of Bath CC.

In a club where maximising playing opportunities is of the upmost importance, over 150 youth fixtures were played by 230 youth players across 13 teams, not to mention almost 300 training sessions. This is a fantastic achievement in terms of serving the local community, but wouldn't be possible without the help and hard work of so many. In particular I would like to thank the coaches and managers of all of the youth teams. Without their dedication and commitment so much of what we do just wouldn't be possible. Further to this, Gordon Gill and Gregg Brown deserve huge credit for the endless hours of work they do to ensure we play at, arguably, the two best grounds within the area. Hosting so many games throughout such a rain effected summer is also testament to their professionalism and devotion to the game. Finally, thanks to Mark Kingwell and Mandy Roe for their administrative assistance throughout the year, having such an experienced team dealing with

fixtures and communicating with the membership has been invaluable.

With respect to performance highlights, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Arrows and Blades, lead by Tom Baker and Mike Smyth respectively. With the Arrows winning the Bath and Youth District Cricket League (DYCL) U11 competition and the Blades finishing a close second highlighted the strength of cricket we have at this age group. In addition to this, the combined Arrows and Blades squad demolished Timsbury Under11s in the BDYCL League Cup final, ensuring Tom has completed yet another double and ensuring Mike didn't go away empty handed this season after working so hard with his players. The U13-1s demonstrated they are a group of players who relish the big occasion, being crowned both county cup winners and BDYCL League Cup winners. Congratulations to both Jon Green and Tom Baker for the sterling work they did with this group of players.

As nice as these accolades are, in my eyes the true measure of success for our youth cricket structure is the number of boys and girls who go onto represent the cricket club at a senior level. This season I am delighted to say that 28 players from our current youth teams played for one of our senior sides. For this I have to give thanks to the senior captains involved, in particular Paul Bird (4th XI) and Stuart Kingwell (Sunday Development XI) for not only selecting these players but also for allowing them to play important roles within their teams. By exposing these players to the rigors of senior cricket will have had an enormously positive impact on their cricket and will help continue their association with the cricket club long after they have finished youth cricket.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all the players who took part this season. This year will have marked another step along your cricketing journey and believe it or not you will have achieved many developmental milestones. These may include taking your first catch in a match, scoring 20 runs or more in a game, being able to set your own field when bowling or taking more wickets this season than last. These are all-important steps forward and shouldn't be underestimated. Please keep working hard, you are all part of a fantastic club and I would urge you to make the most of the opportunities presented to you.

COMMUNITY COACHING

Cricketbath, established in the summer of 2006, was launched to deliver more and better cricket participation and learning opportunities for children and young people in the local community. This includes partnerships with local schools (particularly state schools) and other cricket clubs. Further to this, ensuring that any interest established is linked with exit routes into local clubs (not just Bath Cricket Club) to sustain participation.

Five years on and the initiative has gone a long way to meeting these objectives. Through holiday courses and introductory groups, like the Stumpers and Yorkers, Cricketbath have give over 850 children in the local area the opportunity to play cricket. These courses are essential not only in meeting the objectives as outlined above, but for the funding of many of the other activities Cricketbath undertakes within the community.

By raising finance in this way Cricketbath has been able to provide over 500 hours of curriculum coaching to local primary schools in the last year. This has allowed us to develop a self-funding model by capturing children's interest in the game at school and then giving them further opportunities through our courses. This strategy has been particularly important within the last 12 months in the wake of the drastic spending cuts imposed by the current coalition government. Public funding for the 450 School Sports Partnerships (SSP) running in England has been completely withdrawn by the Department for Education, a decision the Youth Sport Trust described as "devastating". This has meant our main vehicle for delivering schools coaching Key Stage 2 Coaching in Curriculum (KS2CC) has been completely withdrawn. As we are not reliant on funding from the SSP, our qualified coaches are able to continue delivering high quality sessions.

As well as the schools coaching, we are also responsible for the organisation and running of the ASDA Kwik Cricket

Festival in the BANES area. Last summer over 24 teams entered the Year 6 competition, 20 entered the Year 5 competition and 12 teams entered the Girls competition, all of which were state school teams. In addition to this we ran two Inter Cricket Festivals for Year 7 & 8 boys and girls. Both were a great success with 10 schools attending in total. Inter Cricket was designed for boys and girls who, for reasons of facility or ability, can't play hard ball cricket. It bridges the gap between Kwik Cricket and the traditional hardball game, increasing levels of participation in the game, particularly amongst 12-14 year old children. Backed by NatWest, this major ECB grassroots initiative is ideal for use in secondary schools and clubs.

In 2007 the initiative became involved in the Chance to Shine scheme. It is estimated that over the course of ten years Chance to Shine will reach a third of all schools in England and Wales and engage two million young people. This charity provides funding for 200 hours of coaching during the summer term to a cluster of four schools in close vicinity of the cricket club. In our case, last year those schools were; Ralph Allen, Oldfield Girls, Moorlands, Southdown and St Michaels.

Our involvement with the primary schools has led to what I believe is our greatest success to date. By working with those schools closest to other cricket clubs within Bath, namely Stothert & Pitt CC and Hampset CC, we have been able to help support them with attracting new cricketers to their youth stuctures. This is a great example of where the Cricketbath initiative can help other clubs in establishing strong school club links.

This level of activity in the community has meant that we now require the services of professional coaches to deliver coaching on these schemes. These coaches are Jon Green, Stuart Kingwell, Mike Smyth and Simon Marchant.

I would like to thank all the boys and girls who attended our courses over the last 12 months. I hope they have proven to be extremely enjoyable and helped you become better cricketers. Your attendance has not only helped your game, but given us the opportunity to give another child within the BANES area the chance to experience our great game.



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Bath U11's BDYCL League Cup Winners

Centurions

Coach David Ford

Cricket is a game of two halves; it's strange how the Centurions season defines that saying...

The First Half: Probably not ideal having the arrows as our first opponents, as they are arguably the strongest side in the league. Unfortunately the Centurions got totally out played. The team's loss was massive wake up call.

The following games didn't come any easier having to face Corsham, Keynsham, Brislington & Lansdown. Each one of which the team narrowly lost, except our derby meeting with Lansdown. One thing that stood out in this game was the team spirit and the determination to win.

To help improve team performances, the three goals for every individual were to bowl consistently, put value on their wicket and field well as a unit.

The Second Half: This was the turning point for the Centurions season, I don't know whether something clicked but it all started with our away fixture at Frome C.C. Again, I'm not sure what had happened but the team went about their cricket differently compared to the first half. As a coach I could probably put it down to self-belief, confidence and team atmosphere, not forgetting enjoyment! Again the team lost this game but there were a couple of notable performances that stood out; Justin 19 runs and Oscar as pick of the bowlers 3 overs – 6 runs -1wkt.

Following such close defeats in the teams previous games, Chippenham beckoned and hit a reasonable score of 113 off their 20. The team responded with a tremendous batting display with young Ben Webb firing his way to a quick 22 followed by Joe Priscott smashing 31 runs, despite the team putting massive amounts of effort in the result didn't change!

It's not the best feeling on a losing streak, especially when you have the next two games against the Arrows & Blades, but the team showed what they are capable of achieving.

The Blades game was a reduced game of 16 overs per innings, with the conditions not improving both teams agreed to get under way. Nathan Gregg won the toss and decided to bat first, hoping to score a respectable total. The Centurions ended up on 52-9. Was that enough runs on the board? Considering the conditions maybe it could be, but only if the team could follow up with a good fielding performance. The team got off to a fantastic start with an excellent opening spell from Lorenzo, 4 overs for 2 wickets and some other excellent performances from the team had the Blades worried. Somehow the Blades managed to scrape through with a few overs to spare.

The Arrows game was massive for the team as everyone wanted to gain some revenge, considering they got hammered in their introduction to Under 11's cricket. This game was also reduced, due to the conditions, which seemed to benefit the squad. After falling short in the previous game the team was full of confidence. The Centurions hit 76 off their overs with the loss of two wickets, an excellent innings from skipper Nathan Gregg 31 not out gave the Arrows a lot to think about leading into the second innings.

The Centurions once again relished the opportunity to make it as difficult as possible for the Arrows. Up stepped Lorenzo, bowling on the money every ball. But it was Nathan Gregg's turn to shine again with figures of 3 overs, 14

runs and 2 wickets. Unlucky for us the Arrows just sneaked this game but this has to go down as the team's biggest performance and achievement so far.

The season finished with two away games one of which we won and the other lost. Once again some brilliant individual performances shone through. The team finished second from bottom, winning three, losing eight and luckily having one game cancelled. Another fantastic season from my perspective. I hope everyone enjoyed their season, as individual young cricketers and as a team. Everyone should be very proud of their contributions this season and I wish everyone a great cricketing future.

Arrows

Coach Tom Baker ECB Coach III
Sky sports coach of the year 2011

Under 11s league champions and U11s cup winners

What a season!!! The defending champions kicked off their defence with a derby against the newly formed Centurions, who are expertly coached by David Ford. After negotiating that potential banana skin we had the small matter of a trip to Combe Park to play the "Auld Enemy", Lansdown. After a nine wicket win confidence was high, especially as our next game was against Keynsham who we had beaten twice last year by more than 100 runs on each occasion, one of those being the cup final! After restricting Keynsham to 65 in their 16 overs, this was just going to be a formality chasing this modest target... 10 balls later we were seven for six!! With a combination of poor shot selection and questionable calling we had made a complete hash of the reply and despite some lower order resistance we succumbed to 50 all out. Tumbleweed was aplenty as I struggled to comprehend the result, I needed to act quickly to pick them up!

Whenever anybody says that a defeat is just what a team needs to refocus and get their discipline back, I'm always sceptical. However, that turned out to

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be the only defeat for the rest of the season, league and cup!

In the Arrows, we had half a dozen players who were a year young and Eva Lynch, the Somerset u13 wicket keeper, who's only 10! We had several captains throughout the year and the idea was always the same, bat first and get as near to 150 as possible. We achieved 140 plus three times including two great games against The Blades and Brislington.

When you've completed the double and all 18 players have more than played their part, I'm loathe to mention individuals, but, as well as Eva, Thomas Van Gelderen and Sam Young achieved selection to Somerset U10s and we have many more who represent BANES and will be pushing hard to make that step up to county cricket next year.

Finally my thanks go to my amazing manager Vicki Bunn, who was always one step ahead of the game and to Gordon and Gregg for pitches on the square. It really is a buzz for us to have our matches at the home of cricket!

Daggers

Coach Beth Howe

I would like to start by thanking every single member of the Daggers squad who made the 2011 season so enjoyable. This year was truly a squad effort, everybody was eager to play each week, looking to improve with every game. The League provided some strong opposition, with many of the Daggers playing hard ball cricket for the first time, it was fantastic to watch confidence grow from the first game to the last. There have been some great individual performances this year, but the unity within the team made sure everybody played their part in a successful season, both in terms of results and player improvements.

There were many strong characters in the team who could have taken the captains role this year, so the responsibility was shared throughout

the season, with Angus Hill, Ben Crain and Thomas King all given the chance to captain the Daggers. Each of whom stepped up to the leadership challenge and enjoyed the opportunity to set fields and choose both batting and bowling orders.

As a bowling outfit, the Daggers were an impressive force. A balance of pace and spin bowlers meant we were never short of bowling options. Marcus Kendall, Greg Harden and Thomas King were consistent throughout the season with their pace, whilst Miles Roberts and Finlay Marks, got wickets whilst restricting scores with their spin. It was however the sharp fielding which backed up the bowling that often restricted teams. I can't remember many catches being dropped throughout the season. Picking up fielding wickets is always a massive bonus! The wicket keeping duties were also shared between Harry Spiers and Joe Husher, both of whom, on many occasions, put their bodies on the line to save any run. Great commitment was shown by both. Star batting performances this year came from Angus Hill, Greg Harden and Thomas King, all of whom consistently scored over ten throughout the season.

Winning six games out of 13, the standout performance of the year came from Thomas King against Keynsham, scoring 13* and taking three wickets. Throughout the season, he bowled with consistency and great control, his batting improved with every game making him a good all rounder for the future, The Player Of the Season is Thomas King and most Improved Player Marcus Kendall.

Swords

Coach Dave Nelson

**Played 14
Won 7
Lost 5
No Result 2
League position 6th out of 15**

From where we were as a squad at the beginning of the season, to where

we ended up at the end, who would have known we consisted of the same players.

By the half way point in the season we had only managed a couple of wins and were looking like we were going to be rooted somewhere near the bottom of the table for the rest of the year. It must be said that this wasn't for a lack of effort, but things just weren't going our way. Extras, especially wides, were getting the better of us. We were keeping opposition run rates well down but then giving them 30, even 40 extra runs a game making our run chases even harder for ourselves.

However, come the second half of the season it all 'clicked'. Five wins on the trot boosted us right up the table to finish in a very respectable sixth position.

Especially great efforts with the ball from Harry and Jack Morgan (player of the season award), Harry Cooper, Fintan Hardy (most improved player award), Harry Dorman and Jacob Wimpess, all backed up with the bat by big hitting Robbie Swann, Flynn Jones, Leo McCurdie, Alex Rawle, and Harry Grendon. As for the wicket keeping duties; Both Harry G and Robbie Swann shared the gloves throughout the season and did a fine job.

One last point. They should all be very proud of their efforts, not just individually but as a team. This, I think, was the real reason they began to play so well. They went from the eight boys who turned up to play a game on a Monday night at the beginning of the season... to a Team of players who were turning up to play a game. WELL DONE!

Player of the season; Harry Morgan for his outstanding attitude and efforts whilst bowling, batting and fielding.

Most improved player; Fintan Hardy. A huge improvement in not just his bowling but also his batting. Keep working hard over the winter months.

Under Eleven Reports



Bath U11's

Blades

Coach Mike Smyth

The Blades entered the 2011 season with high hopes of going one better than last year and winning the league trophy that the Arrows pipped them to the previous year.

The season started with a good win over Keynsham, followed by a fantastic and dominant performance over a strong Corsham team, which saw one of captain Ben Wells first 50's of the season. This was followed by a small blip against a talented Brislington squad where we were performing below our best before something (that dominated most of our season!!) took over for a month, the rain!

Games against Lansdown and Frome were unfortunately lost to the weather before another dominant 10 wicket win against Chippenham. This game featured another, this time quick fire, 50 from Ben Wells ably supported by Patrick Crawford. This set the team up for the crunch game of the season, against the Arrows!

The Arrows game was perhaps the best game of under 11's cricket I have seen! Both teams played the game in the true spirit it should be, and executed the skills they worked so hard on all season with passion and style. Freddie Edge gave them a fantastic start, retiring on 50 before Tom De-Glanville scored a pacey 26 not out to set up a very challenging total of 136-6. Thomas Baer bowled particularly well and ended up with three wickets for 23 runs off his four overs. In reply, the Blades lost an early wicket, but Ben Wells and Barney

Brooker batted fantastically to move the score at the required rate and a victory looked possible, even likely. Ben Wells reached yet another 50, retired, and Barney Brooker was able to reach a very good 29, which bought Arthur Parasher to the crease. He entertained us with some powerful hitting for a quick fire 20 off

13 balls. This left just seven runs needed off the last three balls to win a thrilling game of cricket. Then came a match winning moment of pure brilliance. Connor Chandler launched a massive pull shot off Tom De-Glanville that went sailing over the boundary for a fantastic six, which would have left only two runs to win off the last two balls. That was until Dylan Bunn stuck his hands up and took an outrageous catch that dashed the hopes of the Blades and sent the Arrows into roars of celebration. The Blades ended on 132-5, just four runs short. Despite the disappointing result for us, it was a fantastic advert for youth cricket at Bath Cricket Club.

The second half of the season saw us beat the Centurions and Lansdown. We lost to Corsham off the last ball, a game we really should have won. Games against Brislington and Keynsham were called off due to the weather.

Unfortunately, we lost four games in total due to the rain, compared to some teams positioned near us only losing two. This proved to be crucial in determining our league position. We finished tied on points with three other teams, having played two games less, which is a credit to the squad and showed the good season they had.

The Blades squad developed well as the season progressed and this is without doubt due to their energy and enthusiasm at training, which not only helped develop their cricketing skills but also their bond and relationship as a squad. Second place is a result the whole squad should be proud of, and those that remain in the squad for next year will be aiming to go one better in the league, as will their coach!!

Spears and Girls U13

Manager Nick Groome

The numbers of girls signing up to the club this season has been really good with approx 18 U13 and 19 U11, so there were two good sized squads at both age groups.

On top of this, there was a good core of players with experience of playing for the Spears last year who tended to form the base for most of the teams selected.

Over the course of the season a very good team spirit developed in both teams. They played with increasing passion and belief which brought a determination to win as their confidence grew.

Especially impressive this season has been their bowling and fielding which, for the most part, was very good. They were complimented by a couple of coaches from other teams that they were the best fielding and bowling side that they had faced, so many congratulations for making such impressive progress in those areas.

I think that we'd all agree that there is some room for improvement with the batting which is why we didn't do even better than we did, but therein lies a challenge for winter training and next season.

So, what did this mean in terms of results? As for everyone, the fixture list took quite a hammering because of the weather and a number of matches were cancelled, but, at the end of the season Spears finished a very respectable 10th out of 15 in their league, an excellent improvement on being last in 2010.

The U13s did well in their friendlies, winning most of them. Although these were not league matches they were played in a very competitive spirit and it was great experience.

Under Thirteen Reports



Bath U13's County Cup Winners

Everyone involved played a valuable part so you should be proud of your efforts. There's great potential in the squads so you can look forward to moving on from what you have achieved this year and aim to make next year another successful one.

Not sure what Ems or Lauren think but here are some suggestions for the awards. Maybe Hannah left something for this?

U11

Most improved: Molly Matthews
Best player: Ursula Olsen-Groome

U13

Most improved: Georgia Wilson
Best player: Zoe Olsen-Groome

U13-1

Coach Jon Green

A season of ups and downs is the best way to describe the 2011 season. We trained with purpose, basing the Friday night pre-season sessions on game play and scenario work, which proved to create a fantastic atmosphere gelling together the class of 2010 with a new batch from the under 11's.

The matches then showcased the whole squad's ability and the embarrassment of riches that Bath CC has within the youth squads. On any given match day I was able to pick from those available, safe in the knowledge that when presented with specific task's all 11 players were able to perform and outclass their opposite number. The results being a Bath CC win.

The only blots on our record were due to,

- The coaches' misjudgment of the early summer sunshine, leading to an abandoned fixture 'No Light Stop Play' and win for Timsbury on match day 1.
- Brislington were a very strong physical and technical side and proving to be worthy champions who beat us at the Brownsword ground. It would have been nice to have a shot back in a return fixture were it not for a rain cancellation
- National Cup – we came second in a toss the coin contest! Who knows how it may have turned out if the summer had less rain?

Outstanding players

Janinder Morgan - Pace and swing when bowling and clean striking with his bat

Under Thirteen Reports

Charkie Brain - Quiet and thoughtful with a mature approach to his batting
Benedict Gundry - Confident batter, good leg spin added to great tactical awareness

Player of the season

Lucas Reeman - As captain he showed why Somerset hold him in such high regard. Again and again in all disciplines Lucas provided examples of outstanding skill and match awareness above his years, which would later take him into the 3rd XI senior cricket.

Most improved Player

Lucien Culkin - Top order aggressive batting helped us to some decent starts, but it was his other discipline that helped us out of a tough spot and decided this for me. Having never kept before this season he meets all the required characteristics needed to be a stumper – good hands, brave, noisy and a nuisance to batters and umpires!

Highlight

Lucien's first game as wicket keeper at Keynsham. Standing up to the county's fastest bowler (Janinder) and taking two stumpings! Outstanding!

Thank you for all your hard work this year lads. I hope next year we can regain the league and get a break with the weather having a longer run in the National Cup.



Novice Award Fintan Hardy

U13-Central

Coach Simon Marchant

The 2011 season was a roller-coaster of emotions. We got off to a flying start beating Keynsham comprehensively, chasing a competitive score of 98 Louis Brown and George Dancey put on an impressive stand of 70 to see us open comfortably. From there the season took a slight turn for the worst with results going against us. Despite this the boys showed great spirit and determination, never letting their heads drop.

With the squad struggling with availability it was a great opportunity to blood some young talent from the under 11s, with Thomas Van Gelderen, Harvey Squire and Lewis Taylor Smith often being drafted in at short notice. With talent belying their years all three produced fantastic performances with both bat and ball.

Will James was given the captaincy duties in most of the games this summer and did so with great maturity and cricketing nous, setting attacking fields and motivating his team mates throughout the season.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people at the club who without their help we wouldn't have had such an enjoyable summer. First of all Gordon and Gregg for their hard work in producing such a fantastic playing facility and to Mark Kingwell and his team for keeping us fed and watered. My final thanks must go to Vanessa Tull-Blackwell who managed the team during the summer. Without her countless phone calls, text messages and emails we wouldn't have been able to field a team for many of the matches.

Well done to all the boys who took part during the summer and I look forward to coaching you again in 2012.

U13-North

Coach Stuart Kingwell

This year the U13 north team had an unsettled year with their coach being dragged off for Unicorn duties half way through and the introduction of me to take control. So, with this in mind, I write my report.

Having previously been involved with the under 13 age groups, both the under 13 1st team and the under 13 3rd team I had a good grounding in what to expect. The 1st team being successful and strong and the other teams battling to put teams out and struggling to compete with some of the other teams in the area.

I was pleasantly surprised! The team I inherited from James not only had 11 players every game, but were also a team which could compete not only with their opposition but a team full of players that could, if they continue to improve, really challenge the main under 13 team for positions. So, a big well done to all those involved in raising the standard of the 13 age group. It has most definitely improved.

The games I took charge of saw us narrowly lose twice and win once. In all games we were fighting for the win all the way until the last ball, which is a credit to the team.

This success is to no small part thanks to the work of my manager Nick Wood, who not only served James very well but helped me ease into James' role when he vacated it. As I was working with another squad it was a great help to have someone as good as Nick to keep things moving along with teams and game details. A huge thanks Nick. You were brilliant this year.

To all the players, keep working hard over the winter and I look forward to seeing you next year

Under Fifteen Reports

U15-1

Coach Stuart Kingwell

This year I had the privilege of taking the under 15 team for the first time. The potential in this team is massive, with every player having the capability of becoming a very accomplished cricketer in the future.

During the course of the year we only failed to win two games, however in those two games we managed to lose the league and get knocked out of the national cup. Which you will appreciate was a little disappointing for a team with such talent!

However, putting that aside, I was really pleased with the progress of many in the team, with a high number making their way into senior cricket. In fact, my whole squad played in a senior team at some point during the course of the season which is a huge achievement as this hasn't always happened in previous years!

So, congratulations are in order for all those who played and sometimes performed exceptionally well for those other teams. Next year I really hope we can put a strong emphasis on winning the national competition and the whole team gets behind this idea. If this happens we can most definitely go all the way!!

A couple of thank yous are needed. My job is made so much easier with the help and support of my manager Steve Greishaber who is so well organised (not my strong point) and helps me get availability for each game, ensures everyone turns up to the right place and even took the team on the occasion I was not around, so, thank you very much Steve.

Lastly, having taken the U13 team for the previous five years and having to umpire every game it was a huge help for me to have someone like Ken Bailey to umpire almost every game and allow me to watch and analyse from the side. So Ken, once again, thank you very much.

U15-2

Coach Robin Ilett

Having taken the reigns from Chris Davies very late in the day, I was unsure what sort of task I would be faced with. I'd been told that U15's is a difficult age to coach so I was all set for a big challenge. As things turned out, I feel grateful that I had the opportunity to work with this particular set of cricketers. We were never short of a laugh or two and they always gave their best for the side in, at times, some particularly trying circumstances. So, to the season;

We kicked off at North Parade in April against Beanacre. To say the first innings was a disaster was an understatement! It seemed that most of our side had been smearing butter all over their hands in preparation for the season opener as we somehow managed to drop seven out of seven as Beanacre piled on 122-1 in their 20 overs.

The problem with playing evening cricket in April is that by 8 o'clock nobody can see what's going on. Will Brooker was the only batter in double figures and in fact recorded our highest score of the season with his 45 but we lost by 33 runs and it wasn't looking great for us. Fortunately, I'm pleased to announce we did pick ourselves up and at one point were challenging for the league. Towards the end of the season however it became harder and harder to raise a side and we finished a very respectable fourth, having won seven games.

The highlights of the season would have to include our first win, away at Frome and a fantastic advert for U15's cricket in the form of our home game against Hinton Charterhouse. Batting first, Harley Waterman and the ever dependable Kate Randall were largely responsible for us posting a great score of 139-3, each getting 37 not



Osh Cook U13 Player of the Year

out. Hinton's two big players opened the batting and were going well, but just when we needed some captain's inspiration we got it as Lauren removed both of them before Shoaib Omar wrapped up the tail for a great win.

Most improved player would have to go to Chris Davis. At the start of the season he struggled with the gloves and didn't score a run in the first six games. By the end of it he was looking the finished article and scored a fabulous 44 in a game where we slumped to 12-7. His contribution got us up to 100 all out and but for the edge of a bat we would have won that game.

Player of the season goes to Joe Hansard. His leg spin has been the mainstay of our side, particularly in the second half of the season. Always consistent and a big spinner of the ball, Joe has made a lot of batters look silly and has proved himself to be a class act all season.

A special thank you must go to Lauren. It's not easy to look after a group of 15 year olds on a cricket pitch but she did a fantastic job.

The most important person in my life this summer has to be Kerry, without her organisation, scoring and cheery smile, I may not have made it through! Thank you!



Bath Wanderers 1st XI Report

Our aim this year? To win the league!



Since winning in 2007, we've never been far off but always seem to have a game where we perform below par losing the league. We started our season with a team building exercise. It wasn't as bad as I thought, a spot of archery, some raft building.....ending up in a stinking, disease-infected stream. Fortunately I can laugh about it now!

Some season highlights

We found a new opener, an attacking batter who'd take advantage of the first 15 overs, but would be sensible. Anya -an awesome find! She bashed the ball everywhere! Losing her to injury was a huge shame and massive loss.

Our best games?

First was against Gunnersbury. Batting first, Anya went ballistic. We were 87 after the first 10 overs. Anya ended 17 short of her century, ably supported by Elwyn Campbell (63), putting on 124 for the second wicket. A quick 47 from Fran Wilson, speedy innings from Sophie Luff, Jackie Hawker and Moira Comfort helped us reach 304. Too big a task for Gunnersbury and their international stars who were all out for 151. A huge Bath win.

Second was against Hayes

Hayes were without two important players on England duty. We (without Anya, Fran and Elwyn) fielded first. Fantastic away- swing from Beth Howe (1 for 17), a bit of in/out swing/leg cutters from Moira (2 for 42), wickets were falling regularly. Hayes' run-rate looked good but eventually dried up as we continued to take wickets, bowling Hayes out for 134. Lauren Shrubsole 3 for 10 and Kate Randall 2 for 22. Steph Davies played a crucial part, scoring a match winning 72. Backed up by Sophie (26), we cruised to victory in 27 overs, six wickets in hand.

Third was another meeting with Hayes. Both teams still without their England stars, but we had Elwyn back. Elwyn kept calm and patient when the rest of us failed to keep our wicket. She batted through to the end, supported well by Jackie and Lauren. Elwyn needed one run for her 100 with only one wicket in hand but was sadly caught behind! She can be proud her 99 runs won Bath the game. From 87 for 6 we ended 180 all out.

Hayes faltered at 8 for 2, batting slowly. Lauren quickly found her rhythm taking the important wickets of Kathryn Doherty (59) and Susie Rowe (35) and then three more. Hayes ending on 133 all out! Lauren finished with 5 for 26, Moira bowling tightly was unlucky not to get more wickets (1 for 15 off 10).

We were at the top of the table. We were a very good team even without our England stars – take the internationals out other teams and they struggle. We don't – something to be VERY proud of!

Our worst moment of the season?

There were two. We were away to Brighton and Sarah Taylor was caught behind off Beth's bowling when she was on five, but wasn't given out. The umpire called a wide and then changed his mind. Sarah went onto get 110. Later, Beth caught Sarah on the boundary but the "Brighton" umpire questioned the catch, claiming Beth grounded the ball. Sarah decided to walk, what a good sport, hey! We were bowled out for 107. Holly Colvin took 3 for 11 off 8.

We needed to win the last game to win the league. Then the second worst moment happened. Having travelled all the way to Bexley only to bowl them all out for 48 and win the game in 8 overs, we lost to them in the final game of the season. One word – GUTTED. Gunnersbury won the league.

There have been some fantastic individual performances this season. Young player to watch for 2012 is Sophie Luff. Now up to three, she's held her own and is starting to look like a

quality batter and an awesome fielder, very quick and threatening when in the ring.

We didn't win the league but we achieved a lot; we survived Hannah Lloyd corner for another season (how does Shrub do it?), Lauren's double-dappers are coming along well, as is her leg spin, Beth's getting married and we're bridesmaids, J-lo is super human, can stop the ball with her back to it, in mid air and throw the stumps down at least once a game and we compete every year for the league title, unlike other teams.

We've tremendous strength in depth. We're strong in the international break and this year we've coped without Anya, Fran, Steph and Izzy for most of the season, Hannah for the whole year plus various others from time to time. Jan, Lisa, Ems, Emilie, Hannah and, lately, Emily Knight have all come into the side not looking remotely out of place, contributing to our success. We've exciting and talented players coming through and Kate is as dependable as ever.

Finally, we've a fabulous group of players who love playing for Bath CC giving their all every time they pull on the shirt. My thanks, as always, to Shrubby for all his hard work. Shrub is passionate about the Wanderer's and each and we really appreciate it. Bath CC provide's the best ground and best teas in the league. Thank you to everyone involved.

One last thing

Our hopes for next season? To win the league. That's all.

Team	P	W	L	BatP	BowlP	Pen	Pts	Avg
Gunnersbury CC	9	7	2	32	30	0	132	14.67
Bath CC	9	6	3	31	28	0	119	13.22
Hayes Hurricanes CC	9	6	3	30	29	0	119	13.22
Bexley CC	9	3	6	18	22	0	70	7.78
Brighton & Hove CC	9	2	6	24	17	0	61	7.63
Reading CC	9	2	6	20	20	0	60	7.5



Alex Barrow salutes the crowd after completing his third league century vs Forcester

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View from the score box



**All good things
have to come
to an end.**

For the past 21 seasons I have enjoyed scoring for the first team, many of the midweek matches and some of the other sides in the club over that period. To score for the 1st XI requires a total commitment and I feel I can no longer meet this requirement. Unfortunately I've been struggling for some time with my health and find it difficult to manage a full first team game, particularly when it involves the longer distance away matches. However, I do hope to be able to offer my services to the 3rd team and will also continue to make myself available for midweek matches.

I joined as a non-playing member in 1978 when my office moved to Carpenter House and I took up a season ticket for the car park. This proved to be a good move since I often worked late and I was able to call in for a drink at the club on my way home. In 1991 I received a call from Mike Roch saying that their scorer had gone to university and asking if I'd be interested in doing the scoring at Chippenham with John Dixon as captain. The Chippenham scorer was very experienced and I soon realised that I was using a very basic system and needed some help. So I contacted Peggy Jeffery who had been a scorer for the Civil Service cricket team when I was captain. Peggy agreed to help and the rest is history. We shared this task until Peggy passed away in 2002. I spent most of the 1991 season observing the various scorers and the systems they used. Nearly all were different in some way and the only complete system was produced by Bill Frindle, the England scorer, who I had the pleasure of scoring with when Bath played the Lords Taversers. I did try this method of scoring but at the time found it too difficult. Finally I found the Slazenger score book which has a guide to scoring inside the front and back covers. Peggy and I adopted the system and have used it ever since. The scorebook is still available but

now comes from China! Things have moved on and scoring programmes for laptops can now be purchased and many scorers now use them. But remember, an electrical supply is not always available in the scorebox! We're lucky and have the facilities and I hope whoever takes over goes down this road.

This season has seen the team successfully defend the title, but it's noticeable that several teams in the league are much stronger this year. Our top order has, on occasion, ignored this and been a little over confident, leaving the lower order to get the side out of trouble. The standard of cricket at Bath remains very high and as usual it has been a joy to watch the matches and try and keep up with the scoreboard.

On the positive side, the arrival of Harry Rouse and Will Jenkins bodes well for the future. The last time I saw such talented players at that age was Luke Sutton who played briefly for Bath while at Millfield School. Mike Smyth and Alex Muse have both had exceptional seasons and seem to have cemented themselves in the first team. Luke Padgett has also played a vital role behind the stumps taking some important and spectacular catches. Luke is a very worthy replacement for Steve Griffiths, who I must admit I have missed this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Arthur Chapman for operating the scoreboard at North Parade for the first and second team. This is greatly appreciated and a tremendous help to the scorers. Also, I'd like to thank John Davies and Jess Maggs for scoring at Cardiff and Taunton St Andrews respectively when I wasn't able to travel.

Finally, I know I am going to miss my Saturdays at North Parade but I will always be there in spirit following the fortunes of the team.



Dream Team!



1. Stuart Priscott



2. Will Murrie



3. James Campbell



4. Ben Staunton



5. Gordon Swinney



7. Tom Stayt



6. Pete McGlashan (WK)



9. Adam Kelly



11. Simon Gwilliam



8. James Brown (Cpt)



10. Mark Thorburn

Robin Lett

At the end of another fantastic season, I got to thinking about where this current side would rank along some of the others I've played with over the years.

Since joining the club in 2002 I've had the privilege to play with some wonderful cricketers and have been a part of six Premier league winning sides. It was difficult trying to pick eleven players out of those I've played with, but I've had a crack so here is my dream team;

1. Stuart Priscott

His positive attitude at the top of the order was invaluable and a fantastic ball striker that led Bath to Lords in 2001. When it only bounces once, his left arm tweekers would be a useful addition. Still doing it for the seconds and if you ever get a beer inside him he'll tell you all about his hundred at Ealing.

2. Will Murrie

My first full year in the 1st team turned out to be his last and I made my debut alongside him. A wonderful player and scorer

of so many significant runs, a fantastic character and brilliant around the dressing room.

3. James Campbell

Watching this guy bat is scary at times. He plays the flick off his legs as well as anyone I've seen and it's a wonder how he still hasn't achieved his dream of professional cricket. 1350 runs in 2010 underlines his credentials. Not sure he'd get a bowl though!

4. Ben Staunton

One of the most prolific run scorers in Bath history. A veteran of three Lords finals and a league winning captain Ben had (and still has) the ability to pull out fantastic performances and on his day is impossible to bowl at.

5. Gordon Swinney

A brilliant all-rounder, his off-spin was key during Bath's cup run of 2003 and his batting has pulled us out of scrapes time and time again, a man for the big occasion and one of the first names on my team sheet.

6. Pete McGlashan (WK)

A strange character with all his quirks and different kit but a great innovator. He's reliable with the gloves and dashing with the bat. His contributions in the summer of 2005 were vital to the league success that year. Now an international, he is this team's talisman.

7. Tom Stayt

A fantastic captain and all-rounder. Two league hundreds in 2008 and countless wickets over the years. Gloucestershire's loss was Bath's gain and he has got better and better. 1st change in this team though would do a brilliant job with the new ball if and when Thorby's knees break down.

8. James Brown (Captain)

JB gets the captaincy nod. He took over in 2005 from Staunton and with some big personalities in that dressing room he did brilliantly to lead us to a title. His medium pace always

economical with 6-25 his best. Everyone will remember his 31 not out and his 60, both against Bridgwater in the 2010 and 2005 national KO runs respectively.

9. Adam Kelly

The most passionate cricketer I've ever played with. There are so many contributions of note over the years, not least Sully in 2009. He makes up one part of my new ball attack. 50 not out at Taunton St. Andrews in 2010 was also very significant as a more than useful number nine. He's a born competitor.

10. Mark Thorburn

Sneaks in here at number 10 which could be a first! The other half of my seam attack, Thorby was fantastic and wonderfully consistent. Swinging the ball at pace was the key to so many Premier league wickets and his name being feared amongst the other members of the WEPL.

11. Simon Gwilliam

Brilliant off spinner, had the advantage of experience when I played with him, excellent consistency and control. It takes one hell of a spinner to keep Simon Marchant out of this side and Gwilliams certainly was that.

"Maggsy it's Jenks, what's the score?"

Since well before my own boy's involvement, I've been an admirer of Bath Cricket Club and I am delighted to contribute to a publication I look forward to reading each year.

I'm already missing those summer Saturdays at North Parade, despite the proximity to Milsom Street allowing my wife to indulge her passion for chip and pin transactions.

Bath is a truly stunning cricket ground; I am still trying to figure the best viewing point, is there a bad one? Mr. Rose would give his right arm for a

similar quality outfield and the wickets are now very different to those Shrubby (and other bowlers from antiquity) trundled away on, a point Shrub feels he has to make after EVERY delivery that bounces higher than the keepers pockets. A ball that brings forth an actual hook shot could result in Shrub recollecting Bath wickets of yore, for anything up to an hour.

On the field, it was always going to be difficult to emulate the previous season. Many who have seen much more cricket at Bath than me, felt the 2010 vintage might have been the best of them all. A perfect balance with bat and ball, backed up by county standard fielding. A side with defined roles, players in form throughout the summer and largely untroubled by injury or unavailability. Oh, and every month or so, Banners would turn up and add a little something to the mix!

Not so 2011. A new format, injuries aplenty, unavailability, no Banners and Unicorns selection, all contributed to a more challenging summer. At times, the cricket was not very pretty, but

Bath scrapped their way to the title. With a crop of talented young players emerging at Bath, perhaps a few clubs will look back and feel they missed an opportunity in 2011. I agree with Maggsy, three losses will probably become the maximum you can afford, to win the title, and perhaps, unbeaten league seasons will become next to impossible under the new format. A challenge!

As I've said, I've always admired Bath, not just for the cricket played on the field, but the organisation behind it. There is clearly an ambition to be more than a performance-based club, a desire to be at the forefront of the vibrant Bath sporting community, putting something back. This belief was confirmed when Roey invited me to attend a management meeting. Let me assure you readers, the long-term, decision-making process at Bath Cricket Club is in safe hands, very safe indeed. Whilst the majority of players and supporters thoughts understandably extend no further than the result of Saturday's league matches, or the team sheet for the next, these are a

group of forward thinkers, wrestling with decisions that will impact on Bath CC for generations to come. It is an onerous responsibility carried out with the utmost professionalism by skilled administrators who care passionately about Bath Cricket Club and its future. The only time I didn't feel out of my intellectual depth was when Shrubby was speaking. By the way, has anyone ever seen Shrub NOT wearing shorts?

On the subject of decision-making, spare a thought for Maggsy and his captains, who have to select the sides each weekend. Bath presents unique selection issues. There are perhaps 20 senior players who would play WEPL 1st XI at any other club, add in the shoal of talented youngsters who arrive at the end of June to further complicate matters and you get some idea. A few players on holiday is a curse at many clubs but for Maggsy, it's sometimes a welcome relief! It is testament to Baths wider appeal that so many players choose to stay and play one side lower than they would at any other club in the county.

As a young player at Bath, you may have to wait longer for your opportunity than you might elsewhere, but when you get the call you will not make up the numbers. The 'final push' this year saw one 17-year-old batting at four or five and another being entrusted with the new ball.

Finally, a suggestion. It is accepted that Bath have unfinished business with the National Club Championship, and those three lost Lords finals are a wrong that must be righted. However, as one of the country's leading clubs, perhaps the time is right to pursue the National T20 with an equal passion. It's the Cockspur T20 that the ECB have put their weight behind and SKY chooses to televise over an entire day. Bath has the players and strategists to mount a campaign on three fronts. Ealing will travel to Barbados next April as winners of the National T20, an attractive incentive to give it a bash!



Bath 1st XI 2011



Back Row Left to Right: Alex Barrow, Ross Jenkins, Ben Staunton, James Thorpe, Matt Gitsham, Ken Patterson(Scorer).
Front Row Left to Right: Lloyd Davies, Mike Smyth, James Campbell, Tom Stayt(Captain), Robin Lett, Luke Padgett, Simon Marchant.

Bath 1st XI 2011 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Alex Barrow	13	2	575	52.27	127	1	3
Mike Smyth	18	6	548	45.66	84*	5	0
Robin Lett	8	1	312	44.57	106	1	1
James Campbell	18	1	538	31.64	107*	3	1
Tom Stayt	22	3	551	29.00	64	3	0
Ross Jenkins	16	1	429	28.60	76	4	0
James Thorpe	10	5	142	28.40	53	1	0
Lloyd Davies	19	4	405	27.00	115*	2	1
Harry Rouse	9	2	172	24.57	60	2	0
Will Jenkins	7	1	147	24.50	54	1	0
Ben Staunton	16	2	324	23.14	66*	2	0
Matt Gitsham	15	2	153	20.38	46	0	0
Luke Padgett	15	3	228	19.00	43	0	0

Qualification 5 completed inns

Bath 1st XI 2011 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Alex Muse	88.3	21	268	18	3-29	0	3.03	29.5	14.89
Lloyd Davies	137.2	15	590	39	6-18	2	4.3	21.12	15.13
Matt Gitsham	37	3	199	12	3-3	0	5.38	18.5	16.58
Joe Dorgan	60	8	217	12	2-20	0	3.62	30	18.08
Simon Marchant	155.1	22	606	32	5-32	1	3.91	29.08	18.94
Tom Stayt	183.2	30	746	39	4-24	0	4.07	28.2	19.13
James Thorpe	106.4	13	424	17	3-20	0	3.97	37.66	24.94
Harry Rouse	65	6	300	12	2-14	0	4.62	32.49	25

Qualification 10 wkts

Top innings 2011

Alex Barrow	127	vs Thornbury
Alex Barrow	118	vs WSM
Lloyd Davies	115*	vs Taunton St Andrews
Alex Barrow	108*	vs Frocester
James Campbell	107*	vs Corsham
Robin Lett	106	vs Thornbury
Mike Smyth	84*	vs Taunton St Andrews
Ross Jenkins	76	vs Frocester
Robin Lett	75	vs Port Talbot Town
James Campbell	69	vs Downend

Top bowling performances 2011

Lloyd Davies	6-18	vs Keynsham
Simon Marchant	5-32	vs Taunton Deane
Lloyd Davies	5-43	vs Bridgwater
Tom Stayt	4-24	vs Taunton St Andrews
Tom Stayt	4-35	vs Port Talbot Town
Simon Marchant	3-2	vs Bristol
Matt Gitsham	3-3	vs Bovey Tracey
Simon Marchant	3-5	vs WSM
Tim Rouse	3-8	vs Old B's/Westbury
Tom Stayt	3-13	vs Taunton Deane

Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Luke Padgett	28	10	38
Tom Stayt	14	0	14
Lloyd Davies	8	0	8
Ben Staunton	8	0	8
Matt Gitsham	8	0	8
Ross Jenkins	7	0	7
Robin Lett	7	0	7
James Campbell	6	0	6
James Thorpe	4	0	4

Best partnerships

157	3rd wkt	vs Taunton St A	B Staunton (66*), Mike Smyth (84*)
131	1st wkt	vs Frocester	J Campbell (65), A Barrow (108*)
127	1st wkt	vs Bristol	J Campbell (60), T Stayt (63)
112	1st wkt	vs Taunton D	M Smyth (65), T Stayt (64)
109	1st wkt	vs Corsham	J Campbell (107*), T Stayt (41)
106	3rd wkt	vs Cardiff	T Stayt (63), L Davies (57)
105	8th wkt	vs Bridgwater	H Rouse (60), J Thorpe (53)

Bath 2nd XI 2011



Back Row Left to Right: Alex Wright, Reece Croker, Will Jenkins, Danny Wills, Tom Baker, Charlie Wills, David Ford, Alex Muse.
Front Row Left to Right: Chris Davies, Stuart Priscott, Jon Green(Captain), Stuart Kingwell, Ted Roe.
Right Side Top to bottom: Tim Rouse, Kenny James and Harry Roberts

Bath 2nd XI 2011 Batting averages all matches

	Games	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg.	50's	100's	Ducks
Tim Rouse	7	7	0	330	102	47.14	2	1	0
Jonathan Green	16	15	4	395	92*	35.91	2	0	1
Ted Roe	17	16	3	450	73	34.62	3	0	1
Will Jenkins	5	5	0	172	103	34.4	0	1	0
Danny Wills	9	7	2	159	39	31.8	0	0	0
Stuart Priscott	15	14	1	407	102	31.31	1	2	4
Blake Raymond	6	5	0	149	90	29.8	1	0	0
Reece Croker	15	11	4	185	41*	26.43	0	0	0
Stuart Kingwell	17	17	3	299	103	21.36	0	1	1
Tom Baker	8	6	3	57	22	19	0	0	0
Alex Wright	7	6	2	39	17	9.75	0	0	1

Qualification 5 inns

Bath 2nd XI 2011 Bowling averages all matches

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Kenny James	34	5	114	9	4-23	0	3.35	22.67	12.67
Alex Wright	39.5	2	165	13	5-25	1	4.14	18.42	12.69
Alex Muse	51	8	153	11	4-27	0	3	27.82	13.91
Charlie Wills	84.2	10	324	22	5-45	1	3.84	22.99	14.73
Chris Davies	80	8	309	16	4-44	0	3.86	30	19.31
Stuart Kingwell	50.4	4	255	13	4-32	0	5.03	23.4	19.62
Stuart Priscott	76	11	260	12	5-23	1	3.42	38	21.67
Jon Green	122	13	563	17	3-26	0	4.61	43.06	33.12
David Ford	95.3	11	440	13	3-43	0	4.61	44.08	33.85
Reece Croker	47	0	322	9	3-51	0	6.85	31.33	35.78

Qualification 8 wkts

Top innings 2011

Stuart Kingwell	103	vs Corsham
Will Jenkins	103	vs Bridgwater
Stuart Priscott	102	vs WSM
Tim Rouse	102	vs Frocester
Stuart Priscott	101	vs Bristol
Jonathan Green	92*	vs Westbury & District
Blake Raymond	90	vs Claverham
Matt Gitsham	84	vs Taunton St A
Ted Roe	73	vs Keynsham
Stuart Priscott	73	vs Thornbury

Top bowling performances 2011

Stuart Priscott	5-23	vs Bridgwater
Alex Wright	5-25	vs Taunton St A
Joe Dorgan	5-14	vs Frocester
Charlie Wills	5-45	vs Thornbury
Charlie Wills	4-12	vs Taunton Deane
Kenny James	4-23	vs Taunton St A
Harry Roberts	4-25	vs WSM
Alex Muse	4-27	vs Bridgwater
Stuart Kingwell	4-32	vs Bridgwater
Chris Davie	4-44	vs Bristol

Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Stuart Kingwell	13	2	15
Danny Wills	5	2	7
Ted Roe	7	0	7
Jon Green	5	0	5
Matt Gitsham	4	0	4
Reece Croker	4	0	4
Mike Smyth	4	0	4
Will Jenkins	3	0	3
David Ford	3	0	3



David Ford



Harry Roberts

Bath 3rd XI 2011



Back Row Left to Right: Mathan, Dan Gill, Josh Godman, Thiaan Aspelling, Seth Tapsfield, Mike Roe, Ken Bailey (Umpire)
Front Row Left to Right: Tom Winnan, Ollie Lawson, Jamie Walker(Captain), Kenny James, David Robertson.

Bath 3rd XI 2011 Batting averages all matches

	Games	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg.	50's	100's	Ducks
Stuart Brennan	8	6	1	302	153*	60.4	1	1	0
Harry Roberts	10	6	5	45	16*	45	0	0	0
Ollie Lawson	11	11	1	378	61	37.8	3	0	1
Mike Roe	10	8	4	145	48*	36.25	0	0	0
Kenny James	12	9	2	242	58*	34.57	1	0	0
Blake Raymond	5	5	0	146	86	29.2	1	0	1
Dan Gill	16	15	4	291	49*	26.45	0	0	2
Luke Tapsfield	5	5	0	129	56	25.8	1	0	0
David Robertson	8	8	0	195	74	24.38	1	0	0
Josh Godman	15	13	3	182	28*	18.2	0	0	1
Gavin Royce	7	5	1	56	28*	14	0	0	0

Qualification 5 inns



Bath 3rd XI 2011 Bowling averages all matches

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Ollie Lawson	51	11	198	14	3-9	0	3.88	21.86	14.14
Josh Godman	73.2	2	321	19	4-24	0	4.37	23.18	16.89
Kenny James	81	4	356	19	4-34	0	4.4	25.58	18.74
Jamie Walker	38.5	2	267	14	4-38	0	6.88	16.63	19.07
Thiaan Aspelling	37	5	138	7	2-24	0	3.73	31.71	19.71
Harry Roberts	63.4	4	277	9	2-20	0	4.35	42.47	30.78

Qualification 7 wkts

Top innings 2011

Tim Rouse	154	vs Brislington
Stuart Brennan	153*	vs Grendel
Danny Wills	118	vs Knowle West
Stuart Brennan	92	vs Grendel
Blake Raymond	86	vs Knowle West
David Robertson	74	vs Grendel
Alex Wright	61	vs Westbury & District
Ollie Lawson	61	vs Saltford Fairway
Ollie Lawson	59	vs Wrington
Kenny James	55	vs Wrington

Top bowling performances 2011

Dave Nelson	6-27	vs Knowle West
David Ford	4-16	vs Grendel
Kenny James	4-23	vs Wrington
Josh Godman	4-24	vs Putney
Josh Godman	4-29	vs Bath Hospitals
Jamie Walker	4-38	vs Grendel
George Simmonds	4-41	vs Grendel
Ollie Lawson	3-18	vs Bath Hospitals
Ollie Lawson	3-18	vs Saltford Fairway
Alex Wright	3-21	Westbury & District

Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Mike Roe	6	0	6
Danny Wills	4	2	6
Dan Gill	4	1	5
Kenny James	4	0	4
Josh Godman	3	0	3



Danny Wills



Ollie Lawson

Bath 4th XI 2011



Back Row Left to Right: Gregg Brown, Thiaan Aspelling, Gavin Royce, Imran Ul Haq, Gwyn West, Chris Mould(Scorer).
Front Row Left to Right: Harry Hankins, Marc Wilson, Paul Bird(Captain), Beth Howe, Charlie Brain.

Bath 4th XI 2011 Batting averages all matches

	Games	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg.	50's	100's	Ducks
Max O'Leary	5	5	1	179	60	44.75	1	0	0
Gavin Royce	7	6	0	215	88	35.83	2	0	1
Dave Bean	7	5	1	142	73	35.5	1	0	1
Stuart Brennan	5	5	1	125	70*	31.25	1	0	0
Paul Bird	14	14	0	427	78	30.5	4	0	1
Chris Crighton	11	11	1	259	61	25.9	2	0	0
David Robertson	5	5	0	116	37	23.2	0	0	0
Marc Wilson	13	13	1	277	85*	23.08	1	0	0
Thiaan Aspelling	7	7	1	106	53	17.67	1	0	1
Mathan Balasubramaniyan	9	7	4	43	16	14.33	0	0	2
Charlie Brain	6	5	1	54	24	13.5	0	0	1
Beth Howe	15	12	4	51*	13.38	13.38	1	0	1
Tom Benney	9	5	3	21	13*	10.5	0	0	1

Qualification 5 inns

Bath 4th XI 2011 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Thiaan Aspelling	44.1	13	108	14	3-23	0	2.44	18.94	7.71
Sam Croker	26	2	116	8	3-35	0	4.46	19.5	14.5
Mathan	56	12	252	15	4-27	0	4.5	22.4	16.8
Stuart Brennan	29	3	139	8	4-22	0	4.79	21.75	17.38
Gavin Royce	30.3	2	140	8	2-16	0	4.59	22.88	17.5
Tom Benney	29	2	158	9	4-25	0	5.45	19.33	17.56
Beth Howe	57.5	3	296	15	4-15	0	5.11	23.16	19.73

Qualification 8 wkts

Top innings 2011

Gavin Royce	88	vs Keynsham
Marc Wilson	85*	vs Stratton on Fosse
Paul Bird	78	vs Churchways
Paul Bird	77	vs Churchways
Paul Bird	75	vs Wrington
Dave Bean	73	vs Churchways
Stuart Brennan	70*	vs Stanton Drew
Chris Crighton	61	vs Wrington
Max O'Leary	60	vs Churchways
Gavin Royce	59	vs Wrington

Top bowling performances 2011

Beth Howe	4-15	vs Wrington
Stuart Brennan	4-22	vs Churchways
Tom Benney	4-25	vs Stratton on Fosse
Mathan	4-27	vs Churchways
Sam Croker	3-4	vs Stratton on Fosse
George Hankins	3-15	vs Stanton Drew
Sam Eyles	3-17	vs Stanton Drew
Benedict Gundry	3-17	vs Churchways
Charlie Brain	3-19	vs Stratton on Fosse
Thiaan Aspeling	3-23	vs Keynsham

Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Chris Crighton	7	4	11
Gavin Royce	8	0	8
Thiaan Aspeling	4	0	4
Kate Randall	3	0	3
Paul Bird	3	0	3
Imran Ul Haq	3	0	3
Tom Benney	3	0	3
Mathan	3	0	3



Max O'Leary



Harry Hankins

Bath Wanderers 1st XI 2011



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

Bath Wanderers 1st XI 2011 Batting averages all matches

	Games	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg.	50's	100's	Ducks
Elwyn Campbell	8	7	1	336	99	56	4	0	1
Sophie Luff	10	7	3	209	74*	52.25	2	0	0
Anya Shrubsole	4	3	0	132	83	44	1	0	0
Francis Wilson	7	6	1	170	66	34	1	0	0
Sophie Le Marchand	9	6	2	99	45*	24.75	0	0	2
Steph Davies	5	5	0	120	72	24	1	0	1
Janet Godman	4	3	0	58	33	19.33	0	0	1
Moira Comfort	9	5	2	38	16*	12.67	0	0	1
Jackie Hawker	10	5	0	63	18	12.6	0	0	0
Emily Robinson	4	3	1	25	16*	12.5	0	0	0
Beth Howe	11	6	2	44	21	11	0	0	0
Kate Randall	10	4	2	16	8	8	0	0	0

Qualification 3 inns

Bath Wanderers 1st XI 2011 Bowling averages all matches

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Lauren Shrubsole	24.4	1	102	11	5-26	1	4.15	13.42	9.27
Lisa Pagett	18	2	66	5	5-66	1	3.67	21.6	13.2
Kate Randall	70.4	16	207	11	3-40	0	2.93	38.56	18.82
Izzy Westbury	24	2	98	5	3-13	0	4.08	28.8	19.6
Jenny Withers	28.2	6	101	5	5-9	1	3.57	33.96	20.2
Moira Comfort	76.4	16	251	11	3-22	0	3.27	41.84	22.82
Jackie Hawker	49.5	9	222	8	4-46	0	4.46	37.35	27.75
Beth Howe	34.1	4	152	5	1-17	0	4.44	41.04	30.4

Qualification 6 wkts

Top innings 2011

Elwyn Campbell	99	vs Hayes Hurricanes
Anya Shrubsole	83	vs Gunnersbury
Elwyn Campbell	79	vs Reading
Sophie Luff	74*	vs MCC Ladies
Steph Davies	72	vs Hayes Hurricanes
Francis Wilson	66	vs Brighton & Hove
Elwyn Campbell	63	vs Gunnersbury
Elwyn Campbell	57	vs Brighton & Hove
Sophie Luff	55	vs Bexley
Anya Shrubsole	47	vs Reading

Top bowling performances 2011

Jenny Withers	5-9	vs Reading
Lauren Shrubsole	5-26	vs Hayes Hurricanes
Lisa Pagett	5-66	vs MCC Ladies
Jackie Hawker	4-46	vs Reading
Lauren Shrubsole	3-10	vs Hayes Hurricanes
Izzy Westbury	3-13	vs Bexley
Moira Comfort	3-22	vs Bexley
Kate Randall	3-40	vs Brighton & Hove
Anya Shrubsole	2-7	vs Bexley
Kate Randall	2-22	vs Hayes Hurricanes

Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Sophie Le Marchand	5	7	12
Kate Randall	3	0	3
Steph Davies	3	0	3
Anya Shrubsole	2	0	2



Sophie Luff

Senior Players Awards 2011



Nationwide Trophy:
Tom Stait



Fastest 50 of 18 balls:
Robin Lett



Louis Powell Award:
Stuart Kingwell



Most wkts in female cricket (17):
Lauren Shrubsole

J.Mabel Reason Trophy: Lloyd Davies 6-18

Pete Burkhart Award: Stuart Kingwell/Luke Padgett

Highest Ind. Batting Score: Tim Rouse 154

Most Imp. Young Player John Ruddick Award:
Tim Rouse, Will Jenkins and Sophie Luff

Most Runs in Female Cricket: Elwyn Campbell (356)

Most Wickets in Senior Cricket: Kenny James (47)

Most Runs in Senior Cricket: Mike Smyth (822)



Mike Smyth top run scorer
2011 832 at 43.79

A tribute to old friends

Mike Jones (1944-2011)



In any organisation there will be, from time to time, someone who makes such a contribution that they leave an enduring legacy. I suspect that will be the case with Mike Jones. A rather cautious committee decided over fifteen years ago that this recently retired executive from Shell

might be able to help the club. Boy did he help! For many years Mike just did what he does.....and for no remuneration at all. He had that amazing ability to see through fog, get to the nub of an issue and implement the most appropriate solution. This he has been doing for years, only latterly as a paid consultant. Mike's early work with the car park is legendary as he quickly realised we were not only losing a small fortune, but missing out on one.

This is how the relationship with Bath Cricket Club continued.....he knew just what was needed and sorted it when it was needed, guiding and nurturing the management committee members when ever we were a bit slow getting to the issue. It's true that Mike was not universally known or recognised by all club members....the nature of a great "behind the scenes" contributor. He was often put in the firing line at the AGM for the controversial issues facing the club, an experience he would lose sleep over every year.

Mike worked tirelessly for Bath Cricket Club as I am sure Pat would testify to. Often he would be on his computer at 5am sorting, organising, responding, plotting and planning. Mike will be sorely missed by many at the club, particularly those that he supported and worked with on a daily basis.

For me there is an enhanced sadness about the timing..... he and I were determined that we would navigate the club through the marathon that has been the "Development Project". Just before Mike died, he and I had some crucial debates about the veracity and affordability of the project given the global economic crisis and he had embarked on a consultation with management committee members, the bank and other stakeholders that has led us to a new, more comfortable, position. A legacy to the last. He will never be forgotten and we need to embed and take forward the building block that he has laid for the continued well being and progress of our club.

Mike Roe

My Dad - A truly exceptional man

Dad was just ridiculously capable, both physically and manually. We remember him always working on something in our house in Fleet, whether he was building shelves and cupboards in our bedrooms, painting, gardening, replacing windows which we frequently broke with footballs, he always seemed to be doing something. He had forearms like Popeye, a result of the years of labour on local farms as a kid which he loved. He just seemed to instinctively know how to do all of these things. Just a few weeks ago he left a relaxing Sunday lunch at son Pauls having mended a light switch; re hung a door and fixed the lawn mower, all in a day's work. He loved rolling up his sleeves and getting on with it.

Dad was a botanist by profession and had a deep love of the land, flora, fauna and wildlife. Anyone who has seen his house and garden in Wick will know how hard he worked and how knowledgeable he was.

He was also very capable intellectually. From Kingswood Grammar to Reading University to Shell, he always strove to be better and learn more. His successful career in Shell culminating in running the agrochemical company on East Africa. After his retirement he took his knowledge and experience and applied it to various tasks and projects at Bath Cricket Club mixing his love of sport with management and organisation. For years we genuinely believed he knew the answer to absolutely everything.

This capability marked him out as someone to turn to. Many people would seek him out for advice on all sorts of things. He was always measured in his advice and was always there with assistance or words of wisdom. We will miss his calm assurance and guidance.

He loved sport, for years he spent every weekend watching Paul play football, rugby, hockey, travelling great distances across southern England to do so. He was never effusive in his praise but a simple "you played quite well today" filled us with pride. He was heavily involved with Fleet youth football club managing my (marks) team for 4 years followed without a break by Paul's team. He was an avid consumer of all sports for his whole life.

Dad's other main love was children. He and mum started their family within weeks of getting married and dad was a devoted and proud father of 3. We all came to see his delight in children when he became a grandfather to Ella, James and Harry. His face lit up when he was with them, spending many patient hours supervising James as he went through every utensil in his toolbox.

Dad was a selfless man all his life, never intrusive (to the point of being almost reticent) but he always guided us with patience and wisdom.

Dad was a devoted husband, courting mum from the age of 13, very much a one woman man (although he was averse to any displays of public affection). They made their lives together all round the world throwing themselves into the culture and communities of the country.

Mark Jones

A tribute to old friends

Steve Barton (1949-2011)



On Saturday 20th August Steve and wife, Liz, had wandered round to North Parade with their dog to have a drink, watch a bit of cricket and soak up some rays before heading off to visit friends in Henley. As they were driving out of the car park a big hit from one of the Bath batsmen landed close to their car. Steve, knowing how the search for the ball could hold up the game, jumped out of the car to retrieve it and return it for the game to continue as he drove on his way. This was Steve's last contribution to Bath Cricket Club (although he did return a few minutes later having realised that he'd dropped his glasses in his rush to get the ball) and was much like

many of his other contributions – quietly effective, efficient, unspectacular, full of humour but vitally important at our club.

Sunday 21st August was spent with friends in Berkshire – drinking, chatting, telling jokes and socialising- whilst on Monday he was back in Bath playing golf with his friend, Gordon. By all accounts Steve had an absolute blinder and drove the ball like he had never done before. Then on Tuesday he took the highly unusual step of ringing Liz whilst she was out running (much to her annoyance), just to tell her how much he loved her, before they spent the rest of the day relaxing together. At 6pm Steve told Liz that he didn't feel great – she knew it was for real when he took some medicine and went for a lie down. Fifteen minutes later Steve had died of a heart attack.

In typical style, Liz described it as a "dream death" in many ways. After a cancer scare 12 months previously, she was grateful that he died quickly and painlessly at home with her there. In retrospect, the previous few days had been the best possible lead-up (if there is such a thing), with Steve enjoying the most important things in his life; family, friends, golf, cricket and – of course- Liz.

Steve had met Liz through cricket as, in his capacity as a county selector for Bucks, he was organising a pick-up for

a young South African cricketer who had been over here, with his aunt. On their first meeting Steve had immediately declared that this was the one, whilst Liz had declared that he was not her type – particularly since he smoked and drank too much! However, in less than 18 months they had moved in together and in another similar period they were married on 12th April 1998 in Hurley, Berkshire. Steve and Liz had "the best relationship ever" and shared their lives with son Paul (from Steve's first marriage to Penny), Candice (now 27) and Clio (now 21). For Steve's sixtieth birthday treat, Liz and family packed him off to the World Cup in the West Indies.

The Bartons moved to Bath on 1st August 2006 to take up the reins of running "The Henry", which soon expanded to become a little empire in its own right, rather than just a single guest house. On the very day they moved, however, Steve came across the river to North Parade and offered his services as an umpire (and was probably standing the very next weekend). Since 2006 he has been available to umpire games whenever he has been in Bath and has been happy to give his time for any team at any venue in order to help the club. Our gain was surely Marlow Cricket Club's loss, yet his love for his spiritual home in Berkshire was never in doubt.

Bath players and opponents alike came to respect Steve as an umpire and as a man – always strong, fair and efficient on the field of play but engaging, enthusiastic and full of fun after the game. Batsmen in particular were always relieved to see that it was Steve who was officiating, whilst bowlers knew that the ball would need to be hitting all three stumps half way up to get an LBW decision. Even when not involved in the game, Steve would often be seen watching the game, glass in hand having left home on the pretext of walking the dog.

Steve's Memorial Service on 1st September was an amazing occasion in many ways. Friends and family completely overwhelmed the Crematorium at Haycombe, with the corridor outside packed to the rafters as there was, fittingly, "no room at the inn". The service was incredibly laid back as befits Liz and Steve's nature and the somewhat irreverent celebration of his life led by family and friends was appropriate and moving in equal measure. All at Bath Cricket Club were proud to host the wake (in true Barton style a real celebration) at North Parade. As Liz said, "I think we can all agree that "bar stool Barton" would expect nothing less!"

Thank you Steve for all you did at Bath Cricket Club. You will be greatly missed.

Ian Shrubsole

A tribute to old friends

Jimmy James (1924-2011)



Back Row Left to Right: Scorer unknown, Dennis Arkell, Graham Stride, Hugh Chamberlain, George Cantello, Graham Foster, Donald Smith.
Front Row Left to Right: Tony Morgan, Dennis Gilmer, Jimmy James (capt), John Pickwick, Tim Elley.

On Thursday 15th September this year, Jimmy James passed away suddenly at home aged 87 years. Proud Welshman Jimmy played for the Club for many years before leaving Bath in 1959 for spells as a banker in Liverpool and Cardiff. He returned to Bath in 1969 to take up the position as Manager of Barclays (previously Martins Bank) in Milsom Street and then Barclays in Manvers Street

During his playing days, he opened the bowling and batted at 6 or 7. He captained the Club's "A" XI in the mid 1950's (see photograph) and on his return to Bath, became vice-captain of the midweek XI to Roger Sansbury in 1970. He was a founder Member of Bath Buccaneers Cricket Club. Jimmy was also heavily involved with the Lord's Taverners and was on the area Committee with Barry Howell arranging charity games in the region including the three that took place at North Parade.

Many younger Members at the Club remember Jimmy for his efforts off the field rather than on it. He served on the Management and various Sub-Committees using his financial skills to benefit the Club from 1971 to 1988 and always talked sense. The Club awarded him a Vice-Presidency in 1980.

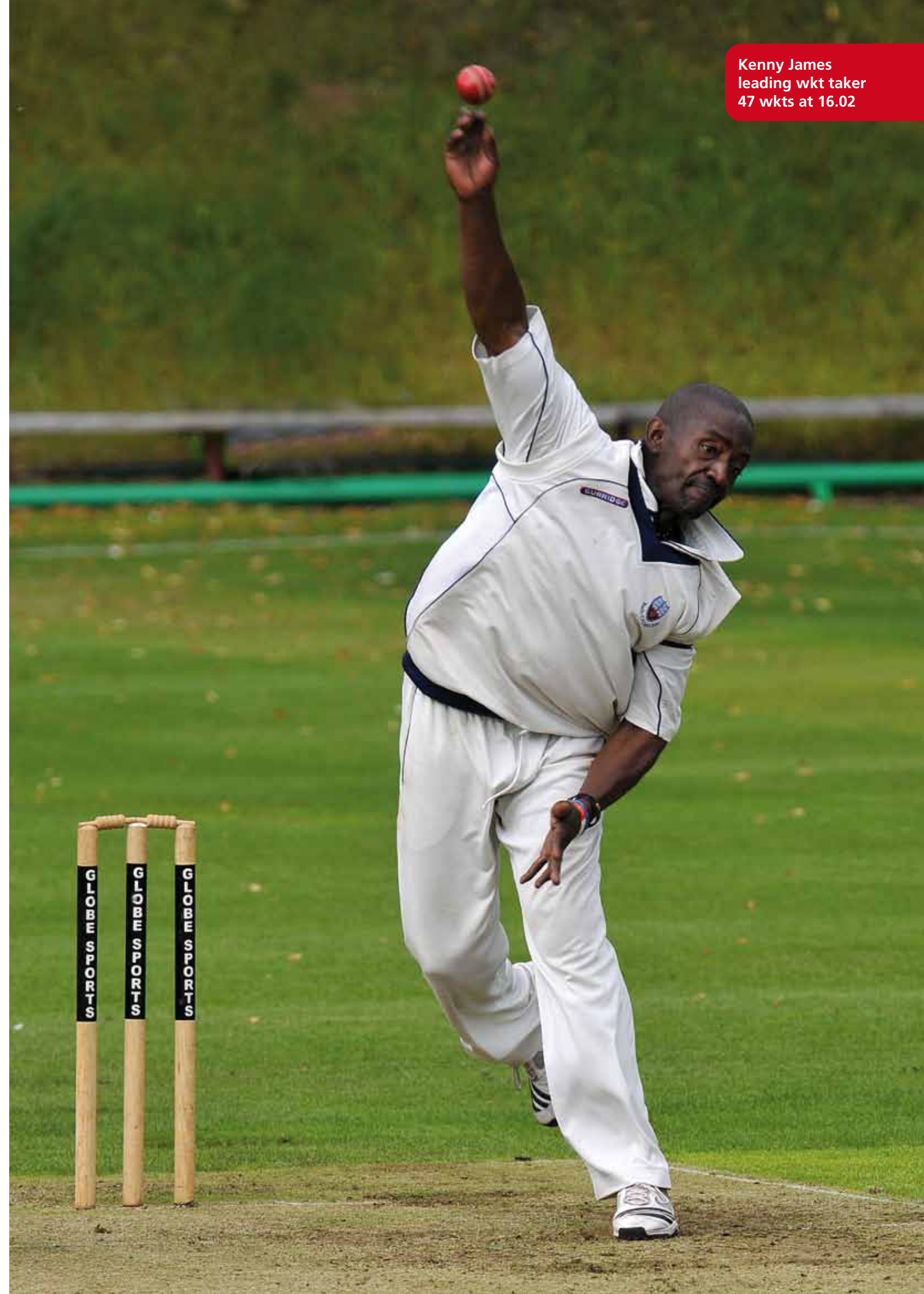
He was a great After-Dinner speaker and remember one year telling us – "A Welsh rugby player died and went to Heaven. At the Pearly Gates he was met by an angel who said 'Welcome! Is there anything you regret that you wish to seek forgiveness? Well said the player - I was playing on the wing for Wales at Twickenham and in the last 5 minutes I received the ball and dived for the corner. After some thought, the referee awarded the try and Wales won. I've always really wondered whether I actually touched down. Don't worry said the angel, it was a perfectly good try. Thanks St.Peter, said the player, I can be happy now. That's alright said the angel. By the way, I'm NOT St. Peter, I'm ST DAVID!!" Jimmy said it in his beautiful Welsh tone with enthusiasm.

Jimmy last visited the Club for the "Old Sods Lunch" in July. Within a month, his wife Beryl died after 65 years of marriage. This great club man will be missed by all his old friends at the club.

Our condolences go to their family, David, Anne, Lindsey, Kathryn and their ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Thanks to Graham Foster for providing the 1954 photograph.

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