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## Welcome to the North Youth Cricket Association Annual Awards Evening.

What a summer we had! Following on from a winter where several training sessions were postponed because we were snowed in, frozen out or flooded.

The biblical weather became something of a distant memory as the sun started to shine. We hope you all got lots of cricket played. We have had lots of reports of close matches played across North Devon during these glorious summer months. It is fantastic to be gathered together to celebrate youth cricket in North Devon.

This evening is not only about the youngsters in the room. We would like to thank all those who are 'at least slightly out of the junior age group cricket'. Those who provide chances for youngsters to play sport; The coaches, the cricket tea providers, the groundsmen and the parents. Thank you all.

**The North Devon District Youth Association** has been responsible for many years for the administration of two different aspects of youth cricket in the North Devon area.

The North Devon Youth League which is the vehicle for all Inter-Club League matches at Under 10, Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 played during the cricket season. The North Devon District Association has, in the past provided a pathway to youth County cricket through high quality training in North Devon - out of season - to young people from all clubs. There were other similar associations in East, South and West Devon. As you will see below the four separate districts have been dissolved and youth pathway cricket will now be run entirely centrally by the employees of the Devon Cricket Board. Going forward, the NDYCA will continue to administer the North Devon Youth Cricket League and endeavour to support all youngsters wishing to play cricket as well as those aspiring to coach or volunteer in the game.



Of course, we hope this new initiative by the DCB will be a tremendous success and provide great opportunities for a huge number of young players in North Devon.

As a committee, we will continue to work with all the local clubs to provide fantastic opportunities for all youngsters who want to enjoy the great game that is cricket. We are committed to encouraging all

our young cricketers, volunteers and coaches to flourish and would be interested in any feedback or ideas you may have that can improve cricket in the North for anyone involved in cricket. We will continue to provide opportunities for all those involved in the game and will keep the NDYCA website updated with any news. If you have any comments ideas regarding the future of cricket in North Devon, and how the North Devon Youth Cricket Association may be able to contribute in the future, what you may want the committee to do? Please make a comment on the forms on your table- funny replies acceptable - rude ones not, thank you.

### DCB New Structure - What it looks like:

#### Purpose

Youth Development cricket is to provide a level of cricket that sits between Club Cricket and County Age Group Cricket with the aim: "to identify talented players within a structured environment, where they are encouraged to develop as an individual and as a team".

#### Vision

➤ Introduce junior players to various & longer formats of the game. ➤ Provide an equality of training and playing opportunities across the County. ➤ Embed a talent ID policy to identify talent & develop players & coaches. ➤ To provide a level of cricket between Club & County ➤ The chance for girls to play in all female teams.

#### The Structure

➤ To be run centrally by the DCB office & Professional Staff. ➤ Supported by key volunteer managers & coaches in each region. ➤ Each Training Centre will have a Head Coach who oversees the programme aided by an assistant coach for each age group. ➤ There will be no minimum or maximum numbers for each age group. For players to be selected they must reach the desired standard and meet the selection criteria.

#### Girls U11, U13 and U15

#### Boys Age Group Under 10s Under 11s Under 12s Under 13s Under 14s

Rationale for the structure • Where appropriate the U9's can be nominated for the U10's. • The Youth Development Programme will strengthen the club and County programmes respectively along with developing the individuals in the pathway. • It was felt that introducing a U11's Girls group would help fill void from club cricket to U13 representative cricket. This would encourage more girls to remain in the game and develop.

#### Winter Programme

➤ No County Age Group players included in the development programme. Outstanding performers will be invited to CAG sessions. ➤ Up to 6 Development Centres around the County. ➤ Players train at their local or most accessible centre. ➤ Players to train in numbers & abilities not age groups. This is aimed to challenge the better players but also take into account the relative age effect. ➤ 18 hours of contact time, 9 x 2-hour sessions. ➤ Availability of additional 1-2-1's run out of the Development centre for County & Development players at an additional cost.

#### Rationale for Winter Programme

• Removing County Age Group players from Development cricket will allow more players to access high quality coaching at the Development Centre. • More training centres around the County should make the programme more accessible and reduce travel. • The removal of Districts will mean the most appropriate players are selected onto the programme regardless of their location. • The flexibility in the training sessions will allow each player to be challenged at their appropriate level. • More contact time will allow the players to develop at a quicker rate. • The additional 1-2-1 programme will add greater opportunity for everyone in the region to develop.

#### Summer Programme

➤ Play matches in pre-selected side, e.g. Lions Vs Leopards at neutral venues around the County. ➤ Development matches played during May half term & Summer holidays ➤ Festival days - 2 pitches at 1 ground and multiple matches and formats played on those days. ➤ The focus being development of the

players, no league, different formats, roaming coaches etc. ➤ Additional matches played during the season, availability sheets will be sent out and appropriate sides selected. ➤ Opportunity to play in matches may be limited if training numbers are high.

#### Rationale for Summer Programme

- The aim of playing matches in pre-selected sides will provide balanced matches where each player will play challenged.
- Matches during the May half-term and in the Summer holidays will provide an opportunity for the players to perform in better conditions. This will also free up Sundays where the players can play club cricket and develop locally.
- The removal of the District competition will enable each player to develop and be challenged irrespective of the outcome.

#### Formats

➤ 50, 40, 30, 20 over matches ➤ Pairs Cricket ➤ Extended pairs cricket ➤ Red ball & Pink ball cricket (Whites & Coloured Kit) ➤ Formats to mirror the new ECB suggested formats and pitch regulations.

#### Rationale for formats

- Different formats will challenge and develop players in multiple situations & scenarios.
- Encouraging some of the ECB formats will bridge the gap between club and County cricket.

#### Youth Development Cricket Manpower:

➤ To be administrated centrally by the Devon Cricket Board office & Professional Staff. ➤ Supported by key volunteer managers & coaches in each region. ➤ Each Development Centre to have a Head Coach. ➤ All sessions will have Assistant Coaches to work with the Head Coach ➤ Coach support and CPD will be provided. Coach Development twice a year. ➤ Manager/Volunteer support and guidance. Twice a yearly meeting to provide support around matches and training. ➤ The positions of Head Coach in the Development Centres will be advertised in an open advert.

#### Rationale for manpower

- It was agreed that running the programme centrally was essential for attaining equality throughout the County. It was also agreed that the Devon Cricket Board were the ideal option due to the fact that they have professional staff and facilities to administer the programme.
- Coaches for the Head Coach role will have to declare their interest online to the DCB. The submissions will be narrowed down where the selected applicants will be asked to attend an interview.
- Coaches for the Assistant Coach role will have to declare their interest online to the DCB where their application will be considered by the DCB and Head Coach before being appointed.
- The Head Coach in each of the Development Centres would work closely with Devon's Pathway & Coaching manager to ensure all Centres are working on the same disciplines.
- It was agreed that the volunteer managers in each area were essential to the programme and it was important to ensure they were fully supported.
- Coaches and Managers would also be supported throughout the year with some continued personal development.

The role of the volunteer manager will remain to be an important one. As well as working with squads and players in their local development centre the managers will have influence and guidance over players across the County, helping shape and develop players County wide.

#### Finances - Based on:

➤ 18 hours of contact time (9 x 2 hour sessions) ➤ 1 Head Coach per session ➤ 1 Assistant Coach per session (maximum of 6 per centre) ➤ Cost per player = £85

#### Assessment

➤ Club & School online nomination to be submitted between 1st June & 31st July 2018. ➤ Nominations to be sifted centrally by the Development Centre Coach & Manager, the CAG Coach and Manager and Pathway Manager. ➤ Assessment in August/September for players ➤ Consistent selection personnel ➤ Published selection criteria which is clear and transparent ➤ Selection of County Age Group and Development players at the same assessment

#### Rationale for Assessment

- It was felt that the assessment process should be clearer and have greater transparency. Having a published selection criteria and a consistent selection panel will ensure this will be achieved.
- Assessment towards the end of the season will allow players to be assessed in the relevant conditions after a full season of playing.
- County Age Group players and Development players to be selected at the same assessment. This will allow the assessors to fairly select all players for the pathway and provides the players with a level to aspire to.
- From the assessment day, the top 14 players will be selected for the County Age Group training squad. The next best players will be selected to train at their nearest Development Centre and be involved in development matches.

#### Implementation

➤ February - Consultation period where the proposal will be sent out and feedback collated. ➤ DCB to arrange and run meetings around the County to discuss the proposed new structure. ➤ March 31st implementation begins. ➤ April & May, all booking completed. ➤ 1st June - 31st July online nomination period. ➤ August/September, assessment to take place. ➤ January - April, Indoor training for the Development Centres and the County Age Groups. ➤ May Half Term & Summer Holiday, matches to be played.

Devon Cricket is very confident that we have created a structure that is really fit for purpose in terms of providing a robust new stage of the pathway between club and County cricket. Sandy Allen DCB.

#### The North District News

District Managers, coaches and all Club volunteers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all District Managers and coaches past and present for their fantastic commitment to youth cricket. Over the years there have been many managers who have given tirelessly of their time and expertise, and the vast majority have never claimed a penny for doing so. Brian Champion and Andy Davies ran the programme for many years and Mark and I are delighted that Andy is still here as Chairman the committee today and we send our best wishes to Brian who is sadly in hospital at this time.

We, as a committee, feel privileged to have known so many of these special people. The opportunities which have been provided for your children are huge and in an increasingly health and safety conscious, risk averse, safeguarding aware and at times snowflake Britain the challenges of volunteers and others providing children with wonderful opportunities has become increasingly demanding and at times daunting. We know you will be amazed to be advised that some parents are not always easy. At times, even the most charming, affable parents can turn into an arch nemesis if their child is not receiving the recognition he/she feels their offspring should be getting. Whilst coaching and volunteering can be incredibly rewarding, there are times when it can be a thankless task. I hope that many of you here; parents and children will take the opportunity to thank your District managers and coaches and your club managers this evening. A little bit of appreciation goes a long way.

**This is the last North District Presentation Evening. It is fitting that after the years of hard work put into District cricket by so many players, managers and parents that at the close of play the North have, I believe, achieved our BEST EVER results in the inter District competition winning THE U10 INTER-DISTRICT COMPETITION, THE U13 INTER-DISTRICT COMPETITION AND THE U15 INTER-DISTRICT COMPETITION. We in the North are a real David and Goliath story! With 30+ Clubs in the East, Plymouth City and its vast population in the West, and the number of clubs in the South - we should all be very proud this evening.**



## **District Girls**

We had a lovely group of girls attending training over the winter. Despite rumours that there are more girls than ever playing cricket, our experience is that girls playing cricket is following the trend of reduced youth participation in almost all sports, and the critical mass of keen and committed girls in the North remains rather small. But then sometimes the best things come in small packages!

Going forward, with the demise of the local District programme we hope to find an opportunity to train the girls together from all clubs during the winter so that we can enter some all-girl teams into fantastic competitions such as the Lady Taverner's.



Over the winter 2017-18 we took all those who showed an interest in playing and improving into the District programme and with the tremendous support of Mark Overton, Mark Davis and the brilliant role model that is Eluned Davies, we worked hard with a great spread of abilities and many of the girls made fantastic progress.

In a new initiative, to ensure that we could raise sides which could safely participate in hard ball cricket at U13 and U15, we joined with the West who were struggling to raise sides at U13 and U15. Sadly, only two West girls who actually contributed to the District matches, although they were great - thank you girls, it was pretty much North sides that played. We played the East at home in the first match. Although our measurable success in terms of winning matches was negligible, the progress made by players who attended training regularly, played in the matches and worked hard was not.

As always it was a privilege to be involved with the girls. I hope they will all continue to play this very special game. A quick plug for the Devon Ladies League which provides an alternative pathway to the County girls teams for girls to move into ladies' cricket. Both Hatherleigh and Tarka Ladies in North Devon, provide great opportunities for girls U13 and above to play the all-female game. Any girls under this age who are interested in playing all girls cricket please get in touch. We can provide opportunities for you to compete whilst remaining part of the mixed sides at your own clubs! I thank the parents for all their support and appreciation and wish you all the very best under the new training format in the winter of 2018-2019.

Girls; Alicia Stebbings, Ruby Davis, Megan Peters, Keira Stebbings, Jess Rose, Mia Spiers, Etta Vipond, Millie Wivell, Annabel Berry, Millie Wright, Holly Stone, Danni Rose, Flora Corbin, Olivia Kingdom, Lucy Quick.

(Molly Marsh, Evie Privett, Madi Turner)

## **Mr Michael Ball - U9 Manager's Report District Season 2018**

In writing this brief report about the U9 boys this year I must start by saying that once again it has been a real pleasure to be their manager. The effort and commitment the boys put into their training sessions and match days makes all the hard work over the winter worthwhile.

This season we took part in one festival played at Shaldon CC. - In both the games we played there, on a particularly hot day, I think it fair to say that we bowled to the best of our abilities, we didn't give

away too many extras, we fielded with great enthusiasm and although we didn't pick up a lot of wickets we kept the opposition to totals that were potentially within reach.

However, when it came to our turn to bat this is where we showed a bit of inexperience in trying to build a match winning score. Unfortunately, in our eagerness to score runs, we had a few run outs and a few big hits were attempted to deliveries that probably should have been defended!! This resulted in us having too many -5's on our scoresheet and we were then always behind the run rate and lost both games.

One thing I will say about the boys though is that although the day did not go as well as they hoped they did not get despondent and gave it everything they could, and their team spirit was superb.

Finally, on behalf of myself and the boys I must say thanks to two key coaches who helped me during the winter training; Pete Newby and Rose Ball. I would also like to thank all the parents for their support and encouragement.

The U9 District squad 2018 - Henley Kelly, Lucas Whale, Rohan Symons, Daniel Neve, William Moseby, Charlie Tucker, Finley Cole, Theo Runeckles-Smith.

#### U10 Mr Scott Huxtable

This was an excellent age group to work with, they were enthusiastic and committed to improving their game. The training sessions conducted by Paul were excellent. The players attended these sessions in good numbers and applied themselves in each session very well. It was great to see the players improve throughout the sessions and try and apply skills learnt training in game situations.



It was a pleasure being a part of this squad and seeing them develop. They approached each game in a professional and positive manner. The sportsmanship and team work they displayed on the pitch was very pleasing to see as their coach. A good balance was shown in each fixture with some excellent bowling from our great bowling attack and our batting dramatically improved throughout the games we played. Furthermore, our fielding, game management and team spirit on the field was absolutely excellent.

Max Borer, Charlie Arthur, Finley Adams, Jools Hughes, George Sweetland, Leighton Fairbrother, Otis Sherborne, Riley Hornby, Harry Folland, Archie Scrivener, Henry Gayton, Tristan Holland, Freddie Taylor, Jeremy Catling, Ollie Harrison, Zac Elston, Archie Shawcross, Edward Wilson, Henry Peters.

#### **Mr Peter Wright U11 North District Manager 2018**

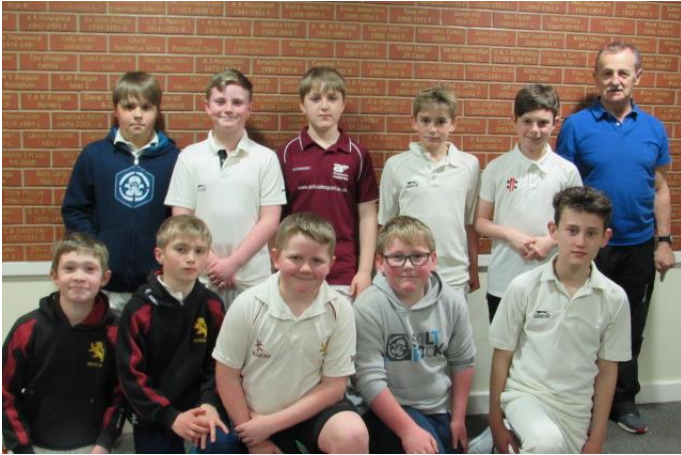
Our regular training squad of 17-18 players met for practices through the winter and spring months - however these were unseasonally interrupted on three occasions due to floods in January and two bouts of snow in March. Amazingly, however, all the District matches went ahead in May and were blessed with fine weather!





We used 17 players, and whilst we struggled against the might of East and South Devon, we had a much more evenly matched game against West Devon. Though we lost all our matches, the squad were always very upbeat, played well above their capabilities and thoroughly enjoyed their experience of District Cricket.

One of the features we were able to instil in them was the collective team effort, especially in the field where they were organised and 100% supportive of each other. This came through their discussing and choosing of their own 2 captains in every match, plus the batting order and bowlers who would be used. The Manager's job, as a result, was very much an advisory one rather than one of imposing his "ideas" of who would do what AND when. It was great to see how well they "took charge" of their own game.



The Individual Awards are based upon the performances across the matches played. Thank you to all the parents and the players for their support. I wish you all well with your cricket in the future.

Ollie George, Oscar Meech, Luke Stapleton, Henry Jones, Damon Berry, Adam Rashid, Arlo Sherborne, Joshua Arthur, Samuel Beckley, Matt Elston, Sandy Carrick, Sam Robinson, Jack Ancill, Noah Crane, Matthew Boundy, Samuel Peart, Reuben Peart.

### **Steve Popham U12 North Devon District Manager 2018**



First match V East Devon played at Seaton C.C. - East won the toss and put North into bat. After 40 overs North Devon made 155/6 lead by Bideford duo Tom Stone (44) and Julian Hayter (45). In reply East could only muster 135 all out (37overs). Thanks to a great team effort, tight bowling and sharp fielding. North winning by 20 runs.

The second v West Devon played at Plymouth college. - North won the toss and decided to bat and amassed 212 all out. Again, Tom Stone played his part scoring (68) backed up by Will Popham (26) not out. In reply the West played a dogged innings only making 132 all out missing out on an unlikely losing draw by 2 overs. Zac Allaway's spell of 8-18-4 made sure North Devon came away with the win (80 runs).

Which set up for the second year running the league decider vs The South unfortunately we didn't repeat our heroics from last year losing by 6 wickets only still missing out on the league title by 2 points. This is a fantastic achievement when North Devon only have 8 clubs with youth sections and the East have in excess of 30!

Over the past 2 years I've been very proud of how the boys have played. We have great team spirit and a never say die attitude. We have come a huge way in a short space of time. Well done boys! I will

miss you all. Thank you to all the parents who were supportive and a special thanks to my wife Hayley for all her endeavours.

#### U12 District Squad-

Zac Allaway, Harry Arden, Wilbur Guildford, Toby Shepherd -Blandley, Cameron Watt, Max Hughes, Shea Rodgers, Archie Fargher-Harding, Jamie Harrison, Alex Cox, Henry Ayre, Cody Symons, Tom Carroll, Aaron Johnson, Will Popham (Devon), Tom Stone (Devon), Julian Hayter (Devon), Rowan Cross (Devon).

#### Mr Steve Moore U13 North Devon Manager -Season Report



I was very lucky to have been given the job of coaching this talented group of players. Winter training was my first chance to get to know them. The training went well all very keen and impressed with efforts and attitude.



Our aim was to win the League, this we achieved by winning all 3 games, a real team effort by all the boys.

Cameron Ford captained the side extremely well individually Marcus Bulled, George Nickell were impressive with the ball, Ed Broggio was excellent behind the stumps. Finally, Jack Whittaker deserves a special mention. We decided he would be opening this season, he got runs in all 3 games but in our last game against South @ West Buckland he got a brilliant 100 he batted with great patience, played some great shots for his contribution this season he deserves his award tonight. I wish all the boys the best of luck next season in the new district/county format.

Finally, I would like to thank Jack Moore and Paul Heard for help with the coaching, and Peter Newby for scoring. Also, Jan, Mark & Andy for their support over the past seven years, they have done a brilliant job for cricket in the North.



The committee would like to take this chance to thank Steve Moore who went through as a manager of a District side from U9 to U15 - a mere seven years of commitment to training and matches from 2010 to 2017 and then agreed to come back to manage the U13's in 2018 when we were short of managers. It is rewarding that Steve and his team of volunteers guided the U13 North District side to be worthy last ever winners of the Devon Inter-District Trophy 2018.

Cameron Ford, Daniel Smith, Jack Whittaker, George Nickell, Andrew Norman, Will Priest, Marcus Bulled, Mikey Wiltshire, William Newby, George Gordon, Edward Broggio, Edward Butler, James Keates.

#### North Devon District Under 14 Manager Alex Presswell 2018 Season Report

##### **North Devon v East Devon - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

The Under 14s began their final district cricket season on a gloriously sunny Sunday at West Buckland School. Having spent many hours training at the school, it was fitting to finish with a match there. We even had the honour of being bumped up to the main school pitch after the South District pulled out belatedly from their fixture with our Under 15s. Everything was perfect...Our Captain, Jasper, duly



won the toss and inserted the opposition on what looked like a soft pitch that might offer the bowlers something early on. He was right. East started steadily and had reached 21 without loss after 8 overs. Some tight bowling had gone unrewarded. Ethan Cross and Henry Cooper were bowling with the new ball, fast and furiously but without any luck. One, very catchable, chance went down off Ethan as he bowled a good line and length early on. The captain bought himself on in the 9<sup>th</sup> over and immediately had an impact - a good ball drew a thin edge and James Hayter took the catch behind the stumps. In his very next over, Jasper struck again taking two quick wickets including his county team mate Tom Hatton first ball with a beauty that pitched, moved in and bowled him. East were now 27 for 3. The score was soon 30 for 4 - Jasper bowling an accurate fast spell drew the East opener into trying to cut a ball too close to the stumps and dragging on. The drinks break followed and this allowed the East a chance to regroup. Their batsmen applied more care after drinks and lead by Sammy Broomhead (the county wicketkeeper) they began to accumulate.

We continued to bowl well but the East, and Sammy in particular, were choosing the right balls to attack and the right ones to leave. Alfred Reynolds and Charlie Presswell our 'spin-twins' were bowling well and East were digging in - a good contest was ensuing. Something had to change and after 27 overs, Jasper turned to Oliver Callaghan our left-arm seamer to bowl next. A wicket - bowled with his first delivery! East 69 for 5 and we were back on top. Joe Floyd was bowling from the other end and was keeping up the pressure with some lovely tight bowling. Then another wicket - caught and bowled by Oliver for his second wicket of the innings. East 90 for 6 and in real trouble. But Sammy was still there and batting well, putting anything loose away for four on a quickening outfield. After 36 overs, Henry came back into the attack and soon took a wicket a few overs later - knocking back the off stump with a cracking ball. East 116 for 7.

Meanwhile in the next over Sammy took his score to 50, a great captain's innings given the situation his team were in. At the other end, Henry struck again -trapping the batsman LBW this time - East 125 for 8. Sammy was still going and continued to score aggressively, realising he was running out of partners quickly. The North tried everything in the last 9 overs - good field changes to try and keep him off strike and tight bowling but the East's number 10 was keeping everything out. It wasn't until the final over that a breakthrough came from Henry's bowling - Sammy mistiming a shot at last and Wilf Auty taking the catch. Out for 63 a great knock. East finished on 152 for 9 from their 50 overs.

The North players had been great in the field especially given the hot conditions and deservedly enjoyed the fantastic tea provided. A good rest before setting about chasing what looked like a below par score. Perhaps they had been affected by the sun and heat more than we thought - or was it too much indulging on cake? (We had celebrated James Hayter's birthday during the interval!)...whatever it was when it came to our turn to bat, despite talking about what was needed and everyone being very aware that the match was not over things did not go to plan. After a steady start from openers Fionn Toland and James Hayter, who reached 17 without loss, we lost two quick wickets - one that kept low to James and Wilf getting a good ball that seamed in. Fionn was batting carefully but dragged one on and we found ourselves 32 for 3. The East's bowlers were bowling well, nothing short and a testing line. Henry and Jasper were looking to build a partnership when disaster struck - Henry run out (as to who was to blame - there was divided opinion!) We were now in a bit of trouble at 38 for 4. Charlie was in at number 6 and soon began to play nicely alongside his brother. They soon began to put together our first decent partnership... but having put on 21 runs, Jasper tried to play a big shot off their spinner and was caught. That was as good as it got for the North as the East realised they were now firmly on top. Charlie batted on sensibly, but our middle and lower order batsmen couldn't get going and we disappointingly ended up all out for 86 in the 36<sup>th</sup> over. Charlie finishing on 20 not out. A match that

had started out so positively unfortunately ended in disappointment. We knew we could bat better and so looked to our next match for redemption. Who better then to make amends against, than our great rivals over the last 5 years of district matches, the South. The team who had been the only side to beat us previously and who last year, despite us beating them, had again won the title.

### **South Devon v North Devon - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

We arrived at Torquay Cricket Club full of excitement, nerves and some apprehension. Could we put in a performance our talents and efforts over the winter deserved? There was a cold sea breeze and the imposing Rugby stands to greet us at Torquay- a far cry from our sunny start at West Buckland. The South players were very vocal and confident, despite their own disappointment and loss to the East. Both sides were vulnerable. Jasper lost the toss. The South chose to bat. The boundaries, at one end and on the far side were very short and hard to defend. The South quickly raced to 35 without loss, going at over 6 runs an over. Then a wicket from nowhere - Henry's attempted short ball almost bounced twice and sneaked under Dan Western's bat to bowl him. 35 for 1 and we were up and running. Just as surprising was the second wicket - a lone appeal for LBW from Charlie but met by the umpire's raised finger - the South's captain and opener, Archie Farkins out. 53 for 2. The run rate was still worryingly high as Sam Russell and Joe Farmer continued to pile on the runs. Charlie then had Sam Russell caught by Alfred and soon after he bowled Rory Medlock. Alfred then took his first wicket - Jasper catching Josh Couch. Joe Floyd then got a wicket in his opening over and South had slipped to 124 for 6. Game on! Some very good batting followed as Joe Farmer (who had transferred from the East to the South this year to strengthen their side) scored well with Sam Harvey partnering him well at the other end. The pair put on 103 for the seventh wicket with Joe Farmer falling just short of a hundred - bowled by Jasper on 94. The South lost one further wicket - Wilf taking a good catch off Jasper's bowling to leave South on an imposing 243 for 8 from their 50 overs. The boys had stuck at it well in the field and despite the large total we were positive in the interval - still keen to put our poor batting display against the East behind us. Could we beat the odds and beat the South for the third time in a row? Charlie and Fionn opened the batting - and withstood some quick bowling and a great deal of barracking and sledging from a confident and cocky South team. Their confidence wavered after Fionn and Charlie reached 50 without loss, and the Umpires had spoken to the South players about their behaviour! Unfortunately, two quick wickets got them going again as both our openers went with the score on 55. James and Jasper were in and both had points to prove. They put on 82 runs for the third wicket - James falling just five runs short of his fifty having batted confidently and fluently. Jasper had been batting more slowly and carefully at the other end but after Wilf was out with the score on 164 for 4, he was joined by Henry and they both batted aggressively and confidently (no hang overs or issues after the run out against East.) The South became increasingly frustrated as first Henry then Jasper dispatched balls to all sides of the ground. They didn't know what to do and each bowling change seemed more desperate and less effective than the last. A magnificent partnership of 83 saw us safely and in the end comfortably to our target - we finished on 247 for 5 with 3 and a bit overs to spare (Jasper 66 not out and Henry 31 not out, off just 32 balls) - Fantastic! What a way to finish our last 50 over match. The team showed great character and even though we didn't win the title we had given our best. The whole team showed the spirit, effort and togetherness that has made working with these players over the years such a pleasure and a joy. As coaches and parents, we have been lucky enough to have watched some brilliant performances and matches. We have seen players come into the team and others leave but all those who have been part of this group have shown a brilliant attitude to play and improve to the best of their ability. So many players have contributed vital runs, wickets and efforts in the field

- all of them have represented their district so well. A true team who have a great spirit and have enjoyed the challenges and opportunities that district cricket has provided them. District cricket may be over, but the experiences and memories will stay with us all for ever.

Thank you to the coaches, Paul Heard, Joe Witheridge, to Ann-Marie for scoring and of course to Jan and Mark for organising it all. Finally, thanks to all the parents and players- it has been amazing to have shared this journey with you.

Alex Presswell

**The Squad** -Jasper Presswell (capt), Wilf Auty, Alex Bingham, Oliver Callaghan, Henry Cooper, Ethan Cross, Joe Floyd, Ben Gifford, James Hayter (wkt), Charlie Presswell, Alfred Reynolds, Fionn Toland. Those players who represented the County are Jasper Presswell, Charlie Presswell and James Hayter.



Congratulations from NDYCA to the players invited to travel to South Africa to play for Devon in Spring 2019 James Hayter (Bideford CC) Jasper Presswell (Hatherleigh CC) Charlie Presswell (Hatherleigh CC)

Reuben Windley (North Devon CC)

### **Mr Stuart Ware North District U15 Manager 2018**

The U15 group's final district campaign was a rollercoaster of emotions ranging from frustration to excitement to glory then confusion, and again to frustration.

As it stands, some 4 months on from the final district match it remains unconfirmed whether North Devon U15s have confounded all expectations and taken the inter-district competition title in their final season.



All the intelligence suggests the U15s have won the title by a single point but due to a general indifference towards the competition on the part of certain other districts, particularly in recording the results of matches on the play-cricket website, this has not been confirmed. It has clouded the end of the district competition in its current format for the last age-group to have made the full district journey from U10 right through to U15.

It has also slightly taken the shine of what proved to be a glorious and fitting final campaign for this North Devon District U15 group, a group which has never been blessed with a large pool of players, but despite the limited numbers, has always had incredible team spirit and a tremendous collective attitude.

The campaign didn't start in the best circumstances. With West Buckland School's main cricket pitch looking a picture on a warm and pleasant Sunday made for cricket and with the tea prepared and the North players keen, the South put in an extremely late call to say they could not raise a side. The only crumb of comfort from this sorry episode was that it meant a full 20 points to the North.



Next, the North hosted the night of the East district at Westward Ho!, With only 10 players available. Fielding first, the North put in a fantastic shift in the field, bowling out the perennial favourites and most accomplished batting side in the competition for 215 in the 49th over.

Nathan Ware (7.2-2-16-2) and Kevin Johnson (7-1-28-2) set the tone up front with accurate and probing opening spells, the former finding the edge of the East's opener Farley's bat for North skipper Jack Ford to take a smart catch at first slip on his home ground, and then the latter accounting for the East's other opener Hurst bowled with one that nipped back.

The North's quartet of spinners: James Tyson (7-0-29-1), Jack Ford (5-0-32-1), Hayden Sharp (10-2-37-1) and Fraser Boundy (8-0-38-3) all bowled with great control and picked up wickets regularly to keep the East in check.

In fact, it took a fantastic innings of 95 from DuGay to enable the East to post over 200, Fraser Boundy bowling him with a well flighted delivery to enable the North to restrict the East to a chase-able total.

After one of the best cricket teas (thanks to Jenny Ford), the North's reply did not get off to a great start with Chris Cullen caught in the first over. With support from first Reuben Windley (9) and then Jack Ford (27), vice-captain James Tyson (82) batted magnificently to put the North in reach of the East's total.

Whilst Tyson and Ford were batting together the North looked favourites to win, until an unfortunate run-out of Ford (with a feeling of déjà vu) opened the door for the East. Unfortunately, despite some resistance, the rest of the order were not able to contribute many runs, against the challenge of a great spell of leg-spin bowling from the East's Farley and when he accounted for Tyson, it became a case of the North trying to reach 150 and gain the extra batting point. The crucial runs contributed by Jerry O'Donoghue and U14 Thomas Venn got the North to 150 before being bowled out in the 43rd over. A great all-round effort that secured what would prove to be a crucial 8 bonus points.

The South then did the North a favour by defeating the East (it was the least they could do after calling off the first match late!), with all the intelligence suggesting that the East had taken 7 bonus points.

So, it came to Bank Holiday Monday, May 28th and the final ever inter-district match versus West Devon at Plymouth College.

It should be noted that despite several draws and a win in the T20 version of the district competition, this North Devon district U15 group had never before won a longer format match in the competition. That said, following the excellent performance the previous week versus the East, and the significant improvement of the group this season, a North win was not totally beyond the realms of possibility. It would, however be wildly optimistic to expect a full 20-point win which would be the minimum required if the North were to take the inter-district title this final time.

Skipper Jack Ford won the toss for the North and elected to bat on a scorching day, and on a good-looking pitch, openers Chris Cullen (42) and Jasper Presswell (31) built a fantastic century opening stand and laid a platform for the North to post a strong total of 267 all out, off 49.4 overs to comfortably gain maximum batting points. There were contributions all the way down the order, but it



was a fine knock from wicket-keeper Reuben Windley (41) that enabled the North to reach such a commanding total.

However, the West possessed a strong batting line-up and opener Elliot Hamilton set about the North's total almost single-handedly taking advantage of the opening PowerPlay overs reaching 56-0 in quick time despite a lively opening spell from Nathan Ware. It was the introduction of spin in the middle overs backed up by some high-quality fielding lead by Fraser Boundy and Jerry

O'Donaghue, that enabled the North to wrestle back the initiative in a match that continued to ebb and flow. James Tyson (10-1-37-1) took the wicket of the other West opener Goulder for just 4, an indication of how much Hamilton was dominating the batting.

The North continued to pick up wickets at the other end, including an excellent piece of quick thinking from Kevin Johnson to run out Grey after catching him off a free-hit, however with Hamilton still there the West were well up with the required run rate.

The turning point came when Hamilton poised on 99, tried to launch leg-spinner Charlie Presswell (10-1-40-1) over long off only for Chris Cullen to take the first of two incredible catches. A full 20 over spell of unchanged leg-spin bowling from Presswell and the

magnificent Hayden Sharp (10-1-35-2) at the other end then really stifled the hosts who were staring down the barrel at 156-7. The North were now starting to get ahead of themselves and were thinking of not just winning the game but whether they could claim the final 3 wickets to ensure a maximum 20-point victory.

It was probably for this reason that the match then swung again, and a magnificent 8th wicket partnership between Beaumont and Carlisle, wrestled back the initiative for the West, taking them to 231 and within 37 of the victory target with 6 overs remaining. Game on!

It took another incredible catch diving forward at long off from Chris Cullen off the bowling of skipper Jack Ford (7.5-0-47-4) to break this crucial 8th wicket partnership. Ford then took the wicket of Beaumont and with victory for the West now unlikely, reached the 50th and final over of this pulsating match on 241-9. The North needed one more wicket to seal maximum bowling points and take the elusive title, and as the balls ticked down, with the last wicket pair looking seemingly untroubled, it looked like it was going to be a case of "so near, yet so far". Then with the penultimate ball of the match, Jack Ford produced a final moment of magic to turn one through the gate and bowl Cornford, the West's



number 11 to generate scenes of total jubilation and a thoroughly deserved victory for the North. What an unbelievable finish, it simply couldn't have been scripted any better! It was genuinely one of the most exciting cricket matches to be involved with and one that will live long in the memory. Well done to the North team, this was a victory for team spirit and togetherness. Thank you to all the team's supporters, particularly Sarah Ware and Jenny Ford for doing teas, James Ford, Ann-Marie Presswell and Sarah Ware for scoring, Fiona Tyson for taking the pictures and

of course Paul Heard for coaching this group right through their district journeys. It has been a fantastic journey to be part of and one that deserves a fitting end.

North Devon District U15  
2018 Season Fraser Boundy,  
Chris Cullen, Kevin Johnson,  
Jerry O'Donoghue, Hayden  
Sharp, Nathan Ware,  
Carrick Galbraith- Reuben  
Windley, Jack Ford (CAG)  
James Tyson (CAG)



That was then .....



		League Winners	
	Best Bat League	Best Bowler League	Notable performances
U9	Isaac Tucker (Hatherleigh)	Corey Davies (Hatherleigh)	
U10	Archie Grant (Hatherleigh)	Archie Scrivener (Hatherleigh)	Ryan Brock (Hath) 4 for 3 Otis Sherborne (Bid) 47 Archie Scrivener (Hath) 35 Anabelle Berry (Bid) 47 for 5 Reuben Chugg (B&P) 19 for 4 Henley Kelly (NDDC) O Snowden (B&P)
U11	Luke Stapleton NDDC	Henry Willes NDCC	Luke Stapleton (ND) 91 -86 were first life Arlo Sherborne (Bid) 87 of which 63 were first life. Archie Shawcross (Filleigh) 69 Luke Stapleton (NDDC) 48 for 8 L Lethbridge (Hath) 18 for 5, Luke Stapleton (ND) 9 for 4 Henry Willes (ND) 67 for 8
U13	James Evans (Bideford)	Tom Stone (Bideford)	Tom Stone (Bid) 28 in one innings and retired but then came back in to score a further 21 so finished on 49 James Evans (Bid) 103 Tom Stone (Bid) 46 for 6 James Keates (Bid) 62 for 6
U15	Jack Whittaker (Braunton)	James Tyson (Filleigh)	U15's - James Hayter (Bid) 50, James Ford (Bid) 2 x 50, James Tyson (Fill) 18 for 4, Jasper Presswell (Hath) 51, C Rowlands (Hath) 8 for 5, Jack Whittaker (Braunton) 2 x 50, Kevin Johnson (ND) 50, Fred Clements (ND) 50

NDYCA Results League 2018					
	U9	U10	U11	U13	U15
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hatherleigh	Hatherleigh	North Devon	Bideford	North Devon, Filleigh & Bideford
2 <sup>nd</sup>	North Devon	North Devon	Bideford	North Devon	





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**The last Inter**  
**District Champions**  
**NDYCA**  
**U10**  
**U13 and U15's**  
**Congratulations**

Freddie Flintoff -  
 lucky enough to meet  
 some past NDYCA  
 players



	District Awards			Manager
	Best Bat	Best Bowler	Manager's Choice	
U9	Theo Runeckles-Smith	Henley Kelly	William Moseby	Michael Ball
U10	Edward Wilson	Jools Hughes/Archie Shawcross	Otis Sherbourne	Scott Huxtable
U11	Sandy Carrick	Oscar Meech	Luke Stapleton	Peter Wright
U12	Tom Stone	Zac Allaway	Harry Arden	Steve Popham
U13	Jack Whittaker	Marcus Bulled	Jack Whittaker	Steve Moore
U14	James Hayter	Jasper Presswell	Joe Floyd	Alex Presswell
	Manager's Choice	Manager's Choice	Manager's Choice	Manager's Choice
U15	Jack Ford	James Tyson	Chris Cullen	Nathan Ware
	Girls			
	Best Bat	Best Bowler	Manager's Choice	Most Improved
U13G	Ruby Davis	Megan Peters	Alicia Stebbings	Jess Rose
U15G	Danni Rose	Hester Presswell & Olivia Kingdom	Flora Corbin & Lucy Quick	Millie Wivell



What a year!

A fantastic League season

and

Inter District Champions at U10, U13 and U15's - Awesome!

Thank you all. Andy Davies (Chairman), Mark Overton and Jan Witheridge



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