

## **U17 County Cup**

The U17 County Cup now in its second season was expanded from the 12 teams that competed in 2008 to 20 teams this time around to include all teams in the 4 A Divisions. Cup matches were played on a group basis and apart from Group 2A, who stuck in the main to the dates set, most of the counties involved doubled up with their fixtures. In this way they played the Cup matches either directly before or straight after the corresponding Championship fixture. This does mean that the boys involved were playing three days of highly competitive cricket in succession and being asked to switch from 2 day mode to 50 over cricket immediately. This leads to the question as to how this helps the players develop as they are having to change their mindsets too quickly therefore there must be a serious question as to the validity of continuing with this limited overs competition. Over playing is certainly an issue and is this helping to develop playing standards?

The top two teams in each of the four groups qualified for the Quarter-Finals with the winners of each Group earning a home tie. Semi-Finals were then held on a regional basis with the eventual winners in the north meeting the southern winners in the Final at Caythorpe Cricket Club in Nottinghamshire. The Quarter-Finals were all close affairs with wins by 6 and 8 runs and 2 and 4 wickets. 2 Quarter-Finals and a Semi-Final were switched to the opponents' county despite the draw that had been made.

### **Kent win U17 double in style**

Kent won the U17 County Cup on Sunday 13th September in a match played at Caythorpe CC in Nottinghamshire. The beaten Finalists were, once again, Durham. The Cup Final was a repeat of the Championship Final played at Arundel ten days before and once again Kent proved to be too strong for their northern opponents.

On this occasion there were no concerns about the weather forecast so Durham batted first. Ben Raine (77) and Joe Coyne (14) got their team off to a good start. Raine took centre stage as he pounded anything short through the mid-wicket area. The Kent seamers did not have any answer to this onslaught and the opening partnership put on 68 in 13 overs. Joe Coyne was caught behind off the first ball of spin bowled by Kent. Durham continued to build a good score until Ben Raine fell to Chris Piesley when a loose shot offered a catch to short extra which was pouched safely by Adam Ball. Ben had scored 77 out of 137 in 26 overs and Durham looked to be on the way to a total of around 280. From this stage the Durham scoring slowed as the Kent spinners started to stifle the run scoring. When Fabian Cowdrey came into the attack in the 38th over the complexion of the match changed further. Ramanpreet Singh was bowled for 43 with the total on 173-3 and then Durham wickets started to fall as they pressed to increase the scoring rate and post a good total. An attempt at a sharp single saw Usman Arshad run out by a direct hit from Fabian Cowdrey and with the score now at 192-6 Kent had the upper hand. Charlie MacLeod then made two exceptionally smart stumpings to hasten the end of the Durham innings with Cowdrey finishing with impressive figures of 5-21 from 6 overs.

When Kent batted it was obvious that the wicket was still playing well as Daniel Bell-

Drummond (11) and Chris Vernon (68) started the innings at an impressive rate. Bell-Drummond made a fatal error by playing back to a ball from Josh Bousfield, when he should have gone forward, and was hit on the shin in front of middle stump - probably one of the easiest decisions Rob Bailey has had to make all season. With Chris Piesley run out for 10 and then an outstanding catch made by Joe Coyne to dismiss Cowdrey (21) the game was interestingly poised at 82-3 but as Durham had only bowled 15 overs at this stage more inroads into the batting were needed. Adam Ball then came to join Chris Vernon and the pair added 109 in 24 overs to put Kent in an impregnable position. With the score on 191 Chris Vernon was caught behind by Tom Hodgson off Matthew Sampson-Barnes, who had been the pick of the Durham bowlers, but by then Kent were in the driving seat needing 26 off 11 overs. Lorne Burns and Adam Ball (79\*) made sure that no further wickets fell as Kent eased to victory by 6 wickets with 5 overs to spare.

The Presentations were made to the teams by ex-England and Notts player Eddie Hemmings and Paul Johnson who had also played for Notts and England A. Eddie Hemmings was able to enjoy a dual role as he is also the groundsman for Caythorpe CC and was congratulated by all for producing such an excellent playing surface for this Final.

## Durham v Kent

Sunday 13th September 2009 @ Caythorpe CC, Nottinghamshire  
**Durham Cricket Board - Under 17**

			R
Ben Raine	ct Adam Ball	b Christopher Piesley	<b>77</b>
Joseph Coyne	ct Charlie Macleod	b Adam Riley	<b>14</b>
Rammanpreet Singh		b Fabien Cowdrey	<b>43</b>
Ryan Pringle *	LBW	b Fabien Cowdrey	<b>29</b>
Graham Clark	ct Adam Ball	b Adam Riley	<b>6</b>
Kyle Davis	Not Out		<b>15</b>
U Arshad	ro Fabien Cowdrey		<b>1</b>
Matthew Sampson-Barnes		b Fabien Cowdrey	<b>3</b>
Tom Hodgson +	st Charlie Macleod	b Christopher Piesley	<b>7</b>
Greg Pringle	ct Lorne Burns	b Fabien Cowdrey	<b>1</b>
Joshua Bousfield	st Charlie Macleod	b Fabien Cowdrey	<b>0</b>
<b>Extras</b>		( 1b 4lb 15w )	<b>20</b>
<b>Total</b>		( all out , 48 overs )	<b>216</b>

**Fall Of Wickets** 68-1 Joseph Coyne; 137-2 Ben Raine; 173-3 Rammanpreet Singh; 188-4 Graham Clark; 189-5 Ryan Pringle; 192-6 U Arshad; 202-7 Matthew Sampson-Barnes; 215-8 Tom Hodgson; 216-9 Greg Pringle; 216-10 Joshua Bousfield;

## Bowling

	O	MR	WNb	Wd
Adam Ball	6	230	0	0
Caspian Paget	4	026	0	0
Matthew Greenwood	4	015	0	0
Adam Riley	9	138	2	0
Christopher Piesley	9	042	2	0
Alastair Neale	10	039	0	0
Fabien Cowdrey	6	121	5	0

### Kent Cricket Board - Boys U17

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Daniel Bell-Drummond	LBW	b Joshua Bousfield	11
Chris Vernon	ct Tom Hodgson	b Matthew Sampson-Barnes	68
Christopher Piesley	ro		10
Fabien Cowdrey	ct Joseph Coyne	b Ben Raine	21
Adam Ball	Not Out		79
Lorne Burns	Not Out		13
Tom Elliott	Did Not Bat		
Matthew Greenwood +	Did Not Bat		
Alastair Neale	Did Not Bat		
Caspian Paget	Did Not Bat		
Adam Riley *	Did Not Bat		
<b>Extras</b>		( 1b 4lb 8w 4nb )	17
<b>Total</b>		(4 wickets, 45.3 overs)	219

**Fall Of Wickets** 27-1 Daniel Bell-Drummond; 54-2 Christopher Piesley; 82-3 Fabien Cowdrey; 191-4 Chris Vernon;

### Bowling

	O	MR	WNb	Wd	
Greg Pringle	7	0.45	0	0	0
Joshua Bousfield	4	1.25	1	0	0
U Arshad	6	0.24	0	0	0
Ben Raine	4	1.22	1	0	0
Ryan Pringle	8	0.37	0	0	0
Matthew Sampson-Barnes	10	3.28	1	0	0
Michael Dicks	4	0.16	0	0	0
Graham Clark	2	0.11	0	0	0
Joseph Coyne	0.3	0	6	0	0

Umpires Rob Bailey Irving Lewis  
Match Referee George Hornbuckle  
Scorers Fred Hilton Andy Bateup

## Quarter-Finals

Yorkshire v Staffordshire on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August  
Yorkshire 248-9 Staffordshire 242-8 Yorkshire won by 6 runs

Nottinghamshire v Durham on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August at Lady Bay Sports Ground  
Nottinghamshire 214 Durham 215-8 Durham won by 2 wickets

Surrey v Somerset on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August at TAUNTON DEANE CC  
Surrey 221 Somerset 213 Surrey won by 8 runs

Wales v Kent on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August at KCCC BECKENHAM  
Wales 220 Kent 223-6 Kent won by 4 wickets

## Semi-Finals

Surrey v Kent on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August at Camberley CC  
Surrey 177 Kent 179-2 Kent won by 8 wickets

Durham v Yorkshire on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August at SCARBOROUGH CC  
Durham 245-9 Yorkshire 208 Durham won by 37 runs

## Final Group Tables

### North Group A

	P	w	I	a	Pen	Pts
Yorkshire Cricket Board	4	3	0	1	0	7
Durham Cricket Board	4	3	1	0	0	6
Derbyshire Cricket Board	4	1	2	1	0	3
Lancashire Cricket Board	4	1	3	0	0	2
Cheshire Cricket Board	4	1	3	0	0	2

### North Group B

	P	w	I	Pen	Pts
Nottinghamshire Cricket Board	4	4	0	0	8
Staffordshire Cricket Board	4	2	2	0	4
Northamptonshire Cricket Board	4	2	2	0	4
Warwickshire Cricket Board	4	1	3	0	2
Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket Board	4	1	3	0	2

### South Group C

	P	w	I	a	Pen	Pts
Surrey Cricket Board	4	3	1	0	0	6
Kent Cricket Board	4	2	1	1	0	5
Essex Cricket Board	4	2	1	1	0	5
Middlesex Cricket Board	4	1	3	0	0	2
Sussex Cricket Board	4	1	3	0	0	2

### South Group D

	P	w	I	a	Pen	Pts
Cricket Board of Wales	4	2	0	2	0	6
Somerset Cricket Board	4	1	0	3	0	5
Hampshire Cricket Board	4	1	1	2	0	4
Devon Cricket Board	4	0	1	3	0	3
Worcestershire Cricket Board	4	0	2	2	0	2

