

U14 County Cup

The U14 County Cup followed the same format as in previous years with the 8 Group winners qualifying for the Quarter-Finals. The tightest Group being Group 8 where Surrey qualified despite finishing equal on points with Sussex. With both side having beaten each other during the season the Group was decided by virtue of Surrey having a better run rate than Sussex. The tight nature of this Group is down to the fact this is one of three Groups with only 4 teams – 37 of the 39 County Boards enter but Kent and the Isle of Wight do not field U14 teams in this competition. The Isle of Wight does not have an U14 team but Kent send one to the U14 Taunton Festival each year. The Quarter-Finalists were Essex, Hampshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Surrey, Warwickshire Wiltshire and Yorkshire. The Finals Festival was moved this year to Oakham School and given the horrendous weather during the week, when 3.5 inches of rain fell in three days; it is amazing that the competition was completed. The fact that all the wickets were straw coloured and dry was a testament to the work of the ground staff but the 3rd Place Play-off succumbed to the weather due to a flooded outfield.

Surrey win Cup with huge slice of luck

The U14 County Cup Finals Festival at Oakham School, as has already been mentioned, was severely interrupted by the weather and the most fortunate side had to be eventual winners, Surrey. The sun god hardly put in an appearance but the weather gods must come from the leafy south.

Thursday 6th August saw play start in the Semi-Finals in glorious sunshine. By lunch Hampshire had posted a total of 161 in their match against Northamptonshire but major drama had taken place on the main school ground at Doncaster Close. Here Surrey had batted first and had been humbled by the Yorkshire bowlers as they were hustled out for a paltry score of 78. Yorkshire had batted before lunch and in 7 overs had reached 25-1. At this point there was no disputing the fact that the White Rose County was in complete control of the match. Play never restarted after lunch as torrential rain set in for the next 14 hours. As a result both Semi-Finals had to be decided on Bowl-outs. Surrey then proceeded to use their 'Get out of Jail' card and win the bowl out 5-1 against Yorkshire and Hampshire beat Northants 2-1.

The following day no play was possible on the Wilson Ground so the 3rd Place Play-off between Yorkshire and Northamptonshire was abandoned.

After an early lunch the Final was amazingly able to start in glorious sun shine and a 40 overs match was played. Surrey scored 221 and Hampshire were never seriously in the hunt as they lost wickets too frequently and were finally dismissed for 103. Surrey running out winners by the grace of the weather gods!

Richard Dexter and his team of grounds-staff worked wonders in such adverse conditions to get the ground ready for play and were a real credit to Oakham School.

Cup Quarter-Finals

Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire @ Kiveton Park on Sunday 26th July
Nottinghamshire 97 Yorkshire 100-1 (K Ward 52*)
Yorkshire won by 9 wickets

Surrey v Essex
Surrey 232-5 (D Buck 100) Essex 138-7
Surrey won on run rate

Warwickshire v Northamptonshire
Warwickshire 155-9 (R Awbery 5-42) Northants 103-1 (J Bindley 62)
Northamptonshire won by 9 wickets

Wiltshire v Hampshire
Wiltshire 128-7 Hampshire 133-5
Hampshire won by 5 wickets

Cup Semi-Finals – Oakham School – Thursday 6th August Hampshire v Northamptonshire

Hampshire Cricket Board - Under 14

			R
James Sennett	* ct Vicram Sohal	b Ryan Nandha	6
James Halson		b Ryan Nandha	13
Jack Wood	st Ben Duckett	b Henry Woodward	36
Ben Boon	+ ct Ben Duckett	b Josh Bateman	49
Danny Flanders	ct Zaakir Khwaja	b Ryan Awbery	20
Hakim Peruzi		b Ryan Awbery	1
Ed Ellis	ro Zaakir Khwaja		2
Tim Jackson	st Ben Duckett	b Paul Harris	11
Charlie Harris	ro Peter Foster		2
Seth Jackson	Not Out		3
Lewis Watts	ct Ben Duckett	b Josh Bateman	0
Extras		(1b 3lb 7w 7nb)	18
Total		(all out , 43.4 overs)	161

Fall Of Wickets 25-1 ; 52-2 ; 78-3 ; 138-4 ; 142-5 ; 144-6 ; 146-7 ; 158-8 ; 159-9 ; 161-10 ;

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Ryan Awbery	8	0	28	2
Ryan Nandha	9	3	25	2
Josh Bateman	7.4	0	24	2
Henry Woodward	9	3	19	1
Will Wright	5	0	27	0
Vicram Sohal	3	0	24	0
Paul Harris	2	0	11	1

Result: Hampshire Won 2-1 on Bowl Out

Surrey v Yorkshire

Surrey Cricket Board - Under 14

			R
Sam Behr	ct Tom Goldsby-West	b M Ali	3
Theo Gwyther	LBW	b M Ali	6
David Buck *	LBW	b W Rhodes	3
Richard O'Grady	ct W Rhodes	b C Free	12
Jack Winslade	st B Gibbon	b J Tattershall	13
Charlie O'Brien	st B Gibbon	b J Tattershall	14
Ashley Middleton +	LBW	b J McNicol	10
Hashil Patel	LBW	b J McNicol	1
Alex Hughes	ct W Rhodes	b W Rhodes	2
Marcus Dawes		b W Rhodes	1
Shane Thomson	Not Out		0
Extras		(1lb 11w)	12
Total		(all out , 39.1 overs)	78

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Tom Goldsby-West	6	0	22	0	0	0
M Ali	9	3	15	2	0	0
W Rhodes	6.1	2	8	3	0	0
J Tattershall	9	0	22	2	0	0
C Free	5	2	5	1	0	0
J McNicol	4	1	5	2	0	0

Yorkshire Cricket Board - Under 14

			R
Keith Ward		b Jack Winslade	0
A Mellor	Not Out		9
W Rhodes	Not Out		15
James Bethell *	Did Not Bat		
J Seddon	Did Not Bat		
M Ali +	Did Not Bat		
J McNicol	Did Not Bat		
J Inglis	Did Not Bat		
B Gibbon	Did Not Bat		
J Tattershall	Did Not Bat		
Tom Goldsby-West	Did Not Bat		
Extras		(1nb)	1
Total		(1 wickets, 7 overs)	25

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Nb	Wd
Jack Winslade	4	0	12	1	0	0
Hashil Patel	3	0	13	0	0	0

Result: Surrey Won 5-1 on Bowl Out

Cup Final – Oakham School – Friday 7th August

Surrey v Hampshire (40 overs-a-side)

Surrey Cricket Board - Under 14

			R
Sam Behr	ct Ben Boon	b Jack Wood	12
Theo Gwyther	ro Hakim Peruzi		15
David Buck *		b James Halson	61
Richard O'Grady	Not Out		79
Jack Winslade	Not Out		31
Charlie O'Brien	Did Not Bat		
Ashley Middleton +	Did Not Bat		
Hashil Patel	Did Not Bat		
Alex Hughes	Did Not Bat		
Marcus Dawes	Did Not Bat		
Shane Thomson	Did Not Bat		
Extras	(1b 7lb 8w 6nb)		22
Total	(0 wickets, 40 overs)		222

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Lewis Watts	1	0	10	0
Jack Wood	8	1	42	1
Hakim Peruzi	8	2	49	0
Tim Jackson	4	1	13	0
Charlie Harris	3	0	15	0
Ben Moran-Wardle	8	0	28	0
Seth Jackson	3	0	18	0
Danny Flanders	1	0	10	0
James Halson	4	0	27	1

Hampshire Cricket Board - Under 14

			R
James Sennett *	Hit Wicket	b Jack Winslade	0
James Halson		b Shane Thomson	0
Jack Wood	ct Richard O'Grady	b Hashil Patel	34
Ben Boon +	LBW	b Alex Hughes	24
Danny Flanders	ct Sam Behr	b Hashil Patel	0
Charlie Harris	ro Theo Gwyther		3
Hakim Peruzi	LBW	b Alex Hughes	0
Tim Jackson	ct Theo Gwyther	b Alex Hughes	11
Ed Ellis	ct Sam Behr	b Shamal Patel	9
Seth Jackson	Not Out		8
Ben Moran-Wardle	ct Sam Behr	b Shamal Patel	4
Extras		(4lb 6w)	10
Total		(0 wickets, 30.1 overs)	103

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Jack Winslade	4	0	19	1
Shane Thomson	5	1	11	1
Hashil Patel	5	1	22	2
Charlie O'Brien	3	0	13	0
Marcus Dawes	4	0	14	0
Alex Hughes	5	0	16	3
Shamal Patel	1.1	0	8	2

Result: Surrey won by 119 runs

Final Group Tables

Group 1

	P	w	l	a	Pen	Pts
Yorkshire Cricket Board	2	2	0	0	0	4
Cumbria Cricket Board	4	2	2	0	0	4
Durham Cricket Board	3	1	1	1	0	3
Northumberland Cricket Board	3	0	2	1	0	1

Group 2

	P	w	l	c	Pen	Pts
Nottinghamshire Cricket Board	4	4	0	0	0	8
Lancashire Cricket Board	4	3	1	0	0	6
Cheshire Cricket Board	4	1	2	1	0	3
Derbyshire Cricket Board	4	0	2	2	0	2
Lincolnshire Cricket Board	4	0	3	1	0	1

Group 3

	P	w	l	c	a	Pen	Pts
Warwickshire Cricket Board	4	3	0	1	0	0	7
Worcestershire Cricket Board	4	2	1	0	1	0	5
Shropshire Cricket Board	4	1	2	0	1	0	3
Staffordshire Cricket Board	4	1	2	0	1	0	3
Herefordshire Cricket Board	4	0	2	1	1	0	2

Group 4

	P	w	l	c	Pen	Pts
Northamptonshire Cricket Board	4	3	0	1	0	7
Cambridgeshire Cricket Board	4	3	1	0	0	6
Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket Board	4	1	2	1	0	3
Norfolk Cricket Board	4	1	3	0	0	2
Huntingdonshire Cricket Board	4	1	3	0	0	2

Group 5

	P	w	l	c	Pen	Pts
Hampshire Cricket Board	4	3	1	0	0	6
Devon Cricket Board	4	2	1	1	0	5
Somerset Cricket Board	4	2	2	0	0	4
Dorset Cricket Board	4	2	2	0	0	4
Cornwall Cricket Board	4	0	3	1	0	1

Group 6

	P	w	l	Pen	Pts
Wiltshire Cricket Board	4	4	0	0	8
Cricket Board of Wales	4	3	1	0	6
Gloucestershire Cricket Board	4	1	3	0	2
Oxfordshire Cricket Board	4	0	4	0	0

Group 7

	P	w	l	c	t	Pen	Pts
Essex Cricket Board	4	4	0	0	0	0	8
Middlesex Cricket Board	4	2	1	1	0	0	5
Bedfordshire Cricket Board	4	1	1	1	1	0	4
Suffolk CCC	4	1	2	0	1	0	3
Buckinghamshire Cricket Board	4	0	4	0	0	0	0

Group 8

	P	w	l	a	Pen	Pts
Surrey Cricket Board	4	3	1	0	0	6
Sussex Cricket Board	4	3	1	0	0	6
Hertfordshire Cricket Board	4	1	2	1	0	3
Berkshire Cricket Board	4	0	3	1	0	1