

## **U17 County Championship**

The U17 County Championship in 2009 saw a complete revision of the structure of the competition with the 39 competing County Boards and Scotland being split into two with 17 First Class counties along with Devon, Staffordshire and Cheshire in the A Section, the 18 remaining Minor Counties along with Gloucestershire and Scotland forming the B Section. Then 4 regional divisions of 5 were formed in each of the A and B sections. Each team then played four games in their Division. The various A Division winners then played off in the Championship Semi-Finals with the North and South winners meeting in the Final which was played at Arundel Castle on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

All the other 36 teams in the competition had a play-off game against the team finishing in the corresponding position in the division in the other geographical competition in their half of the country. Some counties perceived major logistical problems with this set-up as they only knew on the preceding Friday of the identity of their opponents for the following Wednesday and Thursday despite accommodation and venues having already been arranged. One county, Suffolk, refused to make the trip to fulfil the fixture and as a result Herefordshire were left without a game despite setting everything up for the match.

For the Championship Final the Friends of Arundel Castle Cricket Club proved to be perfect hosts. The setting of the venue in the grounds of the castle is one of the most beautiful in the country and the groundstaff prepared a pitch of the highest standard. The hospitality throughout the three days (they even allowed Durham to practice the day before after their long journey south) was of the highest standard ever seen for this match which is a tremendous accolade for those involved at Arundel.

### **Kent's young guns lift Championship in style**

Kent had an emphatic victory in the U17 County Championship Final at Arundel Castle. On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September the indifferent weather forecast led to Ryan Pringle the Durham captain deciding to field first despite Durham batting first in all their matches this season. With two interruptions for rain on the first day and a premature end to the day's play this appeared to be a good decision. However the Kent innings in the last hour before the end of play on Wednesday and in their last 15 overs of their innings on the Thursday morning proved to be the decisive passages of play in the Final.

The match was due to be played as a 100 overs-a-side game but with only 70 overs play possible on the Wednesday the match was reduced to an 85 overs-a-side match.

On being invited to bat Kent quickly lost a wicket but opener Daniel Bell-Drummond (103) soon found a willing ally in Christopher Piesley (33). At 74-2 Fabian Cowdrey came to the crease and played some deft shots that were very productive. When Cowdrey became more expansive his shots either went straight to the fielders or were cut off by some excellent diving stops from the Durham side. Cowdrey lost patience and was out for 41 with the score on 140. This quickly became 165-5 as two quick wickets fell. Daniel Bell-Drummond was batting with supreme confidence throughout and it was noticeable that he had lots of time in which to play his shots, a sign of true class. He was

then joined by Tom Elliot who supported him on his was to an accomplished century. When Bell-Drummond was out Elliot took over and increased the scoring rate as the rain clouds loomed. Play was abandoned for the day after 70 overs with Kent on 280-6.

On the second day Kent had 15 overs still available to them and duly set about the bowling to ensure that they posted a commanding total. Once Elliot was out Caspian Paget batting at 10 then proceeded to score at a tremendous pace with a flurry of boundaries including some enormous blows for four sixes. The last 15 overs saw 103 runs added to the score.

Durham's response to the big total was steady with opener Ben Raine leading the way. His well constructed innings was ended when he fell for 83 with the total on 135-3. At this stage Durham were still in contention although they were scoring at a lower rate than required but after this there was no significant contribution from any batsmen. Three quick wickets before tea from Fabian Cowdrey (18-5-38-3) then turned the match well and truly towards Kent. After tea skipper Adam Riley then quickly mopped up the tail as he also ended with impressive figures of 16.1-5-40-4. Durham were finally dismissed for 210 and Kent won the match by 173 runs.

The trophy was presented to Adam Riley of Kent by John Barclay the Director of Cricket and Coaching at the Friends of Arundel Castle CC and President-elect of the MCC.

## Durham v Kent

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at Arundel Castle

Toss: Durham Cricket Board - Under 17 won the toss and decided to bowl

### Kent U17

			R
Daniel Bell-Drummond	ct Matthew Sampson-Barnes	b Matthew Sampson-Barnes	103
Chris Vernon	ct Tom Hodgson	b A Parr	2
Christopher Piesley	LBW	b Matthew Sampson-Barnes	33
Fabian Cowdrey	ct	b Ben Raine	41
Adam Ball		b Ben Raine	8
Lorne Burns	LBW	b Michael Dicks	5
Tom Elliott	ct Tom Hodgson	b A Parr	73
Matthew Greenwood +	ct Matthew Sampson-Barnes	b Matthew Sampson-Barnes	23
Alastair Neale	Not Out		16
Caspian Paget	st Tom Hodgson	b Ryan Pringle	65
Adam Riley *	Not Out		1
<b>Extras</b>		( 2b 5lb 4w 2nb )	13
<b>Total</b>		(9 wickets, 85 overs)	383

Fall Of Wickets 7-1 ; 74-2 ; 140-3 ; 160-4 ; 165-5 ; 236-6 ; 293-7 ; 305-8 ; 378-9 ;

### Bowling

	O	M	R	W
A Parr	12	0	57	2
U Arshad	5	1	17	0
Greg Pringle	16	2	70	0
Ben Raine	10	0	35	2
Matthew Sampson-Barnes	21	2	88	3
Ryan Pringle	10	1	52	1
Michael Dicks	11	1	57	1

## **Durham U17**

			<b>R</b>
Ben Raine	ct Lorne Burns	b Christopher Piesley	<b>83</b>
Joseph Coyne		b Adam Ball	<b>23</b>
Rammanpreet Singh	ct Charlie Macleod	b Adam Riley	<b>0</b>
Graham Clark	ct Alastair Neale	b Fabien Cowdrey	<b>27</b>
Ryan Pringle *	ct Lorne Burns	b Fabien Cowdrey	<b>17</b>
Kyle Davis	LBW	b Christopher Piesley	<b>11</b>
U Arshad	ct Adam Riley	b Fabien Cowdrey	<b>3</b>
Matthew Sampson-Barnes	Not Out		<b>24</b>
Tom Hodgson +	ct Alastair Neale	b Adam Riley	<b>14</b>
Greg Pringle		b Adam Riley	<b>0</b>
Michael Dicks		b Adam Riley	<b>2</b>
	<b>Extras</b>	( 4b 1w 1nb )	<b>6</b>
	<b>Total</b>	( all out , 73.1 overs )	<b>210</b>

Fall Of Wickets 31-1 ; 52-2 ; 135-3 ; 135-4 ; 163-5 ; 163-6 ; 168-7 ; 194-8 ; 194-9 ; 210-10 ;

### **Bowling**

	<b>O</b>	<b>MR</b>	<b>W</b>
Adam Ball	9	1 33	1
Caspian Paget	5	2 15	0
Matthew Greenwood	2	0 17	0
Alastair Neale	10	3 37	0
Adam Riley	16.1	5 40	4
Fabien Cowdrey	18	5 38	3
Christopher Piesley	13	2 26	2

**Result:** Kent Cricket Board - Boys U17 Won by 173 runs

Umpires	Andy Hicks	Stephen Gale
Match Referee	George Hornbuckle	
Scorers	Fred Hilton	Andy Bateup

## **Semi-Finals**

The Semi-Finals were played under the same rules as apply for the Championship Final whereby instead of being two innings matches these games were 100 overs-a-side one-innings affairs. The winners of 1A hosted the winners of 2A and the winners of 3A played 4A. Durham eased past Staffordshire and Kent beat Wales by 8 wickets by virtue of both openers scoring centuries.

Durham v Staffordshire  
Durham won

Kent v Wales @ Old Stacians CC  
Wales 287 (D Roberts 106, D Lloyd 59, Cowdrey 3-9)  
Kent 288-2 (D Bell-Drummond 136, C Vernon 104)  
Kent won by 8 wickets

## Play-offs – A Divisions

Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire @ Pudsey Congs CC

Yorkshire 366-6d (A Lees 114, J Hughes 50)

Nottinghamshire 211(A Tillcock 85, G Randhawa 5-70)

Yorkshire won on 1<sup>st</sup> Innings

Derbyshire v Northamptonshire

Derbyshire 167 (E Ikin 69, P Patel 4-8)

Northamptonshire 198 (D Shelford 61\*, M Sanderson 5-45)

Northamptonshire won on 1<sup>st</sup> Innings

Cheshire v Warwickshire

Cheshire 298 (E Bullock 79) Warwickshire 301-5 (A Javid 131\*)

Warwickshire won on 1<sup>st</sup> Innings

Lancashire v Leicestershire @ St Annes CC

Lancashire 384-6d (J Dewhurst 126, H Thompson 105)

Leicestershire 372 (J Orchinson 81, J Peel 69, M Phillips 54, T Wells 52)

Lancashire won on 1<sup>st</sup> Innings

Middlesex v Hampshire at RAF Vine Lane, Uxbridge

Middlesex 348-6 (S Khan 152\*, J Kettleborough 92)

Hampshire 138 (J Miller 55\*, A Sangha 4-31, R Mallazada 4-48)

Middlesex won on 1<sup>st</sup> Innings

Surrey v Worcestershire @ Camberley CC

Worcestershire 169 (D Cox 68) & 186-7 (T Pedley 60)

Surrey 122 (B Chohan 56, B Hawker 6-39)

Worcestershire won on 1<sup>st</sup> Innings

Sussex v Devon @Blackstone

Devon 161(J Parsons 4-41) & 92-2 Sussex 208 (R Wilway 54, M Hickey 4-54)

Sussex won on 1<sup>st</sup> Innings

Essex v Somerset @ Southend

Somerset 318(J Haggett 55\*, J Berkley 55)

Essex 453-6 (R Shah 179\*, N Jacob 67, M Townsend 66)

Essex won on 1<sup>st</sup> Innings

## Final order of teams in A Division Play-offs

**Champions**  
**Runners-up**

**Kent**  
**Durham**

**North**  
Yorkshire  
Nottinghamshire  
Northamptonshire  
Derbyshire  
Warwickshire  
Cheshire  
Lancashire  
Leicestershire

**South**  
Middlesex  
Hampshire  
Worcestershire  
Surrey  
Sussex  
Devon  
Essex  
Somerset

## Play-offs – B Divisions

Bedfordshire v Cornwall @ Luton Town & Indians

Bedfordshire 229 (G Thurstance 60) Cornwall 230-4 ( A Cocking 120\*)  
Cornwall win on 1<sup>st</sup> Innings

Berkshire v Isle of Wight

Isle of Wight 223 (J Cheek 71, G Singh 5-47) & 106  
Berkshire 340 (T McGeer 155, J Cheek 4-65, T Barton 4-113)  
Berkshire win by an Innings and 11 runs

Buckinghamshire v Wiltshire @ Campbell Park, Milton Keynes

Wiltshire 208-6 (O Alsop 54, S Bullen 53) Bucks 129 (I Heer 4-34, D Webb 4-34)  
Wiltshire won by 79 runs

Cumbria v Cambridgeshire (*scores on Play-Cricket do not make sense*)

Cumbria 250 (A Atkinson 61) & 157-4 (A Atkinson 69\*)  
Cambridgeshire 87 (D McDermott 4-23) & 53-1  
Cumbria won on 1<sup>st</sup> innings

Herefordshire v Suffolk

**Suffolk failed to fulfil fixture**

Hertfordshire v Dorset @ Haileybury

Dorset 276 (D Elsworthy 65, L Dunham 60) & 94-5  
Hertfordshire 304-4 (A Chalker 81, L Champion 77\*, C Arul 56\*)  
Hertfordshire won on 1<sup>st</sup> Innings

Northumberland v Norfolk @South NorthumberlandCC  
Norfolk 209 (J Hooper 53) & 230-6d (D Turner 51, B Flanagan 51)  
Northumberland 152 (S Arthurton 6-40) & 292-5 (S Thornton 99, J Harbottle 74)  
Northumberland outright win by 5 wickets

Oxfordshire v Gloucestershire  
Gloucestershire 335-8 (C Blakemore 102, J Brimble 61)  
Oxfordshire 200 (H Smith 56, J Smith 54)  
Gloucestershire won on 1<sup>st</sup> Innings

Shropshire v Huntingdonshire  
Huntingdonshire 235 (A Martin 51, S Barnard 4-52) Shropshire 199-8 (A Babu 63\*)  
Match drawn

Scotland v Lincolnshire @ West of Scotland CC  
Lincolnshire 152 (A Bilwal 4-27, J Hearn 4-29) Scotland 142 (G Neal 4-16)  
Lincolnshire won on 1<sup>st</sup> Innings

### **Final order of teams in B Division Play-offs**

#### **North**

Huntingdonshire/Shropshire  
  
Northumberland  
Norfolk  
Cumbria  
Cambridgeshire  
Lincolnshire  
Scotland  
Herefordshire - walk-over  
Suffolk - failed to fulfil fixture

#### **South**

Wiltshire  
Buckinghamshire  
Gloucestershire  
Oxfordshire  
Hertfordshire  
Dorset  
Berkshire  
Isle of Wight  
Cornwall  
Bedfordshire

## Final Tables for each Division

### 1A

	P	w1	l1	dr	a	BatP	BowIP	2ndP	Pen	Pts
Durham Cricket Board	4	2	1	1	0	7	12	9	0	51
Yorkshire Cricket Board	4	2	1	0	1	8	12	5	0	50
Derbyshire Cricket Board	4	2	0	1	1	5	8	4	0	45
Cheshire Cricket Board	4	1	2	1	0	7	11	4	0	35
Lancashire Cricket Board	4	0	3	1	0	5	9	3	0	20

### 2A

	P	w1	l1	dr	a	BatP	BowIP	2ndP	Pen	Pts
Staffordshire Cricket Board	4	2	0	1	1	10	12	4	0	54
Nottinghamshire Cricket Board	4	2	1	0	1	5	12	10	0	52
Northamptonshire Cricket Board	4	2	0	2	0	14	10	1	0	51
Warwickshire Cricket Board	4	0	2	1	1	4	9	9	0	30
Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket Board	4	0	3	0	1	3	9	0	2	15

### 3A

	P	ow1	ol1	w1	l1	dr	BatP	BowIP	2ndP	Pen	Pts
Kent Cricket Board	4	1	0	3	0	0	9	16	7	1	76
Middlesex Cricket Board	4	0	0	3	1	0	10	14	4	3	55
Surrey Cricket Board	4	0	0	1	2	1	11	18	0	1	41
Sussex Cricket Board	4	0	1	0	1	2	9	13	5	0	33
Essex Cricket Board	4	0	0	0	3	1	13	13	1	0	30

### 4A

	P	w1	l1	dr	a	BatP	BowIP	2ndP	Pen	Pts
Cricket Board of Wales	4	2	0	1	1	12	12	0	0	52
Hampshire Cricket Board	4	1	0	3	0	8	14	2	0	43
Worcestershire Cricket Board	4	1	1	1	1	9	12	0	0	39
Devon Cricket Board	4	0	1	1	2	3	5	3	0	24
Somerset Cricket Board	4	0	2	2	0	7	12	0	2	23

### 1B

	P	w1	l1	BatP	BowIP	2ndP	Pen	Pts
Shropshire Cricket Board	4	4	0	9	12	6	0	67
Northumberland Cricket Board	4	2	2	11	13	3	0	47
Cumbria Cricket Board	4	2	2	9	14	3	0	46
Scotland Cricket Board	4	2	2	7	15	1	0	43
Herefordshire Cricket Board	4	0	4	7	5	0	0	12

## **2B**

	P	w1	l1	BatP	BowIP	2ndP	Pen	Pts
Huntingdonshire Cricket Board	4	4	0	10	16	0	0	66
Norfolk Cricket Board	4	2	2	6	13	8	0	47
Cambridgeshire Cricket Board	4	2	2	8	17	1	0	46
Lincolnshire Cricket Board	4	1	3	12	15	1	0	38
Suffolk CCC	4	1	3	12	12	1	0	35

## **3B**

	P	w1	l1	dr	a	BatP	BowIP	2ndP	Pen	Pts
Buckinghamshire Cricket Board	4	2	0	2	0	9	11	3	0	49
Oxfordshire Cricket Board	4	2	0	2	0	8	13	0	0	47
Hertfordshire Cricket Board	4	1	2	1	0	10	18	0	0	41
Berkshire Cricket Board	4	1	2	0	1	6	15	2	0	38
Bedfordshire Cricket Board	4	0	2	1	1	9	8	6	0	31

## **4B**

	P	ow1	ol1	w1	l1	dr	a	BatP	BowIP	2ndP	Pen	Pts
Wiltshire Cricket Board	4	0	0	2	1	1	0	10	14	1	1	47
Gloucestershire Cricket Board	4	1	0	1	1	1	0	12	8	0	1	47
Dorset Cricket Board	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	18	3	2	43
Isle of Wight Cricket Board	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	4	8	6	0	36
Cornwall Cricket Board	4	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	12	5	1	27