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Honours

Club formed 1882

Achieved First-Class status 1894

First-Class County Championship Winners
1911, 1951, 1972, 1994, 1995, 2004, 2012

Clydesdale Bank 40 Trophy Winners
2010

Gillette Cup
1966, 1968

NatWest Bank Trophy
1989, 1993, 1995

Benson and Hedges Cup
1994, 2002

John Player League
1980

AXA Equity & Law League/AXA League
1994, 1997

NatWest t20 Blast
2014

NatWest Pro 40 Division 2 Winners
2009

First-Class Counties 2nd XI Championship
1979, 1996, 2011

First-Class Counties 2nd XI Trophy
2006

Minor Counties Championship
1959, 1962

Warwick Pool Under 25 Competition
1985, 1988, 1990, 1991

Birmingham & District Cricket League – Division 1
1978, 1979, 1988

Birmingham & District Cricket League – Division 2
1976, 1986

After a stellar year in 2014 it was always going to be difficult to back up that level of performance on the pitch in 2015. However as we moved in to the middle of August we were still 'live' in all three competitions and had proved ourselves to be the 'form team' in the NatWest T20 Blast. We traditionally pride ourselves on finishing the season strongly, but on this occasion, we rather stumbled across the line, finishing fifth in the Championship; being denied a crack at the RL50 quarter finals by the rain and slipping out of Finals Day in the first semi-final. In truth we had been competitive without ever being at our consistent best. It is a measure of our high expectations that ultimately we were disappointed with a season that many Counties would consider a solid success.

In the Championship, despite the fact we had seven batsmen who scored centuries, no-one scored 1,000 First Class runs. Whilst our bowling attack was comparable to those at the other leading sides, only Jeetan Patel took fifty red ball wickets. As a consequence we could not force enough wins or hang on for draws when it mattered most. There is no doubt that Yorkshire were worthy winners. Given the number of England players they provided in 2015, their points tally was remarkable and they set a new benchmark of excellence that we must find ways of matching and surpassing. Championship cricket remains a real priority for us and given the talent we have in the squad, I am confident that if we can bring our 'A-game' consistently to the party, we remain a force to be reckoned with.

We started poorly in the RL50 competition and put ourselves in a difficult position. A rained off game against Kent at Edgbaston in the final round of group matches ultimately put us out of the competition but the damage was done earlier on. The skipper batted more fluently and consistently in this format and Ollie Hannon-Dolby was our top wicket taker with fifteen at an average of 17.

I was also pleased to see Ateeq Javid get some consistent opportunities and he will have benefitted from the experience. We feel the 50 over format is well-suited to the make-up of our squad and we should have done better in this competition.

In the NatWest T20 Blast we were reigning champions and performed accordingly in the group stages when we were comfortably the best side in the competition. Brendon McCullum's 158* against Derbyshire Falcons will



Brendon McCullum leaves the field after his innings of 158 not out

live long in the memory, but this was the one competition where we were able to deliver our game plans to a high standard and where the whole squad performed consistently. It was therefore all the more surprising that we got off to a disastrous start and were bundled out of the semi-final in front of another passionate, full-house at Edgbaston. A solid recovery by Rikki Clarke and Ateeq Javid followed by a late flurry with the bat by Laurie Evans gave us something to bowl at, but when we failed to dismiss Richard Levi, the writing was on the wall.

Overall I was left feeling frustrated at what could have been, but over the last five years we remain the most successful county across all formats. The style of cricket played in the domestic competitions is changing and we must evolve our own plans if we are to maintain this position and if we are to get back to winning silverware rather than being contenders. The key will be to retain the principles and foundations that have served us well, whilst seeking to innovate and develop where we can.



Ian Bell



Chris Woakes

Once again many of our players have received international recognition this summer. Congratulations to:-

WARWICKSHIRE/BIRMINGHAM BEARS PLAYERS GAINING INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION 2015

England Test/ODI	–	Ian Bell
England Test	–	Jonathan Trott
England Test/ODI	–	Chris Woakes
Ireland ODI/t20	–	William Porterfield
Scotland ODI	–	Freddie Coleman
New Zealand Test/ODI/t20	–	Brendan McCullum
England Visually Impaired	–	Luke Suggs
	–	Justin Hollingsworth
	–	Mo Kharti
England Physically Disabled	–	Sam Wyles
England U19's (vs Australia)	–	Aaron Thomason
England Development Programme U17's (vs Pakistan U17's and Australia U19's)	–	George Panayi
England Women (vs New Zealand and Australia)	–	Rebecca Grundy
	–	Amy Jones
England Women's Development Programme	–	Marie Kelly (U19)
	–	Tiarna Gilkes (U15)
England Over 70's Ashes	–	John Day
	–	Jim Philips

Of course, Jonathan Trott eventually called time on his England career and with Chris Woakes now being awarded an increment contract rather than a full central contract by England after an injury-riddled campaign, we will hope they can both show their class in Warwickshire colours more often in 2016. Ian Bell continues to be a world-class player and centrally contracted by England but I am hopeful that we might also see more of him in 2016 given the way the international calendar falls.

As ever, it is inevitable that we have said goodbye to some players during 2015. Paul Best is a former England Age Group captain and came through the WCB youth system but after the pre-season camp in Barbados realised he was still struggling to cope with his back problems and decided to call time on his professional career. Three other home grown players were also released at the end of the season. Tom Milnes, Tom Lewis and Pete Mackay have all enjoyed 1st XI cricket at some stage of their careers and we wish them well for the future. Tom Milnes has already signed for Derbyshire and I am sure we will see the others around the County circuit at some stage in the future. All will remain very welcome at Edgbaston.



Mike Browne



Colin Short

Following the AGM, Mike Browne and Colin Short stood down from the General Committee as we continued to re-structure our Club governance model and implement the reductions in Committee numbers. My thanks to both for all they have done for the Club over the years. We subsequently appointed Naz Khan as a non-executive director on the Management Board. Naz will be known to many members for his work locally at Attock CC and we have recently confirmed Mark McCafferty (Premier Rugby) as another Appointed Director. My thanks also to



Philip Gough



Alex Davis

Terry Gately who served briefly in the same capacity, but whose changed personal circumstances prevented him from staying longer in the role.

It is with sadness that I have to record the death during 2015 of two grandeees of Warwickshire cricket, Phillip Gough and Alex Davis. Phillip held the unique honour of being both an Honorary Life Member and Vice President, reflecting the huge contribution he made not only to the Club, serving as Honorary Treasurer from 1979 to 1987, but also to Harborne CC. Alex was highly respected as the Club 1st XI and England scorer but his commitment and passion to cricket extended well beyond the scorebox. Both Phillip and Alec will be widely missed.

During the year we have seen the arrival of a new leadership team at the ECB and there has been much discussion about the future of both County and international cricket. So far there has been plenty of discussion but an absence of firm proposals. I suspect these discussions will continue and certainly many elements of our domestic game are under considerable financial pressure. The changes we have made to our own business model over recent years should stand us in good stead to deal with whatever comes over the horizon in due course. In some quarters there is pressure for some radical re-structuring both on and off the pitch. We need to continue to be at the forefront of the discussions or developments and will try to ensure we keep true to our traditions whilst moving with the times.

We have of course had a notable change within our own leadership team with Colin Povey retiring from the Chief Executive seat at the end of a near ten year tenure. I write above of the changes to our business model that I believe position the club extremely well for the future. That I am able to record this, is to a very significant extent, a testament to the vision and strategy created and shaped by Colin, followed by a highly successful implementation of that plan.

I am all too well aware, that this achievement is despite, on many occasions, an all too strong head wind.

Success is of course, not just about bricks and mortar, nor dare I say playing and business wins for winning sake. It is as much about creating a culture that allows individuals to thrive individually and collectively, and this Colin has done outstandingly.

As he now turns his attentions to England netball, I do sincerely hope that Colin is not lost forever to cricket.

Following Colin's retirement the Committee was delighted to secure as his successor the services of Neil Snowball. Neil joins the Club following playing a key role as Chief Operating Officer at England Rugby 2015, having delivered a highly acclaimed World Cup tournament. I wish Neil every success with "The Bears".

Finally after another long and busy season I wish to thank my Committee and Board colleagues for their support. Thank you to both our funding and commercial partners and to all our staff who did such a magnificent job to ensure that the return of Ashes Test Match cricket was all we had hoped. Most of all thank you to our members – I hope you have enjoyed the ups and downs of another season and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

The Chairman's comments cover in some detail at our performances across all three competitions over the course of the season. Consistent success in professional sport is an elusive commodity but our record over recent years has been admirable. Throughout 2015 we were competitive without ever feeling as though we had performed at our collective best. It is right and proper that a Club like ours judges itself by only the highest standards and we must therefore ensure we use the experiences from this campaign to spur us on to re-newed heights next year. We have provided investment and stability for our cricket at a time of considerable change and uncertainty elsewhere around the game. I do not believe we have become in any way complacent but our desire to improve must be relentless.

In his report the Chairman refers to the changing landscape that is domestic and international cricket. This year we have seen what is needed to excel on the playing front. The formulas for delivering success in red and white ball cricket are starting to diverge ever more rapidly and if we are to continue to compete successfully on all fronts we will need to evolve our cricket plans and our capabilities. Against this background it is vital that we have a robust business model which can feed these aspirations. 2015 has certainly underlined the merits of us making the bold moves we did when we re-developed the stadium.

However much we love domestic cricket, making a success of the Major Match days we host underpins all that we do as a Club. The return of an Ashes Test match was overdue and I am delighted to report that the game could not have gone better. Another England victory and some outstanding commercial numbers showed the world what a fantastic ground we now have. The addition of a successful ODI and another record crowd at NatWest t20 Blast Finals Day all added to our credentials in this vitally important area. We know these days are important from a financial perspective but I am equally pleased to be able to say our customer experience scores were also excellent. With more regular international fixtures and the new facilities we are seeing more fans return more often and that in turn delivers sustainable revenues for the Club.

I am pleased to be able to report that we also enjoyed another strong season of revenue growth for domestic cricket. Membership numbers rose once again and t20 gate receipts were up substantially on 2014. The latter was certainly helped by the regular Friday night slots and was a just reward for the investment we made in taking this format of the game out into local communities. The appointment of a dedicated t20 Manager and the push behind the Birmingham Bears brand paid certainly dividends and I am excited about the prospect of further growth in this area in the coming years. Equally we will need to continue to ensure we value traditional Championship cricket and the 50 over format where I still think we can do more to improve the match day experience on these occasions.

We are now starting to formulate some longer terms plans for memberships, especially for more premium categories, but for 2016 we have once again stuck with the approach of recent times and I would like to thank everyone who supported the team throughout the summer. It remains our simple goal to attract more people to more of our games and to persuade people to come to Edgbaston more often. We fully understand that, that will demand good cricket, great service and facilities and providing excellent value. In 2015 we have made good progress on all fronts.

Our non-match day business is continuing to grow strongly. The surpluses we can generate via these operations support the cricket Club and are increasingly important to us. Compass have once again provided excellent support as our joint venture partners and we benefit hugely from their expertise gained via other sports and venues. They are strong financially and 'get' what we are about as a Club; they provide access to top quality catering and retail skills that would otherwise be elusive and share our long term vision. Across all areas – retail, conference and events, hospitality – we saw record sales this year and we forecast continued growth into 2016.

If both our cricket operations and our plans within EEL continue to prosper we have no need to widen further our portfolio of activities. The performance in 2015 has 'proved' the new business model. We know that it will be 2019 before we have traded through the challenges that the absence of Test Match cricket in 2013 and 2014 presented us with but I am confident the worst of the business risks are over for now. This is the result of a lot of hard work by all members of staff and I want to congratulate them on what has been a sustained effort. They have applied themselves with no little skill and determination; they have deserved the outstanding off-field results they have delivered this year.

The other area of significant progress during 2015 has been in our community work. The Edgbaston Foundation is now up and running and Ian Bell officially opened the Edgbaston Foundation Sports Ground at Portland Road the week before the Ashes Test Match. This is a multi-sport space, underpinned with a formal community use agreement. Elsewhere we have seen more work than ever before with schools and clubs locally to make use of the square, outfield, nets and other facilities at the main ground. We are closely aligned with WCB in all that we do and in addition we have continued to provide valuable financial support to our three main charity partners – Lord's Taverners, Fisher House and Cure Leukaemia. Much of this work goes under the radar but there will be few, if any, organisations in the region that put more back into society than we do and there is no doubt we punch far above our weight in these areas. We also continue to work via the Residents Liaison Group to minimise the impact we have on the quality of life for our near neighbours when the ground host big events.

This will be my last annual report as Chief Executive. It is almost 10 years since I took on the challenge of leading this great Club. My thanks to everyone who has supported us through what has been a turbulent period. I would like to say a special thank you to those members who have stood loyally by the team and to those new fans who have been persuaded to come to Major Matches or to support the Birmingham Bears. Thank you also to every member of staff and to the Committee and Management Board. I hope the Club is now through the worst of the 'storm' and can look forward to some calmer, blue water in the years ahead. The Edgbaston of today is very different to the one I walked into back in 2006 but it remains a very special place – truly somewhere to be cherished by all cricket fans. I wish the Club and my successor continued success.

WARWICKSHIRE CCC MEMBERSHIP PROFILE 2015 ONE AND SIX YEAR MEMBERS AND FOUNDING PARTNERS

	TOTAL 1 YEAR	TOTAL 6 YEAR	TOTAL
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	3816	705	4521
TOTAL FOUNDING PARTNER MEMBERSHIP			351
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP			4872



Neil Snowball - Chief Executive

I am delighted to have been appointed as Warwickshire's new Chief Executive, joining a Club with not only a proud and successful history but with a clear ambition for the future. The strength of the playing squad as evidenced by performances over the last five years and the world class facilities at Edgbaston offer enormous opportunity in the years ahead.

For the last three years I have been Chief Operating Officer of England Rugby 2015 Ltd, the Organising Committee for the highly successful and record breaking Rugby World Cup 2015. Prior to that I was Head of Sport Operations at the London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) where I was responsible for service delivery and operational management for the 26 Olympic and 20 Paralympic sports, as well as the 45 competition venues. Before joining LOCOG, I was an Executive Director at Goldman Sachs for eight years.

I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity work on major global sporting events such as the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the Rugby World Cup, but cricket is right at the heart of my sporting passion, so to have the opportunity to be involved with Warwickshire and Edgbaston Stadium is a real privilege.

Originally from Cumbria, I am a lifelong cricket supporter, and have been involved with Guildford Cricket Club for many years, as a player, coach and administrator, including three

years as Chairman of the Club and of the Guildford Cricket Festival. I've also has a long association with Surrey County Cricket Club and in 2012 was invited to be a member of the Surrey CCC Business Advisory Group, and also served on the Surrey Championship committee. So as you can imagine, I was particularly pleased when I saw the 2016 fixture list which pitches Warwickshire v Surrey at Guildford in early July.

I'm looking forward to being able to contribute to the future success of this great club and from what I have seen already there is clearly a great bunch of people here at Edgbaston and I will be building on what has been developed here over the last ten years under Colin's leadership – there are still many challenges and also many new opportunities ahead of us.

I am looking forward with great anticipation to the new season and look forward to meeting our many members and Bears supporters over the course of the year.



Hales out



Buttler on the attack



Root joins the run chase



Buttler reaches his century



Another 100 for Root



Four wickets for Rashid and Finn





First over Warner just makes it



Warner lbw Anderson 2



England on the attack



Marsh departs for 0



Anderson 6 for 47



Clarke bowled Finn 10



Bell and Root lead England reply



50 for Bell



50 for Root



Ali joins the run chase



50 for Ali



Finn on his way to 6 wickets



Second 50 for Bell



Root and Bell celebrate victory



Game over England win by 8 wickets

The 2015 season began on the back of a very productive pre-season trip to Barbados, players in very good form and realistic as to our chances of success over the course of the year. Although not playing our most consistent LVCC cricket, we still managed to fight our way into a very similar position on all three fronts by the beginning of August as we found ourselves in at the same point in 2014, sitting second in the Championship, in the t20 finals day and needing to win one of our last two RL50 pool matches to qualify for the 1/4 finals. However, from that point onwards, 3 Championship defeats to Hampshire, Nottinghamshire and Somerset plus a scrappy performance in the t20 semi-final against Northamptonshire, ensured that our season ended up as a real disappointment.

Despite the championship season finishing disappointingly, we actually got off to a very strong start. Hundreds for Varun Chopra and Tim Ambrose plus career best figures of 6-75 v Hampshire for Boyd Rankin earning a strong draw. Sam Hain's 82 plus another hundred from Chopra backed up by an unbroken 107 partnership for the last wicket between Chris Wright and Boyd Rankin laid the foundations for Keith Barker and Jeetan Patel to dominate with the ball, bowling us to a 182 run win against our local rivals, Worcestershire.

Ian Westwood's outstanding 196 followed by a second innings 84 plus Boyd Rankin's 6 wickets providing the



Ian Westwood in the runs with 196 and 84

cornerstone of a very strong draw against Yorkshire at Headingley. Ian Westwood backing up his excellent form with 88 against Durham in addition to Keith Barker, 102 not out, and match figures of 9-157, contributing to an excellent win.



Keith Barker on his way to a century and 9 wickets



Laurie Evans and Tim Ambrose share 327 partnership for 6th wicket against Sussex

In a match that really could have gone either way, disappointingly, it was Sussex who stole the match by the smallest of margins at Hove. A draw at Lord's against high flying Middlesex followed, after a full day of rain intervened to deny an exciting finish and possible result for either side. Laurie Evans showing real maturity in scoring 98 on a tricky pitch.

Ian Bell crafted an excellent 111 and Clarke and Barker half centuries in an outstanding all round team victory against Worcester at New Road. Barker, Wright and Rankin doing most of the damage in the first innings with the ball, Jeetan Patel joining in to bowl Worcestershire out for 80 in the second innings, in what was a terrific performance with the ball.

Laurie Evans, 213, and Tim Ambrose, 153, sharing a 327 partnership for the 6th wicket in a very high scoring draw against Sussex at Edgbaston. Both teams scoring over 600 in their first innings to bring the game to an inevitable conclusion.

A hundred from Sam Hain and 5-40 from Chris Wright were in vain as Jonny Bairstow and Ryan Sidebottom proved the difference in a low scoring contest against eventual champions Yorkshire at Edgbaston. Despite that loss, the Bears bounced back well at Durham, bowling Durham out for 314 after they had been 184-1. Rikki Clarke, 5-62, and Tom Milnes, 3-96, starting the comeback with Chris Woakes and Clarke again, bowling superbly, to enable us to manage the run chase. A mature innings of 70 from Laurie Evans, followed by an outstanding unbroken 38 run partnership by Milnes and Patel, ensured a tense two wicket victory.

Jeetan Patel's 9 wickets in the match plus another hundred from Sam Hain were the highlights of an excellent team performance to win by 7 wickets against Somerset.

Sitting 2nd in the LVCC table was a competitive position going into August. It's exactly what we talk about as we begin each season.

From there, however, we lost our way and, despite an outstanding individual performance from Jeetan Patel, 98 and 7-38 on a dry surface, and half centuries from Laurie Evans, Ian Bell and an excellent 46 from Keith Barker which almost swung the game, we finished the season with a defeat, falling agonisingly short of the 225 target.

Our t20 campaign, although beginning slowly with a defeat away to Notts Outlaws, was extremely consistent and further reinforced the beliefs we have as a team in that format of the game. Buoyed by the imminent arrival of Brendon McCullum, we won 10 of our 14 group matches, generally playing some excellent cricket and all players identifying critical passages of play and delivering under pressure, winning three group games off the last ball of the match.

Rikki Clarke finishing the season with a staggering economy rate of 5.42, despite bowling the majority of his overs in the power play. Ollie Hannon-Dalby and Recordo Gordon creating a reputation as two of the best death bowlers in the country in the process. Mention must be made of the role of our spinners, Jeetan Patel, Ateeq Javid and Josh Poysden all taking responsibility at difficult times to stifle the opposition when the game was in the balance.

Obviously, the highlight of the season has to be McCullum's 158 v Derbyshire. In addition to it being our first hundred in the history of the competition, it was an innings



McCullum scores first 20-20 century

that was full of superlatives... Hardly a mistimed shot and brutal from the outset. I'm sure it will sit firmly in the memory banks of those fortunate enough to have watched it.

Despite that brilliant inning from Brendon, there were a number of significant contributions from most of the batters just when it mattered with all the top 8 playing cameos at just the right time. Even Recordo Gordon, batting at number 10 against Lancashire, hitting the first ball he faced from James Faulkner for 6 to set up a last ball win.

I do think our point of difference as a team was knowing our roles extremely well and the selfless way in which we carried these roles out to benefit the game.

Having played such good cricket to that point, it was bitterly disappointing to lose the semi-final in front of our home crowd at Finals Day. Even then, we showed some remarkable resilience after a difficult start. Ateeq Javid and Rikki Clarke setting up an onslaught from Laurie Evans to give the Bears a glimmer of hope. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be and Northamptonshire ran out winners with two overs remaining.

Our RL50 campaign was a frustrating affair with weather, in the end, getting the better of us as we fell just short of qualification for the quarter finals. We got off to a difficult start with heavy defeats to both Nottinghamshire at Welbeck

Colliery and Essex at Chelmsford. We then had back to back wins against Lancashire and Glamorgan. Boyd Rankin picking up 3 important wickets with Chopra and Ambrose contributing the majority of the runs, it was left to Ateeq Javid and Jeetan Patel to hold their nerve to give us a close fought win at Old Trafford.

OHD with his maiden limited overs 5 wicket haul and Josh Poysden with 3 wickets contributing towards a disciplined performance with the ball to bowl Glamorgan out for 175. Chopra 80* and Trott 73* passing the victory target with ease.

Despite another solid performance at Rugby School where William Porterfield's 100 and Ateeq Javid's mature 42* provided the cornerstone to a tricky chase, the rain, unfortunately, was to prove extremely frustrating in the last two matches at Edgbaston where Duckworth/Lewis made life incredibly difficult against Hampshire. Knowing that a win against Kent in our last match would see us to a quarter final, heavy rain prevented play and the possibility of us progressing in the competition.

Despite a frustrating season, we have all worked incredibly hard this season and I would like to thank the players for all their endeavors, even if we never took from the season what we could have. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank my Cricket Management team who provide all year round support to both me and the team. This season is another where they have all worked tirelessly, and although we don't have the trophies to show for it, I'm sure we will see the rewards of this hard work as we move into next season. Thanks again Fellas, your work is very much appreciated.

We will come back stronger... We must!

The end of the season is also a sad time as we say goodbye to Tom Milnes, Pete McKay and Tom Lewis. They have all come through the Warwickshire youth system and have each played their part in the club's success over the past few seasons. Unfortunately, opportunities have been limited for them and I'm sure we all wish them all the best as they move onto pastures new.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Ian Westwood and Tony Frost who both recently added to the number of cricketers who will celebrate wedding anniversaries at the beginning of October, I'm sure you will join me in wishing them all the best in married life.

Finally, I would like to thank Colin Povey for all his support, not just during my tenure as Director of Cricket, but on behalf of all the players over his reign as Chief Executive. He has always supported us as a team, as a squad and as a management. We talk a lot about leaving a legacy as players... For me, Colin as the Chief Exec, has done exactly that. He has been an incredibly loyal member of our team, and leaves Edgbaston with a squad of players that we should be proud of and some of the best facilities in world cricket. Thanks again and all the best in your new role!

I look forward to everyone working hard and smart through the winter months and provide you all with a brand of cricket you can be truly proud of next season.

Thanks for your support
Dougie

Warwickshire County Cricket Club

Name of Cricketer	Places of Birth (Town or overseas country)	Date of birth	Status	Squad number	Year of joining	1st XI County cap
Adair, Mark Richard	Belfast	27.03.96	British Citizen	27	2015	
Ambrose, Timothy Raymond	Newcastle, Australia	01.12.82	Residential qualification	11	2006	2007
Barker, Keith Hubert Douglas	Manchester	21.10.86	English	13	2008	2013
Bell, Ian Ronald	Coventry	11.04.82	English	4	1999	2001
Chopra, Varun	Barking, Essex	21.06.87	English	3	2010	2012
Clarke, Rizki	Orsett, Essex	29.09.81	English	81	2008	2011
Coleman, Frederick Robert John	Edinburgh	15.12.91	UK National	21	2013	
Evans, Laurie John	Lambeth, London	12.10.87	English	32	2011	
Gordon, Recordo Olton	St. Elizabeth, Jamaica	12.10.91	Residential qualification	44	2012	
Hain, Samuel Robert	Hong Kong	16.07.95	British Citizen	16	2013	
Hannon-Dalby, Oliver James	Hallifax	20.06.89	English	20	2013	
Javid, Ateeq	Birmingham	15.10.91	English	17	2008	
Jones, Richard Alan	Stourbridge	06.11.86	English	25	2014	
Mellor, Alexander James	Stoke on Trent	22.07.91	English	15	2016	
Patel, Jeetankumar	Wellington, NZ	07.05.80	Overseas	5		2012
Poilock, Edward John	High Wycombe	10.07.95	English	28	2016	
Porterfield, William Thomas Stuart	Londonerry	06.09.84	UK National	10	2011	2014
Poysden, Joshua Edward	Shoreham	08.08.91	English	14	2015	
Rankin, William Boyd	Londonerry	05.07.84	UK National	30	2008	2013
Thomason, Aaron Dean	Birmingham	26.06.97	English	26	2014	
Trott, Ian Jonathan Leonard	Capetown, SA	22.04.81	Residential qualification	9	2003	2005
Urnead, Andrew Robert	Glasgow	19.04.96	UK National	23	2015	
Webb, Jonathon Patrick	Solihull	12.01.92	English	12	2014	
Westwood, Ian James	Birmingham	13.07.82	English	22	2004	2008
Woakes, Christopher Roger	Birmingham	02.03.89	English	19	2007	2009
Wright, Christopher Julian Clement	Oxford	14.07.85	English	31	2012	2013

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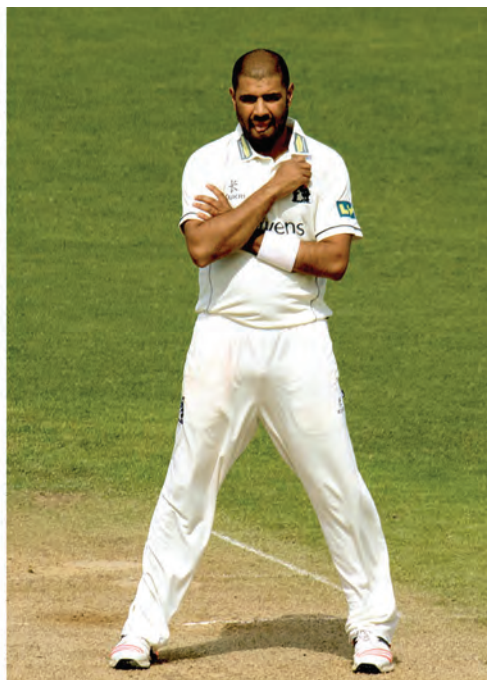
Player	M	Inn	NO	Runs	HS	Av	100's	50's	ct	st	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Av	5wl	10wl	SR
M. Adair	1	2	2	34	24*						15	3	61	1	1/61	61.00			90.00
T. Ambrose	134	199	20	6154	251*	34.38	10	35	379	23									
K. Barker	61	79	14	2176	125	33.48	5	5	23		1957.5	422	6020	227	6/40	26.52	11	1	51.75
I. Bell	113	188	18	7903	262*	46.49	22	36	97		404.1	81	1376	39	4/4	35.28			62.18
V. Chopra	92	152	10	5436	228*	38.28	14	22	119		9	0	22	0					
R. Clarke	106	156	20	4392	140	32.29	6	25	184		1912.5	376	5939	208	6/63	28.55	3		55.18
F. Coleman	1	2	0	0	0	0.00			2										
L. Evans	43	70	5	2228	213*	34.28	4	11	34		53	3	229	1	1/29	229.00			318.00
R. Gordon	6	5	2	52	14*	17.33			3		133	20	413	13	4/53	31.77			61.38
S. Hain	22	35	4	1370	208	44.19	6	4	14										
O. Hannon-Dalby	17	19	7	134	40	11.17			3		398.1	70	1319	43	4/50	30.67			55.56
A. Javid	31	49	6	1068	133	24.84	2	3	16		83	12	262	3	1/1	87.33			166.00
R. Jones	5	7	1	81	35	13.50					97	14	356	15	4/48	23.73			38.80
P. McKay	5	9	1	97	33	12.13			8	1									
T. Milnes	14	15	4	304	52*	27.64		1	4		219.1	32	837	26	7/39	32.19			50.58
J. Patel	67	83	13	1957	120	27.96	2	11	39		2221.4	499	6484	279	7/38	23.24	12	1	47.78
W. Porterfield	64	101	4	2565	162	26.44	2	14	73										
J. Poysden	1										40.4	4	165	1	1/165	165.00			244.00
W. Rankin	75	90	40	474	56*	9.48		1	18		1765.5	217	6610	245	6/55	26.98	7		43.24
I. Trott	140	229	21	9026	210	43.39	22	42	141		618.1	113	2095	45	7/39	46.56	2		82.42
J. Webb	2	4	0	26	14*	6.50			1										
I. Westwood	130	219	19	6639	196	33.20	14	35	69		93.4	13	344	8	2/39	40.38			70.25
C. Woakes	84	121	29	3248	152*	35.30	6	14	33		2428.1	556	7456	306	7/24	24.37	13	3	47.61
C. Wright	52	58	17	774	65	18.88		5	5		1463	254	5036	180	6/31	27.98	7		48.77

Division 1

Teams	Mat	Won	Lost	Tied	Draw	Aban	Pts
Yorkshire	16	11	1	0	4	0	286
Middlesex	16	7	2	0	7	0	218
Nottinghamshire	16	6	5	0	5	0	211
Durham	16	7	8	0	1	0	188
Warwickshire	16	5	5	0	6	0	186
Somerset	16	4	6	0	6	0	183
Hampshire	16	4	6	0	6	0	163
Sussex	16	4	8	0	4	0	161
Worcestershire	16	3	10	0	3	0	151

Division 2

Teams	Mat	Won	Lost	Tied	Draw	Aban	Pts
Surrey	16	8	1	0	7	0	264
Lancashire	16	7	1	0	8	0	254
Essex	16	6	5	0	5	0	200
Glamorgan	16	4	4	0	8	0	183
Northamptonshire	16	3	3	0	10	0	180
Gloucestershire	16	5	5	0	6	0	177
Kent	16	4	7	0	5	0	161
Derbyshire	16	3	7	0	6	0	153
Leicestershire	16	2	9	0	5	0	118



Ian Westwood and Jeetan Patel most runs and wickets in County Championship

Batting

Player	M	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave.	100	50	0	4s	6s	C	St
IR Bell	2	3	0	178	111	59.33	1	1	0	22	1	4	
SR Hain	10	17	2	547	106	36.46	2	3	1	62	2	8	
IJ Westwood	14	25	1	856	196	35.66	1	4	0	111	2	6	
LJ Evans	15	27	3	826	213*	34.41	1	4	3	110	0	16	
KHD Barker	13	20	3	516	102*	30.35	1	2	4	72	5	2	
CJC Wright	11	16	6	300	65	30.00	0	2	2	35	1	2	
TR Ambrose	14	22	0	651	153	29.59	2	1	5	94	0	34	5
V Chopra	15	25	1	658	119*	27.41	2	2	3	82	1	20	
JS Patel	16	23	2	543	98	25.85	0	2	2	66	15	10	
IJL Trott	11	18	0	451	87	25.05	0	2	3	64	1	6	
R Clarke	16	26	3	535	67	23.26	0	2	2	73	6	22	
WTS Porterfield	6	11	0	196	61	17.81	0	1	0	19	2	7	
CR Woakes	3	5	0	83	42	16.60	0	0	0	15	0	1	
WB Rankin	13	18	8	155	56*	15.50	0	1	2	16	5	4	
A Javid	4	6	0	64	27	10.66	0	0	1	7	0	4	
PJ McKay	2	4	0	24	17	6.00	0	0	1	1	0	6	1
OJ Hannon-Dalby	4	6	1	24	8	4.80	0	0	2	1	0		
JP Webb	2	4	0	18	14	4.50	0	0	2	3	0	1	
RA Jones	1	1	0	3	3	3.00	0	0	0	0	0		
FRJ Coleman	1	2	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2	0	0	2	
MR Adair	1	2	2	34	24*	-	0	0	0	5	1		
TP Milnes	1	2	2	26	14*	-	0	0	0	3	0		

Bowling

Player	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	5WI	10WM
RA Jones	17	1	68	4	4/48	17.00	0	0
CR Woakes	74	20	217	11	3/48	19.72	0	0
JS Patel	497.5	113	1466	58	7/38	25.27	3	0
R Clarke	387.3	83	1206	47	5/62	25.65	1	0
WB Rankin	272.3	28	1127	43	6/55	26.20	2	0
KHD Barker	424.4	91	1274	46	5/68	27.69	2	0
TP Milnes	30	3	120	4	3/96	30.00	0	0
LJ Evans	5	0	31	1	1/29	31.00	0	0
CJC Wright	274.2	36	1033	31	5/40	33.32	1	0
OJ Hannon-Dalby	116	23	406	8	3/80	50.75	0	0
MR Adair	15	3	61	1	1/61	61.00	0	0
IJL Trott	34	6	108	1	1/24	108.00	0	0
JE Poysden	40.4	4	165	1	1/165	165.00	0	0
A Javid	21	2	74	0	-	-	0	0
IJ Westwood	4	0	18	0	-	-	0	0

Warwickshire CCC v Hampshire CCC at Edgbaston, 19-22nd April 2015Umpires: R.T. Robinson & G.D. Lloyd **Toss won by:** Warwickshire who chose to bowl**HAMPSHIRE CCC****1st INNINGS**

J. Adams *	c Clarke	b Rankin	53
L. Dawson	lbw	b Wright	38
M. Carberry		b Wright	42
J. Vince	lbw	b Rankin	8
W. Smith		b Rankin	12
A. Wheeler †	c Chopra	b Barker	74
S. Ervine	c Clarke	b Rankin	0
G. Berg	c Clarke	b Rankin	8
D. Briggs	lbw	b Rankin	48
A. Adams	c Chopra	b Wright	6
J. Tomlinson	not out		2

Extras (9 b 11 lb 2 w 6 nb)**Total** (10 wkts, 89.3 overs)**Wkts:** 1-94, 2-121, 3-137, 4-169, 5-178, 6-194, 7-206, 8-309, 9-317, 10-319**2nd INNINGS**

	c Ambrose †	b Barker	0
	c Hain	b Clarke	27
		b Clarke	81
	lbw	b Clarke	0
	st Ambrose †	b Patel	8
	c Clarke	b Patel	11
	c Ambrose †	b Wright	102
	c Porterfield	b Barker	36
	c Patel	b Wright	33
	not out		13
	c Patel	b Rankin	11

Extras (8 b 3 lb 6 nb)**Total** (10 wkts, 94.2 overs)**Wkts:** 1-0, 2-58, 3-58, 4-86, 5-108, 6-194, 7-254, 8-315, 9-315, 10-339

	O	M	R	W
Barker	22	5	52	1
Wright	19	3	75	3
Clarke	18	3	59	0
Patel	14	2	39	0
Rankin	16.3	1	75	6

	O	M	R	W
Barker	23	4	68	2
Wright	14	2	59	2
Clarke	16	0	63	3
Rankin	12.2	1	40	1
Patel	28	5	96	2
Evans	1	0	2	0

WARWICKSHIRE CCC**1st INNINGS**

V. Chopra *	c Wheeler†	b Berg	24
I. Westwood	c Vince	b Tomkinson	11
W. Porterfield	c Smith	b Tomkinson	3
L. Evans	lbw	b Ervine	16
S. Hain	c Smith	b Adams A	25
T. Ambrose †	c Adams J	b Tomlinson	113
R. Clarke	lbw	b Adams A	7
K. Barker	c Adams A	b Ervine	31
J. Patel		b Briggs	30
C. Wright	not out		5
B. Rankin	c Vince	b Berg	4

Extras (4 b 5 lb 2 nb)**Total** (10 wkts, 85.3 overs)**Wkts:** 1-39, 2-39, 3-42, 4-72, 5-92, 6-120, 7-185, 8-250, 9-271, 10-280**2nd INNINGS**

	not out		119
	lbw	b Adams A	40
	c Wheeler †	b Tomlinson	29
	c Adams A	b Tomlinson	9
	c Smith	b Dawson	6
	c Berg	b Smith	29
	not out		4

Extras (1 b 5 w 2 nb)**Total** (5 wkts, 105.4 overs)**Wkts:** 1-52, 2-120, 3-134, 4-145, 5-227

	O	M	R	W
Tomlinson	17	3	53	3
Briggs	18	4	57	1
Berg	19.3	3	58	2
Ervine	13	3	43	2
Adams A	16	4	54	2
Dawson	2	1	6	0

	O	M	R	W
Tomlinson	21	5	56	2
Berg	11	1	30	0
Adams A	21	5	59	1
Briggs	15	3	33	0
Ervine	4	0	9	0
Smith	14	8	16	1
Dawson	17	9	28	1
Carberry	2.4	2	12	1

Match Result: Match drawn, Warwickshire 10 points, Hampshire 11 points.

Warwickshire began their 2015 LVCC campaign with a home tie against newly promoted Hampshire who had already completed their first match the previous week in the Championship.

Winning the toss and fielding, Warwickshire found the opening pair of Adams and Dawson difficult to remove as the visitors went to lunch on 89-0.

After the break, Wright removed Dawson 38 lbw and then a four wicket in-a-session burst from Rankin left Hampshire 201-6n after a half century from Jimmy Adams.

Rankin 6-75, a career best and Wright 3-75 wrapped up Hampshire's innings before the close for 319 after Wheeler had made 74 and Briggs 48.

In the four overs remaining in the day, Chopra and Westwood took Warwickshire on to 14-0 by the close.

The loss of three quick wickets for three runs checked Warwickshire's progress on the second morning, with Chopra, Westwood and Porterfield going to some excellent close catches. Evans was lbw to one that kept low before Hain fell on the stroke of lunch.

Ambrose 113 with good support from Barker and Patel batted through the second session before Warwickshire closed on 280, thirty nine runs in arrears.

Barker then struck with the first delivery of the Hampshire second innings, but Carberry and Dawson held firm to stumps, when Hampshire were 38-1.

Another day of swinging fortunes saw Warwickshire take the morning session on the third day, as the first five wickets fell for just 108, but Carberry 81 and Ervine, who shared in half century partnerships for both the sixth and seventh wickets, completed his century, before Hampshire were finally dismissed for 339, setting Warwickshire a target of 379 for victory.

By stumps, they had reached 47-0 from just eleven overs, but after Westwood fell early on the final day to Andre Adams, Chopra and Porterfield found scoring quickly difficult against some tight Hampshire bowling.

Chopra batted solidly throughout the final day without being able to accelerate and despite losing Evans and Hain cheaply, Ambrose, batting with a runner after tearing a muscle while batting, added twenty nine to give good support to his skipper, who completed his century, in his first match as official Warwickshire captain.

At the close, Warwickshire were 244-5 with Chopra unbeaten on 119, still 135 short of their target, having scored just 197 runs on the final day.

Yorkshire CCC v Warwickshire CCC at Headingley, Leeds 26-29th April 2015Umpires: S. Garratt & J. Lloyds **Toss won by:** Warwickshire who chose to bat**WARWICKSHIRE CCC**

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
V. Chopra *	c Hodd†	b Bresnan	0	lbw	b Bresnan	10	
I. Westwood	lbw	b Middlebrook	196	lbw	b Middlebrook	84	
W. Porterfield	c Hodd†	b Bresnan	35	c Pujara	b Middlebrook	30	
L. Evans	lbw	b Patterson	14	lbw	b Bresnan	15	
S. Hain	lbw	b Bresnan	50		b Middlebrook	24	
PMcKay †		b Bresnan	17	st Hodd †	b Middlebrook	5	
R. Clarke	lbw	b Fisher	39	c Fisher	b Middlebrook	36	
K. Barker		b Middlebrook	27	not out		1	
J. Patel	c Patterson	b Bresnan	31				
C. Wright	not out		10				
B. Rankin	lbw	b Middlebrook	3				
Extras (13 lb)			13	Extras (1 b 5 lb 8 nb)			14
Total (10 wkts, 143.3 overs)			435	Total (7 wkts dec 54.3 overs)			219
Wkts: 1-0, 2-95, 3-136, 4-228, 5-278, 6-360, 7-380, 8-404, 9-426, 10-435				Wkts: 1-12, 2-64, 3-114, 4-157, 5-167, 6-202, 7-219			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Bresnan	30	10	85	5	Bresnan	13	2	39	2
Brooks	25	7	66	0	Brooks	9	2	35	0
Patterson	29	11	64	1	Patterson	14	1	47	0
Fisher	17	2	70	1	Fisher	2	0	10	0
Middlebrook	31.3	6	96	3	Middlebrook	16.3	1	82	5
Rhodes	10	2	36	0					
Pujara	1	0	5	0					

YORKSHIRE CCC

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
A. Lees	lbw	b Patel	19	c McKay †	b Clarke	21	
W. Rhodes	c Rankin	b Patel	46	lbw	b Patel	29	
C. Pujara	c McKay†	b Rankin	23	lbw	b Patel	33	
A. Gale*	c Hain	b Rankin	96	c McKay †	b Patel	28	
J. Leaning	c Hain	b Rankin	41	not out		35	
A. Hodd †	c Porterfield	b Rankin	12	not out		54	
T. Bresnan		b Patel	2	c Prince			
J. Middlebrook	run out (Clarke)		2				
S.Patterson	c McKay†	b Rankin	11				
J. Brooks	c Evans	b Rankin	21				
M. Fisher	not out		0				
Extras (8 b 7 lb 2 w 13 nb)			30	Extras (4 b 9 lb 8 nb)			21
Total (10 wkts, 98.3 overs)			303	Total (4 wkts, 64 overs)			221
Wkts: 1-41, 2-88, 3-88, 4-185, 5-207, 6-222, 7-224, 8-249, 9-303, 10-303				Wkts: 1-48, 2-82, 3-129, 4-136			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Barker	22	4	74	0	Barker	9	4	25	0
Wright	18	1	63	0	Wright	7	0	30	0
Clarke	12	4	19	0	Patel	28	8	70	3
Patel	31	9	77	3	Clarke	11	0	48	1
Rankin	15.3	0	55	6	Rankin	8	0	26	0
					Westwood	1	0	9	0

Match Result: Match drawn. Warwickshire 11 points, Yorkshire 9 points.

Warwickshire travelled to Headingley to play the 2014 County Champions, Yorkshire looking to avenge two innings defeats at the hands of their opponents during the previous season. Yorkshire were well below full strength with a number of their regular side away with England in the Caribbean on Test Match duty.

After winning the toss and batting Chopra's fine edge was taken by Hodd off the third delivery of the morning at Headingley, while Porterfield survived a chance at slip off Fisher before he and Westwood then batted through to lunch on 91-1 from 34 overs.

Bresnan struck immediately after the break when Porterfield edged behind and Evans followed soon after, lbw to Patterson, before Westwood, now partnered by Hain 50 completed his century, adding ninety two for the fourth wicket, as Warwickshire closed the opening day on 270-4 with Westwood unbeaten on 151.

McKay went early on the second morning, bowled by Bresnan, but Westwood, now with Clarke, continued to play with authority, until four short of a double century and having already achieved a personal highest first-class score, was dismissed, lbw to Middlebrook, his fiftieth wicket for Yorkshire.

As the lower order accelerated the scoring rate, Clarke 39, Barker 27 and Patel 31, wickets tumbled and Warwickshire were finally dismissed for 435 during the afternoon session.

In reply there was little early assistance for the Warwickshire seamers, but Patel trapped Lees lbw on the stroke of tea and in the final session, he and Rankin picked up further wickets, before Yorkshire closed the day on 128-3 with Gale and Leaning at the wicket.

Rankin, who had returned a personal best in the previous match, took a further five wickets on the third day to close with 6-55 another best, as Yorkshire were dismissed for 303 with skipper Gale top-scoring with ninety six.

Leading on first innings by 132, by stumps on the third day, Warwickshire were 108-2 and an overall lead of 240 and on the final morning, Westwood continued his run of form making eighty four, while Middlebrook prospered from some attacking play from the Warwickshire batsmen taking 5-82 before the declaration on 219-7 with Clarke 36 and Hain 24 providing good support to Westwood.

Yorkshire lost wickets in their chase for 352 to win, but Hodd and Leaning batted for over two hours to secure the current LV Champions a draw.

Warwickshire CCC v Worcestershire CCC at Edgbaston 9-12th May 2015Umpires: M. Sagers & D Milns **Toss won by:** Worcestershire who chose to field**WARWICKSHIRE CCC**

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
V. Chopra *	c Mitchell	b Leach	3		c Cox †	b Ali	107
I. Westwood	lbw	b Leach	8		c Cox †	b Shantry	12
W. Porterfield	c Cox †	b Shantry	29		c Fell	b Senanayake	4
L. Evans	c Shantry	b Leach	50		c Mitchell	b Leach	16
S. Hain	lbw	b Leach	82				0
T. Ambrose †		b Leach	1	5	c Shantry	b Leach	6
R. Clarke	c Ali	b Morris	39	6	c and	b Morris	1
K. Barker	c Cox †	b Morris	21	7	lbw	b Ali	43
J. Patel	c Cox †	b Morris	9		st Cox †	b Senanayake	8
C. Wright	c Cox †	b Morris	16	8	not out		61
B. Rankin	not out		0	10	not out		56
Extras (1 b 5 lb 2 nb)			8		Extras (7 lb)		7
Total (10 wkts, 101.3 overs)			264		Total (8 wkts dec, 109 overs)		321
Wkts: 1-9, 2-20, 3-53, 4-140, 5-142, 6-215, 7-215, 8-231, 9-258, 10-264					Wkts: 1-30, 2-60, 3-106, 4-124, 5-125, 6-191, 7-196, 8-207		

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Morris	27	5	79	3	Morris	27	8	73	1
Leach	26.3	6	73	6	Leach	24	4	61	2
Shantry	26	9	46	1	Shantry	13	2	31	1
Senanayake	14	2	39	0	Senanayake	21	3	63	2
Ali	8	1	21	0	Ali	21	1	66	2
					Mitchell	2	0	8	0
					Kervezee	1	0	12	0

WORCESTERSHIRE CCC

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
D. Mitchell *	run out	(Wright)	1		c Clarke	b Rankin	38
R. Oliver	c Westwood	b Wright	13		c Evans	b Patel	33
M. Ali	lbw	b Wright	1		c Ambrose †	b Barker	33
T. Fell	c Clarke	b Wright	36	5	lbw	b Patel	33
A. Gidman		b Barker	0	6	lbw	b Patel	12
A. Kervezee	c Westwood	b Barker	9	7	c Evans	b Clarke	3
O. Cox †	lbw	b Clarke	45	8	c Ambrose †	b Patel	44
J. Leach	c sub (Lewis)	b Barker	18	9	not out		29
J. Shantry	c Ambrose †	b Clarke	2	10	c Ambrose †	b Rankin	0
S. Senanayake	c Chopra	b Rankin	15	11	c Chopra	b Barker	6
C. Morris	not out		0	4	c Clarke	b Barker	2
Extras (1 lb 8 nb)			9		Extras (6 lb 16 nb)		22
Total (10 wkts, 42.5 overs)			149		Total (10 wkts, 83 overs)		255
Wkts: 1-2, 2-15, 3-24, 4-27, 5-49, 6-93, 7-132, 8-132, 9-137, 10-149					Wkts: 1-52, 2-88, 3-100, 4-147, 5-147, 6-160, 7-188, 8-216, 9-223, 10-255		

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Barker	15	1	43	3	Barker	19	5	42	3
Wright	13	3	60	3	Wright	12	2	38	0
Clarke	9	2	15	2	Patel	22	7	69	4
Rankin	5.5	1	30	1	Clarke	13	5	38	1
					Rankin	17	2	62	2

Match Result: Warwickshire won by 181 runs. Warwickshire 21 points, Worcestershire 3 points.

Losing the toss and being put into bat at Edgbaston, Warwickshire found progress difficult, losing both openers, Chopra and Westwood in the first hour of play followed by Porterfield before lunch when they were 70-3.

Evans completed his first Championship fifty since 2013 before pulling Leach to mid-on while Ambrose's inside edge removed his middle stump off the same bowler. Hain became Leach's fifth victim in the second over with the new ball after making a confident eighty two.

Both Clarke and Patel quickly followed to the bowling of Morris but Barker and Wright managed to take Warwickshire to stumps on 258-8.

Next morning Worcestershire mopped up the remaining two wickets for the addition of just six runs with Leach returning a career best of 6-73.

The Worcestershire reply faltered from the start, after Wright deflected Oliver's drive into the non-striker's stumps to run out Mitchell he then removed Ali and Oliver while Barker yorked Gidman for a duck and had Kervezee caught in the gully by Porterfield.

Five wickets down at lunch, Worcestershire's brief resistance from Fell and Cox was swept away by the seam attack of Wright, Barker, Clarke and Rankin as they were dismissed for 149 from just 42.5 overs.

By the close Warwickshire were 105-2, but Evans 16 edged to second slip off Leach in the third over of the third morning and with Hain absent with a dislocated shoulder, Ambrose 6 and Clarke 1, moved up the order but fell cheaply to Leach and Morris as Warwickshire slipped to 125-5.

Barker 43 joined Chopra who completed his second century of the season just before lunch, but then edged Ali to Cox first ball after the break for 107.

Patel was stumped but an unbroken ninth wicket partnership between Wright 61* and Rankin 55* his maiden half century, added 114 before Warwickshire declared at tea setting Worcestershire a target of 437 to win.

In the final session of the day, Worcestershire lost Oliver 33, miscuing Patel and just before stumps. Moeen Ali was caught behind off Barker for thirty three with Worcestershire closing the day on 88-2.

On the final day night-watchman, Morris went early, but Mitchell and Fell batted solidly until they fell within the space of three deliveries immediately before lunch.

Patel 4-69 and Barker 3-42 did the most damage and with Rankin and Clarke collecting wickets, combined with some smart catching, Worcestershire's resistance fell away and Warwickshire ran out comfortable winners by 181 runs before tea.

Warwickshire CCC v Durham CCC at Edgbaston 17-20th May 2015Umpires: N.G.C. Cowley & J. H Evans **Toss won by:** Warwickshire who chose to bat**WARWICKSHIRE CCC**

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
V. Chopra *	c Mustard †	b Onions	13				
I. Westwood		b Onions	88		not out		32
W. Porterfield	lbw	b Rushworth	1	1	c sub	b Rushworth	2
J. Trott	lbw	b Onions	42	3	run out	(Hastings)	6
L. Evans	c Mustard †	b Onions	45	4	not out		13
T. Ambrose †	c Mustard †	b Hastings	13				
R. Clarke	lbw	b Rushworth	36				
K. Barker	not out		102				
J. Patel	run out	(Onions)	58				
R. Jones	c Jennings	b Onions	3				
B. Rankin	c Borthwick	b Hastings	6				
Extras (5 b 11 lb 5w 22 nb)			43		Extras (2 lb 8 nb)		10
Total (10 wkts, 107.4 overs)			450		Total (2 wkts, 17.4 overs)		63
Wkts: 1-17, 2-18, 3-102, 4-208, 5-209, 6-227, 7-330, 8-427, 9-435, 10-450					Wkts: 1-2, 2-12		

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Rushworth	27	5	84	2	Rushworth	7	1	16	1
Onions	29	4	85	5	Hastings	7	1	17	0
Hastings	21.4	1	118	2	Borthwick	2	0	17	0
Coughlin	17	1	80	0	Coughlin	1.4	0	11	0
Collingwood	10	2	38	0					
Borthwick	2	0	24	0					
MacLeod	1	0	5	0					

DURHAM CCC

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS (followed-on)			
M. Stoneman	c Rankin	b Jones	3		run out	(sub Thomason)	111
K. Jennings	c Chopra	b Barker	4		c Clarke	b Barker	3
S. Borthwick	c Westwood	b Jones	19		lbw	b Barker	14
M. Richardson	c Porterfield	b Barker	33		c Chopra	b Barker	47
C. MacLeod		b Jones	3		c Clarke	b Rankin	16
P. Collingwood *		b Rankin	68		lbw	b Clarke	19
P. Mustard †	lbw	b Barker	0		c Porterfield	b Barker	8
P. Coughlin		b Barker	5		c Porterfield	b Clarke	49
J. Hastings	lbw	b Clarke	14		c Trott	b Clarke	23
C. Rushworth		b Jones	15		c Clarke	b Barker	19
G. Onions	not out		0		not out		4
Extras (9 b 3 lb 4 nb 5 pen)			21		Extras (2 b 10 lb 2 nb)		14
Total (10 wkts, 40.5 overs)			185		Total (10 wkts, 92.2 overs)		327
Wkts: 1-5, 2-10, 3-32, 4-51, 5-85, 6-85, 7-91, 8-125, 9-183, 10-185					Wkts: 1-5, 2-29, 3-101, 4-165, 5-202, 6-219, 7-252, 8-304, 9-309, 10-327		

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Barker	16	1	54	4	Barker	27.2	2	103	5
Jones	12	1	48	4	Jones	5	0	20	0
Clarke	6	1	24	1	Patel	25	10	57	0
Rankin	5.5	0	37	1	Clarke	17	5	61	3
Patel	1	0	5	0	Trott	3	1	12	0
					Rankin	15	0	62	1

Match Result: Warwickshire won by 8 wickets. Warwickshire 24 points, Durham 3 points.

Warwickshire chose to bat after winning the toss on an overcast morning and with conditions giving some early assistance, Onions and Rushworth made quick breakthroughs with Chopra and Porterfield out before lunch, while Trott 42 followed immediately afterwards.

Westwood 88 and Evans 42 compiled a century fourth wicket partnership before both fell within a run of one another, while Ambrose followed soon afterwards before Clarke and Barker compiled a century partnership for the seventh wicket.

By stumps, Barker and Patel had taken Warwickshire on to 417-7 and the following morning, Barker completed the fifth century of his career before the innings closed on 450 with Patel making fifty-eight.

In reply Durham, in gloomy conditions, lost three wickets, Stoneman, Jennings and Borthwick before bad light brought an early close to proceedings with Jones having struck twice in an accurate opening spell.

He collected another wicket early on the third morning, bowling MacLeod, while Barker's three wickets removing the middle-order batsmen, left Durham teetering on 91-7 before lunch. With the help of the tail in the shape of Hastings and Rushworth, Collingwood 68 rallied Durham during the afternoon

to end on 185 all out, trailing by 265 after Barker 4-54 and Jones 4-48 had led the way for Warwickshire with the ball.

Following on, Durham again lost two early wickets, but Stoneman batted resolutely as he made a century, but only Richardson 47 and Coughlin 49 offered him any real support as partners ran out.

Barker 5-103 completed a superb all-round performance and with Clarke taking 3-61 Durham were dismissed a second time for 327, setting Warwickshire a target of just sixty three to win.

There were a couple of jittery moments as both Porterfield and Trott went cheaply but Westwood and Evans completed the comprehensive eight wicket victory.

Sussex CCC v Warwickshire CCC at Hove, 24-26th May 2015Umpires: R. Evans & M. Gough **Toss won by:** Warwickshire who chose to bat**WARWICKSHIRE CCC**

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
V. Chopra *	c Jordan	b Robinson	16	lbw	b Magoffin		6
I. Westwood	c Magoffin	b Robinson	13	10	b Magoffin		2
A. Javid	c Brown †	b Robinson	2	2	c Nash	b Robinson	27
J. Trott		b Jordan	35		c Jordan	b Hobden	16
L. Evans	c Brown †	b Robinson	6		b Hobden		9
T. Ambrose †	lbw	b Robinson	0		c Brown †	b Hobden	32
R. Clarke	c Finch	b Robinson	11		c Finch	b Jordan	34
K. Barker	c Cachopa	b Magoffin	24			b Magoffin	0
J. Patel	c Brown †	b Magoffin	16		not out		27
C. Wright	not out		13	3	c Jordan	b Hobden	22
B. Rankin		b Magoffin	6			b Jordan	0
Extras (16 b 8 lb 14 nb)			38		Extras (4b 13 lb)		25
Total (10 wkts, 49.0 overs)			180		Total (10 wkts, 53.4 overs)		200
Wkts: 1-35, 2-35, 3-54, 4-76, 5-76, 6-100, 7-100, 8-159, 9-168, 10-180					Wkts: 1-6, 2-49, 3-87, 4-91, 5-126, 6-129, 7-134, 8-192, 9-199, 10-200		

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Magoffin	14	1	45	3	Magoffin	19	3	55	3
Jordan	15	1	48	1	Jordan	15.4	3	38	2
Robinson	13	4	33	6	Hobden	11	1	48	4
Hobden	7	1	30	0	Robinson	8	1	42	1

SUSSEX CCC

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
C. Nash	c Chopra	b Barker	17	2	c sub (Singh)	b Wright	2
L. Wells		b Patel	92	1	c Javid	b Wright	19
E. Joyce *	c Ambrose †	b Clarke	9		lbw	b Clarke	13
H. Finch		b Patel	12			b Wright	1
L. Wright	st Ambrose †	b Patel	0		c Patel	b Clarke	7
C. Cachopa	c Clarke	b Patel	2		c Evans	b Patel	20
B. Brown †	c Patel	b Clarke	18		c Patel	b Rankin	53
C. Jordan	c Ambrose †	b Clarke	2		not out		56
O. Robinson	lbw	b Barker	1		c Ambrose †	b Rankin	8
S. Magoffin	not out		15			b Rankin	0
M.Hobden	lbw	b Wright	1		not out		0
Extras (7 lb 1 w 14 nb)			22		Extras (4 b 1 lb 6 nb)		11
Total (10 wkts, 59.3 overs)			191		Total (9 wkts, 46.1 overs)		190
Wkts: 1-46, 2-75, 3-115, 4-125, 5-129, 6-156, 7-160, 8-161, 9-186, 10-191					Wkts: 1-14, 2-31, 3-35, 4-38, 5-45, 6-98, 7-153, 8-173, 9-175		

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Barker	18	6	38	2	Barker	15	4	49	0
Wright	12.3	3	55	1	Wright	13	2	54	3
Clarke	16	3	45	3	Patel	6	1	15	1
Rankin	2	0	16	0	Clarke	7	1	35	2
Patel	10	3	24	4	Rankin	5.1	0	32	3
Trott	1	0	6	0					

Match Result: Sussex won by 1 wicket. Warwickshire 3 points, Sussex 19 points.

After choosing to bat Warwickshire were bowled out for 180 having been thirty five without loss, with Robinson 6-33, a career best, taking the first six wickets to fall. The former Yorkshire seamer had five by lunch – all taken in the space of 46 balls from the Sea End as only Trott 35 appeared to be comfortable at the crease until Jordan removed him, playing on attempting to pull. Trott looked ruefully at the pitch as he departed.

Barker and Patel added a useful fifty nine for the eighth wicket and a healthy supply of extras helped them reach a total of 180 as Magoffin took the last three wickets.

Sussex also got off to a solid start with forty six on the board when Nash edged Clarke to first slip and Patel's three wickets before the close left Sussex on 140-5 at stumps with Wells unbeaten on seventy three.

Sussex lost wickets regularly next morning session with Wells finally being bowled by a shooter for ninety two as the innings closed on 191 and a vital eleven run lead.

Westwood having been hit on the hand in the first innings was unable to bat when Warwickshire's second innings began so Javid opened and Wright was promoted to bat at three. Both Wright and Ambrose, needed treatment after being hit on the helmet but with all batsmen finding runs at a premium on an

untrustworthy surface, Ambrose 32 top scored as Warwickshire reached an early close due to bad light, on 180-7 leading by just 169.

On the third morning, wickets continued to tumble as Warwickshire were finally dismissed for 200 setting Sussex a target of 190 for victory.

Wright ripped the top order apart with three wickets before lunch, Nash Wells and Finch and when Clarke trapped Joyce lbw with the first ball of the afternoon session and then had Wright caught off an unplayable delivery, Sussex were 45-5 and staring down the barrel of defeat, but wicketkeeper Brown 53 from 61 balls and Cachopa 20 decided to attack and with some enterprising shots added fifty three for the sixth wicket.

Three wickets from Rankin seemed to have tipped the scales in Warwickshire's favour, but Jordan despite being dropped on forty four, produced a superb display of clean-hitting to secure the most unlikely of victories for the home side with just one wicket in hand.

Middlesex CCC v Warwickshire CCC at Lord's 31st May-3rd June 2015

Umpires: M. Bodenham & S.O'Shaughnessy Toss won by: Middlesex who chose to bowl

WARWICKSHIRE CCC

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
V. Chopra *	c Rayner	b Finn	14	lbw	b Harris	73	
A. Javid	c Robson	b Finn	18	c Franklin	b Roland-Jones	8	
J. Webb	c Robson	b Finn	14		b Harris	4	
J. Trott	c Simpson †	b Roland-Jones	45	run out	(Robson)	29	
L. Evans		b Finn	98	lbw	b Harris	7	
T. Ambrose †	c Rayner	b Dexter	20	c Roland-Jones	b Finn	16	
R. Clarke	run out	(Harris)	15	lbw	b Roland-Jones	1	
K. Barker		b Roland-Jones	37	c sub	b Roland-Jones	0	
J. Patel	lbw	b Rayner	37		b Roland-Jones	27	
C. Wright	not out		9	lbw	b Finn	9	
B. Rankin		b Rayner	2	not out		8	
Extras (11 b 4 lb 5 w 8 nb 5 pen)			33	Extras (3 lb 2 nb)		5	
Total (10 wkts, 105.1 overs)			342	Total (10 wkts, 64.2 overs)		187	
Wkts: 1-37, 2-53, 3-56, 4-152, 5-200, 6-233, 7-253, 8-325, 9-331, 10-342				Wkts: 1-26, 2-33, 3-105, 4-125, 5-126, 6-127, 7-127, 8-170, 9-170, 10-187			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Finn	28	9	84	4	Finn	19.2	1	61	2
Roland-Jones	31	9	73	2	Roland-Jones	23	6	51	4
Harris	22	7	75	0	Harris	17	2	49	3
Dexter	13	3	40	1	Dexter	4	1	18	0
Franklin	6	0	19	0	Franklin	1	0	5	0
Rayner	5.1	1	31	2					

MIDDLESEX CCC

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
S. Robson	c Chopra	b Wright	30	2	c Ambrose †	b Clarke	29
J. Burns	lbw	b Wright	4	1	st Ambrose †	b Patel	72
N. Compton	c Trott	b Rankin	74		c Chopra	b Clarke	0
E. Morgan	c Javid	b Barker	44			b Rankin	2
J. Franklin*		b Clarke	0			b Rankin	9
N. Dexter	not out		47		not out		17
J. Simpson †	c Evans	b Patel	1		not out		0
O. Rayner	c and	b Clarke	3				
J. Harris	c Patel	b Clarke	0				
T. Roland-Jones	c Webb	b Rankin	32				
S.Finn	lbw	b Rankin	1				
Extras (8 b 16 nb)			24	Extras (4 b 8 lb 1 w 10 nb)			23
Total (10 wkts, 72.2 overs)			260	Total (5 wkts, 50 overs)			152
Wkts: 1-8, 2-52, 3-122, 4-123, 5-192, 6-195, 7-202, 8-206, 9-253, 10-260				Wkts: 1-80, 2-80, 3-91, 4-105, 5-150			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Barker	20	7	80	1	Barker	10	1	24	0
Wright	19	0	65	2	Wright	12	1	43	0
Clarke	14	2	42	3	Rankin	13	1	40	2
Rankin	10.2	1	52	3	Clarke	11	2	32	2
Patel	9	2	13	1	Patel	4	3	1	1

Match Result: Match drawn. Warwickshire 11 points, Middlesex 10 points.

Rain prevented any play until mid-afternoon on the opening day and after winning the toss and fielding, Middlesex through Finn, picked up three early wickets, with Chopra, Javid and Webb on debut, all going to close-in catches, two at short-leg to the diving Robson and another to a one handed swoop at slip by Rayner.

An unbeaten partnership of ninety two for the fourth wicket between Trott and Evans then took Warwickshire to stumps on 148-3 after both batsmen had battled hard to keep the Middlesex attack at bay throughout much of the final session.

Resuming on the second morning, Trott edged a lifting delivery from Roland-Jones to the keeper for forty five but Ambrose 20 and Clarke 15 gave good support to Evans who was unluckily bowled by Finn with the second new ball when just two short of a century.

Patel 37 and Barker 37 threw the bat, particularly against the gentle off-spin of Rayner picking up four sixes before the Warwickshire innings finally closed on 342.

With the light deteriorating, Wright trapped Burns lbw but Robson and Compton batted through to an early close without further loss, when Middlesex were 39-1 at the close of the second day.

With more rain and bad light again causing delays and interruptions, Warwickshire's bowlers worked their way through the Middlesex batting on the third day after Wright had Robson caught

at slip, a partnership between Compton and Morgan looked to be putting the home side into a strong position, but Clarke ripped through the middle-order and other than some late resistance from Dexter and Roland-Jones Middlesex were dismissed for 260 trailing by eighty two.

With a draw beckoning, Warwickshire slipped from 125-3 to 187 all out after Chopra made a half century and a late order partnership led by Patel added sufficient runs to tip the balance in favour of the draw. Roland-Jones took four wickets to leave Middlesex chasing 270 from fifty four possible overs.

Robson and Burns posted an opening partnership of eighty but Clarke and Rankin with two wickets apiece removed any possibility of a Middlesex win and despite another late wicket from Patel, Middlesex held on as the match faded into the predictable draw.

Both sides were left to ponder on what might have been had not so much time been lost over the opening two days to rain and bad light.

Worcestershire CCC v Warwickshire CCC at New Road, Worcester, 14-17th June 2015**Umpires:** N. Mallander & B. Debenham **Toss won by:** Worcestershire who chose to bat**WORCESTERSHIRE CCC****1st INNINGS**

D. Mitchell *	c Javid	b Wright	36
R. Oliver	c Ambrose †	b Wright	27
M. Ali	c Javid	b Barker	45
T. Fell		b Barker	4
A. Gidman	c Ambrose †	b Wright	4
J. Clarke	c Trott	b Rankin	50
J. Leach	c and	b Rankin	22
B. Cox †	lbw	b Patel	3
J. Shantry	lbw	b Barker	17
Saeed Ajmal	c Ambrose †	b Barker	10
C. Morris	not out		5

Extras (10 b 2 lb 8 nb)**Total** (10 wkts, 65.2 overs)**Wkts:** 1-38, 2-104, 3-119, 4-124, 5-126, 6-179, 7-197, 8-225, 9-238, 10-243**2nd INNINGS**

c Bell	b Wright	0
c Evans	b Wright	2
	b Barker	7
	b Rankin	23
	b Rankin	8
c Bell	b Barker	13
	b Patel	2
lbw	b Rankin	14
c Wright	b Barker	0
not out		3
c Barker	b Patel	1

Extras (1 w 6 nb)**Total** (10 wkts, 32.5 overs)**Wkts:** 1-3, 2-4, 3-24, 4-35, 5-50, 6-61, 7-66, 8-71, 9-77, 10-80

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Barker	16.2	5	65	4	Wright	7	3	14	2
Wright	15	3	63	3	Barker	10	2	26	3
Clarke	9	4	29	0	Rankin	6	0	23	3
Rankin	13	1	47	2	Clarke	4	0	11	0
Patel	12	2	27	1	Patel	5.5	3	6	2

WARWICKSHIRE CCC**1st INNINGS**

V. Chopra *	lbw	b Leach	9
A. Javid	lbw	b Leach	9
I. Bell	lbw	b Shantry	111
J. Trott	c Gidman	b Shantry	0
L. Evans	c Oliver	b Leach	1
T. Ambrose †	c Cox †	b Shantry	31
R. Clarke	lbw	b Shantry	67
K. Barker	not out		50
J. Patel	c Saeed Ajmal	b Shantry	17
C. Wright	lbw	b Morris	16
B. Rankin	lbw	b Leach	13

Extras (8 b 8 lb)**Total** (10 wkts, 91.5 overs)**Wkts:** 1-20, 2-31, 3-34, 4-35, 5-106, 6-241, 7-246, 8-296, 9-321, 10-340

	O	M	R	W
Morris	14	0	52	1
Leach	27.5	5	80	4
Shantry	27	1	92	5
Saeed Ajmal	17	1	82	0
Ali	6	0	18	0



Bell reaches his century

Match Result: Warwickshire won by an innings and 17 runs. Warwickshire 22 points, Worcestershire 4 points.

Worcestershire's skipper Daryl Mitchell could probably reflect at the close of the opening day as to what might have been, after his side squandered a strong position at the start of the last over before lunch on 104-1, to collapse to 243 all out before tea, whilst having lost four wickets, including the fluent Moeen Ali, for just twenty two runs either side of the interval.

Winning the toss Mitchell and Ali played some delightful off-side shots adding 66 for the second wicket before Warwickshire's seam attack of Barker 4-65, Wright 3-63 and Rankin 2-47, assisted by a series of poor shots, ripped through the home side's batting. Only Clarke in his second LVCC match offered resistance with a half century, before Worcestershire hit back after tea, through Leach 3-27, reducing Warwickshire to 35-4, until an unbroken partnership of 66 between Bell 46* and Ambrose 31* levelled the session off with, Warwickshire closing on 101-4 trailing by 142 runs.

The second day, which was to prove to be the final day, belonged to Warwickshire and in particular Ian Bell, after he had reached his half century with a late cut off the first ball of the day and despite losing overnight partner Ambrose in the same over, then added 135 with Clarke 67 as he completed the fiftieth first-class century of his career just before lunch. Both Bell 111 and Clarke were lbw to Shantry in the afternoon, but when Warwickshire were finally

dismissed at tea, they held a useful first innings lead of 97.

Two wickets in Wright's second over heralded things to come as Worcestershire began their second innings removing both openers and when Ali and Fell were bowled the writing was on the wall.

Barker 3-26, Rankin 3-23 and Wright 2-14 were almost unplayable as the inexperienced Worcestershire batsmen collapsed against the continuous pressure from the Warwickshire seam attack. Patel picked up a couple of late wickets but the damage had already been done, as the home side totally capitulated with an abject display of batting, being dismissed in less than one session for just eighty, leaving a jubilant Warwickshire side victors by an innings and seventeen runs.

Warwickshire CCC v Sussex CCC at Edgbaston, 28th June-1st July 2015Umpires: R. Bailey & D. Millns **Toss won by:** Sussex who chose to bat**SUSSEX CCC****1st INNINGS**

E. Joyce *	c Evans	b Rankin	30
L. Wells	c Clarke	b Wright	68
M. Machan	c Wright	b Poysden	22
C. Nash	st Ambrose †	b Patel	121
L. Wright		b Patel	110
B. Brown †	not out		119
Ashar Zaidi	st Ambrose †	b Evans	106
O. Robinson	not out		19
P. Burgoyne			
S. Magoffin			
M. Hobden			

Extras (1 b 1 w 4 nb)**Total** (6 wkts dec, 163.4 overs)**Wkts:** 1-46, 2-97, 3-163, 4-329, 5-380, 6-571**WARWICKSHIRE CCC****1st INNINGS**

V. Chopra *	c Brown †	b Magoffin	6
I. Westwood	lbw	b Wells	20
A. Javid	c Wright	b Magoffin	0
I. Trott		b Hobden	68
C. Wright	c and	b Ashar Zaidi	65
L. Evans	not out		213
T. Ambrose †	c Robinson	b Burgoyne	153
R. Clarke	not out		41
J. Patel			
B. Rankin			
J. Poysden			

Extras (23 b 11 lb 12 nb)**Total** (6 wkts dec, 192 overs)**Wkts:** 1-14, 2-14, 3-56, 4-170, 5-207, 6-534

	O	M	R	W
Wright	18	1	73	1
Clarke	12	1	49	0
Patel	47	14	106	2
Rankin	15	1	79	1
Poysden	40.4	4	165	1
Javid	21	2	74	0
Trott	6	0	25	0
Evans	4	0	29	1

	O	M	R	W
Magoffin	22	5	65	2
Robinson	17	4	62	0
Hobden	26	3	63	1
Burgoyne	37	5	113	1
Wells	26	1	85	1
Ashar Zaidi	31	10	62	1
Nash	14	2	59	0
Machan	6	0	28	0
Brown	8	0	31	0
Wright	1	0	2	0
Joyce	4	0	8	0

Match Result: Match drawn. Warwickshire 9 points, Sussex 9 points.

After Sussex won the toss and chose to bat, it took little time for Warwickshire to realise they were going to be facing a long period in the field as Joyce and Wells looked very comfortable until Rankin had Joyce caught in the gully for thirty.

Wells and Machan took Sussex to lunch on 90-1 but Poysden on his LVCC debut, collected his first wicket after the break, courtesy of a good catch from Wright to dismiss Machan for twenty two. Wells completed his half century and added sixty six for the third wicket until Wells looped an attempted pull to Clarke off Wright.

This was the final success for Warwickshire in the day, as Nash playing in his 150th first-class match, completed his first century of the season and shared an unbroken partnership of 117 with Wright 43* as Sussex closed on 280-3.

On the second day Sussex continued to pile on the runs, with Wright completing his century before Brown and Zaidi then produced a partnership of 191 with both men also completing centuries, only the second time in their history that Sussex had achieved this feat before finally declaring on 601-6.

Magoffin struck quickly having Chopra 6 caught behind by Brown and Javid followed without scoring pushing a wider

delivery tamely into third slip's hands.

Just before stumps, Wells got one past Westwood's defence to trap the left-hander lbw for twenty, as Warwickshire closed the day on 62-3, trailing by 539.

The third day saw Warwickshire bat all day adding 305 runs whilst losing just two wickets after Trott and Wright extended their fourth wicket partnership to 114 before Hobden got one through Trott's defence to bowl him for 68 immediately after lunch. Wright completed his half century but drove Zaidi to give the bowler a return catch for 65.

Evans and Ambrose then batted throughout the remainder of the day, in an unbeaten partnership of 197 with Evans completing his century and Ambrose sixty five at stumps when Warwickshire were 367-5 still trailing by 234 but needing just eighty five to avoid the follow-on.

The final day became somewhat academic once the follow-on was avoided with Ambrose finally out for 153 having shared in a sixth wicket partnership record of 327 for Warwickshire against any side, while Evans remained unbeaten on a career best 213 when Warwickshire declared at 612-6 and the match was drawn.



Ambrose and Evans share a sixth wicket partnership of 327 runs

Warwickshire CCC v Yorkshire CCC at Edgbaston, 5-8th July 2015**Umpires:** M. Burns & A. Wharf **Toss won by:** Yorkshire who chose to bat**YORKSHIRE CCC**

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
A. Lees	st McKay †	b Patel	18	c Chopra	b Clarke		28
W. Rhodes		b Wright	10	c sub (Ambrose†)	b Hannon-Dalby		79
J. Leaning	c Patel	b Wright	4	c sub (Ambrose†)	b Rankin		46
A. Gale *	c Chopra	b Hannon-Dalby	1	5	b Patel		1
J. Bairstow †		b Wright	108	6	c Westwood	b Hannon-Dalby	23
A. Finch	lbw	b Clarke	28	4	not out		73
T. Bresnan	c McKay †	b Clarke	10		run out (Clarke)		1
J. Middlebrook	c Clarke	b Hannon-Dalby	5		c Hain	b Hannon-Dalby	2
S. Patterson	c McKay †	b Wright	11		not out		10
J. Brooks		b Wright	8				
R. Sidebottom	not out		2				
Extras (1 b 4 lb 1 w 2 nb)			8	Extras (16 b 9 lb 1 w)			26
Total (10 wkts, 66.2 overs)			213	Total (7 wkts dec, 80 overs)			289
Wkts: 1-17, 2-21, 3-26, 4-55, 5-129, 6-153, 7-170, 8-195, 9-208, 10-213				Wkts: 1-58, 2-152, 3-219, 4-222, 5-259, 6-263, 7-267			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Wright	16.2	4	40	5	Wright	15	1	46	0
Hannon-Dalby	22	4	60	2	Hannon-Dalby	21	4	80	3
Clarke	13	1	49	2	Patel	18	3	53	1
Rankin	11	3	50	0	Clarke	10	3	18	1
Patel	4	0	9	1	Rankin	11	0	54	1
					Trott	5	0	13	0

WARWICKSHIRE CCC

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
V. Chopra *		b Sidebottom	0	lbw	b Sidebottom		0
I. Westwood		b Sidebottom	14	lbw	b Sidebottom		40
C. Wright	lbw	b Sidebottom	0	9	b Brooks		6
J. Trott	c Leaning	b Brooks	18	3	b Sidebottom		29
L. Evans		b Sidebottom	2	4	lbw	b Sidebottom	0
S. Hain	c Leaning	b Sidebottom	0	5	lbw	b Bresnan	106
P. McKay †	lbw	b Sidebottom	0	6	c Finch	b Patterson	2
R. Clarke		b Patterson	28	7	c Leaning	b Middlebrook	18
J. Patel	c Bairstow †	b Brooks	0	8	c Rhodes	b Brooks	13
B. Rankin	c Lees	b Brooks	0	11	not out		9
O.Hannon-Dalby	not out		5	10	b Sidebottom		8
Extras (2 lb)			2	Extras (16 b 10 lb 2 nb)			28
Total (10 wkts, 28.1 overs)			69	Total (10 wkts, 85.5 overs)			259
Wkts: 1-0, 2-0, 3-29, 4-35, 5-35, 6-35, 7-35, 8-35, 9-37, 10-69				Wkts: 1-0, 2-58, 3-58, 4-109, 5-123, 6-170, 7-189, 8-203, 9-219, 10-259			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Sidebottom	12	6	34	6	Sidebottom	19	6	42	5
Brooks	11	4	14	3	Brooks	20	4	72	2
Bresnan	3	0	13	0	Patterson	12	4	30	1
Patterson	2.1	0	6	1	Bresnan	14.5	3	43	1
					Middlebrook	15	4	34	1
					Rhodes	3	0	11	0
					Finch	2	1	1	0

Match Result: Yorkshire won by 174 runs. Warwickshire 3 points, Yorkshire 20 points.

Yorkshire won the toss and batted first at Edgbaston and were soon in trouble against the opening seam attack of Wright and Hannon-Dalby, with Rhodes, Leaning and Gale all out cheaply, before Patel had Lees easily stumped by McKay.

Bairstow was joined by Australian, Finch and they added seventy four for the fifth wicket before Clarke trapped Finch lbw.

As wickets continued to fall, Bairstow produced another top-class innings, reaching his century after an hour's delay for rain and just before the Yorkshire innings closed on 213 with Wright mopping up the tail to finish with 5-40.

When Warwickshire batted, they lost two wickets off the first three balls from Sidebottom to leave then 11-2 overnight.

After just nine balls rain returned on the second morning and with play resuming after lunch, Sidebottom ran amuck, bowling Westwood not offering a shot and Evans, while Hain was caught at slip and McKay was lbw.

When Brooks had Trott caught low at third slip, Warwickshire on 35-7 had lost four wickets for no runs in eighteen balls and it became worse when Patel edged Brooks to Bairstow on the same total.

Rankin was the ninth wicket to fall, again to Brooks and with Warwickshire 37-9, Clarke and Hannon-Dalby then put together

a partnership of thirty two, the highest of the innings, to avoid the follow-on, before Patterson bowled Clarke to close the innings on just 69 trailing by 144.

Lees and Rhodes made a careful start to Yorkshire's second innings reaching fifty eight before Clarke made the breakthrough, but Rhodes and Leaning took Yorkshire to stumps with the overall lead extended past 250.

Rain again interrupted play on the third day, but amidst the showers, Yorkshire batted on, before declaring on 289-7, after half centuries from Rhodes and Finch had helped them set Warwickshire a target of 434 for victory.

Sidebottom trapped an out-of-form Chopra for a pair but Trott and Westwood took the home side to the close without further loss on 43-1.

Resistance on the final day, as Warwickshire chased an improbable victory target, came almost exclusively from Hain 106, but with little support after Westwood's early dismissal, other than from Trott, Warwickshire succumbed quickly to Sidebottom's second five wicket haul of the match.

The veteran left-arm seamer bowled with real pace and accuracy to bring Yorkshire a comprehensive victory by 174 runs with time to spare.

Durham CCC v Warwickshire CCC at The Emirates, Chester-le-Street, 12-15th July 2015

Umpires: G.Lloyd & D. Milns Toss won by: Durham who chose to bat

DURHAM CCC

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
M. Stoneman		b Milnes	112	c Ambrose †	b Woakes		3
K. Jennings	lbw	b Clarke	7		b Clarke		2
S. Borthwick	c Evans	b Woakes	67	c Ambrose †	b Woakes		0
P. Collingwood *	lbw	b Clarke	31	lbw	b Woakes		1
M. Richardson †	lbw	b Clarke	3	c Evans	b Clarke		21
G. Muchall	c Ambrose †	b Milnes	11	c Ambrose †	b Clarke		13
R. Pringle	c sub (Umeed)	b Clarke	53	c Ambrose †	b Milnes		22
J. Hastings	c Westwood	b Patel	1	c Chopra	b Hannon-Dalby		5
J. Harrison		b Milnes	14	c Hain	b Patel		53
C. Rushworth	c Ambrose †	b Clarke	4	lbw	b Patel		19
G. Onions	not out		0	not out			0
Extras (8 lb 1 w 2 nb)			11	Extras (5 lb 4 nb)			9
Total (10 wkts, 89.2 overs)			314	Total (10 wkts, 50.3 overs)			148
Wkts: 1-31, 2-184, 3-199, 4-202, 5-219, 6-2530, 7-256, 8-296, 9-307, 10-314				Wkts: 1-5, 2-5, 3-6, 4-9, 5-33, 6-50, 7-55, 8-95, 9-143, 10-148			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Clarke	21.2	7	62	5	Clarke	16	6	19	3
Hannon-Dalby	18	4	55	0	Woakes	12	3	52	3
Woakes	13	2	51	1	Hannon-Dalby	11	1	38	1
Milnes	22	3	96	3	Milnes	8	0	24	1
Patel	15	5	42	1	Patel	3.3	0	10	2

WARWICKSHIRE CCC

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
V. Chopra *	lbw	b Rushworth	6	c Richardson †	b Onions		11
I. Westwood	lbw	b Hastings	19	c Richardson †	b Hastings		36
J. Webb	lbw	b Rushworth	0		b Rushworth		0
L. Evans	lbw	b Rushworth	0	c Richardson †	b Rushworth		70
S. Hain	c Jennings	b Hastings	57	c Richardson †	b Onions		13
T. Ambrose †	lbw	b Collingwood	41	c Collingwood	b Harrison		25
R. Clarke	lbw	b Rushworth	13	lbw	b Onions		28
C. Woakes	c Borthwick	b Rushworth	15	lbw	b Rushworth		14
J. Patel	c Collingwood	b Onions	4	not out			24
T. Milnes	not out		12	not out			14
O. Hannon-Dalby)	lbw	b Harrison	4				
Extras (11 b 3 lb 1 w 12 nb)			27	Extras (6 b 12 lb 12 nb)			30
Total (10 wkts, 58.4 overs)			198	Total (8 wkts, 67.3 overs)			265
Wkts: 1-10, 2-12, 3-12, 4-40, 5-138, 6-142, 7-159, 8-174, 9-176, 10-198				Wkts: 1-33,m 2-38, 3-103, 4-138, 5-158, 6-192, 7-225, 8-227			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Rushworth	20	7	43	5	Rushworth	23	2	81	3
Harrison	7.4	1	24	1	Onions	21.3	0	79	3
Onions	16	2	57	1	Harrison	8	3	29	1
Hastings	12	1	57	2	Hastings	11	0	40	1
Collingwood	3	1	3	1	Borthwick	2	0	12	0
					Pringle	1	1	0	0
					Collingwood	1	0	6	0

Match Result: Warwickshire won by 2 wickets. Warwickshire 19 points, Durham 6 points.

With, Wright, Rankin, Barker and Trott all absent for Warwickshire, Durham chose to bat and Stoneman's second century in successive LV County Championship innings in a stand of 153 with Borthwick took the score to 184 for one, before a dramatic fightback from the seam attack, saw Clarke take five wickets and Milnes three, as Durham were dismissed for 314 just twenty minutes before stumps. With four overs to bat, Warwickshire reached ten without loss.

On the second day, in difficult conditions on a ground where he scored a century last season, Hain top-scored with 57 as Warwickshire replied to Durham's 314 with 167 for seven on a rain-shortened day.

Four of the wickets fell to Rushworth, who in the brief morning session took three wickets in seven balls to have Warwickshire rocking on 12 for three before Hain and Ambrose led a spirited counter-attack as their fifty stand came up in ten overs.

There were two more rain interruptions before the fifth-wicket pair departed in successive overs after tea, before bad light, then drizzle, ended a day on which 43.3 overs were bowled.

Next morning Rushworth completed his fifth five-wicket haul of the season, as the visitors were dismissed for 198 with

Durham taking the three remaining Warwickshire wickets for the addition of 31 runs and securing a first innings lead of 116.

Bowling again, Woakes took advantage of morning cloud cover in a spell of three for three in ten balls as Durham slipped to 55-7 before Harrison's half century supported by Pringle and Rushworth helped Durham struggle to 148 just after tea setting Warwickshire a target of 265 to win.

By the close of the third day, Warwickshire looked to be on target for victory, with Evans unbeaten on fifty two after Westwood and Chopra had been dismissed, closing on 125-3.

Wickets fell at awkward times on the final morning but with only thirty eight needed at lunch with three wickets in hand and Clarke at the wicket, the target appeared to be within comfortable reach. Clarke's dismissal off the first delivery after the interval added to the pressure on Patel, 24* who was ably supported by Milnes, 14* to carry Warwickshire home to a two-wicket win.

In a similar situation at the ground two years ago he made 50 to get Warwickshire in sight of their 257 target before losing by 11 runs.

This time he rode his luck, to see his side home.

Warwickshire CCC v Somerset CCC at Edgbaston, 18-21st July 2015**Umpires:** P Baldwin & M. Debenham **Toss won by:** Somerset who chose to bat**SOMERSET CCC****1st INNINGS**

M. Trescothick *	c Evans	b Patel	48
T. Abell	c Clarke	b Patel	8
M. Bates †	c Chopra	b Patel	16
J. Hildreth	c Chopra	b Woakes	11
T. Cooper	c Clarke	b Woakes	0
J. Allenby	c Patel	b Clarke	37
P. Trego	c Evans	b Woakes	2
C. Overton	c Hain	b Patel	51
A. Rehman	c Westwood	b Patel	13
A. Thomas	not out		32
T. Groenewald	c Hain	b Clarke	34

Extras (2 b 5 lb 6 nb)**Total** (10 wkts, 83.1 overs)**Wkts:** 1-29, 2-75, 3-88, 4-88, 5-111, 6-127, 7-152, 8-186, 9-201, 10-265**2nd INNINGS**

lbw	b Patel	15
not out		88
lbw	b Clarke	0
lbw	b Clarke	0
lbw	b Hannon-Dalby	17
c Clarke	b Woakes	11
lbw	b Clarke	21
c Trott	b Clarke	9
c Woakes	b Patel	0
c Ambrose †	b Patel	1
c Ambrose †	b Patel	0

Extras (1 b 4 lb 1 w 2 nb)**Total** (10 wkts, 51.4 overs)**Wkts:** 1-32, 2-32, 3-32, 4-74, 5-114, 6-155, 7-167, 8-168, 9-170, 10-170

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	
Barker	13	3	31	0	Barker	10	3	34	0
Woakes	15	1	48	3	Woakes	10	5	18	1
Patel	24	3	89	5	Clarke	12	2	43	4
Clarke	12.1	3	31	2	Patel	14.4	2	47	4
Hannon-Dalby	18	5	57	0	Trott	1	1	0	0
Trott	1	0	2	0	Hannon-Dalby	4	1	23	1

WARWICKSHIRE CCC**1st INNINGS**

V. Chopra *	c Trego	b Overton	33
I. Westwood		b Thomas	66
L. Evans	lbw	b Allenby	7
J. Trott	c Bates †	b Overton	87
S. Hain	not out		103
T. Ambrose †	c Overton	b Thomas	0
R. Clarke	c Cooper	b Overton	1
C. Woakes	c Cooper	b Overton	8
K. Barker	c Overton	b Thomas	5
J. Patel		b Overton	41
O. Hannon-Dalby	c Thomas	b Overton	0

Extras (7 b 3 lb 4 nb)**Total** (10 wkts, 115.5 overs)**Wkts:** 1-66, 2-84, 3-161, 4-243, 5-246, 6-265, 7-275, 8-282, 9-365, 10-365**2nd INNINGS**

c Allenby	b Thomas	4
c Trescothick	b Allenby	16
not out		36
c Groenewald	b Overton	0
not out		10

Extras (4 lb 4 nb)**Total** (3 wkts, 28.3 overs)**Wkts:** 1-8, 2-35, 3-36

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	
Thomas	27	4	106	3	Thomas	8	2	19	1
Groenewald	22	4	82	0	Groenewald	9	3	11	0
Rehman	28	10	58	0	Allenby	6.3	1	28	1
Overton	23.5	2	74	6	Overton	5	1	12	1
Allenby	7	0	16	1					
Trego	8	0	19	0					

Match Result: Warwickshire won by 7 wickets. Warwickshire 22 points, Somerset 4 points.

Warwickshire were again without Wright and Rankin and after Somerset chose to bat, it was Patel who took the only two wickets to fall before lunch, Abell and Bates.

After the interval Woakes' burst of 3-14 in four overs, saw him remove Cooper, Hildreth and Trego, while Patel completed his five-wicket haul as Somerset lost seven wickets in the session.

A last wicket partnership of sixty four between Bears' old boys, Thomas and Groenewald, helped Somerset close on 265 and by stumps on the opening day, Warwickshire were 22-0 in reply.

Trott's work and that of Ian Westwood (66 from 175 balls, four fours) and Sam Hain (an unbeaten 78 from 145, 11 fours) suggested that Somerset's 265 all out on the first day was an under-achievement in decent batting conditions. But the visitors stormed back in the last session when Overton and Alfonso Thomas took five wickets in ten overs with that new ball.

Warwickshire advanced to 66 before Chopra, guided Overton to gully and then Evans fell to Allenby. Westwood inside-edged Thomas on to his stumps, bringing together Trott 87 and Hain. They added 82 in 31 overs before Somerset, belatedly took the new ball and Overton then inflicted considerable damage with it, removing, Trott, Clarke and Woakes.

Barker followed, but Hain completed his half-century, as Warwickshire closed the second day on 319-8, leading by 54.

Next morning, Hain completed an unbeaten 103, his sixth career century, to give a first innings lead of 100 with Overton taking 6-74, before Somerset's second innings, collapse, saw them dismissed for just 170 as Abell batted through the innings for 88, for a second time in five weeks.

Aggressive seam-bowling from Clarke 4-43 and the spin of Patel 4-47, left Warwickshire a victory target of 70 and they reached six without loss before rain took away the last 15 overs of the day.

The home side lost Chopra in the first over and further wickets at 35 and 36, but then advanced to the target with 73 overs to spare, completing back-to-back victories for Warwickshire, with Evans unbeaten on 36.

Chopra's lean streak continued when he edged Thomas to Allenby at first slip but the Bears had all the time in the world - and they took it, Evans taking 25 balls to acquire a run as they scored just eleven from the first ten overs.

Westwood and Trott departed leaving Evans to see Warwickshire home.

Hampshire CCC v Warwickshire CCC at The Ageas Bowl, Southampton, 7-10th August 2015Umpires: M. Burns & I. Gould **Toss won by:** Hampshire who chose to bat**HAMPSHIRE CCC**

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
M. Carberry	c Ambrose †	b Rankin	36	c Ambrose †	b Rankin		91
J. Adams	lbw	b Woakes	0	c Westwood	b Woakes		6
J. Vince *	c Chopra	b Woakes	1		not out		125
W. Smith	c Patel	b Rankin	43	c Ambrose †	b Rankin		2
J. Gattling	c Chopra	b Patel	43		not out		31
L. Dawson	lbw	b Clarke	7				
A. Wheeler †	c Evans	b Rankin	57				
G. Berg	c Rankin	b Clarke	54				
J. Bird	c Ambrose †	b Barker	3				
M. Crane	c Trott	b Clarke	13				
F. Edwards	not out		17				
Extras (8 b 3 lb)			11	Extras (11 b 12 lb 5 w)			28
Total (10 wkts, 108 overs)			285	Total (3 wkts dec, 66 overs)			283
Wkts: 1-2, 2-4, 3-78, 4-85, 5-102, 6-194, 7-198, 8-214, 9-267, 10-285				Wkts: 1-14, 2-194, 3-204			

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	
Barker	22	7	50	1	Barker	12	2	41	0
Woakes	13	6	19	2	Woakes	11	3	29	1
Rankin	23	6	55	3	Clarke	9	0	44	0
Clarke	26	8	66	3	Patel	23	0	100	0
Patel	24	4	84	1	Rankin	10	0	46	2
					Trott	1	1	0	0

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1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
V. Chopra *		b Crane	37	lbw	b Berg		11
I. Westwood	c Berg	b Edwards	12	c Smith	b Dawson		53
L. Evans	c Carberry	b Crane	35		b Bird		0
I. Trott	c Vince	b Crane	0	lbw	b Dawson		5
S. Hain	c Wheeler †	b Crane	5	lbw	b Edwards		11
T. Ambrose †	lbw	b Crane	0	c Vince	b Edwards		16
R. Clarke	lbw	b Edwards	12	c Gattling	b Bird		55
C. Woakes	c Wheeler †	b Edwards	4	c Crane	b Smith		42
K. Barker		b Edwards	0	lbw	b Edwards		0
J. Patel		b Edwards	12	c Smith	b Edwards		10
W. Rankin	not out		6		not out		16
Extras (2 lb)			2	Extras (8 b)			8
Total (10 wkts, 54 overs)			125	Total (10 wkts, 74 overs)			227
Wkts: 1-16, 2-78, 3-78, 4-86, 5-86, 6-99, 7-105, 8-105, 9-115, 10-125				Wkts: 1-34, 2-47, 3-56, 4-71, 5-91, 6-155, 7-163, 8-168, 9-186, 10-227			

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	
Bird	15	3	34	0	Bird	15	2	50	2
Edwards	14	2	32	5	Edwards	19	5	55	4
Berg	9	3	11	0	Berg	4	0	16	1
Dawson	6	2	11	0	Dawson	20	5	43	2
Crane	10	2	35	5	Crane	10	2	46	0
					Carberry	2	1	1	0
					Smith	4	1	8	1

Match Result: Hampshire won by 216 runs. Warwickshire 3 points, Hampshire 21 points.

Warwickshire went into this match looking to reduce the 34 point lead Yorkshire held at the top of the table, whilst at the opposite end of the table, their opponents, Hampshire, needed to maintain recent improved form and secure a much needed victory in their efforts to maintain first division status.

Winning the toss and batting, Hampshire made an inconspicuous start, losing opener Adams and Vince to Woakes inside the opening five overs, before Carberry and Smith eased Hampshire through to lunch without further mishap, on 61-2.

The pair were soon parted after the interval and Dawson followed lbw to Clarke, but Wheeler and Gattling who took Hampshire to 146-5 at tea, while half centuries from Berg and Wheeler helped the home side reach 285 on the second morning.

In reply Westwood went early to Edwards, but Chopra and Evans added sixty two for the second wicket in thirty overs before a disastrous 90 minutes saw Warwickshire lose nine wickets for the addition of just forty seven runs as 18 year old leg-spinner Crane and West Indian, Edwards, each took five wickets, to dismiss the Bears for just 125.

With a lead of 160 Hampshire extended it to 242 with nine wickets in hand at stumps on the second day with Carberry and

Vince looking in ominous form each unbeaten on thirty four.

The second wicket partnership amassed a huge 180 on the third day, with Carberry falling nine short of a century, but Vince was unbeaten on 125 when he declared Hampshire's second innings on 283-3 setting Warwickshire a target of 444 for victory.

By stumps Warwickshire's hopes of achieving that unlikely target were in tatters after being reduced to 161-6 having earlier being 91-5 with a half century from Westwood.

With heavy rain forecast, and needing a victory to maintain hopes of first division survival, all Hampshire eyes were turned towards the gloomy skies on the final morning, when play resumed.

Clarke 55 had added just two runs when he fell to Bird off the fourth ball of the day and Edwards trapped Barker lbw in the next over.

Edwards then removed Patel and the last wicket pair of Woakes and Rankin survived fourteen overs before Smith had Woakes caught leaving the home side victors by 216 runs as the forecast rain started to fall, while the players were walking off the field.

Nottinghamshire CCC v Warwickshire CCC at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, August 21st-24th 2015

Umpires: S. O'Shaunessy & S. Gale Toss won by: Warwickshire who chose to bowl

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CCC**1st INNINGS**

B. Taylor	c Ambrose †	b Rankin	22
A. Hales		b Wright	189
S. Mullaney	c Patel	b Barker	112
J. Taylor	c Ambrose †	b Rankin	29
M. Wessels	c Porterfield	b Clarke	15
S. Patel		b Wright	46
L. Wood	c Evans	b Clarke	12
C. Read *†	c Trott	b Rankin	69
B. Hutton	c Evans	b Patel	37
J. Ball	not out		49
H. Gurney		b Wright	0

Extras (4 b 7 lb 1 w 8 nb)

Total (10 wkts, 140.3 overs)

Wkts: 1-61, 2-318, 3-351, 4-372, 5-400, 6-416, 7-453, 8-544, 9-560, 10-600

	O	M	R	W
Barker	30	2	117	1
Wright	25.3	4	97	3
Clarke	29	7	90	2
Rankin	19	2	104	3
Patel	33	2	155	1
Trott	4	0	26	0

WARWICKSHIRE CCC**1st INNINGS**

W. Porterfield *	c Read †	b Wood	1
I. Westwood	c Read †	b Ball	1
L. Evans		b Ball	41
I. Trott	lbw	b Ball	8
S. Hain	c Mullaney	b Gurney	25
T. Ambrose †	c Read †	b Hutton	46
R. Clarke	c Taylor B	b Hutton	5
K. Barker	c Mullaney	b Patel	71
J. Patel	c Hutton	b Gurney	12
C. Wright	c Mullaney	b Hutton	22
W. Rankin	not out		14

Extras (14 lb)

Total (10 wkts, 80.5 overs)

Wkts: 1-1, 2-2, 3-10, 4-41, 5-111, 6-129, 7-154, 8-171, 9-236, 10-260

	O	M	R	W
Ball	19	7	35	3
Wood	15	6	32	1
Gurney	18	7	45	2
Hutton	18.5	2	73	3
Mullaney	1	0	4	0
Patel	9	1	57	1

Match Result: Nottinghamshire won by an innings and 123 runs. Nottinghamshire 24 points, Warwickshire 4 points.

With Varun Chopra injured, stand-in skipper William Porterfield won the toss and elected to field against an in-form Nottinghamshire side and was rewarded with the wicket of Taylor before a huge second wicket partnership of 251 between Hales 189 and Mullaney 112, put the home side in complete command by tea.

Scoring at over four an over, Nottinghamshire secured maximum batting points closing the day on 404-5 and leaving the visitors looking at chasing down a large first innings total.

Nottinghamshire took their first innings score to 600, their highest total since 2007 on the second day with Read and Ball leading the way.

In response, Warwickshire reached stumps on 100 for four with Evans on 39 and Ambrose 18.

Earlier they were soon reduced to 10-3, as Ball, with two wickets, and Wood, put them under early pressure.

Evans offered dogged defiance, broken up by two short stoppages, and added an unbroken 59 with Ambrose, as Warwickshire ended the day 500 runs adrift and still requiring a further 351 to avoid the follow-on. They were finally dismissed for 260, with Barker scoring 71 with Ball 3-35 and Hutton taking 3-73.

Enforcing the follow-on Nottinghamshire were left frustrated



Barker's 71 runs most in both innings

2nd INNINGS (followed-on)

		b Patel	61
	c Read †	b Ball	19
	c Read †	b Ball	12
	lbw	b Hutton	22
	c Wood	b Hutton	7
	lbw	b Patel	12
	not out		30
	c Wessels	b Mullaney	8
	c Taylor J	b Mullaney	28
	lbw	b Patel	0
	c Taylor J	b Patel	4

Extras (4 b 6 lb 2 w 2 nb)

Total (10 wkts, 95.1 overs)

Wkts: 1-45, 2-59, 3-101, 4-111, 5-142, 6-143, 7-172, 8-208, 9-209, 10-217

	O	M	R	W
Ball	18	4	48	2
Wood	14	4	35	0
Hutton	14	3	32	2
Gurney	15	6	34	0
Patel	22.1	15	23	4
Mullaney	12	6	35	2

as deteriorating conditions wiped out the final session of the third day with Warwickshire 42 without loss when the first band of rain drove the players off the field for an early tea and a total of 43 overs were lost.

Porterfield and Westwood had made steady progress in the twelve overs that were possible with Warwickshire ending the day still 298 runs behind.

In gloomy conditions, Porterfield frustrated the home attack for more than four hours, in making 61, as the final day developed into one of dogged resistance.

Wickets fell at regular intervals as Nottinghamshire chipped through the middle-order but were then held up for more than an hour before Patel immediately trapped Ambrose lbw and then dismissed Porterfield.

Clarke and Barker resisted for more than 18 overs before Barker clipped Mullaney to Wessels at short leg, who pulled off an astounding reflex catch.

With the umpires repeatedly checking their light meters Mullaney and Patel took the second new ball, with immediate benefit as Mullaney had Patel caught at point by Taylor for 28 and then Patel finished the contest emphatically, trapping Wright lbw before having Rankin taken at short leg secure victory by an innings and 123 runs.

Warwickshire CCC v Middlesex CCC at Edgbaston, 1st-4th September 2015Umpires: P. Baldwin & A. Wharf **Toss won by:** Middlesex who chose to bat**MIDDLESEX CCC**

1st INNINGS				2nd INNINGS			
P. Stirling	c. Clarke	b. Barker	41	2	lbw	b. Barker	4
S. Robson	lbw	b. Clarke	14	1		b. Barker	21
N. Compton	lbw	b. Patel	18		c. sub (Evans)	b. Patel	28
D. Malan	c. Ambrose †	b. Rankin	7		lbw	b. Patel	10
J. Franklin *		b. Patel	8		lbw	b. Patel	16
N. Dexter	c. Chopra	b. Patel	53		c. Clarke	b. Rankin	43
J. Simpson †	lbw	b. Barker	1		not out		14
O. Rayner	c. Chopra	b. Wright	24		not out		21
J. Harris	c. Hain	b. Patel	7				
T. Roland-Jones	not out		17				
T. Murtagh	c. Barker	b. Patel	12				
Extras (4 b 1 lb)			5				
Total (10 wkts, 79.1 overs)			207		Extras (8 b 6 lb 2 nb)		16
Wkts: 1-52, 2-60, 3-80, 4-80, 5-107, 6-114, 7-165, 8-174, 9-185, 10-207					Total (6 wkts, 62.0 overs)		173
					Wkts: 1-17, 2-40, 3-63, 4-72, 5-105, 6-149		

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Barker	16	5	23	2	Barker	14	5	37	2
Wright	10	1	52	1	Wright	7	0	23	0
Clarke	14	3	38	1	Patel	25	9	65	3
Rankin	14	5	30	1	Clarke	5	2	3	0
Patel	25.1	7	59	5	Rankin	8	2	22	1
					Westwood	3	0	9	0

WARWICKSHIRE CCC

1st INNINGS			
V. Chopra *	c. Robson	b. Murtagh	44
I. Westwood	c. Simpson †	b. Rayner	7
W. Porterfield	c. Simpson †	b. Rayner	1
I. Trott	c. Simpson †	b. Roland-Jones	10
S. Hain	c. Robson	b. Murtagh	21
T. Ambrose †	c. Rayner	b. Roland-Jones	89
R. Clarke	c. Rayner	b. Murtagh	0
K. Barker	c. Compton	b. Stirling	30
J. Patel	c. Rayner	b. Murtagh	0
C. Wright	not out		32
B. Rankin	lbw	b. Rayner	4
Extras (12 lb 4 nb)			16
Total (10 wkts, 96.3 overs)			254
Wkts: 1-9, 2-21, 3-52, 4-85, 5-86, 6-86, 7-173, 8-174, 9-242, 10-254			

	O	M	R	W
Murtagh	25	6	55	4
Roland-Jones	25	4	59	2
Rayner	30.3	8	75	3
Harris	9	2	34	0
Stirling	7	1	19	1

Match Result: Match drawn. Warwickshire 10 points, Middlesex 9 points.

There was no play possible on the opening day due to heavy rain and after Middlesex won the toss and chose to bat, a disciplined bowling performance helped them dismiss the visitors for 207 with Patel taking the 18th five wicket haul of his career.

Middlesex raced to fifty in just twelve overs but then lost six wickets for 62 runs, with Stirling hitting seven fours in his forty one, but no-one else in the top order contributed.. Robson was lbw to Clarke and, after Stirling edged Barker to slip, Rankin's sixth ball dismissed Malan and Patel's second trapped Compton lbw.

Franklin was bowled by former New Zealand team-mate Patel and when Barker trapped Simpson lbw, Middlesex were 114 for six.

Dexter and Rayner added 51. But having completed a half-century Dexter was caught at leg-slip off Patel. Harris bat-padded the Patel to short leg before last pair Roland-Jones and Murtagh added 22 to at least secure their team one batting point.

Warwickshire had ten overs batting before the close and Middlesex turned to spin for the fourth and Rayner's first ball had Westwood caught behind to close the second day on 21-1.

Tim Ambrose displayed his ability to dig deep when his team needs it most as he steered Warwickshire out of trouble on the third day of their LV=County Championship tussle with Middlesex at Edgbaston.



8 wickets for Patel

Top score for Ambrose

The third day saw Warwickshire in deep trouble at 86 for six on a wearing pitch but closed a bad light-truncated day on 224 for eight with Ambrose unbeaten on 84 as he with resolute support from Barker and Wright, steered Warwickshire out of trouble.

Ambrose added 87 with Barker 30 and an unbroken 50 with Wright before bad light lopped off the last 21 overs.

Trailing by 47 on first innings, after finally bowling the home side out for 254 on the final morning, Middlesex were in jeopardy at 105 for five on the final afternoon as spinner Patel got among the wickets again on a turning wicket.

But Dexter again supplied the resistance his team required 43 to steer Middlesex towards safety at 173 for six and a draw which strengthened their grip on second place in the Division One table.

In the end the loss of the entire first day to rain, allied to further interruptions on the second and third days, took too much time out of the game for either side to force victory.

Warwickshire CCC v Nottinghamshire CCC at Edgbaston, 14-17th September 2015

Umpires: M.Saggers & N.Cook **Toss won by:** Warwickshire who chose to bowl

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CCC

1st INNINGS

B. Taylor	lbw	b Barker	24
A. Hales	c Clarke	b Barker	6
S. Mullaney	c Evans	b Barker	0
J. Taylor	lbw	b Barker	164
R. Wessels	c Ambrose †	b Trott	9
S. Patel		b Barker	9
C. Read * †	c Ambrose †	b Wright	63
B. Hutton	c Ambrose †	b Wright	0
L. Wood		b Patel	36
L. Fletcher	not out		24
J. Ball	lbw	b Patel	0

Extras (12 b 6 lb 12 nb)

Total (10 wkts, 107.3 overs)

Wkts: 1-23, 2-25, 3-46, 4-105, 5-130, 6-285, 7-285, 8-307, 9-365, 10-365

WARWICKSHIRE CCC

1st INNINGS

V. Chopra *	lbw	b Hutton	25
I. Westwood	c Read †	b Wood	16
L. Evans	c Mullaney	b Fletcher	34
I. Trott	c Wessels	b Ball	31
S. Hain	c Wessels	b Ball	2
T. Ambrose †	c Hutton	b Ball	8
R. Clarke	lbw	b Wood	11
K. Barker	c Taylor J	b Ball	11
J. Patel	c Hales	b Hutton	14
C. Wright	c Read †	b Fletcher	14
B. Rankin	not out		4

Extras (7 lb 10 nb)

Total (10 wkts, 46.2 overs)

Wkts: 1-44, 2-44, 3-103, 4-114, 5-130, 6-139, 7-153, 8-153, 9-183, 10-187

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Barker	30	8	68	5	Ball	12	1	48	4
Wright	21	2	83	2	Wood	14	2	45	2
Clarke	20	5	60	0	Hutton	11.2	2	47	2
Rankin	16	1	90	0	Fletcher	9	1	40	2
Trott	12	3	24	1					
Patel	8.3	3	22	2					

Match Result: Match drawn. Warwickshire 8 points, Nottinghamshire 12 points.

Any prospect of a positive result from this match disappeared with the rain that limited play to just four overs in the opening two days, as Nottinghamshire looked to overhaul Middlesex for second place behind the Champions Yorkshire in the Division One table.

Batting first, after Warwickshire had won the toss, Nottinghamshire reached 16-0 in the four possible overs of the opening two days, but James Taylor celebrated his Test recall by England with an unbeaten century for Nottinghamshire on the third day, scoring his 20th first-class century in an unbeaten 138 to steer his side away from the uneasy foundation of 46 for three to 254 for five when bad light lopped off the last 24 overs, on a day after Alex Hales recorded a rare failure against Warwickshire, edging Barker to second slip for just six, bringing his championship batting average against the Bears at Edgbaston crashing down under 100.

Mullaney and Taylor followed cheaply before James Taylor and Wessels added 58 for the fourth wicket.

Resuming after lunch Patel was bowled by Barker but Read 50* with Taylor added an unbroken 124 before the weather closed in again.

After rain and bad light sent the match into its final day still in its first innings, only collusion by the captains could salvage the match from stale-mate.

But Nottinghamshire had made it clear overnight that they were not interested in creating a contest. They chose to bat on in pursuit of bonus points and were finally bowled out for 365 to which Warwickshire replied with 187 all out.

In the morning session, Nottinghamshire added 110 for the loss of three wickets with James Taylor, finally out for 149.

Patel dismissed Wood and Ball with successive balls to round off the innings and reach fifty championship wickets for the season in the process.

Starting their first innings with only 62 overs left in the match, and the contest and their season dead as a doornail, Warwickshire's batting predictably lacked intensity.

They lost openers Chopra, lbw to Hutton, and Westwood who edged Wood to become Read's 1,001st first-class victim, in successive overs, before, Evans and Trott added 59 until falling to Fletcher and Ball respectively.

Generating good pace from the Birmingham End, Ball worked his way through the middle order to finish with four for 48 and drive his team towards maximum bowling points which they clinched when Wright offered Read catch number 1,002.



A great performance by Barker

Somerset CCC v Warwickshire CCC at Taunton, 22-25th September 2015Umpires: R. Bailey & A. Wharf **Toss won by:** Somerset who chose to bat**SOMERSET CCC****1st INNINGS**

M. Trescothick *	c Ambrose †	b Adair	87
T. Abell	c Ambrose †	b Hannon-Dalby	4
T. Cooper		b Clarke	43
J. Hildreth	lbw	b Barker	118
J. Allenby	c Ambrose †	b Barker	29
P. Trego	c Coleman	b Barker	24
L. Ronchi †	c Clarke	b Barker	51
L. Gregory	c Bell	b Clarke	0
A. Thomas	c Bell	b Clarke	4
M. Leach	not out		21
J. Overton	lbw	b Patel	40

Extras (5 b 3 lb 4 nb 5 pen)**Total** (10 wkts, 100.1 overs)**Wkts:** 1-30, 2-98, 3-199, 4-254, 5-284, 6-360, 7-365, 8-373, 9-377, 10-438**2nd INNINGS**

	c Clarke	b Barker	6
		b Barker	1
		b Patel	26
	lbw	b Barker	0
	c Coleman	b Patel	10
	lbw	b Patel	4
	lbw	b Patel	4
	c Evans	b Patel	11
	not out		13
	c Chopra	b Patel	15
	c Clarke	b Patel	9

Extras (10 b 1 lb)**Total** (10 wkts, 34.0 overs)**Wkts:** 1-8, 2-9, 3-9, 4-30, 5-34, 6-44, 7-68, 8-73, 9-83, 10-110

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Barker	24	3	94	4	Barker	11	2	37	3
Hannon-Dalby	19	2	91	1	Hannon-Dalby	3	2	2	0
Patel	23.1	3	88	1	Patel	14	3	38	7
Clarke	12.1	1	91	3	Clarke	6	2	22	0
Adair	19	3	61	1					

WARWICKSHIRE CCC**1st INNINGS**

V. Chopra *	c Allenby	b Leach	54
I. Westwood		b Leach	34
I. Bell	lbw	b Thomas	12
L. Evans		b Leach	73
F. Coleman	c Gregory	b Leach	0
T. Ambrose †		b Leach	0
R. Clarke	lbw	b Leach	0
K. Barker	c Ronchi †	b Overton	9
J. Patel	st Ronchi †	b Leach	98
M. Adair	not out		24
O. Hannon-Dalby	lbw	b Allenby	7

Extras (5 b 6 lb 2 nb)**Total** (10 wkts, 110.3 overs)**Wkts:** 1-88, 2-105, 3-105, 4-105, 5-105, 6-105, 7-120, 8-286, 9-295, 10-324**2nd INNINGS**

		b Cooper	33
	c Ronchi †	b Thomas	17
		b Cooper	55
	c Ronchi †	b Cooper	4
	st Ronchi †	b Cooper	0
	c Gregory	b Cooper	0
	c Trego	b Leach	5
	st Ronchi †	b Leach	46
		c and b Leach	27
	not out		10
	c Gregory	b Leach	0

Extras (8 b 2 lb)**Total** (10 wkts, 64.1 overs)**Wkts:** 1-43, 2-79, 3-83, 4-87, 5-89, 6-104, 7-144, 8-170, 9-197, 10-207

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Thomas	21	7	54	1	Thomas	11	4	30	1
Overton	17	0	47	1	Leach	31.1	12	74	4
Leach	40	11	106	7	Overton	4	0	17	0
Trego	11	2	32	0	Cooper	18	4	76	5
Gregory	15	3	52	0					
Allenby	6.3	0	22	1					

Match Result: Somerset won by 17 runs. Warwickshire 6 points, Somerset 24 points.

A Hildreth century and another key innings from Trescothick saw Somerset into a strong position at the end of the first day of their match against Warwickshire at Taunton.

Needing seven points to guarantee his side's First Division survival, skipper Trescothick shared valuable partnerships with Cooper and Hildreth, who ended the day unbeaten on 118, as Somerset closed on 360 for five, collecting four of those precious points in the process.

After a slightly delayed start, it was Trescothick who took charge of the first part of the day after opting to bat first, while Hildreth well supported by Allenby and Ronchi dominated the latter stages of the day.

Leach claimed four wickets for no runs in the space of thirteen balls to clinch First Division survival for Somerset on the second day after Somerset clinched a fifth batting bonus point before being bowled out for 438.

Warwickshire crumbled from 105 for one to 105 for six, giving Somerset the two remaining bonus points they needed to be sure of avoiding relegation.

By the time bad light ended play the visitors had moved on to 180 for seven with Patel on thirty seven.

Patel bowled Warwickshire back into contention on the third day claiming 7-38 for 38 on a pitch offering increasing turn as the hosts crashed to 110 all out in their second innings.

Somerset gained a first innings lead of 114 by bowling out their opponents for 324, a fine recovery from 120 for seven, before Patel fell two short of a century.

Set 225 to win, Warwickshire progressed to 20 for no wicket with few alarms.

On the final day, the visitors were bowled out for 207, which included 55 for Bell, with spinners Leach and Cooper taking nine wickets between them to see the hosts to only their fourth win of the season.

By lunch Warwickshire had moved onto 104 for five off 46 overs, with Bell unbeaten on 43 while Cooper had taken 4-13.

Leach struck with the first ball after lunch when he had Clarke caught for five but wickets continued to fall with Bell 55 and Barker 46.

Patel took Warwickshire closer to victory, but on 27 he was caught and bowled by Leach and the final wicket of the match fell to Leach when he had Hannon-Dalby caught and Warwickshire were all out for 207, giving Somerset victory by 17 runs.

BEST PARTNERSHIPS FOR 2015

1st	88 66	V Chopra and I Westwood v Somerset at Taunton V Chopra and I Westwood v Somerset at Edgbaston
2nd	95 68	W Porterfield and I Westwood v Yorkshire at Headingley V Chopra and I Westwood v Hampshire at Edgbaston
3rd	84 77	I Westwood and I Trott v Durham at Edgbaston I Westwood and I Trott v Somerset at Edgbaston
4th	114 106 96	I Trott and C Wright v Sussex at Edgbaston I Westwood and L Evans v Durham at Edgbaston I Trott and L Evans v Middlesex at Lord's
5th	98 82	S Hain and T Ambrose v Durham at Chester-le-Street V Chopra and T Ambrose v Hampshire at Edgbaston
6th	327 135 82	L Evans and T Ambrose v Sussex at Edgbaston I Bell and R Clarke v Worcestershire at Worcester I Westwood and R Clarke v Yorkshire at Headingley
7th	103 87	R Clarke and K Barker v Durham at Edgbaston T Ambrose and K Barker v Middlesex at Edgbaston
8th	166 97 72	L Evans and J Patel v Somerset at Taunton K Barker and J Patel v Durham at Edgbaston K Barker and J Patel v Middlesex at Lord's
9th	114* 83 68	C Wright and W Rankin v Worcestershire at Edgbaston S Hain and J Patel v Somerset at Edgbaston T Ambrose and C Wright v Middlesex at Edgbaston
10th	41	C Woakes and W Rankin v Hampshire at The Ageas Bowl



Tim Ambrose and Laurie Evans share the season's highest partnership

PARTNERSHIPS

The 7 first-class century partnerships made in 2015 compares with 18 in 2014 and 25 in 2013.

2015 was the first time in the history of Warwickshire first-class cricket that they failed to achieve a first-class century partnership for any of the first three wickets.

7 first-class century partnerships is the fewest in a season since 1956 and these are the two fewest since 1923.

The partnership of 98 between S Hain and T Ambrose for the fifth wicket v Durham at Chester-le-Street was the highest for Warwickshire v Durham in Durham beating the previous record of 96 between A Loudon and I Trott on the same ground in 2006.

In the same match M Stoneman and S Borthwick's second wicket partnership of 153 for Durham, equalled the record for that wicket against Warwickshire by Durham set in 2010 at Edgbaston, by G Mutchall and M Stoneman and beat the record at Chester-le-Street of 62 between S Borthwick and K Jennings.

Also the ninth wicket partnership of 48 between J Harrison and C Rushworth for Durham beat the old Durham record of 43 at home against Warwickshire, previously set by G Onions and M Wood at Chester-le-Street in 2013.

L Evans and T Ambrose's partnership of 327 for the sixth wicket against Sussex at Edgbaston was a new record for that wicket against any county home or away, beating the previous record of 226 between T Ambrose and J Troughton v Worcestershire at Worcester in 2007.

The partnership was a record against Sussex for the 6th wicket on any ground beating the 145 between G Hogg and I Bell at Horsham in 2004 and beating the record against Sussex at Edgbaston of 132 between R Clarke and I Bell in 2014.

In the same match, C Nash and L Wright's fourth wicket stand of 166 was a new record for Sussex against Warwickshire in Warwickshire, beating the previous record of 146 set in 1937 between G Cox and J Langridge at Edgbaston.

In a match of records, B Brown and Ashar Zaidi's sixth wicket partnership of 191 was a new record for Sussex against Warwickshire on any ground, beating the previous record of 163 between L Wells and O Rayner at Arundel in 2011.

L Evans and J Patel's eighth wicket partnership of 166 against Somerset at Taunton was a record for that wicket against the county on any ground, beating the 110 at Taunton in 2011 between A Botha and C Woakes and the record at Edgbaston of 116 in 1949 between A Wolton and C Grove.

For Somerset, M Leach and J Overton's 61 for the final wicket was a new Somerset record against Warwickshire at Taunton, beating the previous record of 55 set by J Watson and W Luckes in 1933.

M Carberry and J Vince's second wicket partnership of 180 for Hampshire at Southampton was a new record in Hampshire, beating the previous record of 152 set by D Turner and C Smith at Southampton in 1984.

W Rankin and C Wright shared an unbeaten partnership of 114* against Worcestershire at Edgbaston and in doing established a new record against that county beating the previous record of 96* between P Holloway and A Donald. This partnership also saw Rankin record a maiden first—class half century.

S Mullaney and A Hales' second wicket partnership of 257 for Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge was a new record for Nottinghamshire against Warwickshire on any ground, beating the old record of 205 between B Bolus and B Hassan at Edgbaston in 1970 and the previous record at Trent Bridge of 195 between P Johnson (RH) N Astle and M Dowman in 1997.

The partnership of 191 between M Pettini and T Westley for Essex at Chelmsford was a new Essex record for the first wicket against Warwickshire in 50 limited over cricket on any ground.

V Chopra and I Trott's second wicket unbroken partnership of 157 at Edgbaston was a new record in limited overs cricket for Warwickshire against Glamorgan home or away, whilst in the same match D Salter and M Horgan's last wicket partnership of 22 was a new record for Glamorgan against Warwickshire.

At Edgbaston, L Dawson and W Smith's 123 for the fifth wicket

was a new Hampshire record partnership in limited overs cricket against Warwickshire.

Ateeq Javid and W Porterfield's sixth wicket partnership of 81 against Sussex at Rugby School was a new record for that wicket on any ground for Warwickshire against Sussex in limited overs cricket.

In the NatWest t20 Blast, V Chopra and B McCullum's opening partnership of 160 against Derbyshire at Edgbaston was the highest partnership for any wicket in the club's history of t20 cricket, while R Clarke and A Javid's partnership of 93 for the fifth wicket against Northamptonshire too, was a Club record for that wicket against any opposition.

Against Durham at Chester-le-Street I Bell and V Chopra set a new t20 opening partnership record against Durham of 52 while in the same match I Bell and W Porterfield's 92 for the second wicket was also a new t20 record against Durham.

In the t20 match against Derbyshire at Edgbaston Derbyshire set three new records with partnerships of 26 for the sixth wicket and fourteen for both the ninth and tenth wickets beating previous records in matches between the two sides.

Lancashire's t20 fifth and sixth wickets set new record partnerships with 41 and 50 respectively in the match at Edgbaston while at Old Trafford, new records were set for the third and eighth wickets with partnerships of 27 and 15.

W Porterfield and T Ambrose posted a new t20 record third wicket partnership of 80 against Leicestershire at Edgbaston and in the same match N O'Brien and Umar Akmal replied with a record unbroken fourth wicket stand of 93.

At Grace Road, R Clarke and Ateeq Javid set a new sixth wicket record against Leicestershire of 25 while in the same match M Cosgrove and M Elliott added a new record 65 for the third wicket in Leicestershire's innings.

Against Nottinghamshire at Edgbaston, I Bell and W Porterfield's partnership of 67 for the second wicket was a new record, while in the fixture at Trent Bridge, V Chopra and T Ambrose added 42 for the third wicket while Chopra with L Evans then added 77 for the fifth wicket, another record against Nottinghamshire. In the same match A Hales and S Patel's unbroken third wicket partnership of 63 was a new record for the hosts.

At Worcester, R Clarke and L Evans added 68 for the fifth wicket while Clarke and Ateeq Javid's unbroken partnership of 45 for the sixth wicket was another new record against Worcestershire. In the corresponding match at Edgbaston, the ninth wicket pair of J Leach and S Senanayake added a new record 18 for the ninth wicket for Worcestershire.

At Edgbaston, T Ambrose added 51 for the third wicket with W Porterfield and 66 for the fourth with L Evans against Yorkshire while at Edgbaston new records were set with a partnership of 30 for the eighth wicket between Ateeq Javid and R Gordon and 10 for the tenth between Javid and J Poysden.

In the same matches, at Edgbaston, A Finch and J Leaning put on 43 for the fifth wicket while Leaning and T Bresnan added a record 39 for the sixth wicket and at Headingley A Lees and J Leaning posted a partnership of 104 to establish new records for Yorkshire.

In the t20 quarter-final at Edgbaston against Essex, four new partnership records were set for the Bears with V Chopra and W Porterfield making 30 for the second wicket, R Clarke and L Evans 28 for the fourth, Evans and C Woakes 69 for the fifth and Woakes with Ateeq Javid sharing an unbroken sixth wicket stand of 32.

In the same match, for Essex, T Westley and R Bopara's 56 for the third wicket was a new record for Essex against the Bears.

MILESTONES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Warwickshire's 612-6 dec. against Sussex at Edgbaston was their highest total at home against Sussex in first-class cricket.

Sussex 601-6 dec at Edgbaston was their highest total in first-class cricket against Warwickshire on any ground.

Nottinghamshire's 600 at Trent Bridge was their highest total against Warwickshire in Nottinghamshire.

The 4 centuries in an innings for Sussex at Edgbaston equalled the record against Warwickshire by any county in first-class cricket. It was the fifth occasion this had occurred.

The seven lbw dismissals in Warwickshire's first innings against Durham at Chester-le-Street was the highest number in an innings incurred by Warwickshire in their Championship history.

When Somerset lost all 10 first innings wickets to outfield catches at Edgbaston in July, it was only the third time in Warwickshire's history that they had achieved this feat, without the help of any wicket-keeper's catches. The other two occasions were against Surrey at the Oval in 1968 and against Lancashire at Liverpool in 2011.

The 320-5 scored by Essex at Chelmsford in the Royal London Cup, was their highest ever total in limited overs cricket against Warwickshire.

Against Derbyshire at Edgbaston in the NatWest t20 Blast a number of records were broken:

Birmingham Bears 242-2, was their highest total in the competition, beating the previous best of 205-2 v Northamptonshire at Edgbaston in 2005.

The same match also brought a new highest aggregate match total, with 424 runs, beating the previous record of 415 v Durham at Edgbaston in 2010.

There were more runs scored by boundaries in an innings than any other match played by the Bears 166 (22-4s & 13-6s). The old record was 130 (22-4s & 7-6s) v Glamorgan at Swansea 2005

This score was also the fastest 100 in 42 Balls and the fastest 150 in 60 Balls.

B McCullum's 158* was a new record highest individual score in the competition and also the first century for the Bears, beating the previous highest individual score of 90 by I Bell made against Durham at Chester-le-Street, also in 2015.

B McCullum's innings contained a record number of individual sixes with 11 beating the previous record of 6 in an innings by D Maddy against Northamptonshire at Edgbaston in 2010.

It was also the match in which the team recorded a record number of sixes in an innings with 13 beating the previous record of 10 against Worcestershire at Edgbaston in 2006.

Individual records during the 2015 season included:

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T Ambrose passed 7,500 first-class runs in the match against Hampshire at Edgbaston in April and in the same match, J Patel completed 4,000 career first-class runs.

W Rankin's 6-75 in Hampshire's first innings was a career best after having taken his 250th first-class wicket when J Vince became his second victim in Hampshire's first innings.

In the second match of the season against Yorkshire at Headingley, I Westwood's 196 was his highest score in first-class cricket, beating his previous best of 176 in the County Championship and his 178 in all first-class cricket, and in the course of that innings, completed 6,000 first-class runs in his County Championship career.

R. Clarke passed 8,500 first-class runs during the match, while W. Rankin followed up his career best in the previous match against Hampshire with a return of 6-56 in Yorkshire's first innings.

Against Worcestershire at Edgbaston in early May, during Warwickshire's first innings, L Evans completed 2,000 first-class career runs while S Hain completed his first 1,000. In the second innings, V Chopra passed 8,000 career runs, while J Patel took his 500th first-class wicket in Worcestershire's second innings.

In the next match against Durham at Edgbaston R Jones, in what was to be his final match of the season, completed 150 first-class wickets during Durham's first innings, while R Clarke took his 250th County Championship wicket in Durham's second innings.

In the match against Sussex at Hove, I Westwood passed 7,000 first-class career runs, while with the ball, K Barker took his 200th first-class wicket in Sussex first innings and J Patel his 200th County Championship wicket in the same innings. R Clarke reached 300 first-class wickets during Sussex second innings.

During the Middlesex match at Lord's J Webb made his first-class debut.

In Warwickshire's victory against Worcestershire at Worcester, R Clarke completed 8,000 County Championship runs, while C Wright took his 300th first-class wicket and K Barker his 200th County Championship wicket during the match.

In the high scoring draw at Edgbaston against Sussex, L Evans 213* was his highest first-class score while J Poysden made his County Championship debut for Warwickshire.

W. Rankin completed 500 first-class runs during the match at Edgbaston against Yorkshire in July. While in the following match against Durham at Chester-le-Street, L Evans completed 2,500 first-class runs and T Milnes 3-96 was his best return in County Championship cricket. When C Woakes dismissed C Rushworth in Durham's second innings, he took his 350th first-class wicket.

K Barker completed 2,000 first-class runs against Somerset at Edgbaston in July and completed the same feat in County Championship matches against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge in August, while W Rankin took his 250th County Championship wicket in Nottinghamshire's first innings.

T Ambrose completed 9,000 first-class runs against Middlesex at Edgbaston in September and 8,000 runs in the County Championship in the next match against Nottinghamshire at Edgbaston, in which match J Patel took his 50th wicket of the season in the County Championship.

V Chopra passed 7,000 County Championship runs in the final match of the season against Somerset at Taunton, while I Bell completed 17,500 first-class runs and J Patel 4,500 first-class runs in Warwickshire's second innings. During Somerset's second innings, J Patel completed his best innings analysis in first-class cricket, 7-38, beating his previous best of 7-75.

ROYAL LONDON CUP

J. Webb made his debut in List A matches against Nottinghamshire at Nettleworth in July while K Barker completed 50 List A wickets during the match against Lancashire at Old Trafford in August.

O Hannon-Dalby's 5-27 against Glamorgan at Edgbaston was his first five wicket return in List A cricket and a career best.

Against Hampshire at Edgbaston, V Chopra completed 3,500 List A runs, while Ateeq Javid completed 500 List A runs during the match against Sussex at Rugby School.

NATWEST t20 BLAST

Against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge T Lewis made his debut, while in the following match against Worcestershire at Edgbaston, V Chopra completed 1,500 career t20 runs. In the same match, R Gordon's 3-18 equalled his previous best bowling return.

I Bell's 90 against Durham at Chester-le-Street was his highest individual score and a new record for the Bears, beating N Knight's 89 set in 2003 and his own previous best of 85 v Durham in 2010. During his innings he completed 1,000 t20 career runs.

O Hannon-Dalby's 4-29 against Nottinghamshire at Edgbaston was his best t20 return, while W Porterfield completed 3,000 t20 career runs against Yorkshire at Edgbaston.

B McCullum made his t20 debut for the Bears against Lancashire at Old Trafford in June, while R Gordon's 4-20 in the same match was a new personal best in the competition.

B McCullum's unbeaten 158 against Derbyshire at Edgbaston in July was the first individual century by a Bears' player in t20 cricket and equalled McCullum's own personal highest score in t20 cricket. In the same match J Poysden's 4-51 was his best return in t20 cricket.

At Grace Rd against Leicestershire, T Ambrose completed 1,000 t20 career runs while in the quarter-final tie against Essex at Edgbaston, W Rankin completed 50 t20 wickets.

Ateeq Javid's 51* against Northamptonshire in the t20 Semi-Final at Edgbaston in August, was his highest score in t20 cricket and his first half-century.

CENTURIES SCORED BY WARWICKSHIRE IN FIRST-CLASS CRICKET IN 2015

Player	Score	Match
L Evans	213*	v Sussex at Edgbaston
I Westwood	196	v Yorkshire at Leeds
T Ambrose	153	v Sussex at Edgbaston
V Chopra	119*	v Hampshire at Edgbaston
T Ambrose	113	v Hampshire at Edgbaston
I Bell	111	v Worcestershire at Worcester
V Chopra	107	v Worcestershire at Edgbaston
S Hain	106	v Yorkshire at Edgbaston
S Hain	103*	v Somerset at Edgbaston
K Barker	102*	v Durham at Edgbaston

FIVE OR MORE WICKETS IN AN INNINGS IN A FIRST-CLASS MATCH 2015

J Patel	7-38	v Somerset at Taunton
W Rankin	6-55	v Yorkshire at Leeds
W Rankin	6-75	v Hampshire at Edgbaston
C Wright	5-40	v Yorkshire at Edgbaston
J Patel	5-59	v Middlesex at Edgbaston
R Clarke	5-62	v Durham at Chester-le-Street
K Barker	5-68	v Nottinghamshire at Edgbaston
J Patel	5-89	v Somerset at Edgbaston
K Barker	5-103	v Durham at Edgbaston



Evans top run scorer and Patel top wicket taker in 2015

Consolidated figures for the First-Class and competitive Limited Overs matches in 2015

Batsmen with 1,000+ runs

Player	Matches	Inns	Not Out	Runs	HS
L Evans	38	48	4	1209	213*
V Chopra	36	45	2	1203	119*
T Ambrose	37	35	1	1008	153

Bowlers with 40+ wickets

Player	Runs	Wkts
J Patel	2127	80
R Clarke	1491	60
W Rankin	1401	52
K Barker	1451	50
O Hannon-Dalby	1155	43

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTAL**For Warwickshire**

810-4d	v Durham	Edgbaston	1994
657-6d	v Hampshire	Edgbaston	1899
657-7d	v Glamorgan	Edgbaston	1994

Against Warwickshire

887	Yorkshire	Edgbaston	1896
781	Lancashire	Edgbaston	2003
672-4d	Somerset	Taunton	2009

LOWEST COMPLETED INNINGS TOTALS**For Warwickshire**

16	v Kent	Tonbridge	1913
28	v Derbyshire	Derby	1937

Against Warwickshire

15	Hampshire	Edgbaston	1922
23	Sussex	Worthing	1964

HIGHEST SECOND INNINGS TOTALS**For Warwickshire**

585-7	v Surrey	Oval	1905
566-8	v Worcs	Worcester	1908

Against Warwickshire

521	Hampshire	Edgbaston	1922
481	Yorkshire	Edgbaston	2002

HIGHEST FOURTH SECOND INNINGS TOTALS**For Warwickshire**

427-9	v Somerset	Taunton	2013 (To draw the match)
425	v Surrey	Edgbaston	2003 (To lose being set 561)
417-2	v Glamorgan	Edgbaston	1983 (Won after dec last inn for)

Against Warwickshire

433	Yorkshire	Edgbaston	2003 (To lose being set 500)
405-5	Sussex	Hove	2007 (To draw)
403	Somerset	Taunton	1991 (To lose being set 409)

HIGHEST MATCH AGGREGATES

1706-23	v Hampshire	Southampton	1997
1665-33	v Yorkshire	Edgbaston	2002

LOWEST COMPLETED MATCH AGGREGATES

243-29	v Surrey	The Oval	1953
267-31	v Essex	Edgbaston	1894

MOST CENTURIES FOR WARWICKSHIRE

DL Amiss	78	JH Parsons	35
WG Quaife	71	RB Kanhai	35
AI Kallicharran	52	JA Jameson	31
RES Wyatt	51	FC Gardner	29
HE Dollery	49	NV Knight	29
MJK Smith	48	GW Humpage	29

LEADING WICKETKEEPERS

	ct	st	Total
EJ Smith	655	138	793
GW Humpage	627	72	699
RT Spooner	525	157	682
AFA Lilley	496	135	631
AC Smith	558	39	597
KJ Piper	477	36	513

MOST CATCHES IN THE FIELD

MJK Smith	422	DL Amiss	353
A Townsend	408	WG Quaife	333

MOST FIRST CLASS APPEARANCES

WG Quaife	666	FR Santall	496
DL Amiss	547	WE Hollies	476

LEADING RUN-GETTERS FOR WARWICKSHIRE

Player	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg
DL Amiss	946	102	35146	41.64
WG Quaife	1112	176	33862	36.18
MJK Smith	741	99	27672	43.10
HE Dollery	679	63	23458	38.08
RES Wyatt	627	105	21687	41.55
LTA Bates	745	53	19326	27.93
NF Horner	647	33	18217	29.67
AI Kallicharran	471	56	18158	43.75
JA Jameson	581	43	18149	33.73
GW Humpage	563	73	17852	36.43
FC Gardner	593	66	17826	33.83
AJW Croom	622	65	17662	31.71
FR Santall	789	84	17518	24.85
TA Lloyd	524	40	16431	33.95
N Kilner	539	35	16075	31.89
EJ Smith	744	48	15911	22.86

Player	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg
JH Parsons	494	48	15737	35.28
SP Kinneir	507	46	15040	32.62
Khalid Ibadulla	630	69	14762	26.31
C Charlesworth	632	27	14289	23.62
WJP Stewart	471	53	14249	34.09
AJ Moles	381	36	13316	38.60
AVG Wolton	477	61	12896	31.00
AFA Lilley	497	29	12813	27.38
RE Hitchcock	511	70	12269	27.82
RT Spooner	506	59	12014	26.88
A Townsend	549	69	11965	24.93
JS Ord	459	35	11788	27.80
RB Kanhai	273	47	11615	51.39
NV Knight	264	32	11600	50.00
TW Cartwright	558	70	10781	22.09
DP Ostler	329	25	10737	35.32

LEADING WICKET-TAKERS FOR WARWICKSHIRE

Player	Runs	Wkts	Av.	Player	Runs	Wkts	Av.
WE Hollies	45019	2201	20.45	FR Foster	12077	587	20.57
S Santall	28921	1207	23.96	AA Donald	11160	536	20.82
JD Bannister	25918	1181	21.95	DR Brown	15343	515	29.79
JH Mayer	25356	1142	22.20	FSG Calthorpe	15299	514	29.76
TW Cartwright	19838	1058	18.75	RG Thompson	10824	472	22.93
DJ Brown	24078	1005	23.96	EE Hemmings	14056	441	31.87
EF Field	22992	982	23.41	Khalid Ibadulla	12548	418	30.02
GAE Paine	21867	962	22.73	NMK Smith	13968	374	37.35
WG Quaife	24779	900	27.53	RGD Willis	8769	353	24.84
H Howell	18089	899	20.12	NE Partridge	7900	347	22.77
S Hargreave	18496	851	21.73	NB Gifford	9359	341	27.45
GC Small	20067	717	27.99	LR Gibbs	8281	338	24.50
CWC Grove	15484	697	22.22	AM Ferreira	10891	335	32.51
TL Pritchard	16211	695	23.33	AF Giles	8460	323	26.19
RES Wyatt	21401	652	32.82	A Townsend	9238	323	28.60
TA Munton	16195	643	25.19				

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL INNINGS FOR WARWICKSHIRE

501*	BC Lara v Durham, Edgbaston, 1994
315	MA Wagh v Middlesex, Lord's, 2001
305*	FR Foster v Worcs, Dudley, 1914
303*	NV Knight v Middlesex, Lord's, 2004
277*	RG Twose v Glamorgan, Edgbaston, 1994
268*	S Kinneir v Hampshire, Edgbaston, 1911
262*	IR Bell v Sussex, Horsham, 2004
255*	WG Quaife v Surrey, Oval, 1905
255*	NV Knight v Hampshire, Edgbaston, 2002
254	GW Humpage v Lancashire, Southport, 1982
253	RB Kanhai v Notts, Trent Bridge, 1968
251*	TR Ambrose v Worcs, New Road, 2007

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL INNINGS AGAINST WARWICKSHIRE

322	IVA Richards, Somerset, Taunton, 1985
316	RH Moore, Hampshire, Bournemouth, 1937
311*	GM Turner, Worcs, New Road, 1982
303*	JC Hildreth, Somerset, Taunton, 2009
275	P Holmes, Yorkshire, Bradford, 1928
256*	GE Tyldesley, Lancashire, Old Trafford, 1930
250	R Abell, Surrey, Oval, 1897
250	P Holmes, Yorkshire, Edgbaston, 1931
248	DM Jones, Australians, Edgbaston, 1989
248*	CJL Rogers, Derbyshire, Edgbaston, 2008
244	PF Warner, The Rest, Oval, 1911
244	GE Tyldesley, Lancashire, Edgbaston, 1920

HIGHEST SCORE FROM EACH POSITION IN THE BATTING ORDER

For Warwickshire

1	303*	NV Knight v Middlesex, Lord's, 2004
2	277*	RG Twose v Glamorgan, Edgbaston, 1994
3	501*	BC Lara v Durham, Edgbaston, 1994
4	255*	WG Quaife v Surrey, Oval, 1905
5	305*	FR Foster v Worcs, Dudley, 1914
6	251*	TR Ambrose v Worcs, New Road, 2007
7	203	DR Brown v Sussex, Hove, 2000
8	135*	T Frost v Sussex, Hove, 2004
9	147	NMK Smith v Somerset, Taunton, 1998
10	120	JS Patel, Yorkshire, Edgbaston, 2009
11	91	A Richardson v Hampshire, Edgbaston, 2002

Against Warwickshire

1	316	RH Moore, Hampshire, Bournemouth, 1937
2	250	R Abell, Surrey, Oval, 1897
3	256*	GE Tyldesley, Lancashire, Old Trafford, 1930
4	322	IVA Richards, Somerset, Taunton, 1985
5	232*	DJ Hussey, Notts, Trent Bridge, 2005
6	220*	CC Lewis, Notts, Edgbaston, 1994
7	210*	R Peel, Yorkshire, Edgbaston, 1896
8	144*	F Marchant, Kent, Tonbridge, 1897
9	166	Lord Hawke, Yorkshire, Edgbaston, 1896
10	165	J Chapman, Derbyshire, Blackwell, 1910
11	115*	GB Stevenson, Yorkshire, Edgbaston, 1982

OPPOSITION	SEASONS	P	W	L	D	T	Ab
Derbyshire	1894-2013	171	48	42	80		1
Durham	1992-2015	28	11	10	7		
Essex	1894-2010	117	33	36	47	1	
Glamorgan	1924-2008	120	42	24	54		
Gloucestershire	1894-2008	155	56	40	57		2
Hampshire	1895-2015	157	50	43	63		1
Kent	1894-2010	133	36	48	48		1
Lancashire	1895-2014	198	33	69	94		2
Leicestershire	1894-2008	169	55	30	81		3
Middlesex	1912-2015	136	37	42	56		1
Northamptonshire	1905-2014	158	58	25	75		
Nottinghamshire	1894-2015	133	33	41	58		1
Somerset	1905-2015	132	40	33	59		
Surrey	1894-2013	165	31	59	72		3
Sussex	1905-2015	152	53	39	59	1	
Worcestershire	1899-2015	193	52	38	102		1
Yorkshire	1894-2015	190	31	83	76		
Oxford Univ/MCCU	1905-2014	52	21	7	23		1
Cambridge Univ	1903-2008	58	22	8	28		
MCC	1895-2013	6	2	3	1		
Scotland	1947-1969	16	4	2	10		
London County	1900-1904	8	2		6		
Combined Services	1949-1959	8	4		4		
Minor Counties	1954	1					1
Rest of England	1911	1		1			
England A	1995	1		1			
Australians	1896-1993	23	1	9	13		
Canadians	1954	1			1		
India A	2003	1			1		
Indians	1911-1982	9	1	1	7		
New Zealanders	1927-1990	12	1	3	8		
Pakistanis	1954-1996	6	2	1	3		
Philadelphians	1897-1903	2	1	1			
South Africans	1901-1965	12	1	6	5		
Sri Lankans	1981-1990	4		1	3		
Sri Lanka A	2007	1					1
West Indians	1923-1980	11	2	3	5		1
West Indies A	2002-2006	2	1	1			
Zimbabweans	1985	1			1		
Boland	1992-1995	3	1		2		
Mashonaland	1994	1			1		
Bangladesh A	2008	1			1		
Durham UCCE	2009	1	1				
An England XI	2009	1			1		
Durham MCCU	2011	1	1				
Cardiff MCCU	2012	1			1		
TOTALS		2752	767	750	1213	2	20

GROUND BY GROUND (Home)

Edgbaston	1894-2015	1260	363	280	614	1	10
M&B	1931-1961	13	4	1	8		
Coventry and North Warwicks	1903-1992	16	8	3	4		1
Coventry Bulls Head	1923-1930	10		2	8		
Coventry Morris	1931-1932	2	1		1		
Coventry Courtalds	1946-1982	56	20	20	16		
Nuneaton CC	1912-1914	3	1	1	1		
Nuneaton Griff and Coton	1930-1989	27	6	6	14		1
Leamington CC	1905-1910	4	1	1	2		
Stratford upon Avon CC	1951-2005	3	1		2		
TOTAL		1402	405	314	670	1	12
TOTAL AWAY		1350	362	436	543	1	8
TOTAL HOME AND AWAY		2752	767	750	1213	2	20

Nottinghamshire CCC v Warwickshire CCC at Welbeck Colliery, 25th July 2015Umpires: B. Debenham & P. Hartley **Toss won by:** Nottinghamshire who chose to bowl

WARWICKSHIRE				NOTTINGHAMSHIRE					
J. Webb	run out	(Fletcher)	11	M. Wessels	not out		85		
I. Bell	c Taylor J	b Christian	52	A. Hales	c Ambrose †	b Gordon	103		
T. Ambrose †	c Read †	b Christian	18	J. Taylor *	not out		24		
R. Clarke	c Hales	b Christian	1	B. Taylor					
L. Evans	c Hales	b Christian	1	S. Patel					
C. Woakes		b Christian	36	D. Christian					
A. Javid	c Wessels	b Gurney	33	C. Read †					
K. Barker		b Ball	27	S. Mullaney					
J. Patel *		b Fletcher	7	L. Fletcher					
R. Gordon	not out		9	J. Ball					
J. Poysden	c Taylor J	b Ball	5	H. Gurney					
Extras (4 lb 19 w 6 nb)			20	Extras (3 lb 2 w 4 nb)			9		
Total (10 wkts, 49.1 overs)			220	Total (1 wkt, 28.1 overs)			221		
Wkts: 1-25, 2-58, 3-62, 4-75, 5-138, 6-143, 7-191, 8-201, 9-207, 10-220				Wkts: 1-164					
	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	
Fletcher	10	1	36	1	Barker	5	0	38	0
Gurney	10	0	43	1	Woakes	7.1	0	36	0
Christian	10	2	40	5	Gordon	4	0	45	1
Ball	9.1	0	47	2	Poysden	3	0	42	0
Mullaney	10	0	50	0	Clarke	3	0	21	0
					Patel	6	0	36	0

Match Result: Nottinghamshire won by 9 wickets Points: Nottinghamshire 2, Warwickshire 0.

Hales and Christian helped Nottinghamshire kick off their Royal London Cup campaign in impressive style with a nine-wicket victory over Warwickshire at Welbeck Cricket Club. Hales blasted his way to 103 and hit seven fours and nine sixes in his 61-ball stay as Notts chased down their victory target in only 28.1 overs.



Chris Woakes

During the first part of the day, Christian took the bowling plaudits for the home side, taking 5 for 40, as Warwickshire were bowled out for 220 in only 49.1 overs after being invited to bat first. Bell, given dispensation by the ECB to play in between Test matches, made 52 from 83 deliveries but there was little in the way of support for him, as last season's runners-up made a stuttering start this time around.

Defending a modest total, the visitors ran into Hales and the in-form Wessels, as the openers put on 164 in just 20.1 overs before Gordon picked up the only wicket to fall, having Hales caught at the wicket by Ambrose.

Wessels reached his own 50 from 56 deliveries, and he closed on 86*, with Taylor making an unbeaten 24.

Earlier, Warwickshire were under pressure after a drive by Bell was deflected by the bowler, Fletcher, on to the stumps and Webb was adjudged to be short of his ground.

Christian took centre stage with his medium-fast swing bowling and he picked up wickets in each of his next three overs.

Bell and Woakes mounted a fightback, adding 63 before Christian returned to remove them both...

Barker hit a lusty 27 and Javid contributed 33 but the total always seemed well below par.

Middlesex CCC v Warwickshire CCC at Lord's, 26th July 2015**Match abandoned without a ball being bowled****Essex CCC v Warwickshire CCC** at Chelmsford, 29th July 2015**Umpires:** N. Cook & N. Mallender **Toss won by:** Warwickshire who chose to bowl

ESSEX				WARWICKSHIRE			
M. Pettini	c Porterfield	b Hannon-Dalby	126	V. Chopra *	c and b Topley		0
T. Westley	lbw	b Patel	108	W. Porterfield	c Velani	b Topley	10
R. Bopara	c Barker	b Woakes	39	I. Trott	c Velani	b Westley	51
J. Ryder	c Patel	b Hannon-Dalby	15	T. Ambrose †	c Masters	b Napier	59
R. ten Doeschate*	not out		21	R. Clarke	c Velani	b Westley	17
G. Napier	c Patel	b Hannon-Dalby	5	L. Evans	c Foster †	b Bopera	10
J. Foster †	not out		0	C. Woakes		c and b Topley	22
N. Browne				A. Javid	c Velani	b Napier	33
K. Velani				J. Patel	c (sub Nijar)	b Velani	6
D. Masters				O. Hannon-Dalby	not out		4
R. Topley				B. Rankin		b Topley	6
Extras (2 lb 2 w 2 nb)			6	Extras (2 lb 4 w)			6
Total (5 wkts, 50 overs)			320	Total (10 wkts, 40.2 overs)			168
Wkts: 1-191, 2-253, 3-292, 4-293, 5-314				Wkts: 1-0, 2-19, 3-37, 4-67, 5-89, 6-101, 7-139, 8-151, 9-160, 10-168			

	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	
Clarke	10	1	48	0	Topley	9.2	2	29	4
Woakes	10	0	67	1	Masters	6	0	24	0
Hannon-Dalby	10	0	77	3	Napier	8	0	37	2
Patel	10	0	65	1	Ryder	3	0	13	0
Javid	5	0	27	0	Bopara	5	0	23	1
Rankin	5	0	34	0	Westley	7	0	26	2
					Velani	2	0	14	1

Match Result: Essex won by 152 runs Points: Essex 2, Warwickshire 0.

Openers Pettini and Westley both scored centuries as Essex inflicted a 152-run defeat on Warwickshire in their Royal London Cup Group B clash at Chelmsford.

Former Essex batsman, Chopra was soon regretting his decision to insert the home side as Pettini and Westley launched the Essex innings with an opening stand of 191 in 34 overs. He then suffered the ignominy of being out first ball when Warwickshire began their reply.

The Essex openers never looked in the slightest trouble as they treated pace and spin with equal comfort, producing a succession of drives, pulls and square cuts to progress at nearly a run a ball.

Respite only came when Westley was trapped lbw to off-spinner Patel but not before he had amassed 108.

Pettini completed a forceful 126 from 127 balls before he swung Hannon-Dalby to deep midwicket and was fourth out in the 48th over after striking 10 fours and two sixes.

Before Pettini's demise, Bopara also struck two sixes in making 39 from 33 balls before he dragged on against Woakes.

The Essex innings finished on a high when ten Doeschate struck the final delivery over long-on for six to finish unbeaten on 21 from 12 balls.

Faced with such a daunting task, Warwickshire desperately needed a strong start but Chopra was caught and bowled by Topley first ball and the left-arm paceman soon claimed another wicket, that of Porterfield, holing out to deep square leg.

Only 37 runs were on the board when Ambrose became the third wicket to fall and by the halfway stage, Warwickshire had limped to 92 for 5, by which time Clarke and Evans had been despatched to the pavilion.

Essex were able to celebrate a comfortable victory and gain consolation for the misery Warwickshire inflicted upon them last season when they triumphed at Chelmsford in both the Royal London Cup and Twenty20 Blast at the quarter-final stage.



Three wickets for Hannon-Dalby not enough

Lancashire CCC v Warwickshire CCC at Old Trafford, 2nd August 2015Umpires: J. Lloyds & A. Wharf **Toss won by:** Warwickshire who chose to bowl

LANCASHIRE				WARWICKSHIRE				
A. Prince	c Ambrose †	b Rankin	82	V. Chopra *		b Croft	88	
K. Brown	c Ambrose †	b Barker	7	W. Porterfield	c Croft	b Parry	38	
A. Petersen	c Barker	b Hannon-Dalby	22	I. Trott	c Croft	b Faulkner	1	
P. Horton	c Ambrose †	b Rankin	37	T. Ambrose †	lbw	b Jarvis	59	
S. Croft *	c Ambrose †	b Rankin	2	R. Clarke	c Prince	b Parry	5	
J. Faulkner	c Clarke	b Hannon-Dalby	20	L. Evans	c Horton	b Croft	11	
A. Davies †	not out		73	A. Javid	not out		32	
J. Clark	c Javid	b Rankin	2	K. Barker	c Prince	b Faulkner	11	
T. Bailey	not out		3	J. Patel	not out		15	
S. Parry				O. Hannon-Dalby				
K. Jarvis				B. Rankin				
Extras (5 b 3 lb 9 w)			17	Extras (4 lb 4 w)			8	
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)			265	Total (7 wkts, 49.5 overs)			268	
Wkts: 1-17, 2-79, 3-154, 4-159, 5-161, 6-240, 7-247				Wkts: 1-44, 2-71, 3-173, 4-185, 5-204, 6-211, 7-238				
	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Barker	9	0	51	2	Jarvis	9	1	39
Clarke	5	0	27	0	Bailey	8.5	0	65
Rankin	8	2	33	3	Faulner	10	1	53
Patel	10	0	45	0	Parry	10	0	30
Hannon-Dalby	10	0	59	2	Croft	9	0	55
Javid	8	0	42	0	Clark	3	0	22

Match Result: Warwickshire won by 3 wickets Points: Warwickshire 2, Lancashire 0.

Having already lost twice and gained a point from an abandoning Warwickshire were looking to turn their fortunes when restricting Lancashire to 265 for 7.

Put into bat, Lancashire were quickly on the back foot when Barker tempted Brown to edge behind but, South African Prince's typically belligerent innings came to life when the Lancashire opener pulled successive balls from Clarke to the leg side boundary for four then six.

Prince and fellow countryman Petersen put on 62 for the second wicket before the latter skied an on drive to the back-peddalling Barker at mid-on for 22. The setback made little difference to Prince who continued unheeded as he and Horton proceeded to compile another crucial partnership of 75 until Horton was strangled down the leg side for 37 by Rankin.

Rankin had struggled early on but his second spell proved far more fruitful as Horton's departure triggered a mini collapse. Prince was the next to go, missing out on his century after edging the big Irishman behind for 82, and when skipper Croft quickly followed in the same manner, Lancashire had lost three wickets for seven runs.

It was left to wicketkeeper Davies to restore some momentum into the innings and with Faulkner added a valuable 79 before the close, but it was a target that looked well within Warwickshire's reach, especially when Chopra and Porterfield put on 64 for the opening wicket.

The introduction of left arm spinner Parry proved vital as he removed Porterfield for 38 before Trott quickly departed followed off Faulkner.

Chopra and Ambrose, compiled a third wicket partnership of 102 to bring the visitors back into contention. Ambrose fell lbw to Jarvis for 59 off 57 balls before the accurate Parry removed Clarke for five and then Croft bowled Evans for 11.

Chopra was finally dismissed in the 44th over, 60 runs short of the target, but in a nail biting last over Javid and Patel kept their nerve as the former hit Bailey for the winning boundary from the penultimate delivery of the match.



Chopra sets up victory

Warwickshire CCC v Glamorgan CCC at Edgbaston 3rd August 2015Umpires: P. Baldwin & N. Mallender **Toss won by:** Glamorgan who chose to bat

GLAMORGAN				WARWICKSHIRE					
J Rudolph *	c Ambrose †	b Barker	11	V. Chopra *	not out		80		
W Bragg	c Porterfield	b Poysden	45	W. Porterfield		b Hogan	22		
C Ingram	c Chopra	b Hannon-Dalby	13	I. Trott	not out		73		
D Lloyd	c Barker	b Hannon-Dalby	3	T. Ambrose †					
C Cooke	c Ambrose †	b Hannon-Dalby	10	R. Clarke					
M Wallace †	c Chopra	b Poysden	7	L. Evans					
G Wagg	c Porterfield	b Hannon-Dalby	18	A. Javid					
C Meschade	c Evans	b Patel	23	J. Patel					
A Salter	c Ambrose †	b Hannon-Dalby	14	K. Barker					
D Cosker		b Poysden	4	O. Hannon-Dalby					
M. Hogan	not out		16	J. Poysden					
Extras (4 b 8 lb 3 w)			15	Extras (1 b 3 lb 2 w 2 nb)			8		
Total (10 wkts, 48.4 overs)			179	Total (1 wkt, 38.1 overs)			183		
Wkts: 1-22, 2-53, 3-59, 4-84, 5-93, 6-108, 7-141, 8-149, 9-157, 10-179				Wkts: 1-26					
	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	
Barker	6	1	25	1	Hogan	7	3	19	1
Clarke	5	2	13	0	Wagg	5	0	25	0
Patel	10	2	28	1	Meschede	4	0	15	0
Hannon-Dalby	8.4	0	27	5	Cosker	9	0	52	0
Javid	9	0	33	0	Salter	6	0	23	0
Poysden	10	0	41	3	Ingram	3	0	20	0
					Lloyd	4.1	0	25	0

Match Result: Warwickshire won by 9 wickets Points: Warwickshire 2, Glamorgan 0.

Former Yorkshire seamer Hannon-Dalby took 5 for 27 as the Bears followed their win over Lancashire at Old Trafford the previous day by ending the Welsh country's unbeaten record in Group B.

After choosing to bat, Glamorgan were dismissed for 179 as only Bragg made any progress against testing bowling led by Hannon-Dalby and leg-spinner Poysden.

Warwickshire then eased to their target with nine wickets and 71 balls to spare as Chopra (80 from 104 balls) and Trott (73 from 99) added an unbroken 157.

After Rudolph edged Barker to Ambrose, Hannon-Dalby picked up three wickets in his first six overs. Ingram and Lloyd chipped catches into the infield and Cooke nicked to Ambrose.

Poysden then struck in each of his first two overs. Bragg pulled hard and was brilliantly caught by Porterfield at midwicket and when Wallace leading-edged to cover the visitors were 108 for 6 and in serious need of impetus.

Wagg and Meschade added 33 before Hannon-Dalby returned to oust the latter for 18 with the assistance of another fine Porterfield catch, this time at point. Meschade hit three fours but then holed out tamely against Patel. Salter and Hogan fiddled 22 from the last wicket but when Hannon-Dalby returned again to have Salter caught behind, Glamorgan looked well short.

Porterfield gave Warwickshire's reply early momentum with a 27-ball 22 and, after he played on to Hogan, Chopra and Trott, with time on their side, played with great composure and correctness.

Trott was first to his half-century, from 68 balls, followed in the next over by Chopra, who scored just a single in the first seven overs but reached 50 from 78 balls. The pair saw Warwickshire through to an emphatic win over a Glamorgan side which itself had just recorded an emphatic win over an Essex team

which had itself just recorded an emphatic win over Warwickshire.



Trott and Chopra share unbeaten 157 to win by 9 wickets

Warwickshire CCC v Hampshire CCC at Edgbaston 5th August 2015Umpires: J. Lloyds & S. Garratt **Toss won by:** Warwickshire who chose to field

HAMPSHIRE				WARWICKSHIRE					
M. Carberry	c Ambrose †	b Hannon-Dalby	33	V. Chopra *	st Wheater †	b Dawson	49		
J. Adams	c Porterfield	b Patel	41	W. Porterfield	c Carberry	b Wood	0		
A. Wheater †	run out	(Porterfield)	0	I. Trott	lbw	b Wood	0		
J. Vince *	c Ambrose †	b Hannon-Dalby	16	T. Ambrose †	run out (Dawson)		41		
L. Dawson	c Poysden	b Clarke	67	L. Evans		b Dawson	43		
W. Smith	c Patel	b Poysden	65	R. Clarke	run out (Wood)		1		
G. Berg		b Woakes	26	A. Javid	c Briggs	b Dawson	3		
C. Wood	not out		21	C. Woakes	not out		17		
Yasir Arafat	not out		3	J. Patel		b Yasir Arafat	12		
D. Briggs				O.Hannon-Dalby	run out (Wood)		2		
M. Crane				J. Poysden	not out		0		
Extras (4 b 1 lb 3 w)			8	Extras (9 b 7 w)			16		
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)			280	Total (9 wkts, 31 overs)			184		
Wkts: 1-51, 2-51, 3-86, 4-94, 5-217, 6-234, 7-277				Wkts: 1-4, 2-4, 3-81, 4-127, 5-136, 6-149, 7-149, 8-172, 9-182					
	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Clarke	6	0	37	1	Yasir Arafat	6	1	22	1
Woakes	10	0	67	1	Wood	6	1	43	2
Hannon-Dalby	10	0	47	2	Berg	5	0	21	0
Patel	8	0	30	1	Briggs	5	0	37	0
Poysden	10	0	62	1	Dawson	7	0	34	3
Javid	6	0	32	0	Crane	2	0	18	0

Match Result: Hampshire won by 23 runs D/L Method Points: Warwickshire 2, Hampshire 0.

Hampshire returned to winning ways in Group B of the Royal London Cup with a 23-run Duckworth-Lewis victory over Warwickshire in a rain-damaged contest at Edgbaston.

Comfortably beaten by Essex the previous day, Hampshire responded by compiling a meaty 280 for 7 built around a century stand by Dawson and Smith.

They then reduced the home side to 4 for 2 and those early wickets proved crucial by cranking the Duckworth-Lewis equation right up when rain came.

Facing a thrice-amended target of 208 from 31 overs, Warwickshire, resuming on 101 for 2 from 26.1 had to go for broke and Dawson took advantage, completing his excellent day with 3 for 34.

The win gave Hampshire a big step towards the quarter-finals but defeat for the Bears halted their momentum from successive wins and leaves them needing to win both remaining games, at home to Sussex and Kent, to qualify.

Put in, Hampshire raced to 50 in 50 balls thanks to Carberry who sped to 33 from 22 balls before nicking Hannon-Dalby to wicketkeeper Ambrose.

After Wheater was run out by Porterfield's direct hit, Hannon-Dalby, fresh from taking 5 for 27 against Glamorgan on Monday, collected his seventh wicket in three days with a superb leg-cutter edged by Vince.

Adams's anchor role ended when he lifted a drive at Patel and fell to a fine catch by Porterfield.

That was 94 for 4 but Dawson, with his third half-century in four RLC innings, and Smith added 123 in 22 overs before both were caught in the deep. Berg and Wood added useful late runs to leave Warwickshire a tough target.

The total looked even more difficult after Wood removed Porterfield, caught at point, and Trott, lbw offering no stroke, with the second and third balls of his first over. Chopra and Ambrose added 77 in 14 overs before the latter, having moved to 41, ran himself out.

A succession of showers then saw the target tweaked and re-tweaked after which Warwickshire simply had to take too many risks. Dawson had Chopra stumped and Javid caught at short third man before Evans charged at him and missed, was bowled and with him went Warwickshire's victory hopes.



Berg bowled Woakes 26



Where has that one gone



Evans hits out

Warwickshire CCC v Sussex CCC at Rugby School, 17th August 2015Umpires: J.H. Evans & G.D. Lloyd **Toss won by:** Warwickshire who chose to field

SUSSEX				WARWICKSHIRE					
E. Joyce *	c Clarke	b Barker	8	V. Chopra *	b Jordan		0		
L. Wright	c Ambrose †	b Hannon-Dalby	39	W. Porterfield	b Jordan		100		
M. Machan	lbw	b Javid	39	I. Trott	b Jordan		3		
G. Bailey	lbw	b Rankin	59	T. Ambrose †	lbw	b Wells	34		
C. Cachopa †	c Chopra	b Patel	0	L. Evans	lbw	b Beer	6		
H. Finch	c and b Patel		27	R. Clarke	c Cachopa †	b Wells	2		
C. Jordan	st Ambrose †	b Javid	1	A. Javid	not out		42		
L. Wells	lbw	b Patel	17	K. Barker	not out		5		
W. Beer	c Ambrose †	b Hannon-Dalby	2	J. Patel					
C. Liddle	c Patel	b Hannon-Dalby	18	O. Hannon-Dalby					
M. Hobden	not out		3	W. Rankin					
Extras (1 lb 3 w)			4	Extras (8 b 16 w 2 nb)			26		
Total (10 wkts, 46.5 overs)			217	Total (6 wkts, 46.4 overs)			218		
Wkts: 1-21, 2-71, 3-112, 4-113, 5-159, 6-160, 7-183, 8-186, 9-213, 10-217				Wkts: 1-0, 2-21, 3-100, 4-127, 5-130, 6-211					
	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	
Clarke	6	1	25	0	Jordan	8	0	39	3
Barker	6	1	28	1	Hobden	9	1	49	0
Hannon-Dalby	7.5	0	46	3	Liddle	7.4	0	37	0
Rankin	7	0	32	1	Beer	10	0	29	1
Patel	10	0	42	3	Wells	10	0	44	2
Javid	10	2	43	2	Machan	2	0	12	0

Match Result: Warwickshire won by 4 wickets Points: Warwickshire 2, Sussex 0.

Knowing they needed to beat Sussex, and then their final match against Kent at Edgbaston (and also hope that other results go their way), the Bears fulfilled the first part of the equation by extending Sussex's nightmare Group B campaign.

Put in on a good pitch in the elegant, tree-lined setting of Rugby School, Sussex, without a win in the competition, compiled a meagre 217. Only Bailey built an innings of substance against an accurate attack led by Patel and Hannon-Dalby.

Warwickshire then suffered a couple of wobbles but Porterfield's skilful 100, his ninth List A century, saw them comfortably home.

Sussex's innings started well enough. Joyce soon lifted Barker to mid-off but Wright and Machan added 50 from 45 balls before the former edged Hannon-Dalby to wicketkeeper Ambrose.

Machan lifted Barker over long off for six on his way to 39 but fell lbw attempting to reverse-sweep Javid and thereafter only Bailey made much progress against the spinners.

Cachopa top-edged a pull at Patel who then took a simple return catch to end a promising innings by 20-year-old Finch, playing only his third List A game.

Jordan lifted his back foot and was stumped off Javid and when Wells fell lbw to Patel, the spinners had shared five middle-order wickets for 71 runs to leave Sussex 193 for 7.

Rankin returned to end Bailey's resistance lbw, Beer edged Hannon-Dalby and when Patel took a well-judged boundary catch to remove Liddle off the former Yorkshire seamer, Sussex looked well below par at 217.

Warwickshire started badly when Jordan forced Chopra and Trott to play on in his first nine balls but Porterfield and Ambrose added 79 to steady the ship. Ambrose fell lbw to Wells and when spinners Wells and

Beer removed Evans and Clarke in five balls, the Bears were awkwardly perched on 130 for 5.

But Porterfield found a resolute partner in Javid and their measured sixth-wicket stand of 81 in 105 balls kept Warwickshire's hopes of a quarter-final place very much alive.



Three wickets for Patel

Warwickshire CCC v Kent CCC at Edgbaston, 19th August 2015**Match abandoned without a ball being bowled**

Winner - Gloucestershire

Group A

Teams	Mat	Won	Lost	Tied	N/R	Pts	Net RR	For	Against
Surrey	8	6	1	0	1	13	1.079	2091/350.0	1697/346.4
Gloucestershire	8	5	1	0	2	12	0.069	1811/320.3	1747/313.0
Yorkshire	8	4	2	0	2	10	0.536	1382/253.3	1188/241.4
Durham	8	4	3	0	1	9	0.402	1774/312.0	1667/315.3
Northamptonshire	8	4	3	0	1	9	-0.458	1449/340.0	1644/348.2
Somerset	8	4	4	0	0	8	0.814	1770/309.4	1741/355.1
Derbyshire	8	4	4	0	0	8	0.151	1557/301.1	1616/322.0
Worcestershire	8	1	6	0	1	3	-0.629	1479/326.0	1771/342.5
Leicestershire	8	0	7	0	1	1	-1.914	1400/350.0	1642/277.4

Group B

Teams	Mat	Won	Lost	Tied	N/R	Pts	Net RR	For	Against
Nottinghamshire	8	5	1	0	2	12	0.755	1624/269.5	1572/298.4
Essex	8	4	2	0	2	10	0.48	1400/272.1	1393/298.4
Hampshire	8	3	3	0	2	9	0.554	1385/253.5	1304/266.0
Kent	8	3	3	0	2	8	0.031	1428/272.3	1561/299.4
Lancashire	8	3	3	0	2	8	-0.034	1363/298.0	1288/279.3
Warwickshire	8	3	3	0	2	8	-0.765	1241/265.4	1409/259.1
Middlesex	8	3	4	0	1	7	-0.224	1643/329.4	1604/308.0
Glamorgan	8	2	2	0	4	3	0.16	1039/199.4	897/177.5
Sussex	8	0	5	0	3	3	-1.063	1214/240.0	1309/213.5

Warwickshire Batting Averages

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	4s	6s	C	St
V Chopra	6	5	1	217	88	54.25	305	71.14	0	2	22	1	3	
IR Bell	1	1	0	52	52	52.00	83	62.65	0	1	7	0		
A Javid	7	5	2	143	42*	47.66	162	88.27	0	0	14	0	1	
CR Woakes	3	3	1	75	36	37.50	94	79.78	0	0	6	1		
WTS Porterfield	6	5	0	170	100	34.00	210	80.95	1	0	22	1	4	
IJL Trott	6	5	1	128	73*	32.00	197	64.97	0	2	11	1		
TR Ambrose	7	5	0	155	59	31.00	205	75.60	0	1	20	0	12	1
KHD Barker	5	3	1	43	27	21.50	49	87.75	0	0	6	0	2	
LJ Evans	7	5	0	71	43	14.20	89	79.77	0	0	3	3	1	
JS Patel	7	4	1	40	15*	13.33	32	125.00	0	0	6	0	5	
JP Webb	1	1	0	11	11	11.00	15	73.33	0	0	2	0		
OJ Hannon-Dalby	6	2	1	6	4*	6.00	14	42.85	0	0	0	0		
WB Rankin	4	1	0	6	6	6.00	12	50.00	0	0	1	0		
R Clarke	7	5	0	26	17	5.20	41	63.41	0	0	1	0	2	
JE Poysden	3	2	1	5	5	5.00	11	45.45	0	0	0	0	1	
RO Gordon	1	1	1	9	9*	-	15	60.00	0	0	1	0		

Warwickshire Bowling Averages

Player	Mat	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5
OJ Hannon-Dalby	6	46.3	0	256	15	5/27	17.06	5.50	18.60	0	1
WB Rankin	4	20	2	99	4	3/33	24.75	4.95	30.00	0	0
KHD Barker	5	26	2	142	4	2/51	35.50	5.46	39.00	0	0
JE Poysden	3	23	0	145	4	3/41	36.25	6.30	34.50	0	0
JS Patel	7	54	2	246	6	3/42	41.00	4.55	54.00	0	0
RO Gordon	1	4	0	45	1	1/45	45.00	11.25	24.00	0	0
CR Woakes	3	27.1	0	170	2	1/67	85.00	6.25	81.50	0	0
A Javid	7	38	2	177	2	2/43	88.50	4.65	114.00	0	0
R Clarke	7	35	4	171	1	1/37	171.00	4.88	210.00	0	0

Nottinghamshire Outlaws v Birmingham Bears at Trent Bridge, 15th May 2015

Umpires: M.Bodenham & M Gough **Toss won by:** Nottinghamshire who chose to field

BIRMINGHAM

INNINGS			
W. Porterfield	c Taylor JW	b Ball	1
V. Chopra*	run out (Mullaney)		80
T. Lewis	b Gurney		0
T. Ambrose †	b Fletcher		20
R. Clarke	b Fletcher		1
L. Evans	b Fletcher		35
A. Javid	not out		2
K. Barker	run out (Wessels)		1
J. Patel			
C. Wright			
B. Rankin			
Extras (1 w)			1
Total (7 wkts, 20 overs)			141
Wkts: 1-3, 2-8, 3-50, 4-52, 5-129, 6-140, 7-141			

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

INNINGS			
M. Wessels	c Lewis	b Clarke	30
A. Hales	not out		86
B. Taylor †	c Lewis	b Patel	12
S. Patel	not out		10
J. Taylor*			
G. Smith			
S. Mullaney			
V. Philander			
L. Fletcher			
H. Gurney			
J. Ball			
Extras (2 lb 2 w)			4
Total (2 wkts, 14.3 overs)			142
Wkts: 1-42, 2-79			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Gurney	4	8	24	1	Clarke	3	0	18	1
Ball	4	8	25	1	Barker	2	0	21	0
Philander	2	8	26	0	Weight	2	0	22	0
Fletcher	4	8	24	3	Patel	3.3	0	23	1
Mullaney	4	8	26	0	Rankin	2	0	30	0
Patel	2	8	16	0	Javid	2	0	25	0

Match Result: Nottinghamshire Outlaws won by 8 wickets. Points: Nottinghamshire 2, Birmingham 0.

Birmingham, the NatWest Blast champions, began their 2015 campaign against Nottinghamshire in front of a decent crowd of 10,000 plus at Trent Bridge and the tournament could hardly have had a more appealing start. Thanks to Alex Hales, Nottinghamshire strolled to victory by eight wickets with thirty three balls to spare.

It was Nottinghamshire's victory away to Yorkshire last season that allowed Birmingham to squeeze through the group stages and then to eventually take the 2014 title.

On the opening evening, The Outlaws won comfortably, hastened towards their target of 142 by a clean-hitting start by Wessels, who had 30 in three overs before he holed out leaving Hales, with three consecutive sixes off Rankin, followed immediately by the same treatment to Javid, making short work of an under par target.



But it was Fletcher, returning from a loan-out spell at Surrey, who set the Nottinghamshire victory up, as he took 3 for 24 with Ambrose, Clarke and Evans all being bowled with perfect yorkers.

Chopra's protective innings for Birmingham - 80 from 61 balls - was deft and well thought out and prevented his side's wipe out. He was run out on the penultimate ball of the innings, chasing a second. Barker then replicated that from the last ball.

A score of 141 for 7 felt inadequate, and so it proved to be.



Evans and Chopra the only ray of sunshine

Birmingham Bears v Worcestershire Rapids at Edgbaston, 22nd May 2015

Umpires: M Bodenham & A Wharf **Toss won by:** Worcestershire who chose to field

BIRMINGHAM				WORCESTERSHIRE					
INNINGS				INNINGS					
W. Porterfield		b Leach	27	R. Oliver	c Evans	b Clarke	0		
V. Chopra *	c Whiteley	b D'Oliveira	22	D. Mitchell *	c Evans	b Patel	34		
T. Lewis	st Cox †	b Senanayake	27	R. Kohler-Cadmore	c Clarke	b Gordon	21		
L. Evans	c Mitchell	b Shantry	20	A. Gidman	c Ambrose †	b Gordon	0		
R. Clarke		b D'Oliveira	3	E. Barnard	run out (Porterfield)		5		
A. Javid	not out		18	R. Whiteley	c Patel	b Javid	33		
J. Patel	not out		23	B. Cox †	run out (Javid)		1		
T. Ambrose †				B. D'Oliveira	c Evans	b Clarke	3		
R. Gordon				J. Leach		b Clarke	10		
C. Wright				S. Senanayake	not out		14		
B. Rankin				J. Shantry		b Gordon	1		
Extras (1 b 1 lb 2 w)			4	Extras (1 lb 3 w)			4		
Total (5 wkts, 29 overs)			144	Total (10 wkts, 19.3 overs)			126		
Wkts: 1-31, 2-76, 3-82, 4-87, 5-104				Wkts: 1-0, 2-34, 3-35, 4-47, 5-82, 6-85, 7-88, 8-99, 9-117, 10-126					
	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	
Shantry	4	0	27	1	Clarke	4	0	26	3
Leach	4	0	35	1	Weyght	2	0	28	0
Barnard	4	0	29	0	Javid	4	0	22	1
D'Oliveira	4	0	21	2	Gordon	3.3	0	18	3
Senanayake	4	0	30	1	Rankin	2	0	14	0
					Patel	4	0	17	1

Match Result: Birmingham won by 18 runs Points: Birmingham 2, Worcestershire 0.

Reigning NatWest t20 Blast champions Birmingham recorded their first win in this year's competition with a 18-run derby triumph over Worcestershire at Edgbaston.

Put in on a slow pitch, the Bears made 144 for 5, a modest total but one they defended comfortably as the Rapids, playing their first game in this year's tournament, replied with only 126. The win continued Birmingham's happy home trend against their arch-rivals. It was their sixth win in seven t20 tussles between the teams at Edgbaston.

Porterfield hit three sixes before missing with a big hit at Leach. Patel went in with his side struggling and hit cleanly for an unbeaten 23 from ten balls. Patel's unbroken partnership of 40 from 29 balls with Javid lifted the Bears to 144-5.

Kohler-Cadmore gave the Rapids' reply early momentum until Gordon came on for the fifth over and took wickets with his second and fourth balls. Kohler-Cadmore swatted a full toss to deep midwicket and Gidman edged his first ball to Ambrose.

Barnard's debut innings ended in a slapstick run out when he and captain Mitchell met at the same end. Mitchell added 35 in six overs with Whiteley but then he perished to Patel for 34, lifting a catch to deep midwicket.

Cox departed after a run out mix-up with Whiteley after having lifted Clarke for six and hitting four fours on his way to 33 from 29 balls but when he sought to repeat the blow off Clarke but found only Patel on the deep midwicket boundary, it was 99 for 8 and his team's hopes went with him.



One of three sixes for Porterfield



Leach bowled by Clarke for 10



Game over as Shantry bowled by Gordon for 1

Northamptonshire Steelbacks v Birmingham Bears at Northampton, 29th May 2015

Umpires: R. Evans & M. Siggers **Toss won by:** Northants who chose to bat

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

INNINGS			
R. Levi	c Patel	b Hannon-Dalby	58
D. Willey	c Lewis	b Gordon	13
J. Cobb	st Ambrose †	b Patel	20
A. Wakely *	c Clarke	b Rankin	1
A. Rossington†	lbw	b Javid	14
Shahid Afridi	c Evans	b Gordon	16
S. Crook	c Clarke	b Hannon-Dalby	2
R. Keogh	not out		9
R. Kleinweldt	not out		10
G. White			
Azharullah			
Extras (1 lb 2 w)			3
Total (7 wkts, 20 overs)			146
Wkts: 1-38, 2-62, 3-63, 4-98, 5-124, 6-124, 7-126			

BIRMINGHAM

INNINGS			
V. Chopra *	c Rossington†	b Kleinweldt	16
W. Porterfield	not out		55
T. Lewis		b Azharullah	20
L. Evans	c Keogh	b Azharullah	10
R. Clarke	c Willey	b Azharullah	27
A. Javid	run out (Rossington)		6
J. Patel	not out		0
T. Ambrose †			
R. Gordon			
O.Hannon-Dalby			
B. Rankin			
Extras (4 b 4 lb 3 w)			11
Total (5 wkts, 20 overs)			150
Wkts: 1-39, 2-79, 3-98, 4-133, 5-146			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Hannon-Dalby	4	0	35	2	Willey	4	0	26	0
Clarke	2	0	11	0	Kleinweldt	4	0	29	1
Gordon	4	0	33	2	Crook	2	0	16	0
Javid	2	0	12	1	Cobb	2	0	11	0
Patel	4	0	28	1	Afridi	4	0	29	0
Rankin	4	0	26	1	Azharullah	4	0	31	3

Match Result: Birmingham won by 5 wickets **Points:** Birmingham 2, Northamptonshire 0.

Birmingham claimed their second NatWest t20 Blast victory of the season but had to wait until the final ball to complete a five-wicket win over Northamptonshire at Wantage Road.

Porterfield got to 50 off 48 balls, but the visitors still needed nine off the final over in which two wides from Azharullah did not help the home side, but there was a late wicket and with three runs needed off two balls, the batsmen sprinted for two but Javid was run out, looking for the winning run.

With the scores tied and Northants looking to rescue a point, Porterfield missed the final ball, but so too did wicketkeeper Rossington standing up to the stumps and byes ensured Birmingham sneaked home in tighter circumstances than they might have wanted.

Northamptonshire opted to bat first and in Hannon-Dalby's second over Levi bludgeoned two of three sixes in the over through mid-wicket then, over square leg, while Willey followed suit over long-off.

The home side had a promising 47 on the board at the end of the Power play. But two wickets inside three deliveries left them on 63 for three after nine overs.

Levi battled through to reach 50 before he was one of three to fall inside five balls, two of them to Hannon-Dalby.

Northants were 146 for seven after twenty overs a total that seemed just short of par.

Chopra and Porterfield kept nudging the Birmingham reply along with boundaries at regular intervals, until Chopra's edge in the sixth over gave the home side hope.

When Azharullah bowled Lewis off the final ball of the 12th over, Birmingham still needed 68 off the last eight overs.

A superb running catch from Keogh on the deep cover removed Evans and the boundaries dried up completely after Clarke fell for 27 in the 18th over.



Porterfield top score with 55



Clarke joins in run chase

Durham Jets v Birmingham Bears at Chester-le-Street, 5th June 2015Umpires: S. Gale & M. Gough **Toss won by:** Birmingham who chose to bowl

DURHAM				BIRMINGHAM			
INNINGS				INNINGS			
M. Stoneman *	lbw	b Gordon	6	I. Bell	c Stoneman	b Hastings	90
P. Mustard †	c Patel	b Hannon-Dalby	3	V. Chopra *	lbw	b Borthwick	15
C. MacLeod	c Porterfield	b Javid	41	W. Porterfield	not out		41
B. Stokes	lbw	b Javid	40	L. Evans	lbw	b Arshad	0
P. Collingwood	run out	(Porterfield)	1	R. Clarke	not out		4
G. Muchall	not out		30	A. Javid			
R. Pringle	c Hannon-Dalby	b Rankin	3	J. Patel			
J. Hastings	c Rankin	b Hannon-Dalby	21	T. Ambrose †			
G. Clark	not out		0	R. Gordon			
S. Borthwick				O. Hannon-Dalby			
U. Arshad				B. Rankin			
Extras (3 lb 3 w)			6	Extras (1 b 2 lb 2 w 9 nb)			14
Total (7 wkts, 20 overs)			163	Total (3 wkts, 19.1 overs)			164
Wkts: 1-6, 2-43, 3-89, 4-93, 5-115, 6-118, 7-155				Wkts: 1-52, 2-148, 3-148			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Hannon-Dalby	4	0	33	2	Pringle	2	0	20	0
Clarke	2	0	9	0	Arshad	3.1	0	31	1
Gordon	4	0	33	1	Hastings	4	0	19	1
Rankin	4	0	34	1	Stokes	3	0	44	0
Patel	2	0	22	0	Collingwood	4	0	23	0
Rankin	4	0	29	2	Borthwick	3	0	24	1

Match Result: Birmingham won by 7 wickets Points: Birmingham 2, Durham 0.

The Birmingham Bears recorded a seven-wicket win against Durham thanks mainly to Ian Bell's 90, the highest individual score by any Bears' player in t20 cricket.

In the windswept battle Bell gave the Bears the initiative when he drove and pulled successive balls from Stokes for six.

That was in the fourth over of their reply to 163 for 7, but they fell behind the rate when Collingwood's gentle medium pace yielded only six runs in his first two overs.

There was no relief and when Stokes returned for the sixteenth over, Bell straight drove two fours and guided two more to third man either side of a high full toss. Stokes had already had one warning for a full toss above waist height but this was deemed a slower ball and he was allowed to complete the over, which cost twenty one.

Bell departed in the next over when he hit a short ball from Hastings to mid-off, but the stand of 96 had left only sixteen needed off three overs. Evans fell lbw to an Arshad yorker, but Porterfield's unbeaten forty one completed the task with five balls to spare.

Durham were put in and Mustard fell in the third over, tamely pulling Hannon-Dalby to midwicket, but MacLeod made forty one off twenty seven balls

With Patel at the other end, both batsmen proved very adept at finding the gap between long-on and deep mid-wicket as the total reached 82 at the halfway point. But the momentum stalled as MacLeod drove Javid to long-on then Collingwood was run out for four, sent back at the non-striker's end and beaten by Porterfield's direct hit from backward point.

Stokes hit a straight six, but the Bears' gamble in leaving Javid on paid dividends when he had Stokes lbw for 40 attempting a reverse sweep.



Bell just ten runs short of his century

Birmingham Bears v Nottinghamshire Outlaws at Edgbaston, 12th June 2015

Umpires: M. Burns & M. Siggers **Toss won by:** Birmingham who chose to field

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

INNINGS			
S. Mullaney	c Porterfield	b Hannon-Dalby	6
M. Wessels	c Chopra	b Gordon	39
B. Taylor †	c Javid	b Clarke	15
S. Patel		b Patel	4
J. Taylor *	lbw	b Clarke	23
G. Smith	lbw	b Poysden	9
D. Sammy	c Clarke	b Hannon-Dalby	23
S. Wood	c Porterfield	b Hannon-Dalby	9
B. Hifenhau		b Hannon-Dalby	4
J. Ball	not out		8
L. Fletcher	not out		1
Extras (6 lb 2 w)			8
Total (9 wkts, 20 overs)			149
Wkts: 1-18, 2-64, 3-67, 4-79, 5-92, 6-119, 7-136, 8-136, 9-142			

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INNINGS			
V. Chopra *	c Wessels	b Hifenhau	0
I. Bell	c Wessels	b Sammy	38
W. Porterfield		not out	37
L. Evans	c Wessels	b Ball	11
R. Clarke		not out	6
A. Javid			
J. Patel			
T. Ambrose †			
R. Gordon			
O.Hannon-Dalby			
J. Poysden			
Extras (1 b 1 lb 3 w 4 nb)			9
Total (3 wkts, 10.2 overs)			101
Wkts: 1-0, 2-67, 3-90			

	O	M	R	W
Clarke	4	0	24	2
Hannon-Dalby	4	0	29	4
Patel	4	0	35	1
Gordon	4	0	28	1
Poysden	3	0	18	1
Javid	1	0	9	0

	O	M	R	W
Hifenhau	3	1	21	1
Ball	2	0	14	1
Mullaney	1	0	11	0
Sammy	2	0	25	1
Patel	1	0	12	0
Fletcher	1.2	0	16	0

Match Result: Birmingham won by 7 wickets D/L **Points:** Birmingham 2 Nottinghamshire 0.

Batting first, Nottinghamshire rushed to 65 for 2 in their Power Play overs, thanks mainly to Wessels, who hammered three sixes in the space of seven deliveries.

But Wessels was out to the last ball of the sixth over, caught by Chopra at cover while Brendan Taylor, with whom he had added forty six in four overs then hit Clarke straight to mid-off in the next over.

The scoring rate then slowed rapidly as spinners Patel and Poysden applied the brakes despite bowling with a wet ball.

Poysden conceded only five runs in his first two overs and took the wicket of Smith, as the Nottinghamshire total grew by a meagre 25 runs, with two wickets lost in the next five overs and despite Sammy's sixes off Poysden and Javid the Nottinghamshire batsmen were never able to reassert themselves in any sustained way.

James Taylor, was leg before to a Clarke full toss, and the return of Hannon-Dalby 4-29, brought wickets with consecutive deliveries and in his final over the wicket of Hifenhau to a slower one.

Chasing 150 to win from 20 overs heavy rain after only four balls resulted in a revised target of 98 from 11 overs.

Porterfield, who hit the winning boundary, finished 37* after Bell had hit 38 off 24, as the Bears reached their goal with four balls to spare.



Hifenhau loses his wicket to Hannon-Dalby



Patel bowled by Patel for 4



Clarke joins in as Taylor is out for 23

Birmingham Bears v Leicestershire Foxes at Edgbaston, 19th June 2015Umpires: M. Bodenham & P. Hartley **Toss won by:** Birmingham who chose to bat**BIRMINGHAM**

INNINGS			
I. Bell	c Wells	b McKay	19
V. Chopra	c Eckersley	b Freckingham	2
W. Porterfield	c Wells	b Sykes	40
T. Ambrose †	not out		66
L. Evans		b McKay	13
R. Clarke	c Umar Akmal	b Raine	9
A. Javid	not out		0
J. Patel			
R. Gordon			
O. Hannon-Dalby			
W Rankin			
Extras (4 lb 5 w 2 nb)			11
Total (5 wkts, 20 overs)			160
Wkts: 1-14, 2-22, 3-102, 4-142, 5-154			

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INNINGS			
E. Eckersley	c Hannon-Dalby	b Gordon	16
M. Cosgrove *	lbw	b Patel	44
A. Agathangelou		c and b Hannon-Dalby	1
N. O'Brien †	not out		40
Umar Akmal	not out		52
T. Wells			
B. Raine			
C. McKay			
O. Freckingham			
J. Naik			
J. Sykes			
Extras (3 lb 8 w)			11
Total (3 wkts, 18.3 overs)			164
Wkts: 1-38, 2-48, 3-71			

	O	M	R	W
Sykes	4	0	22	1
Raine	4	0	27	1
Freckingham	3	0	16	1
McKay	4	0	41	2
Naik	4	0	34	0
Wells	1	0	16	0

	O	M	R	W
Clarke	2	0	20	0
Hannon-Dalby	3.3	0	38	1
Gordon	4	0	37	1
Patel	4	0	22	1
Rankin	2	0	21	0
Javid	3	0	23	0

Match Result: Leicestershire won by 7 wickets Points: Leicestershire 2 Birmingham 0.

Searching for a fifth successive win in the North Group Birmingham posted a solid total of 160 for 5 at Edgbaston, thanks mainly to Ambrose's well-judged 66* from 54 balls but Leicestershire reached 164 for three with nine balls to spare.

Cosgrove laid the platform with a blistering 44 from 23 balls and then O'Brien and Akmal saw them home with an unbroken stand of 93 in 70 balls.

After choosing to bat, Birmingham suffered two early blows with Chopra and Bell losing their wickets early to some fine fielding. Bell was looking dangerous when he drove McKay to mid-off where Wells flung himself to his right to make the catch.

Then Porterfield and Ambrose built the innings' only partnership of substance. They added 80 from 58 balls

before the former fell to another fine catch by Wells, this time at long-off.

Evans went for thirteen but Ambrose kept working the ball around skilfully to help the total on to 160-5 from the twenty overs.

Leicestershire got off to a flier, reaching 50 in the fourth as Cosgrove raced to 44 from with seven fours, one six against some friendly bowling before falling lbw to Patel's fifth delivery.

With Leicestershire 71 for 3, Birmingham sensed an opportunity, but O'Brien and Akmal under no pressure to go for big shots, milked the bowling as the Foxes went on to win relatively easily by seven wickets, with Akmal scoring a half-century on his farewell appearance for the Foxes.



Ambrose and Porterfield on form

Birmingham Bears v Yorkshire Vikings at Edgbaston, 21st June 2015

Umpires: N. Cowley & J.Evans **Toss won by:** Yorkshire who chose to bat

YORKSHIRE

INNINGS			
A.Gale *	c Ambrose †	b Clarke	9
A. Finch		b Poysden	30
A.Hodd †	c Clarke	b Hannon-Dalby	2
A. Lees	c Ambrose †	b Gordon	4
G. Maxwell	c Evans	b Gordon	0
J. Leaning	c Clarek	b Gordon	45
T. Bresnan	c Ambrose †	b Hannon-Dalby	16
R. Pyrah	not out		13
J. Middlebrook			
S. Patterson			
M. Fisher			
Extras (7 lb 2 w 4 nb)			13
Total (7 wkts, 20 overs)			132
Wkts: 1-17, 2-20, 3-36, 4-36, 5-79, 6-118, 7-132			

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INNINGS			
I. Bell		b Maxwell	5
V. Chopra *	c Finch	b Maxwell	3
W. Porterfield	c Leaning	b Middlebrook	42
T. Ambrose †		b Patterson	46
L. Evans	not out		32
R. Clarke	not out		4
K. Barker			
J. Poysden			
J. Patel			
O. Hannon-Dalby			
R. Gordon			
Extras (2 w 2 nb)			4
Total (4 wkts, 18.4 overs)			136
Wkts: 1-6, 2-15, 3-66, 4-132			

	O	M	R	W
Clarke	4	0	18	1
Hannon-Dalby	4	0	27	2
Gordon	4	0	30	3
Patel	4	0	21	0
Barker	1	0	14	0
Poysden	3	0	15	1

	O	M	R	W
Maxwell	4	0	26	2
Bresnan	3	0	32	0
Fisher	2	0	15	0
Patterson	2.4	0	23	1
Pyrah	4	0	26	0
Middlebrook	3	0	14	1

Match Result: Birmingham won by 6 wickets Points: Birmingham 2, Yorkshire 0.

The Birmingham Bears bounced back to winning ways after the defeat to the Leicestershire Foxes with a six-wicket win over Yorkshire Vikings at Edgbaston.

Yorkshire amassed 132 for seven, a workmanlike affair including 53 dot balls and only eight fours. Jack Leaning's contributed a t20-best 45 (44 balls) but, on a slow pitch, no-one achieved fluency against disciplined bowling led by Recordo Gordon's three for 30.

After early wobbles, Birmingham eased to victory thanks to William Porterfield's punchy 42 from 39 balls and then a measured fourth-wicket partnership of 66 in 49 balls from Tim Ambrose (46 from 38) and Laurie Evans (an unbeaten 32 from 25).

Choosing to bat first, Yorkshire lost four wickets in the opening six overs. Clarke's spell included the Bear's first t20 maiden for three years and the wicket of Gale, while Gordon 3-30, then struck twice in his opening over, dismissing Lees courtesy of a terrific catch by Ambrose and Maxwell finding Evans at deep square leg.

Leaning, riding his luck, kept the innings together after Finch fell to Poysden cutting. It was left to Leaning to

prop up the innings and with Bresnan the visitors limp to 132-7, before losing his wicket from the last ball of the innings to a catch at long on.

Maxwell then took wickets in his first two overs when Birmingham began their reply, with Bell bowled attempted to cut and Chopra caught at mid-off.

Once again Porterfield 42, kept the Bears in the chase and after losing his wicket to a mistimed pull off Middlebrook's long-hop, it was left to Ambrose and Evans to confidently see the Bears home to victory with a partnership of sixty six from 49 balls by a six wicket margin.



Spectacular catch by Ambrose as Levi is dismissed for 4



Maxwell out for 6



Finch bowled by Poysden for 30



Porterfield hits out



Evans and Clarke see Bears home

Lancashire Lightning v Birmingham Bears at Old Trafford, 26th June 2015Umpires: D. Milns & S. O'Shaunessy **Toss won by:** Birmingham who chose to bat

BIRMINGHAM				LANCASHIRE			
INNINGS				INNINGS			
V.Chopra *	c Lilley	b Parry	40	A. Prince	c Porterfield	b Hannon-Dalby	11
B. McCullum	c Croft	b Clark	18	P. Horton	run out (Javid)		24
W. Porterfield	c Prince	b Croft	36	K. Brown	c Ambrose †	b Gordon	6
R. Clarke	st Davies †	b Croft	8	S. Croft *	c Patel	b Javid	15
L. Evans	c Jarvis	b Parry	8	J. Clark	c Patel	b Gordon	16
A. Javid	run out	(Livingstone)	9	J. Faulkner	c Evans	b Gordon	34
J. Patel	c Lilley	b Faulkner	3	A/ Davies †	c Ambrose †	b Gordon	6
T. Ambrose †	c Clark	b Faulkner	1	L. Livingstone	run out (Javid)		13
R. Gordon	not out		7	A. Lilley	not out		1
J. Poysden	not out		0	S. Parry			
O. Hannon-Dalby				K. Jarvis			
Extras (3 lb 4 w)			7	Extras (1 b 2 lb 5 w 2 nb)			10
Total (8 wkts, 20 overs)			137	Total (8 wkts, 20 overs)			136
Wkts: 1-49, 2-69, 3-88, 4-104, 5-125, 6-126, 7-129, 8-129				Wkts: 1-13, 2-25, 3-52, 4-62, 5-101, 6-119, 7-121, 8-136			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Faulkner	4	0	26	2	Clarke	2	0	11	0
Jarvis	2	0	20	0	Hannon-Dalby	4	0	34	1
Clark	2	0	17	1	Gordon	4	0	20	4
Lilley	4	0	31	0	Poysden	4	0	25	0
Parry	4	0	19	2	Patel	4	0	32	0
Croft	4	0	21	2	Javid	2	0	11	1

Match Result: Birmingham won by 1 run Points: Birmingham 2, Lancashire 0.

It was a dramatic evening at Old Trafford, after the start had been delayed due to the late arrival of some of the Bears' players due to motorway traffic, the conclusion more than compensated for the earlier frustrations.

On a slow wicket, the Bears won the toss and batted first, with McCullum taking three successive fours off Jarvis's first over, before he was brilliantly caught for a 14-ball 18 when Croft raced to take a skyed catch off Clark.

When Chopra holed out at long off the Bears were 69 for two in the tenth over and as fluent run-scoring remained difficult on the wicket the trio of Lightning's spinners kept the Bears under restraint.

Porterfield was one of four wickets to fall in the last two overs as the Bears innings ended on 137 for eight, after Gordon hit the first six of the innings in the final over.

The Lancashire top order also struggled as Prince and Brown were dismissed cheaply and Lightning were only 32 for two after six overs and despite Horton and Croft's efforts the Lightning's batsmen found fluent run-scoring against spin quite as difficult as the Bears had done.

Clark and Faulkner threatened to take the game away from the Bears and even after Clark's dismissal, off Gordon, Davies kept up with the asking-rate of ten runs per over.

Faulkner became one of Gordon's four victims and the Bears held on to restrict Lightning to win by just a single run with Gordon taking 4-20.



Gordon on fire with 4 wickets for 20 runs

Birmingham Bears v Derbyshire Falcons at Edgbaston, 3rd July 2015

Umpires: N. Bainton & J. Evans **Toss won by:** Falcons who chose to field

BIRMINGHAM				DERBYSHIRE			
INNINGS				INNINGS			
V. Chopra *	c A. Hughes	b White	51	H. Rutherford	b Javid		39
B. McCullum	not out		158	W. Durston *	st Ambrose †	b Poysden	43
L. Evans		b Thaker	16	C. Hughes	c Porterfield	b Poysden	2
W. Porterfield	not out		11	T. Poynton †	c Clarke	b Poysden	16
T. Ambrose †				W. Madsen		b Patel	2
R. Clarke				S. Elstone	c Evans	b Poysden	23
A. Javid				T. Knight	lbw	b Patel	22
J. Patel				S. Thakor	c Porterfield	b Gordon	3
R. Gordon				A. Hughes	run out (Gordon)		7
O. Hannon-Dalby				W. White	not out		12
J. Poysden				N. Rimmington	c Ambrose †	b Hannon-Dalby	7
Extras (3 lb 1 w 2 nb)			6	Extras (2 lb 4 w)			6
Total (2 wkts, 20 overs)			242	Total (10 wkts, 19.4 overs)			182
Wkts: 1-160, 2-205				Wkts: 1-61, 2-76, 3-88, 4-97, 5-105, 6-131, 7-149, 8-154, 9-168, 10-182			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Rimmington	4	0	56	0	Clarke	2	0	17	0
White	4	0	44	1	Hannon-Dalby	3.4	0	30	1
Thakor	4	0	40	1	Gordon	4	0	37	1
A. Hughes	4	0	45	0	Javid	2	0	27	1
Durston	2	0	25	0	Poysden	4	0	51	4
C. Hughes	1	0	16	0	Patel	4	0	18	2
Elstone	1	0	13	0					

Match Result: Birmingham won by 60 runs **Points:** Birmingham 2, Derbyshire 0.

On his home debut, Brendan McCullum thrilled the large, expectant crowd, with a tremendous 158 from 64 balls with 13 fours and 11 sixes, helping the Bears reach 242 for 2 - their highest total in the t20 competition format.

Derbyshire's 182 all out in reply was a plucky effort but predictably fell short as they had to go for broke from the off.

The visitors won the toss and bowled, but doubts soon set into their minds about that decision, when Bears' openers McCullum and Chopra had 50 on the board in 25 balls. Finally adding 160 from 79 balls before Chopra 51, was dismissed.

That was bad news for Derbyshire as McCullum responded by moving into overdrive.

McCullum then went to his hundred, the first by a Birmingham player in the tournament and to 150 in just 18 more deliveries and his unbeaten 158 equalled the score McCullum made in the opening game of the IPL in 2008 and surpassed innings of 153 from Luke Wright and 152 from Graham Napier in English domestic t20.

Derbyshire gave their unrealistic chase a real go attacking everything, but wickets fell regularly.

Four fell to Poysden but for fifty one runs, before the Bears ran out comfortable winners by 60 runs.



Chopra and McCullum put on 160 for first wicket



McCullum reaches his century

Leicestershire Foxes v Birmingham Bears at Grace Rd, Leicester, 4th July 2015Umpires: J. Lloyds & S. Gale **Toss won by:** Birmingham who chose to bat**BIRMINGHAM**

INNINGS					
V. Chopra *	lbw	b Raine	9		
B. McCullum	c Elliott	b McKay	6		
T. Lewis	lbw	b Raine	13		
T. Ambrose †	c Boyce	b Naik	34		
R. Clarke	c Wells	b Freckingham	46		
L. Evans	c Elliott	b Sayer	6		
A. Javid		b McKay	28		
J. Patel	c Wells	b Raine	3		
R. Gordon	not out		4		
J. Poysden	not out		0		
O. Hannon-Dalby					
Extras (1 lb 8 w 2 nb)			11		
Total (8 wkts, 20 overs)			160		

Wkts: 1-9, 2-18, 3-42, 4-102, 5-110, 6-135, 7-154, 8-158

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INNINGS					
E. Eckersley †		b Clarke	5		
M. Cosgrove *	run out (Evans)		74		
B. Raine		b Patel	17		
G. Elliott	c Evans	b Gordon	23		
T. Wells	not out		11		
A. Agathangalou	not out		3		
M. Boyce					
C. McKay					
J. Naik					
O. Freckingham					
R. Sayer					
Extras (4 b 2 lb 10 w)			16		
Total (4 wkts)			152		

Wkts: 1-27, 2-57, 3-122, 4-144

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Sayer	3	0	26	1	Hannon-Dalby	4	0	41	0
Raine	4	0	24	3	Clarke	4	0	10	1
McKay	4	0	31	2	Gordon	4	0	31	1
Freckingham	4	0	47	1	Patel	4	0	30	1
Elliott	2	0	5	0	Poysden	3	0	23	0
Naik	3	0	26	1	Javid	1	0	11	0

Match Result: Birmingham won by 8 runs Points: Birmingham 2, Leicestershire 0.

Leicestershire had not got back to Leicester from their trip to Durham the previous evening until close to 3am, but looked keen enough, when, after choosing to bat first, Birmingham lost captain Chopra to Raine's first delivery and in the following over, McKay, pitched one up and McCullum mistimed an attempted drive straight to mid-off for just six.

Clarke, in company initially with Lewis 13 and then with Ambrose 34, steered Birmingham towards a competitive score, hitting forty six from thirty six balls before finally falling to Freckingham. Some late hitting from Javid 28 then helped the Bears close on 160-8.

Clarke then produced the season's most economical figures of the competition bowling his four overs for just ten runs and picking up the wicket of opener Eckersley, whilst keeping Leicestershire in check, but with Cosgrove going strongly in company with Elliott, they looked to be favourites with five overs remaining on 111-2, needing just fifty to win.

But once Elliott, fell to Gordon, the required rate kept rising until it was beyond the home team's reach and Cosgrove's innings ended in the final over, run out for seventy four when Leicestershire needed nineteen to win.

The result left Birmingham top of the North Group, virtually guaranteeing qualification for the quarter-final stages of the competition.



Ambrose and Clarke



Eckersley bowled by Clarke for 5



Raine bowled by Patel for 17



Cosgrove run out for 74

Worcestershire Rapids v Birmingham Bears at New Rd, Worcester, 10th July 2015

Umpires: S. Gale & P Hartley **Toss won by:** Birmingham who chose to field

WORCESTERSHIRE

INNINGS			
R. Oliver		b Poysden	10
D. Mitchell *	c McCullum	b Clarke	0
T. Kohler-Cadmore	c Evans	b Poysden	66
C. Munro	st Ambrose †	b Patel	8
B. D'Oliveira	not out		56
R. Whiteley	c Lewis	b Gordon	3
O.Cox †	not out		11
E. Barnard			
J. Leach			
Saeed Ajmal			
J. Shantry			
Extras (1 lb 5 w)			6
Total (5 wkts, 20 overs)			160
Wkts: 1-1, 2-52, 3-67, 4-102, 5-121			

BIRMINGHAM

INNINGS			
V. Chopra*	run out (Leach)		10
B. McCullum		b Leach	15
T. Lewis	c Whiteley	b Barnard	8
J. Patel	st Cox †	b D'Oliveira	11
R. Clarke	not out		52
L. Evans	c Kohler-Cadmore	b Saeed Ajmal	35
A. Javid	not out		22
T. Ambrose †			
R. Gordon			
J. Poysden			
O. Hannon-Dalby			
Extras (4 b 2 lb 2 w)			8
Total (5 wkts, 19.3 overs)			161
Wkts: 1-19, 2-29, 3-44, 4-48, 5-116			

	O	M	R	W
Clarks	2	0	9	1
Hannon-Dalby	4	0	45	0
Gordon	3	0	35	1
Javid	3	0	26	0
Patel	4	0	24	1
Poysden	4	0	20	2

	O	M	R	W
Shantry	4	0	40	0
Leach	2.3	0	28	1
Barnard	2	0	13	1
Saeed Ajmal	4	0	30	1
D'Oliveira	4	0	25	1
Mitchell	3	0	19	0

Match Result: Birmingham won by 5 wickets Points: Birmingham 2, Worcestershire 0.

Batting first, the Rapids reached 160 for 5 and the Bears overcome a chaotic start to complete a successful run chase with three balls to spare after a quick-fire 22 not out by Ateeq Javid.

It was an earlier partnership of 68 in nine overs by Clarke and Laurie Evans which restored order before the latter was caught at long-on off Saeed Ajmal.

In the closing stages wicketkeeper Ben Cox intermittently employed the tactic of discarding his gloves and taking up a sort of long stop position, but it made no odds as the Rapids suffered a blow in their bid for a quarter-final spot.

Their innings had been a tale of two exciting academy-developed prospects and two contrasting phases.

Batting first, the Rapids reached 160 for 5, losing Mitchell first ball, but with Kohler-Cadmore recording his third half-century in the competition and D'Oliveira, making an aggressive fifty off twenty nine deliveries. Despite their attacking play, the Rapids were tied down and struggled to overcome the control that the Bears' three spinners induced, conceding only 71 runs in the space of 11 overs.

Worcestershire were only able to score freely when D'Oliveira hit four sixes off Hannon-Dalby and Gordon in the final four overs.

In contrast Warwickshire's top order were soon in trouble, with McCullum 15 bowled by Leach heralding a slump to 48-4 but it was a partnership of 68 in nine overs by Clarke and Evans which restored order to their chase, before the latter was caught at long-on off Saeed Ajmal.

Clarke closed unbeaten on fifty two with Javid making a quick-fire twenty two as the victory confirmed the Bears' place in the quarter-finals of the competition.



Clarke and Javid secure victory with three balls left

Birmingham Bears v Lancashire Lightning at Edgbaston, 17th July 2015Umpires: B. Taylor & P. Baldwin **Toss won by:** Birmingham who chose to field**LANCASHIRE**

INNINGS			
A. Prince	c Chopra	b Gordon	8
L. Livingstone	c Patel	b Hannon-Dalby	9
K. Brown	lbw	b Patel	13
A. Davies †		b Clarke	2
S. Croft *	not out		64
L. Procter		b Patel	20
J. Faulkner	c Clarke	b Hannon-Dalby	20
J. Clark	not out		2
A. Lilley			
S. Parry			
K. Jarvis			
Extras (2 b 2 lb 3 w)			7
Total (6 wkts, 20 overs)			145
Wkts: 1-16, 2-20, 3-29, 4-34, 5-75, 6-134			

BIRMINGHAM

INNINGS			
V.Chopra *	c Parry	b Jarvis	8
B. McCullum	c Davies †	b Croft	41
T. Lewis	c Prince	b Croft	22
R. Clarke	lbw	b Parry	9
L. Evans	c Croft	b Faulkner	13
A. Javid	c Davies †	b Faulkner	18
T. Ambrose †	c Livingstone	b Lilley	11
J. Patel	c Croft	b Clark	1
R. Gordon	c Lilley	b Faulkner	0
O. Hannon-Dalby	c Faulner	b Clark	9
J. Poysden	not out		0
Extras (1 b 2 w 2 nb)			5
Total (10 wkts, 19.5 overs)			137
Wkts: 1-32, 2-72, 3-72, 4-86, 5-97, 6-120, 7-123, 8-123, 9-128, 10-137			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Hannon-Dalby	4	0	42	2	Faulkner	4	0	19	3
Clarke	3	0	7	1	Jarvis	4	0	24	1
Gordon	4	0	48	1	Clark	1.5	0	30	2
Poysden	3	0	21	0	Parry	4	0	31	1
Patel	4	0	14	2	Lilley	2	0	16	1
Javid	2	0	11	0	Croft	4	0	16	2

Match Result: Lancashire won by 8 runs Points: Birmingham 0, Lancashire 2.

Lancashire's NatWest t20 Blast quarter-final hopes were given a giant boost by beating Birmingham by eight runs at Edgbaston.

Put in, Lancashire lost openers Prince and Livingstone to simple catches to midwicket before Clarke then added Davies in an excellent three-over opening spell which cost just seven runs.

Against the slower bowlers the first three overs of spin yielded just 11 runs and another wicket, Brown and at halfway, the Lightning had limped to 44 for 4 before skipper Croft 64* and Faulkner' stand of fifty nine helped them reach 145-6.

The Bears began watchfully, but McCullum and Lewis added 40 from 33 balls before falling to successive balls from Croft 2-16 and as the Bears struggled to get on top of the Lightning bowlers, a spectacular catch at full stretch by Croft to dismiss Evans, made matters worse, helping to force the required rate up, with Birmingham needing to find twenty three from the last ten balls.

This proved beyond a succession of new batsmen from the lower order as five wickets fell from just twelve deliveries leaving the Bears all out for 137 with a ball to spare.



How did that happen? - Davies bowled by Clarke



Patel 1 wicket for 7 runs in three overs

Birmingham Bears v Northamptonshire Steelbacks at Edgbaston, 22nd July 2015

Umpires: R. Illingworth & P. Hartley **Toss won by:** Northamptonshire who chose to bowl

BIRMINGHAM

INNINGS			
V.Chopra *	b Crook	52	
B. McCullum	c Klienveldt b Crook	26	
T. Lewis	c Levi b Crook	16	
L. Evans	c White b Azharullah	20	
R. Clarke	c Levi b Willey	14	
A. Javid	not out	7	
J. Patel	not out	11	
T. Ambrose †			
R. Gordon			
O. Hannon-Dalby			
J. Poysden			
Extras (3 lb 5 w)		8	
Total (5 wkts, 20 overs)		154	
Wkts: 1-57, 2-89, 3-119, 4-128, 5-137			

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

INNINGS			
R. Levi	c Lewis	b Hannon-Dalby	15
D. Willey	c Clarke	b Hannon-Dalby	2
J. Cobb	c McCullum	b Patel	20
B. Duckett	c Hannon-Dalby	b Gordon	4
A. Wakely *	not out		51
S. Crook	c Evans	b Gordon	9
A. Rossington †	c Evans	b Hannon-Dalby	12
R. Klienveldt	not out		29
R. Keogh			
G. White			
Azharullah			
Extras (4 lb 5 lb 2 w)			11
Total (6 wkts, 20 overs)		153	
Wkts: 1-10, 2-22, 3-30, 4-60, 5-85, 6-111			

	O	M	R	W
Klienveldt	4	0	30	0
Willey	4	0	33	1
Azharullah	4	0	24	1
Crook	4	0	30	3
White	2	0	18	0
Cobb	2	0	16	0

	O	M	R	W
Clarke	4	0	16	0
Hannon-Dalby	4	0	36	3
Gordon	4	0	39	2
Patel	4	0	29	1
Poysden	4	0	24	0

Match Result: Birmingham won by 1 run Birmingham 2, Northamptonshire 0.

Choosing to bowl, Northamptonshire might have questioned the decision when McCullum, in his final home match for the Bears, smacked four of his first ten balls for four, but was then superbly caught at point off Crook for twenty six.

Skipper Chopra's 54 however, helped the Bears reach a decent, but gettable total, and with the help of Lewis 16 and Evans 20, the Bears reached 154-5 from their twenty overs.

On a good batting track, the Steelbacks began their reply as slight favourites but lost early wickets. Willey, Duckett and Levi all went for big shots in the first six overs and gave catches, the latter superbly taken by Lewis at deep midwicket.

Another fine opening spell by Clarke increased the required run rate while spinners Patel and Poysden maintained the pressure to send Northamptonshire into the last six overs needing sixty nine more to win with skipper Wakely still there with an unbeaten half century.

This came down to twenty three from six the final over and when Klienveldt hoisted the first two balls into the stands for six it was game on - but, with four needed from the last ball, Gordon held his nerve, just, and conceded only two to long-on to give the Bears a second single run victory of the season.



Chopra top score with 52



Evans joins in



One over left - can we do it?



Levi is dismissed



Three wickets for Hannon-Dalby

Yorkshire Vikings v Birmingham Bears at Headingley, 24th July 2015Umpires: N. Bainton & P. Hartley **Toss won by:** Birmingham who chose to bat

BIRMINGHAM				YORKSHIRE			
INNINGS				INNINGS			
T. Lewis	c Leaning	b Plunkett	4	A. Lees *	lbw	b Patel	63
B. McCullum		b Fisher	6	W. Rhodes	c Poysden	b Clarke	5
T. Ambrose †	c Hodd †	b Coad	19	J. Leaning	not out		60
R. Clarke	c Lees	b Coad	21	A. Hodd†	not out		15
L. Evans	c Hodd †	b Rhodes	25	R. Pyrah			
C. Woakes	c Fisher	b Pyrah	6	L. Plunkett			
A. Javid	c Lees	b Fisher	22	R. Gibson			
J. Patel *	c Leaning	b Pyrah	4	M. Wiate			
R. Gordon	c Hodd †	b Rhodes	18	B. Coad			
O. Hannon-Dalby		b Rhodes	1	K. Carver			
J. Poysden	not out		1	M. Fisher			
Extras (4 b 5 lb 9 w)			18	Extras (3 lb 2 w)			5
Total (10 wkts, 18.4 overs)			145	Total (2 wkts, 20 overs)			148
Wkts: 1-4, 2-11, 3-50, 4-57, 5-77, 6-92, 7-101, 8-131, 9-135, 10-145				Wkts: 1-16, 2-120			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Plunkett	4	1	20	1	Clarke	4	0	22	1
Fisher	2.4	0	21	2	Hannon-Dalby	4	0	35	0
Coad	4	0	30	2	Gordon	3.3	0	28	0
Pyrah	4	0	21	2	Poysden	4	0	30	0
Rhodes	3	0	27	3	Patel	4	0	30	1
Waite	1	0	17	0					

Match Result: Yorkshire won by 8 wickets Yorkshire 2, Birmingham 0.

Birmingham, already assured of a home quarter-final won the toss and batted, but were kept under control by Plunkett, while 17-year-old Fisher picked up the prized scalp of McCullum, who lost his middle stump in spectacular fashion.

Coad took the wickets of Ambrose and Clarke, while Woakes and Patel were caught off Pyrah, before Rhodes mopped up with 3-27, as the Bears were dismissed with eight balls remaining for 145.

Acting Yorkshire captain, Lees^s, measured 63 off 56 balls whilst featuring in a century second wicket stand with Leaning, saw Yorkshire home to an easy victory after Rhodes had earlier fallen to Clarke.

Once Lees had gone, Leaning continued on his way to his maiden t20 half-century and he was unbeaten on 60 when Yorkshire crossed the line, with three balls remaining.

North Group

	Mat	Won	Lost	Tied	N/R	Pts	Net RR	For	Against
Birmingham Bears	14	10	4	0	0	20	0.2	2132/267.4	2046/263.3
Worcestershire	14	9	4	0	1	19	0.682	2099/248.5	2012/259.3
Northamptonshire	14	7	5	0	2	16	0.115	1744/199.0	1786/206.3
Lancashire	14	7	6	0	1	15	0.469	2106/253.1	1982/252.3
Nottinghamshire	14	7	6	0	1	15	0.018	2048/244.0	2077/248.0
Durham	14	5	8	0	1	11	-0.149	1952/248.0	1914/238.4
Leicestershire	14	4	7	1	2	11	-0.304	1743/216.5	1845/221.1
Yorkshire	14	5	8	1	0	11	-0.324	2163/265.5	2235/264.1
Derbyshire	14	4	10	0	0	8	-0.662	2178/274.3	2268/263.5

South Group

	Mat	Won	Lost	Tied	N/R	Pts	Net RR	For	Against
Kent	14	9	4	0	1	19	0.166	2275/250.3	2275/255.1
Sussex	14	7	5	0	2	16	0.206	1936/221.0	1976/231.0
Hampshire	14	8	6	0	0	16	-0.12	2316/277.5	2310/273.1
Essex	14	7	6	0	1	15	0.208	2130/252.2	2109/256.1
Gloucestershire	14	7	7	0	0	14	0.354	2261/258.1	2220/264.1
Glamorgan	14	7	7	0	0	14	-0.522	2066/251.0	2054/234.4
Surrey	14	5	6	0	3	13	-0.145	1850/214.4	1922/219.2
Somerset	14	4	8	0	2	10	-0.184	1927/222.1	1996/225.2
Middlesex	14	4	9	0	1	9	0.03	2122/257.0	2021/245.4

Winners: Lancashire

Birmingham Bears v Essex Eagles at Edgbaston, 13th August 2015

Umpires: R. Illingworth & J. Lloyds **Toss won by:** Essex who chose to field

BIRMINGHAM

INNINGS			
V.Chopra *	c Westley	b Bopara	18
I. Bell	c ten Doeschate	b Topley	7
W. Porterfield	c Westley	b Tait	23
R. Clarke	c Westley	b ten Doeschate	18
L. Evans	c Westley	b Topley	50
C. Woakes	not out		48
A. Javid	not out		4
J. Patel			
T. Ambrose †			
O. Hannon-Dalby			
W. Rankin			
Extras (4 b 8 lb 7w 2 nb)			21
Total (5 wkts, 20 overs)			189

Wkts: 1-20, 2-50, 3-60, 4-88, 5-157

ESSEX

INNINGS			
M Pettini	c Patel	b Clarke	6
J Ryder	c Clarke	b Rankin	26
T Westley	c Clarke	b Woakes	33
R Bopara	c Clarke	b Patel	32
R ten Doeschate*	c Clarke	b Hannon-Dalby	13
N Browne	run out (Porterfield)		13
J Foster †	not out		25
D Masters	not out		1
G Napier			
R Topley			
S Tait			
Extras (7 lb 9 w)			16
Total (6 wkts, 20 overs)			165

Wkts: 1-17, 2-47, 3-103, 4-114, 5-130, 6-163

	O	M	R	W
Topley	4	0	36	2
Masters	4	0	24	0
Napier	1.1	0	12	0
Bopara	4	0	28	1
Tait	3	0	37	1
Ten Doeschate	2.5	0	22	1
Westley	1	0	18	0

	O	M	R	W
Woakes	4	0	22	1
Clarke	4	0	29	1
Hannon-Dalby	4	0	38	1
Rankin	4	0	30	1
Patel	4	0	39	1

Match Result: Birmingham won by 24 runs Birmingham Bears progress to semi-final.

For a second year running the Birmingham Bears booked their place at the NatWest t20 Blast Finals Day after knocking out Essex Eagles in the quarter-finals although this time at Edgbaston.

Losing the toss and batting, the Bears after an uncertain start made a useful 189 for five with Evans 50 from 31 balls and Woakes adding an unbeaten 48 from 24.

It was a difficult opening few overs for the Bears losing Bell to Topley and an out of touch Chopra soon after as Topley and Masters pegged Birmingham back. Porterfield 23 but sliced Tait's first ball to third man and then Clarke lifted Ryan ten Doeschate to cover, with the Bears 88-4.

Napier limped off having bowling only seven balls and then Evans, on 14, was caught but reprieved because Tait had overstepped.

He capitalised by thumping a quick 50 in a stand of 69 from 38 balls with Woakes, a late onslaught ensuring Essex were left with a testing target.

The Eagles soon lost Pettini, caught at cover, and the dangerous Ryder 26 followed to Rankin's shorter ball.

As the required rate continued to rise, Westley 33 and Bopara 32 both lost their wickets leaving the Eagles needing 69 from five overs which became 66 from four after a superb over from Clarke.

When Clarke held a fine catch at long on to dismiss ten Doeschate in the next over, it was all over for the Eagles and the champions' defence of their trophy continued into Finals Day.



Evans and Woakes lead the charge



Bring on Finals day



Crucial wicket Bopara goes for 32

Birmingham Bears v Northamptonshire Steelbacks 1st Semi Final at Edgbaston, 29th August 2015Umpires: R. Illingworth & R. Robinson **Toss won by:** Northamptonshire who chose to bowl**BIRMINGHAM**

INNINGS			
V.Chopra *	lbw	b Willey	2
I. Bell	c Duckett †	b Willey	4
W. Porterfield		b Willey	0
T. Ambrose †		c and b Kleinveldt	5
R. Clarke		b Kleinveldt	41
A. Javid	not out		51
L. Evans	run out	(White)	18
C. Woakes			
J. Patel			
O. Hannon-Dalby			
W. Rankin			
Extras (4 lb 3 lb 3 w)			10
Total (6 wkts, 20 overs)			131
Wkts: 1-5, 2-6, 3-12, 4-14, 5-107, 6-131			

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

INNINGS			
R. Levi	not out		63
D. Willey	c Bell	b Hannon-Dalby	12
J. Cobb		b Patel	15
B. Duckett †	c Ambrose †	b Rankin	6
A. Wakeley *	c Ambrose †	b Patel	0
S. Crook	c Bell	b Rankin	11
S. Afridi	not out		19
R. Kleinveldt			
G. White			
O. Stone			
Azarullah			
Extras (5 lb 4 w)			9
Total (5 wkts, 18 overs)			135
Wkts: 1-27, 2-67, 3-74, 4-80, 5-95			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Kleinveldt	4	0	16	2	Clarke	2	0	13	0
Willey	4	0	30	3	Woakes	3	0	25	0
Stone	4	0	26	0	Hannon-Dalby	3	0	30	1
Afridi	4	0	21	0	Patel	4	0	31	2
Azharullah	2	0	19	0	Rankin	4	0	20	2
White	2	0	12	0	Javid	2	0	11	0

Match Result: Northamptonshire won by 5 wickets.

The Northamptonshire Steelbacks were guided to a NatWest t20 Blast Final by Richard Levi with an unbeaten 63 as the 2013 champions comfortably defeated reigning NatWest t20 Blast holders Birmingham Bears by five wickets.

Two years ago, the big-hitting South African struck 57 against Essex and he was at it again at Edgbaston to help the Steelbacks chase down the Bears' 131 for six with two overs to spare.

Birmingham, had been reduced to 14 for four as Willey again took centre stage for the Steelbacks with figures of 3-30 and although Ateeq Javid and Rikki Clarke helped steady the ship, the Steelbacks never looked troubled in reaching their second final in three years.

After the Steelbacks had won the toss and inserted the holders Chopra and Porterfield fell either side of a Willey wide and a bad start became a dreadful one when Kleinveldt held on to a caught-and-bowled opportunity off Ambrose and Willey then struck again, when finding a thin outside edge from Bell to leave Birmingham in deep trouble at 14-4.

The result was already beginning to look inevitable for even the most optimistic of Bears' supporters even before there was a period of more than seven overs without a boundary, as Clarke and Javid tried to re-build the shattered innings. Importantly though for the Bears, the fifth wicket pair were still together and started to accelerate bringing up the 100 in the eighteenth over.

Clarke's resistance ended for forty one when bowled by Kleinveldt with the partnership on 93 but Javid remained unbeaten on fifty one at the end of the innings.

Evans' late flurry helped post something for the Bears' bowlers to defend, but it always looked light of a competitive total.

It didn't take long for Levi to make his intentions clear, when hitting two boundaries in the opening over as the Steelbacks, assisted by some mis-fields, took eleven runs to get them on their way.

The Bears fought gamely to get back into the game when Willey went for just twelve and Cobb followed for fifteen to a good delivery from Patel, while Duckett and captain Wakely both fell cheaply.

However, it was Levi who continued to make hay and despite seeing wickets fall at the other end, as Crook fell to Rankin, Shahid Afridi 19, joined him and batted patiently to help see the Steelbacks home to what was a comfortable victory with twelve deliveries to spare, to the huge disappointment of the many Bears' fans hoping to have seen a repeat of the 2014 success.

Birmingham coach Dougie Brown was philosophical in defeat and admitted his side were up against it following Willey's inspired early performance.

"A semi-final is never an easy place to lose, especially having had quite decent form," he said.

"For us to not deliver was really disappointing. At 14-4 it's always difficult. Rikki Clarke and Ateeq Javid played pretty well to get us back to a platform. Maybe after 10 overs maybe one of them could have gone quicker, but you live and learn."

"We didn't win the game because we didn't deliver the kind of skills we delivered throughout the group stages."



Finals Day gets underway

Lancashire Lightning v Hampshire Hawks 2nd Semi Final at Edgbaston, 29th August 2015

Umpires: R. Bailey & M. Gough **Toss won by:** Hampshire who chose to bat

HAMPSHIRE				LANCASHIRE			
INNINGS				INNINGS			
M. Carberry	c Prince	b Edwards	13	A. Prince	b Edwards		14
J. Vince *	c Buttler †	b Faulkner	69	A. Davies	lbw	b Briggs	18
A. Wheeler †	c Buttler †	b Edwards	0	K. Brown	not out		45
O. Shah		b Parry	12	S. Croft *	c Dawson	b Smith	9
S. Ervine	lbw	b Parry	4	J. Buttler †	c Ervine	b Briggs	10
L. Dawson	lbw	b Parry	3	J. Faulkner	not out		20
W. Smith		b Faulkner	2	L. Livingstone			
C. Wood		b Lilley	2	A. Lilley			
Yasir Arafat		b Lilley	0	S. Parry			
D. Briggs	not out		5	G. Griffiths			
F. Edwards		c and b Faulkner	0	G. Edwards			
Extras (4 lb 1 w)			5	Extras (1 w 2 nb)			3
Total (10 wkts, 19.5 overs)			115	Total (4 wkts, 18.5 overs)			119
Wkts: 1-33, 2-33, 3-63, 4-71, 5-77, 6-88, 7-93, 8-93, 9-114, 10-115				Wkts: 1-15, 2-52, 3-76, 4-91			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Croft	2	0	16	0	Wood	2.5	0	27	0
Griffiths	3	1	21	0	Edwards	3	0	24	1
Edwards	3	0	16	2	Yasir Arafat	2	0	15	0
Faulkner	3.5	0	29	3	Dawson	4	1	19	0
Parry	4	0	21	3	Briggs	4	0	19	2
Lilley	4	0	11	2	Smith	3	0	15	1

Match Result: Lancashire won by 6 wickets.

James Vince made 69 out of 115 for Hampshire and, having opened, was out to the second ball of the last over, a skied top-edge which fell to the wicketkeeper Jos Buttler as he tried to heave Faulkner into the leg side. He was dropped on 45, too, by Buttler off the off spin of Steven Croft while around him, others fared less well.

George Edwards has not been a regular for Lancashire this season in any format, but the wickets of Michael Carberry, who spliced to mid-off, not imagining his 13 would be the second top score, and Adam Wheeler, first ball, athletically held by Buttler down the leg side, set Lancashire motoring.

It was a scenario that Lancashire's spin pair of Stephen Parry and Arron Lilley could not resist.

Parry found sharp turn to bowl Owais Shah as he came down the pitch and defeated Sean Ervine and Liam Dawson on the sweep. Lilley bowled Wood to a swipe and Yasir Arafat to one of several played-on's in the match. Their combined tally of 5 for 32 in eight overs, with Vince watching with growing consternation, ensured Lancashire had a cakewalk.

Vince chose not to bowl his spinners in the Powerplay, for understandable reasons, but by the end of the six overs Lancashire were 43 for 1, the chase all but broken, before Danny Briggs and Will Smith had a chance to respond. Keith Brown's unbeaten 45 from 43 balls ensured the opportunity was not shunned. Buttler perished at long-off, telling himself as he went, no doubt, that he could still make an impact in the final.



Can we make it



Yes, Faulkner makes the winning hit



Bell out for 4



Javid and Clarke lead recovery



Rankin dismisses Duckett for 8



Wakely out for 0



Levi sees Northants home



Vince top score with 69



Ervine lbw bowled Parry 4



Shah loses his wicket for 12



Brown leads Lancashire reply



Prince bowled Edwards for 14



We have made it through to the Final

Lancashire Lightning v Northamptonshire Steelbacks Final Tie at Edgbaston, 29th August 2015

Umpires: R. Illingworth & M. Gough **Toss won by:** Northamptonshire who chose field

LANCASHIRE				NORTHAMPTONSHIRE			
INNINGS				INNINGS			
A. Prince	c Levi	b Willey	43	R. Levi	c Davies	b Faulkner	16
A. Davies		b Cobb	47	D. Willey	c Lilley	b Faulkner	24
K. Brown	st Duckett †	b Afridi	0	J. Cobb	not out		44
J. Buttler †	c Cobb	b Willey	27	B. Duckett †	lbw	b Parry	20
S. Croft *	run out	(Azharullah)	9	S. Crook	c Lilley	b Croft	2
J. Faulkner	c Levi	b Afridi	5	S. Afridi	c Livingstone	b Griffiths	26
L. Livingstone		b Afridi	0	R. Kleinveldt	c Croft	b Griffiths	11
A. Lilley	not out		22	A. Wakely	not out		4
S. Parry	not out		1	G. White			
G. Griffiths			5	O. Stone			
G. Edwards			0	Azharullah			
Extras (8 lb 2 w 2 nb)			12	Extras (4 lb 2 w)			6
Total (7 wkts, 20 overs)			166	Total (6 wkts, 20 overs)			153
Wkts: 1-77, 2-78, 3-123, 4-125, 5-130, 6-130, 7-156				Wkts: 1-32, 2-45, 3-74, 4-81, 5-133, 6-148			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Kleinveldt	3	0	29	0	Croft	3	0	24	1
Willey	4	0	21	2	Griffiths	3	0	23	2
Stone	2	0	20	0	Edwards	3	0	34	0
Azharullah	3	0	27	0	Faulkner	4	0	25	2
White	2	0	31	0	Parry	4	0	23	1
Afridi	4	0	14	3	Lilley	3	0	20	0
Cobb	2	0	16	1					

Match Result: Lancashire won by 13 runs Lancashire Lightning are NatWest t20 Blast 2015 Winners.

Chasing 167 to reclaim the trophy they won in 2013, the Northamptonshire Steelbacks needed 21 to win off the final over.

It proved beyond them as the Red Rose county triumphed in their third final appearance, having finished runners-up last year.

Alex Davies top-scored with 47 off 26 balls in Lancashire's 166-7, with Northants mustering 153-6 in reply.

Not even a late display of power-hitting from Shahid Afridi (26 off 18 balls), who dislocated the finger of James Faulkner with one shot drilled back at the

Australian, could see the Steelbacks to their target.

Lancashire, led by former Warwickshire and England one-day coach Ashley Giles, had earlier conquered tricky batting conditions to launch their innings with a stand of 77 between Davies and Ashwell Prince 43 and then add 31 runs from the last three overs to post an imposing total.

In reply, Josh Cobb finished unbeaten on 44 from 37 balls for Northants, but he was left stranded at the wrong end as they came up short.

So, Lancashire Lightning won their first t20 title with a 13-run winning margin.



Let the celebrations begin



Prince and Davies take control



Croft survives



Prince just gets home



Davies bowled by Cobb for 47



Levi goes for 16



6 runs for Cobb



Willey joins the run chase



Duckett lbw Parry 20



Drama as catch is dropped



Lilley catches Willey



Crucial catch by Croft

Birmingham Bears Batting Averages

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	4s	6s	c	st
V Chopra	15	15	0	328	80	21.86	308	106.49	0	3	34	4	2	
WTS Porterfield	11	11	4	313	55*	44.71	264	118.56	0	1	29	9	6	
LJ Evans	16	16	1	312	50	20.8	261	119.54	0	1	27	8	11	
BB McCullum	7	7	1	270	158*	45	141	191.48	1	0	26	17	2	
R Clarke	16	15	4	263	52*	23.9	226	116.37	0	1	28	4	12	
TR Ambrose	16	8	1	202	66*	28.85	171	118.12	0	1	25	1	9	3
A Javid	15	12	7	187	51*	37.4	150	124.66	0	1	12	4	1	
IR Bell	6	6	0	163	90	27.16	123	132.52	0	1	18	5	2	
TP Lewis	8	8	0	114	27	14.25	108	105.55	0	0	9	5	5	
JS Patel	16	8	3	56	23*	11.2	39	143.58	0	0	3	2	7	
CR Woakes	3	2	1	54	48*	54	31	174.19	0	0	5	2		
RO Gordon	13	4	2	29	18	14.5	16	181.25	0	0	1	3		
OJ Hannon-Dalby	14	2	0	10	9	5	8	125	0	0	0	1	4	
KHD Barker	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	100	0	0	0	0		
JE Poysden	9	4	4	1	1*	-	2	50	0	0	0	0	1	
WB Rankin	7													1
CJC Wright	2													

Birmingham Bears Bowling Averages

Player	Mat	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5
RO Gordon	13	50	0	417	21	4/20	19.85	8.34	14.20	1	0
R Clarke	16	48	1	260	12	3/26	21.66	5.41	24.00	0	0
OJ Hannon-Dalby	14	54.1	0	493	20	4/29	24.65	9.10	16.20	1	0
JS Patel	16	61.3	0	415	16	2/14	25.93	6.74	23.00	0	0
JE Poysden	9	32	0	227	8	4/51	28.37	7.09	24.00	1	0
WB Rankin	7	22	0	175	5	2/20	35.00	7.95	26.40	0	0
A Javid	15	28	0	218	6	2/29	36.33	7.78	28.00	0	0
CR Woakes	3	7	0	47	1	1/22	47.00	6.71	42.00	0	0
KHD Barker	2	3	0	35	0	-	-	11.66	-	0	0
CJC Wright	2	4	0	50	0	-	-	12.50	-	0	0



Another full house on 20-20 Finals day

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES

206	Al Kallicharran	v Oxfordshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1984
151	NV Knight	v Somerset	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1995
143*	NV Knight	v Ireland	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1998
141*	Al Kallicharran	v Somerset	County Ground, Taunton	1982
137*	TA Lloyd	v Lancashire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1985
137	Asif Din	v Somerset	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1991
137	IR Bell	v Yorkshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2005
135	DL Amiss	v Cambridgeshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1982
135	NM Carter	v Scotland	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2006
135	TR Ambrose	v Durham	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2007
134	NV Knight	v Hampshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1996
134*	DP Ostler	v Gloucestershire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2001
133	BC Lara	v Kent	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1998
132*	Asif Din	v Hampshire	County Ground, Southampton	1993

BEST STANDS FOR EACH WICKET

1	189	V Chopra and WTS Porterfield	v Leicestershire	Grace Road, Leicester	2011
2	199	DL Maddy and KC Sangakkara	v Worcestershire	County Ground, New Rd, Worcester	2007
3	216	IJL Trott and IR Bell	v Yorkshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2005
4	179	DL Maddy and TR Ambrose	v Derbyshire	County Ground, Derby	2008
5	202*	IJL Trott and TR Ambrose	v Northamptonshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2007
6	123	DA Reeve and TL Penney	v Leicestershire	Grace Road, Leicester	1994
7	170	DR Brown and AF Giles	v Essex	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2003
8	87*	TR Ambrose and CR Woakes	v Leicestershire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2010
9	62	Asif Din and GC Small	v Surrey	Lord's Cricket Ground, St John's Wood	1982
10	50	AC Smith and DJ Brown	v Northamptonshire	Baker Perkins Sports Ground, Peterborough	1974

BEST BOWLING ANALYSIS

7-32	RGD Willis	v Yorkshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1981
6-15	AA Donald	v Yorkshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1995
6-20	N Gifford	v Northamptonshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1985
6-21	SM Pollock	v Leicestershire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1996
6-32	Khalid Ibadulla	v Hampshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1965
6-32	Al Kallicharran	v Oxfordshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1984
6-33	NMK Smith	v Sussex	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1995

HIGHEST TOTAL SCORES

392-5	Warwickshire v Oxfordshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1984
369-8	Warwickshire v Minor Counties	Osborne Avenue, Jesmond	1996
361-8	Warwickshire v Bedfordshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1994
357-3	Warwickshire v Somerset	Edgbaston, Birmingham	1995
352-2	Warwickshire v Scotland	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2006

LOWEST TOTAL SCORES

59	Warwickshire v Yorkshire	Headingley, Leeds	2001
65	Warwickshire v Kent	Mote Park, Maidstone	1979
82	Warwickshire v Middlesex	Lord's Cricket Ground	1983
82	Warwickshire v Worcestershire	County Ground, New Road, Worcester	1988

HIGHEST MATCH AGGREGATES

696-12	v Somerset	Edgbaston	1995 N West
643-11	v Sussex	Lord's Cricket Ground	1993 N West
628-15	v Lancashire	Old Trafford	1996 B & H
613-14	v Northamptonshire	Edgbaston	2004 C & G

LOWEST MATCH AGGREGATES

145-13	v Durham	Edgbaston	2002 S L
151-11	v Minor Counties West	Edgbaston	1978 B & H
154-12	v Hampshire	Basingstoke	1975 S L

BATSMEN WITH MOST RUNS IN LIMITED OVERS CRICKET FOR WARWICKSHIRE (3,000 RUNS+)

Player		M	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	100's
DL Amiss	1963-1987	378	365	32	11254	135	33.80	9
AI Kallicharran	1971-1990	289	274	29	8823	206	36.01	12
NW Knight	1995-2006	221	211	22	7757	151	41.04	23
TA Lloyd	1976-1992	280	264	26	7430	137*	31.22	2
DP Ostler	1990-2004	270	255	35	7169	134*	32.59	3
GW Humpage	1975-1990	317	293	40	6485	109*	25.55	3
Asif Din	1981-1995	249	224	39	5815	137	31.43	7
TL Penney	1992-2005	284	246	73	4974	90	28.75	0
NMK Smith	1987-2003	321	265	37	4851	125	21.28	2
AJ Moles	1986-1997	174	166	8	4530	127	28.67	2
IJL Trott	2003-2015	137	126	27	4527	125*	45.73	10
RB Kanhai	1968-1977	142	137	27	4443	126	40.39	7
JA Jameson	1963-1976	170	165	8	4432	123*	28.23	6
PA Smith	1982-1996	270	232	38	4430	93*	22.84	0
DR Brown	1991-2006	263	208	34	4096	108*	23.54	1
IR Bell	2001-2015	111	104	11	3931	137	42.27	5
DA Reeve	1988-1996	174	151	40	3394	100	30.58	1
JO Troughton	2002-2013	156	139	14	3237	87	25.90	0
J Whitehouse	1971-1980	144	137	11	3106	109	24.65	1
MJK Smith	1964-1975	140	130	17	3106	97*	27.49	0
RG Twose	1989-1995	134	113	17	3094	110	32.23	3

BOWLERS WITH MOST WICKETS IN LIMITED OVERS CRICKET FOR WARWICKSHIRE (150 WICKETS+)

Player		M	Runs	Wkts	Avg	B/B
GC Small	1980-1999	330	10093	396	25.49	5-18
DR Brown	1991-2006	263	8145	309	26.36	5-31
NMK Smith	1987-2003	321	8215	299	27.47	6-33
RGD Willis	1972-1984	185	5412	274	19.75	7-32
AA Donald	1987-2000	149	4707	245	19.21	6-15
PA Smith	1982-1996	270	6686	234	28.57	5-36
TA Munton	1986-1999	226	6680	228	29.30	5-23
DJ Brown	1964-1979	179	5624	221	25.45	5-13
AM Ferreira	1979-1986	142	5145	199	25.85	4-26
NM Carter	2001-2012	147	5087	197	25.82	5-31
AF Giles	1995-2005	146	4378	195	22.45	5-21
SJ Rouse	1970-1981	163	5283	189	27.95	5-20
DA Reeve	1988-1996	174	4546	167	27.22	5-23

DOUBLE OF 1,000 RUNS AND 100 WICKETS

Player		M	Runs	Avg	Wkts	Avg
DR Brown	1991-2006	263	4096	23.54	309	26.36
NM Carter	2001-2011	147	2786	23.34	197	25.82
AM Ferreira	1979-1986	142	1784	23.47	199	25.85
AF Giles	1995-2005	146	1574	22.17	195	22.45
DA Reeve	1988-1996	174	3394	30.58	167	27.22
NMK Smith	1987-2003	321	4851	21.28	299	27.47
PA Smith	1982-1996	270	4430	22.84	234	28.57

DISMISSALS

Player		M	CT	ST	Total	
KJ Piper	1989-2005		229	243	51	294
GW Humpage	1975-1990		317	247	32	279

CATCHES

Player		M	CT	
TL Penney	1992-2005		284	113
DL Amiss	1963-1987		378	101
NMK Smith	1987-2003		318	97
DP Ostler	1990-2004		266	96

BATSMEN WITH MOST RUNS IN t20 CRICKET FOR WARWICKSHIRE (750 RUNS+)

Player		M	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avgc	50's
IJL Trott	2003-2014	67	62	14	1911	86*	39.81	12
JO Troughton	2003-2012	88	81	9	1740	68*	24.17	10
NM Carter	2003-2012	91	86	2	1386	58	16.50	2
DL Maddy	2007-2013	58	56	8	1310	88	27.29	5
V Chopra	2010-2015	66	64	6	1591	86*	27.43	12
W Porterfield	2011-2015	51	51	5	1393	83	30.28	9
R Clarke	2009-2015	83	76	21	1232	70*	22.40	3
TR Ambrose	2006-2015	73	51	14	937	77	25.32	2
LJ Evans	2012-2015	49	43	11	814	69*	25.44	5
IR Bell	2003-2015	38	37	4	791	90	23.97	4

BOWLERS WITH MOST WICKETS IN t20 CRICKET FOR WARWICKSHIRE (25 WICKETS+)

Player		M	Runs	Wkts	Avgc	B/B
JS Patel	2009-2015	74	1717	82	20.94	4-19
NM Carter	2003-2012	91	2159	81	26.65	5-19
CR Woakes	2008-2015	64	1567	61	25.69	4-21
KHD Barker	2009-2015	56	1292	58	22.28	4-19
SA Piolet	2009-2013	51	1154	44	26.23	3-24
AG Botha	2008-2011	47	846	39	21.69	3-15
R Clarke	2009-2015	83	1069	37	28.89	3-20
R. Gordon	2014-2015	19	564	30	18.80	4-20
DL Maddy	2007-2013	58	571	30	19.03	3-10
O. Hannon-Dalby	2014-2015	21	699	28	24.96	4-29
Ateeq Javid	2013-2015	39	662	26	25.46	4-17
JE Anyon	2005-2009	21	481	25	19.24	3-6
WB Rankin	2009-2015	22	561	25	22.44	3-34

ALL WARWICKSHIRE LIMITED OVERS COMPETITIVE MATCHES IN t20**HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES**

158*	BB McCullum	v Derbyshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2015
90	IR Bell	v Durham	Chester-le-Street	2015
89	NV Knight	v Worcestershire	New Road	2003
88	DL Maddy	v Northants	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2010
86*	V Chopra	v Essex	Chelmsford	2014
86*	IJL Trott	v Worcestershire	New Road	2009
85	IR Bell	v Durham	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2010
84	DL Maddy	v Worcestershire	Worcester	2013
83	WTS Porterfield	v Durham	Emirates	2011

BEST STANDS FOR EACH WICKET

1	160	V Chopra and BB McCullum	v Derbys	2015
2	116	DL Maddy and JO Troughton	v Northants	2010
3	134*	V Chopra and R Clarke	v Essex	2014
4	100*	LJ Evans and DL Maddy	v Somerset	2013
5	93	R.Clarke and Ateeq Javid	v Nthants	2015
6	83*	IJ Westwood and AG Botha	v Somerset	2009
7	51	TR Ambrose and HH Streak	v Northants	2011
8	42	JO Troughton and DR Brown	v Worcs	2004
9	51*	IJ Westwood and T Frost	v Gloucestershire	2006
10	59	HH Streak and JE Anyon	v Worcs	2005

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5-19	NM Carter	v Worcestershire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2005
5-24	CO Obuya	v Glamorgan	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2003
5-33	AGR Loudon	v Glamorgan	Swansea	2005
4-9	GB Hogg	v Somerset	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2004
4-17	A Javid	v Gloucestershire	Cheltenham	2013
4-19	KHD Barker	v Worcestershire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2009
4-19	J Patel	v Yorkshire	Headingley	2014
4-19	KHD Barker	v Yorkshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2010
4-20	AGR Loudon	v Worcestershire	New Road	2006
4-20	R Gordon	v Lancashire	Old Trafford	2015
4-21	CR Woakes	v Somerset	Taunton	2008
4-29	O Hannon-Dalby	v Nottinghamshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2015
4-30	GB Hogg	v Glamorgan	Cardiff	2004
4-51	J Poysden	v Derbyshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2015

HIGHEST TOTAL SCORES

242-7	v Derbyshire	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2015
205-7	v Glamorgan	Swansea	2005
205-2	v Northants	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2005
202-5	v Northants	Northampton	2003
200-7	v Durham	Edgbaston, Birmingham	2010

The build up to the 2015 season was an exciting one. Our preseason training proved to be very productive with the young lads putting in some strong performances, not only on the Barbados Tour, but also in the warm up matches this side of the Atlantic, all be it in slightly colder conditions. We had a group of very talented lads who were eager to showcase their talents.

The season on the whole proved how skillful some of our young cricketers are with some memorable performances from not only our professionals but also our young Academy players alike. The Academy played a crucial role in the 2nd XI with a number of the lads making their debuts - Ben Brooks, Liam Banks and George Panayi whilst other more senior Academy players stepping up and making match winning performances. This is not only a testament to how strong our Academy is but also the Clubs policy of looking towards our own before going out of County to find a player.

Championship (Including friendly games)

We played some very exciting cricket though out the whole of the competition, recording wins when our backs were against the wall. This is testament to the teams' mental strength and fight even when for a large part of the season we were quite inexperienced.

We finished mid table but this could have be a whole lot different as lady luck went against us with:

- MCC Universities game abandoned without a ball being bowled due to a pavilion fire at The Parks, Oxford.
- Losing a whole day and a session against Worcester when we were very much on top.
- Bowling just 24 overs against Derby only for the weather to have the final say again and eventually the game was called off on the last day without another ball being bowled.

This proved very frustrating for both the players and coaches as we feel we could have easily challenged for the top spot with the possible points acquired from these games.

Over the course of the season I feel there were 3 games that typified how well the lads had performed throughout the season:

Kent/Northants - Friendly at Beckenham CC

This was the first game of the season for us and it was against a very strong combined team, it would be a good test for our young side. We won the toss and put Kent/Northants into bat on a green pitch. Ben Brooks, a talented young left arm seamer, making his 2nd XI debut recorded figures of 4 for 44 off 12 to help us bowl them out for 216.

In reply we made 294 with Ateeq Javid, Tom Lewis, Jonathon Webb and Peter McKay all making significant contributions to give us a decent lead on a pitch that was still slightly seaming around. This was when the strength of Kent and Northants came to the fore with Karl Coetzer 142

and Steven Crook 141 helping them to post a big score of 410-5 leaving us a chase of 332 in 60 odd overs on the final day, no easy feat.

Ateeq Javid and Andy Urmeed both showed their class by getting us off to an excellent start and by tea they were both still in bat. By the time Ateeq was eventually dismissed for 84 we were in a very strong position and this was when Andy Urmeed took over to see us home with an excellent match winning score of 164 not out.

Lancashire - Championship game at Coventry and North Warwick

This game followed a very similar pattern to the one above with us putting ourselves into a position on the last day needing to chase a total. Lancashire set us 311 in 75 overs which we felt confident to chase down especially with what had happened against Kent/Northants.

Will Porterfield 81 and Jonathan Webb (52) had put us in a solid position but there was still a lot of work that needed to be done. This was where a young lad, Aaron Thomason who had scored 145 against Surrey a couple of weeks earlier played a very mature and powerful innings to get us within striking distance. Off the last over we needed 16 and Aaron who was unfortunately run out for 80 on the last ball going for the second which would have won us the game had played an exceptional innings to tie the game.

Yorkshire - Championship game away at Harrogate

This also was to prove to be a difficult game, not only did Yorkshire have one of the best young 2nd XI bowling attacks that I have seen for a long time but also Glen Maxwell was also playing for them which would be a good test for our own young bowlers.

Two young Academy lads George Panayi and Liam Banks also made their 2nd XI championship debut in this game, a very good experience for them both.

Having lost the toss Yorkshire decided to bat on a very green pitch. With the help of Glen Maxwell 77 and JA Thompson 61 they finished with a first innings score of 230 all out. If we are to be totally honest with ourselves, we were disappointed that they scored so many on a very challenging pitch to bat on. It did show us however the skill an international batter possess and the small margins a bowler has even on helpful pitches as Maxwell punished us on numerous occasions.

Our first inning proved to be a very difficult one, with a very inexperienced side and an excellent bowling attack which exploited the conditions admirably, we were bowled out for 85 leaving us with a deficit of 145 just avoiding the follow on.

This was where our fight back began. With some excellent bowling led by one of our Academy players George Panayi who finished with figures of 7-31-3, with Australian International Glen Maxwell as his first 2nd XI wicket (one he'll remember for a long time) and backed up by the rest of the guys we had them 190-9 dec leaving us 335 on the final day to win. That excellent bowling spell

gave us a fighting chance, although it would take something exceptional to cross the line.

When you need your senior players to stand up and be counted, to lead from the front and hopefully see us home, the final day at Yorkshire was to prove to be one of those days. This was when Freddie Coleman (118) and Jonathan Webb (92) did just that, they stood up and led the way adding a mammoth 206 for their partnership. A partnership that ultimately won us the game all be it needing two very calm heads in Aaron Thomason and Mark Adair to see us over the line for an exceptional victory against a very good 2nd XI team.

These examples show how good some of the performances in the championship have been this year but there has been others who have performed just as well if not better during other games, these include:

Joshua Poysden - who has continued to make big strides forward in his development, producing match winning performances not only for the 2nd XI but also for the 1st XI in both the t20's and 50 over league and getting his just rewards making his first class debut for Warwickshire against Sussex at Edgbaston. Also awarded the most improved 2nd XI player of the year for 2015.

Mathew Lamb - A powerful batter who made his 2nd XI championship debut this year with an excellent score of 146 not out against Worcester to put us in a very strong position only for the weather to dictate the outcome. Mathew followed that impressive start by scoring 99 in his very next innings against Gloucester to remind us what a talented lad he is.

Mark Adair - Overcame a difficult start to the season to not only lead our attack on many occasions, a great effort for such a young lad, but also to produce some excellent performances which rightly saw him make his 1XI debut against Somerset in the last championship game of the season where he not only bowled well but contributed well with the bat.

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This was a hit and miss season for us, playing some very good cricket especially the friendly games against two international sides but also being outplayed by stronger and on occasions more skillful teams. We finished just below mid table, but I feel that on the whole with the squad of players we had throughout the t20 competition we should have done better.

There were some stand out moments for the team during the competition but none more than the two friendlies that we played against the two international sides, Afghanistan and Hong Kong. Two very attacking and dangerous sides that have held their own on the international stage and would provide our young squad an exciting opportunity to gauge where their skill levels were in relation to an affiliate side.

Afghanistan - at Wormsley CC

There are not many better places to play your cricket on a beautiful summer's day than in the Wormsley Estate.

We lost the toss and Afghanistan decided to bat. Our bowling attack on that day consisted of Hannon-Dalby, Milnes, Adair, Gordon and Sunny Singh and all were outstanding. On a flat but slightly slow pitch they exploited the conditions expertly and showed an International side the high quality skills that they possess restricting them to 130-7 off the 20 overs.

This left the batters, not a fore gone conclusion, but one I would expect them to chase down, and they did just that in a very professional manner. Will Porterfield (62) and Tom Lewis (54) combined high skill, power and on occasions patience to put on an opening partnership of 114 to pretty much guarantee a win. A very good win that showed the future potential of some of our players.

Hong Kong - at Barnt Green

In some ways if our performance against Afghanistan was good how we performed against Hong Kong was even better, given the nature of the young team that we had and we were playing a slightly stronger team.

Hong Kong won the toss on an excellent Barnt Green pitch and decided to bat, the groundsman their have produced some excellent pitches to play cricket on in the past and this was no different. Their openers got off to a flyer with I Ahmed scoring 20 off 8 balls, and M Chapman (56) in the middle order but I have to give our young, inexperienced bowling attack their dues, they kept their nerve and weathered the storm to restrict them to 160-7 off the 20 overs when 200+ was looking on with Mark Adair returning figures of 4-29-3 and both Ben Brookes and Sunny Singh taking 1 wicket a piece for not too many runs, a total we were more than happy with.

Tom Lewis and Jonathan Webb got us off to another good start putting on 77 for the opening partnership before Webb (31) was caught going for a big shot. Good start, things ticked over nicely until we lost a little cluster of wickets in the early 100's and then again in the 150's to leave the game in the balance. This was when Tom Lewis, who had played beautifully mixing skill with power for the whole innings, took responsibility scoring 82 off 51 and got us to the point where we tied the game. A great game to watch and which also showed how much potential we had as a young side to come up against a strong international side and tie the game with them, and if I was going to be brutally honest a game we should have won if it wasn't for us losing a cluster of wickets on a couple of occasions.

To finish I feel I should mention that there has been four 100's made for Warwickshire CCC since t20 started. One in the 1st XI, and anyone who watched that magnificent innings by Brendon McCullum would admit that they witnessed something special, but also there has been 3 for the 2nd XI in recent times. These have been made by Laurie Evens, Jonathon Webb and now Tom Lewis who against Worcester scored a superb 101 off 60 balls. The consistent and exciting performances that Tom put in during our t20

competition helped him gain his opportunity to play and showcase his skills for the 1st XI in the NatWest Blast t20 competition.

50 Over Competition

The 50 over competition proved to be a comp too far for us this year. As a team we didn't do our selves justice at all. That's not to say there wasn't some very good personal performances because there were, it's just we didn't click as a team, recognise key moments in the game and win those moments. We finished 1 above bottom but I feel we didn't do our talent justice even though at times we were young and inexperienced. The lesson that our young team would have learnt along this journey will hopefully hold them in good stead for next year.

Some of the standout performances for the competition were:

- Freddie Coleman's 105 against Derby
- Andy Umeed (94) and Jonathan Trott (114) partnership of 199 against Notts
- Liam Banks 61 making his first fifty for the club at the age of 16
- Mark Adair taking 4-19 off 8 against the Unicorns
- Brinder Phagura's 4-36 against Notts at Coventry
- Ateeq Javid's 3-21 and Josh Poysden's 4-39 against Yorkshire
- Tom Milne's 3-25 against Notts

Conclusion

I would like to say a big thank you to all the clubs and officials that have helped out throughout the year, without your kind help and generosity we wouldn't be able to run the 2nd XI as smoothly as we do.

I would also like to say the biggest thank you to Keith Cook, the man behind the scenes who makes the cricket department, a lot easier and I know the place wouldn't run as well without him. Cookie you are a Legend.

Congratulation to the new lads who have been offered contracts this year

- Andy Umeed - Professional
- Aaron Thomason - Professional
- Alex Mellor - Professional
- Ed Pollock - Development
- Sunny Singh - Development

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Tom Milnes, Tom Lewis and Peter McKay all the best for the future as they have left us for pastures new. Once a Bear always a Bear, you guys are always welcome to pop in at any time, just bring some coffee.

As I pointed out last year, my memory is shocking so if I have missed anyone off or forgot to say thank you I do apologise, it's a work on for me.



Josh Poysden Most improved Second Eleven Player of The Year



Mark Adair makes his first team debut this season

North Division

	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	Drawn	Aband	Bat BP	Bowl BP	Adj	Pts
Nottinghamshire Second XI	9	4	0	0	5	0	19	34	0	142
Durham Second XI	9	4	0	1	4	0	29	28	0	141
Lancashire Second XI	9	3	0	1	5	0	25	30	0	128
Leicestershire Second XI	9	3	0	2	4	0	20	34	0	122
Warwickshire Second XI	9	3	0	1	3	1	14	24	1	112
Derbyshire Second XI	9	2	0	2	5	0	19	23	0	99
Yorkshire Second XI	9	2	0	4	3	0	10	29	0	86
Worcestershire Second XI	9	1	0	4	4	0	20	27	0	82.5
MCC Universities	9	0	0	2	6	0	22	20	1	77
Northamptonshire Second XI	9	1	0	6	2	0	14	32	0	70

South Division

	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	Drawn	Aband	Bat BP	Bowl BP	Adj	Pts
Middlesex Second XI	9	6	0	2	1	0	22	32	0	153.5
Somerset Second XI	9	4	0	3	2	0	25	32	0	129.5
Kent Second XI	9	3	0	2	4	0	24	35	0	127
Surrey Second XI	9	4	0	4	1	0	26	29	0	124
Gloucestershire Second XI	9	4	0	4	1	0	25	26	0	120
Hampshire Second XI	9	3	0	2	3	0	24	27	1	118.5
Sussex Second XI	9	3	0	3	3	0	26	29	0	118
Essex Second XI	9	2	0	3	3	0	27	26	1	105
Glamorgan Second XI	9	2	0	4	3	0	16	21	0	84
MCC Young Cricketers	9	0	0	4	5	0	25	24	0	74

Winners 2015: Nottinghamshire

Let the action commence

Warwickshire Batting Averages

Player	Match	Inns	Not Out	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	ct	st
MR Adair	8	7	2	68	24*	13.60	0	0	5	
L Banks	2	3	0	26	16	8.66	0	0	1	
T Banton	2	3	0	37	21	12.33	0	0	5	
BL Brookes	4	1	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	
D Childs	1	0								1
FRJ Coleman	6	10	0	282	118	28.20	1	1	3	
RO Gordon	5	5	1	39	35*	9.75	0	0	0	
SR Hain	2	3	1	248	176*	124.00	1	0	0	
OJP Haley	1	2	1	8	8	8.00	0	0	3	
OJ Hannon-Dalby	3	4	2	27	15	13.50	0	0	1	
A Javid	4	6	1	250	109*	50.00	1	1	2	
RA Jones	1	1	0	15	15	15.00	0	0	1	
M Lamb	2	1	1	146	146*		1	0	1	
SJW Lambert	2	4	0	145	91	36.25	0	1	1	
SG Leach	1	2	0	45	45	22.50	0	0	0	
TP Lewis	4	8	0	237	58	29.62	0	3	0	
PJ McKay	3	5	2	91	68*	30.33	0	1	6	2
AJ Mellor	3	3	0	71	32	23.66	0	0	4	2
TP Milnes	6	10	0	208	44	20.80	0	0	3	
GD Panayi	3	1	1	0	0*		0	0	0	
BS Phagura	3	0								0
A Phillips	1	2	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	
EJ Pollock	1	1	0	21	21	21.00	0	0	1	
WTS Porterfield	2	4	0	180	81	45.00	0	2	6	
JE Poysden	6	7	2	45	17	9.00	0	0	0	
Sukhjot Singh	4	1	1	0	0*		0	0	1	
AD Thomason	3	4	1	130	80	43.33	0	1	3	
ARI Umeed	5	7	0	129	40	18.42	0	0	0	
JP Webb	5	10	3	302	92	43.14	0	2	7	
IJ Westwood	1	2	0	12	12	6.00	0	0	1	
CR Woakes	1	2	0	11	7	5.50	0	0	1	
CJC Wright	1	0								1

Warwickshire Bowling Averages

Player	Balls	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave	5WI	10WM
MR Adair	166	28	624	16	4/63	39	0	0
L Banks	3	1	8	0				
BL Brookes	41.3	3	164	7	3/19	23.42	0	0
D Childs	9	3	27	0				
RO Gordon	85.3	14	352	8	2/5	44	0	0
OJ Hannon-Dalby	60	18	171	7	3/15	24.42	0	0
A Javid	25	4	68	2	2/15	34	0	0
RA Jones	25	4	104	7	4/49	14.85	0	0
TP Lewis	6	0	25	0				
TP Milnes	152	27	510	19	3/37	26.84	0	0
GD Panayi	23	5	94	3	3/31	31.33	0	0
BS Phagura	41	5	163	4	2/22	40.75	0	0
JE Poysden	117	23	429	22	4/16	19.5	0	0
Sukhjot Singh	57.4	11	186	11	3/16	16.9	0	0
AD Thomason	12	0	57	3	3/50	19	0	0
ARI Umeed	0.1	0	0	1	1-0	0	0	0
JP Webb	8	1	33	0				
CR Woakes	5	2	14	0				
CJC Wright	12	3	49	1	1/49	49	0	0

WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI v NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 2nd XI at Moseley CC, 27-29th April 2015

Warwickshire 267 and 168-5 (21.5 points) beat Northamptonshire 295 and 136 (5.5 points) by 5 wickets

The Northamptonshire innings was held together by David Murphy as Warwickshire began their Second XI Championship campaign against Northamptonshire at Moseley.

Murphy, captaining Northants, top-scored with 76 off 108 balls after three hours at the crease to help his side to 295 all out after being put in to bat, from 66.4 overs.

Ben Duckett 60 and Kyle Coetzer 32 also made useful contributions, while Leo Carter and Saif Zaib weighed in with 23 runs a piece.

For Warwickshire Richard Jones 3-55 and Josh Poysden 3-38 were the most successful bowlers.

Ex-Warwickshire bowler, Maurice Chambers and Gemaal Hussain then gave little away as the Bears battled to 17-1 from 12 overs in reply - Hussain accounting for Ateeq Javid 4 - before bad light and rain stopped play, with a total of 25 overs being lost in the day.

On the second day Warwickshire were bowled out for 267 in the 93rd over after Freddie Coleman 81 top-scored with Tom Lewis 58, completing a half-century.

Chad Barrett 4-40 and fellow trialist Tom Sole 3-42 led the way for Northamptonshire who held a twenty five run first innings lead.

Hoping to extend that lead in the closing overs of the day Northamptonshire instead were undone by a devastating four-wicket burst from Richard Jones leaving the visitors 66-6 at the close - just 94 runs in front with a day to go.

Play was held up for half an hour on the final day before David Murphy 40 once again top scored for Northamptonshire as the innings closed on 136 from just 42.4 overs. Richard Jones 4-44 and trialist Ben Brooks 3-39 being the pick of the Warwickshire attack.

Needing 162 for victory, Umeed 40 and Ateeq Javid 26 compiled fifty nine for the opening wicket but then three wickets for twenty runs brought a check, with Freddie Coleman going for a duck.

Tom Lewis 55 led the charge as Warwickshire achieved their target reaching 168-5 from 48.1 overs to complete a five wicket victory with overs to spare.

Both sides were penalised one and a half points for being three overs behind the required over rate.



Lewis leads run chase to seasons first victory

DURHAM 2nd XI v WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI at The Emirates, Chester-le-Street, 19-21st May 2015

Warwickshire 425 and 124-5 (24 points beat Durham 350 and 198 (7 points) by 5 wickets

Warwickshire won the toss and put Durham into bat at the Emirates and were quickly rewarded with the wicket of Clark off Tom Milnes' bowling, before Gordon Muchall and Burnham added seventy for the second wicket until Mark Adair trapped Burnham lbw.

Muchall, now partnered by former Warwickshire player, Stuart Poynter then added 192 for the third wicket in just thirty six overs before Milnes bowled Muchall for 141.

Hickey scored thirty, but once Poynter had completed his century he fell to Singh for 119 and then the lower order capitulated totally, as five wickets fell on the same score as Durham were finally dismissed for 350 from 74.2 overs.

Poysden and Singh each took three wickets before Warwickshire closed the day on ten without loss.

On the second day with delays for rain interrupting and delaying play, Umeed and Javid took their opening partnership to eighty before Umeed 39 edged Carse to Poynter and after another useful partnership of seventy one Coleman 38 followed to the same combination.

Lewis 38 and Javid 94 took the total on to 252-4 before an unbeaten partnership of seventy between McKay 68* and Gordon 35* helped the total to 425-8 from ninety seven overs before the declaration.

In Durham's second innings Milnes dismissed Clark with the fourth ball of the innings before stumps and after more rain delays, Poysden 4-16 and Milnes 3-73 helped dismiss the home side on the final morning for 198 with the last six wickets tumbling for just fifty seven.

There was time for a minimum of 22 overs before the close of play for Warwickshire to make the 124 needed for victory, but wickets fell quickly, with top four batsmen all falling for single figures, before Jonathan Webb 44* and Tom Milnes 44 took Warwickshire within six runs of victory which was achieved off the penultimate delivery with five wickets in hand.



Webb and Milnes secure victory

WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI v LANCASHIRE 2nd XI at Coventry and North Warwickshire CC, 25-27th May 2015

Lancashire 333-7 dec and 193-8 dec (13 points) tied with Warwickshire 215 and 311-8 (13 points)

Warwickshire fielded one of their strongest possible second elevens against Lancashire, but found the visitors in resilient form after being put into bat with openers Procter and Hameed posting a first wicket partnership of 101, until Milnes removed them both in fourteen balls and Poysden trapped Livingstone lbw without scoring.

Tom Smith fell to Gordon for thirty three, but Jones continued to bat effectively, completing his century while sharing in half century partnerships with Parry and Lamb before becoming one of four victims for Poysden 4-53 as Lancashire finally declared on 333-7 from ninety eight overs.

In reply, Coleman was dismissed quickly for four, but Porterfield 55 and Lewis 41 then posted a century second wicket partnership but Warwickshire then lost nine wickets for ninety nine runs on the second afternoon. Thomason 26 was the only other batsman to post a score as Warwickshire were bowled out for 215 in the seventy fifth over. Mahmood 3-48 and Griffiths 2-20 were Lancashire's most successful bowlers.

There was time for almost twelve overs prior to an early finish and Lancashire on forty four without loss, had extended their overall lead to 162 with all wickets in hand going in to the final day.

Hameed 35 and Livingstone 61 gave Lancashire another good start to their innings but Milnes 3-37, Gordon 2-46 and Adair 2-34 restricted them to 193-8 ahead of their declaration, setting Warwickshire a target of 312 for victory from 75 overs.

Porterfield and Coleman started brightly, but two wickets from Edwards in three balls removed Coleman 24 and Lewis without scoring, but Webb joined Porterfield to reach tea on 144-2 from thirty eight overs.

Webb 52 and Porterfield 81 added ninety six for the third wicket but after losing two quick wickets Milnes and Thomason took the total on to 250 before Milnes and McKay went from consecutive deliveries.

Thomason completed his half century and with one over remaining Warwickshire needed sixteen to win and after failing to score from the first two balls he went 6 2 6 from the next three leaving two required from the final delivery.

He was run out off the final ball, going for a second run for eighty from eighty four deliveries as the scores were level at the close with Warwickshire eight wickets down.

Warwickshire collected 8 points for the tie plus five bonus points while Lancashire had five for the draw and eight bonus points, leaving both teams on thirteen points.



Thomason run out off last ball

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 2nd XI v WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI at Ladybay, Nottingham, 1-3rd June 2015

Nottinghamshire 178 and 149-5 (21 points) beat Warwickshire 176 and 148 (5 points) by 5 wickets

Warwickshire were invited to bat against Nottinghamshire at Ladybay on a day when conditions favoured the bowlers.

Leach went in the opening over, failing to score and Lewis 20 was bowled by Kitt before two wickets in seven balls accounted for Mellor and Phillips. The more experienced, Milnes and McKay quickly followed and as wickets fell at the other end, only Lambert, unbeaten on seventy seven, stood firm, with nine fours and a six before bad light brought play to a halt with Warwickshire 144-6 from just forty one overs.

Poysden went without scoring on the second morning, followed by Adair 8 and when Lambert's innings finally came to an end for ninety one, Gordon was soon dismissed as the innings closed on 176 in the fifty third over with Hutton 3-26 and Kitt 3-39 the most successful Nottinghamshire bowlers.

Hannon-Dalby struck quickly when Nottinghamshire began their reply, dismissing Root first ball and Dal in his second over. Milnes chipped in with Wood's wicket in his opening over, while Hannon-Dalby took a third when he trapped Hutton lbw with the first ball of his third over.

Wickets continued to tumble before Freeman 29 and Brown 53 helped the home side reach a first innings total of 178 and a two run lead. Hannon-Dalby 3-15 and Milnes 3-39 were well supported by Poysden 2-28, Singh 1-15 and Adair 1-18.

In their second innings, Leach 45* and Mellor 26 put on seventy four for the first wicket before Mellor was dismissed just before stumps when Warwickshire were 76-1 with a lead of seventy four.

Leach went early on the final morning without adding to his overnight score and from that point wickets began to tumble as Tilcock 4-22 and Hutton, Webster and Brown with two apiece ran through the middle order with only Simon Lambert 21 with Lewis 15 and Hannon-Dalby 15 offering any real resistance before the innings closed on 148 in the forty seventh over.

Requiring just 147 for victory Nottinghamshire lost Webster lbw to Hannon-Dalby early, but Wood 36 Hutton 36 and Will Root with a half century took the home side to the brink of victory before two late wickets from Gordon and one from Singh came too late to prevent a five wicket victory for the home side.



Three wickets for Milnes

WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI v LEICESTERSHIRE 2nd XI at Moseley CC, 22-24th June 2015

Warwickshire 139 and 244-4 (6 points) drew with Leicestershire 483-6 dec. and 139-9 dec. (13 points)

It was a long day in the field on the opening day if three at Moseley C.C. after Warwickshire skipper Coleman lost the toss and were asked to bowl first.

A century opening partnership between Kurtz 58 and Marshall 72 was finally broken in the afternoon session by Hannon-Dalby and a smart piece of fielding from Porterfield accounted for former Worcestershire batsman Pinner soon afterwards. Marshall was finally out in the fifty fifth over to Adair, but then a rapid partnership of 169 from just thirty five overs took Leicestershire towards 400 with Ali making 78, while Redfern was unbeaten at stumps on 115 with wicketkeeper Burgess 42 as Leicestershire closing the opening day on 415-4 from 104 overs.

An additional concern for Warwickshire was the absence of Milnes after bowling just a single over at the start of the innings.

On the second morning, Leicestershire batted on for fourteen overs adding a further sixty eight runs before declaring on 483-6 after Redfern was out for 132 and Burgess 65. Hannon-Dalby 2-97 and Adair 2-125 were the most successful bowlers.

When Warwickshire began their reply the Leicestershire bowlers managed to find something extra as a string of experienced batsmen went cheaply. Westwood and Porterfield failed to score and Javid 8 quickly followed, while Hain's first innings since injury brought just thirty before Warwickshire were bowled out for just 139 in less than 48 overs. Wyatt 3-17 was Leicestershire's most successful bowler.

Rather than enforce the follow-on, Leicestershire chose to bat again and quickly made 134-9 from thirty four overs with Poysden taking 3-39 and Burgess top scoring on sixty three, before declaring, setting Warwickshire a target of 479 for victory in a little more than a day's play.

In the four remaining overs in the day, Warwickshire were 14-0 at stumps.

On the final day, Westwood went for twelve in the fourteenth over bowled by Chappell, before a partnership of 122 between Porterfield 58 and Javid in forty three overs effectively secured the eventual draw as the only real outcome to the match.

Porterfield's fifty eight came off 145 balls and once he had gone, Hain made forty two from 62 deliveries before being stumped off Pinner.

Javid completed his century, and despite Coleman going cheaply in the eighty second over, the players shook hands four overs later with Warwickshire still 235 short of their target and Leicestershire still needing six wickets for victory. Javid closed unbeaten on 109.

MCC UNIVERSITIES 2nd XI v WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI at The Parks, Oxford, 6-8th July 2015

MCC Universities (5 points) Warwickshire (5 points)

Match abandoned without a ball being bowled.

YORKSHIRE 2nd XI v WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI at Harrogate CC, 21-23rd July 2015

Yorkshire 230 and 190-9 dec. (9 points) lost to Warwickshire 85 and 244-4 (20 points)

Yorkshire won the toss at Harrogate and batted first after a short delay for rain.

Opener Callis was soon lbw to Adair bringing Australian, Glen Maxwell to the wicket to join wicketkeeper Hodd who was then run out by Thomason for twenty five.

Thomason and Adair then removed the Yorkshire middle-order batsmen leaving the home side on 106-5 in the twenty third over before Maxwell fell, again to Thomason for seventy seven off sixty nine deliveries.

Thompson 61 and Carver 24 then helped lift Yorkshire to a final total of 230 in the fifty ninth over with Thomason 3-50, Brookes 2-18, Adair 2-38 and Milnes 2-80 taking the wickets for Warwickshire.

In reply, Umeed and Thomason were dismissed without scoring, while Lambert, Coleman and Webb all fell in single figures as Warwickshire were left reeling on 30-5 in the eighteenth over and as wickets continued to fall, only Banks 16, Milnes 30 and Banton 21 reached double figures before being bowled out for just eighty five, avoiding a possible follow-on by four runs. Fisher 4-23 was Yorkshire's most successful bowler.



Another century for Coleman

There was time for one over by when Yorkshire at 5-0 held a lead of 150 at the close.

Rain prevented any early play on the second morning but in a day reduced to sixty overs, Yorkshire struggled in their second innings against some accurate bowling from Adair, Milnes and Panayi who wiped away the top half of the order for just one hundred and six.

Singh 2-35 removed Waite to a Webb catch after he had top scored with thirty two, before the innings closed on 190-9 declared, setting Warwickshire a stiff target of 336 for victory on the final day. By stumps they were ten without loss.

Umeed and Lambert made a positive start to the third morning, before Umeed was bowled by Fisher for twenty one and Lambert 31, followed soon after, bringing skipper Freddie Coleman and Jonathan Webb together to build a third wicket partnership of two hundred and six from forty three overs until Coleman was dismissed off the final delivery before tea for 118 with eighteen fours and three sixes.

Three balls later, Webb 92, followed, without adding to his tea-time score, leaving Warwickshire still requiring sixty four for victory, which was achieved after the loss of two more batsmen, Banks and Banton, courtesy of Thomason 24* and Adair 20* with an unbroken partnership of forty five to bring Warwickshire a victory over Yorkshire by four wickets.

WORCESTERSHIRE 2nd XI v WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI at the Royal Grammar School, Worcester, 11-13th August 2015

Worcestershire 287 (8.5 points) drew with Warwickshire 390-4 (12.5 points)

Worcestershire won the toss and batted at the Royal Grammar School and quickly lost Rhodes and Dickinson to Adair's bowling, before Kervezee 67 and Dell 15 added fifty eight in twelve overs before Phagura removed Dell.

Kervezee soon followed as Singh picked up two wickets in three deliveries, before Worcestershire lost wickets either side of lunch to be 191-9 in the forty ninth over.

A last wicket partnership of ninety six between Twohig 32* and Russell 60, then held Warwickshire up before Umeed, skippering the side, removed Russell with his first delivery to bowl the home side out for 287 in the seventy third over.

Adair 4-63 and Singh 3-72 were the pick of the Warwickshire bowlers.

By stumps on the opening day, Warwickshire had replied with 79-3 after openers Umeed and Banks had each been dismissed for a single and Pollock 21 was out just before the close.

Resuming on the second morning, Mellor 32 was the sole wicket to fall on the second day as both Hain and Matthew Lamb completed centuries in their unbroken partnership of 277 in seventy overs.

At the close Warwickshire were 390-3 with a lead of 103 and Hain unbeaten on 176 from 299 deliveries and Lamb 146 from 217.

Rain prevented any further play on the final day and the match was abandoned as a draw just after lunch.



Hain on song with 176 not out

WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI v DERBYSHIRE 2nd XI at Coventry and Warwickshire CC, 24-26th August 2015

Match drawn Warwickshire (5 points) drew with Derbyshire 77-0 (5 points)

There was time for just twenty four overs on the opening day after Warwickshire won the toss and chose to field in their final Second Eleven Championship match of the season against Derbyshire at Coventry and Warwickshire C.C. before the rain that had ruined the two previous County Championship matches involving Warwickshire, returned once again to bring the 2015 season to a disappointing end.

George Sellars and Tom Steele had started well for the visitors posting an unbeaten first wicket partnership of seventy seven before play was suspended and with ever worsening conditions.

WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI v DERBYSHIRE 2nd XI at Knowle and Dorridge CC, 9th June 2015

Derbyshire 276-7 (50 overs) 2 points beat Warwickshire 240 (48.2 overs) 0 points

Derbyshire won the toss and chose to bat on a good wicket in the opening 50 over competition match of the season, with the opening pair of Hosein and Wood posting a fifty partnership in the first eight overs before Wood was lbw to Adair for thirty three.

Hosein followed for twenty two to Gordon and five deliveries later, Poysden bowled Clare for seventeen, before a partnership of eighty seven between Thakor and Knight for the fourth wicket put Derbyshire into a strong position until Poysden picked up a second wicket when Thakor was taken by Javid for thirty one.

Critchley made a run-a-ball twenty six until Adair bowled him, while Knight completed his half century and was eventually out for eighty nine in the penultimate over of the innings, lbw to Hannon-Dalby.

In the final over Gordon removed Cork for twenty nine as the Derbyshire innings closed on 276-7 from their fifty overs. Gordon, Adair and Poysden each too two wickets for Warwickshire.

In reply, Warwickshire lost both openers, Webb and Lewis, inside the first five overs but a third wicket century stand between Javid and Coleman got the reply back on target before two wickets from off-spinner Wainwright checked the Warwickshire progress.

Milnes and Coleman added fifty but that preceded a collapse that saw four wickets fall for just nineteen although Coleman completed his century before becoming one of Critchley's four victims, as Derbyshire ran out victors by thirty six runs when the Warwickshire innings closed on 240 in the forty ninth over.

Coleman made 105 from 114 deliveries with twelve fours and a six.

WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 2nd XI at Coventry and North Warwicks CC, 19th June 2015

Warwickshire 307-9 (50 overs) 2 points beat Nottinghamshire 205 (41.2 overs) 0 points

Freddie Coleman won the toss and chose to bat against Nottinghamshire at Coventry and North Warwickshire C.C. and after losing Webb 21. in the seventh over, saw Andrew Umeed and Jonathan Trott then add 199 for the second wicket in thirty one overs, as Trott completed his century before falling to Hutton for 114, including three sixes and nine fours.

Umeed followed nine balls later, when just six runs short of his century, before three more wickets tumbled in four balls for just two runs. Coleman 35 accelerated the scoring rate before he too was dismissed just fifteen balls from the close of the innings, while three more wickets then fell quickly in just ten balls, to leave Warwickshire closing on a challenging 307-9 from their fifty overs.

Carter 4-54 was the most successful Nottinghamshire bowler, while both Hutton and Brown took two wickets apiece.

In Nottinghamshire's innings, Milnes had Dal caught behind by Benton off the third ball of the reply and collected a second when dismissing the other opener, Moores, for thirty five.

Phagura picked up three wickets in four overs, as only Will Root offered any real resistance, making an unbeaten eighty five and with just Brown 28, giving him support, he finally ran out of partners, as the Nottinghamshire innings closed on 205 in the forty second over, to leave the home side victors by one hundred and two runs.

Phagura 4-36 and Milnes 3-25 led the way for Warwickshire with Singh and Brookes picking up the other wickets.

THE UNICORNS v WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI at Great Tew and Little Tew CC, 2nd July 2015

The Unicorns 181 (41.4 overs) 2 points beat Warwickshire 176 (49.2 overs) 0 points by 5 runs

After choosing to bat the Unicorns found themselves in real trouble at 42-6 against the Warwickshire seamers, with Mark Adair and Recordo Gordon spearheading the attack, before a partnership of one hundred and eight between Thomason 41 and skipper Tripathi 68, provided some resistance before the remainder of the Unicorn's batting fell lamely away leaving them all out for 181 in just the forty second over.

For Warwickshire Adair 4-19, Gordon 3-30, Milnes 2-49 and Singh 1-35 were the wicket takers as the Unicorns total appeared to be significantly below what would have been deemed par

In reply, Warwickshire's batsmen were even more fallible than their opponents, as they slipped to 50-6 with a series of poor shots and a badly judged run out between Hain and Thomason that saw Hain depart for just five.

There were some late order runs for Bainton, Phagura and Singh, but it was all too much to recover and the Unicorns held on to record a five run victory when they dismissed Warwickshire for just 176 in the final over.

A disappointing result from a match that looked to be well within reach at the interval.

LEICESTERSHIRE v WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI at Grace Rd, Leicester, 17th July 2015

Leicestershire 260-3 (41.5 overs) 2 points beat Warwickshire 259 (49.0 overs) 0 points by 7 wickets

Another disappointing performance from Warwickshire's Second Eleven saw them lose their third match in four in the 50 over competition, when losing to Leicestershire.

Warwickshire won the toss and chose to bat at Grace Road, losing Andrew Umeed early for nine and after Freddie Coleman 44, was dismissed, they were struggling on 138-6 before a partnership of seventy for the seventh wicket between Peter McKay and Mark Adair.

This helped Warwickshire recover from their poor start before closing on 259 from forty nine overs with McKay making seventy five and Adair twenty seven.

In reply, Kent and Kurtz put on eighty one for the first wicket before Kent was dismissed for thirty seven, but Agathangalou and Kurtz then added ninety eight for the second, with Kurtz finally making 107 as Leicestershire completed a seven wicket victory with more than eight overs to spare.

YORKSHIRE v WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI at York CC, 20th July 2015

Yorkshire 214 (48.4 overs) 2 points beat Warwickshire 166 (39.5 overs) 0 points by 48 runs

Winning the toss, Yorkshire batted first at York, as Warwickshire looked to end a losing run in the competition, but a strong start saw the home side reach 141-2 before the introduction of the Warwickshire spinners checked their progress.

Josh Poysden 4-39 and Ateeq Javid 3-21 helped reduce Yorkshire to 156-8 with six wickets falling for just fifteen runs, before a ninth wicket partnership of thirty and a last wicket of twenty eight helped lift the final total to 214 in the forty ninth over.

Again, Warwickshire lost early wickets and were quickly in trouble on 32-4, before Peter McKay and Aaron Thomason 38 looked to be leading a recovery, but the loss of four wickets for just seventeen in the final power-play left Warwickshire once again falling short of their target, as they were dismissed for 166 in the fortieth over. McKay finished unbeaten on forty nine, while Mark Fisher took 5-35 to help Yorkshire to a forty eight run victory.

WARWICKSHIRE v WORCESTERSHIRE 2nd XI at Olton and West Warwicks CC, 11th August 2015

Warwickshire 341-8 (50 overs) 0 points lost to Worcestershire 395-7 (50 overs) 2 points by 54 runs

In their final 50 over match of the season Warwickshire won the toss at Olton and chose to bowl against a strong looking Worcestershire side, who then posted fifty four for the first wicket before a good catch by Coleman removed Kohler-Cadmore off Phagura.

Oliver 82 and Kervezee 102 then put the Warwickshire bowlers to the sword, with George Rhodes also completing a century, 101 and Dickenson 45* helping Worcestershire record their highest ever total in fifty over cricket, 395-7 with Phagura 3-64 the most successful bowler for Warwickshire.

In reply and facing a daunting task, Warwickshire opened with a half century partnership, but despite Umeed 89, Coleman 77 and Banks 61 all making half centuries, they were unable to overhaul the huge target set by their opponents for whom Russell returned 3-68, as Worcestershire recorded a fifty four run victory, in what was Warwickshire's final fifty over match of the season.

NORTH DIVISION

	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	NR	A	Pts	NetRR
Derbyshire Second XI	6	6	0	0	0	0	12	1.463
Durham Second XI	6	5	0	0	1	0	11	1.273
Worcestershire Second XI	6	3	0	2	1	0	7	-0.041
Unicorns	6	3	0	3	0	0	6	0.098
Leicestershire Second XI	6	3	0	3	0	0	6	-0.193
Lancashire Second XI	6	3	0	3	0	0	6	-0.358
Northamptonshire Second XI	6	2	0	4	0	0	4	-0.261
Nottinghamshire Second XI	6	2	0	4	0	0	4	-0.503
Warwickshire Second XI	6	1	0	5	0	0	2	-0.283
Yorkshire Second XI	6	1	0	5	0	0	2	-1.095

SOUTH DIVISION

	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	NR	A	Pts	NetRR
Somerset Second XI	6	4	0	0	0	2	10	1.910
Surrey Second XI	6	4	0	1	1	0	9	1.379
Essex Second XI	6	3	0	2	1	0	7	0.988
Kent Second XI	6	3	0	2	0	1	7	0.823
Middlesex Second XI	6	3	0	3	0	0	6	-0.147
Hampshire Second XI	6	3	0	3	0	0	6	-0.278
Sussex Second XI	6	3	0	3	0	0	6	-0.617
Gloucestershire Second XI	6	2	0	4	0	0	4	-0.406
Glamorgan Second XI	6	1	0	3	0	2	4	-0.457
MCC Young Cricketers	6	0	0	5	0	1	1	-2.560

Winners 2015: Derbyshire

Warwickshire Batting Averages

Player	Matches	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	SRate	100's	50's	ct
MR Adair	6	6	0	70	27	11.66	60.34	0	0	5
L Banks	2	2	0	71	61	35.50	97.26	0	1	0
T Banton	3	3	0	42	25	14.00	76.36	0	0	5
BL Brookes	2	2	1	15	8	15.00	125.00	0	0	0
FRJ Coleman	6	6	0	261	105	43.50	96.30	1	1	2
RO Gordon	4	4	2	21	13	10.50	84.00	0	0	2
SR Hain	1	1	0	5	5	5.00	25.00	0	0	0
OJ Hannon-Dalby	1	1	0	2	2	2.00	200.00	0	0	0
A Javid	2	2	0	61	47	30.50	61.61	0	0	2
TP Lewis	3	3	0	13	10	4.33	52.00	0	0	1
PJ McKay	2	2	1	124	75	124.00	116.98	0	1	5
AJ Mellor	1	1	0	18	18	18.00	90.00	0	0	0
TP Milnes	4	4	0	47	22	11.75	51.08	0	0	1
GD Panayi	2	2	1	38	31*	38.00	126.66	0	0	1
BS Phagura	3	3	1	68	36*	34.00	93.15	0	0	1
EJ Pollock	2	2	0	17	15	8.50	70.83	0	0	1
JE Poysden	3	3	0	19	10	6.33	111.76	0	0	1
Sukhjot Singh	3	2	1	25	21	25.00	64.10	0	0	1
AD Thomason	5	5	0	94	38	18.80	51.64	0	0	0
IJL Trott	1	1	0	114	114	114.00	118.75	1	0	0
ARI Umeed	4	4	0	199	94	49.75	88.44	0	2	3
MH Waugh	1	1	1	1	1*		100.00	0	0	0
JP Webb	5	5	0	79	39	15.80	65.28	0	0	1

Warwickshire Bowling Averages

Player	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave	4wl	5wl	SRate	Econ
MR Adair	47	5	277	9	4/19	30.77	1	0	31.33	5.89
L Banks	3	0	14	0						4.66
BL Brookes	12	0	76	2	1/35	38.00	0	0	36.00	6.33
RO Gordon	36	0	180	7	3/30	25.71	0	0	29.42	5.24
OJ Hannon-Dalby	9	0	47	1	1/47	47.00	0	0	54.00	5.22
A Javid	14	3	57	3	3/21	19.00	0	0	28.00	4.07
TP Milnes	36.2	5	183	5	3/25	36.60	0	0	43.60	5.03
GD Panayi	17	0	97	1	1/61	97.00	0	0	102.00	5.70
BS Phagura	28	2	141	7	4/36	20.14	1	0	24.00	5.03
JE Poysden	25	3	128	6	4/39	21.33	1	0	25.00	5.12
Sukhjot Singh	23	0	154	3	1/35	51.33	0	0	46.00	6.69
AD Thomason	10	0	52	2	1/20	26.00	0	0	30.00	5.20
ARI Umeed	3.5	0	29	0						7.56
MH Waugh	4	0	22	0						5.50
JP Webb	7	0	32	0						4.57

NORTH DIVISION

	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	NR	A	Pts	NetRR
Lancashire Second XI	12	9	0	2	0	1	19	1.904
Durham Second XI	12	8	1	1	1	1	19	0.982
Worcestershire Second XI	12	6	0	4	0	2	14	0.097
Nottinghamshire Second XI	12	7	0	5	0	0	14	-0.415
Derbyshire Second XI	12	4	0	4	1	3	12	-0.243
Northamptonshire Second XI	12	5	0	7	0	0	10	-0.340
Warwickshire Second XI	12	5	0	7	0	0	10	-0.393
Yorkshire Second XI	12	3	0	6	0	3	9	-0.086
Unicorns	12	2	1	7	0	2	7	-0.595
Leicestershire Second XI	12	3	0	9	0	0	6	-0.655

SOUTH DIVISION

	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	NR	A	Pts	NetRR
Kent Second XI	12	8	0	1	1	2	19	1.939
Middlesex Second XI	12	6	0	2	0	4	16	1.548
Sussex Second XI	12	6	0	4	0	2	14	0.707
Hampshire Second XI	12	6	0	4	0	2	14	0.148
Essex Second XI	12	5	0	5	0	2	12	0.323
Somerset Second XI	12	6	0	6	0	0	12	0.008
Gloucestershire Second XI	12	2	0	4	0	6	10	-0.424
Glamorgan Second XI	12	4	0	8	0	0	8	-0.867
MCC Young Cricketers	12	4	0	8	0	0	8	-1.311
Surrey Second XI	12	2	0	7	1	2	7	-1.426

Winners 2015: Middlesex

David strikes and finishes top of Trophy bowling averages

Warwickshire Batting Averages

Player	Matches	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	SRate	100	50	ct
MR Adair	11	3	2	9	6*	9.00	100.00	0	0	3
T Banton	6	2	2	2	1*		66.66	0	0	2
BL Brookes	6	0					0.00			1
V Chopra	2	2	0	159	86	79.50	162.24	0	2	0
FRJ Coleman	10	10	2	224	66	28.00	124.44	0	1	0
LJ Evans	1	1	0	21	21	21.00	110.52	0	0	0
RO Gordon	7	0					0.00			4
OJ Hannon-Dalby	4	1	1	13	13*		100.00	0	0	0
A Javid	5	5	3	129	46*	64.50	113.15	0	0	0
RA Jones	2	0					0.00			0
SJW Lambert	2	2	1	66	50*	66.00	132.00	0	1	1
TP Lewis	12	12	1	338	101	30.72	150.22	1	1	2
PJ McKay	4	4	2	27	18	13.50	135.00	0	0	2
AJ Mellor	2	2	0	29	23	14.50	72.50	0	0	3
TP Milnes	12	9	4	71	22	14.20	107.57	0	0	4
BS Phagura	1	0					0.00			0
EJ Pollock	2	1	0	4	4	4.00	44.44	0	0	0
WTS Porterfield	3	3	0	73	53	24.33	140.38	0	1	1
JE Poysden	11	2	1	21	13*	21.00	105.00	0	0	4
WB Rankin	1	0					0.00			0
Sukhjot Singh	7	1	0	5	5	5.00	45.45	0	0	0
AD Thomason	6	5	2	146	53*	48.66	126.95	0	2	4
ARI Umeed	5	3	1	41	31	20.50	85.41	0	0	2
JP Webb	10	10	1	244	66	27.11	108.92	0	1	3

Warwickshire Bowling Averages

Player	Balls	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave	4w	5w	SRate	Econ
MR Adair	188	0	273	10	3/15	27.30	0	0	18.8	8.71
BL Brookes	96	0	93	6	2/12	15.50	0	0	16	5.81
RO Gordon	139	0	227	6	3/14	37.83	0	0	23.16	9.79
OJ Hannon-Dalby	84	0	116	6	3/22	19.33	0	0	14	8.28
A Javid	78	0	95	3	3/22	31.66	0	0	26	7.30
RA Jones	42	0	52	3	2/31	17.33	0	0	14	7.42
TP Milnes	222	0	313	12	3/33	26.08	0	0	18.5	8.45
BS Phagura	24	0	16	2	2/16	8.00	0	0	12	4.00
JE Poysden	205	0	280	5	3/11	56.00	0	0	41	8.19
WB Rankin	24	1	9	3	3/9	3.00	0	0	8	2.25
Sukhjot Singh	120	0	140	6	3/20	23.33	0	0	20	7.00
JP Webb	24	0	44	2	1/8	22.00	0	0	12	11.00

WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI v NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 2nd XI at Edgbaston, 30th April 2015

Match 1 Northamptonshire 138-3 (13.1 overs) 2 points beat Warwickshire 135-4 (20 overs) 0 points by 7 wickets

Batting first Warwickshire were 135-4 at the end of their twenty overs, with Jonathan Webb 35 and Tom Lewis 28 top scoring.

In reply David Willey, ahead of a potential ODI debut next week got some useful practice with a brisk sixty six while Kyle Coetzer made an unbeaten thirty five, as Northamptonshire reached 138-3 from just 13.1 overs to complete a comfortable seven wicket victory. Richard Jones took 2-31 for Warwickshire.

Match 2 Warwickshire 107-2 (17.4 overs) 2 points beat Northamptonshire 103-7 (20 overs) 0 points by 8 wickets

Winning the toss in the second match, Warwickshire put Northamptonshire into bat and restricted them to 103-7 from their twenty overs with Cobb top-scoring with 33 from 42 balls and Aaron West 25* before Warwickshire completed their victory on 107-2 from 17.4 overs, with Coleman 31 and Ateeq Javid 25* top scoring.

DURHAM 2nd XI v WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI at Newcastle, 18th May 2015

Match 1 Durham 113-3 (12.4 overs) 2 points beat Warwickshire 102-4 (15 overs) 0 points by 7 wickets D/L

Losing the toss and being invited to bat, Warwickshire never looked like making a challenging total on a rain effected morning, Tom Lewis 33 and Freddie Coleman 26 top scored in an inadequate total of 102-4 from fifteen overs.

In reply, Durham raced to a D/L adjusted target of 108, closing on 113-3 with Clarke making an impressive unbeaten eighty five.

Match 2 Durham 156-4 (19.3 overs) beat Warwickshire 152-7 (20 overs) 0 points by 6 wickets

Once again, Warwickshire were invited to bat and with Andrew Umeed making thirty one, they posted a total of 152-7 from their twenty overs.

In reply Gordon Muchall's unbeaten sixty two helped the home side record a second victory of the day, as Durham reached their target with three balls to spare on 156-4.



Lewis and Coleman seize the initiative

WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI v LANCASHIRE 2nd XI at Walmley, 28th May 2015

Match 1 Lancashire 181-5 (20 overs) 2 points beat Warwickshire 176-5 (20 overs) 0 points by 7 runs

Warwickshire won the toss and fielded and found Livingstone 52 and Hameed 34 in good touch before England Under19 batsmen Jones added an unbeaten thirty seven aided by some big hitting from Dearden 24 at the end of the Lancashire innings, lifting them to a challenging 183-5 from their twenty overs.

In reply Porterfield and Webb were dismissed cheaply but Lewis 44 and Coleman added forty three for the third wicket before Thomason joined Coleman and their fourth wicket partnership of ninety four took Warwickshire within thirteen runs of victory with seven balls remaining when Coleman 66 was caught off Mahmood.

Buck bowled Thomason 38 with the first ball of the final over but new batsmen Milnes and McKay could only manage to score five runs from the remainder, leaving Lancashire victors by seven runs.

Match 2 Warwickshire 90 (15.4 overs) 0 points lost to Lancashire 94-2 (9.4 overs) 2 points by 8 wickets

Winning the toss again Warwickshire chose to bat, but after losing Webb and Lewis early in the innings, they never recovered momentum and despite Evans' twenty one, they were dismissed in just 15.4 overs for ninety. Livingstone 3-19 was the most successful Lancashire bowler.

The visitors made easy work of chasing down their target, completing a facile victory in less than ten overs to virtually assure themselves of qualification to the next round of the competition.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 2nd XI v WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI at Trent College, Nottingham 4th June 2015

Match 1 Warwickshire 140-5 (20 overs) 2 points beat Nottinghamshire 96 (17.2 overs) 0 points by 44 runs

Nottinghamshire won the toss and fielded and were rewarded with a wicket in the second over when Lewis 11 fell to Fletcher before Lambert made sixteen from seventeen deliveries, while Mellor twenty three, was bowled by Tilcock.

Amidst this Thomason made an unbeaten half century from just thirty four balls including three sixes and Milnes twenty two as Warwickshire posted 140-5 from their twenty overs.

In reply, no Nottinghamshire batsman made a score and as wickets fell early in the innings, the Warwickshire total looked unreachable as the home side struggled on 62-6 in the thirteenth over.

Poysden 3-11 and Gordon 3-14 led the way while Milnes, Adair, Brookes and Singh each took a wicket, as Nottinghamshire were dismissed for ninety six in the eighteenth over.

Match 2 Nottinghamshire 124-8 (20 overs) 0 points lost to Warwickshire 128-1 (13.4 overs) 2 points by 9 wickets

In the second match, Warwickshire won the toss and fielded and as in the first match took six quick wickets with

Adair taking three of them to leave Nottinghamshire 47-6 in the ninth over before Brown 21, Fish 25 and Fletcher 27 managed to give the innings some respectability, closing on 124-8 from their twenty overs.

Adair 3-15 and Hannon-Dalby were the main wicket takers with Milnes and Singh collecting the other two to fall.

In their innings, Warwickshire were quickly into their stride after the early loss of Mellor to Fletcher with Lewis 68* and Lambert 50* making short work of the target reaching it with thirty eight balls to spare to record a second victory in the day.

WORCESTERSHIRE 2nd XI v WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI at Kidderminster, 16th June 2015

Match 1 Worcestershire 225-4 (20 overs) 2 points beat Warwickshire 214-5 (20 overs) 0 points by 11 runs

After winning the toss and fielding, Warwickshire quickly picked up the wicket of Kohler-Cadmore but then found the other opening batsman Brett D'Oliveira to be in tremendous form as he smashed the attack for six sixes and six fours on his way to an unbeaten century from fifty three deliveries. He added sixty five with Kervezee 39 for the second wicket and with useful support from Whitley 24, Barnard and Choudhry he helped the home side reach an impressive 225-4 from their twenty overs.

Needing in excess of eleven an over for victory, Lewis and Webb got the reply off to a strong start, before Webb 13 was out bringing Porterfield to join Lewis and the second wicket pair added 102 from the next ten overs before Porterfield 53 from 27 balls was dismissed.

Lewis completed his century but was immediately out for 101 from sixty balls including six sixes, while Warwickshire still needed thirty three from sixteen balls.

Russell kept a tight rein for Worcestershire with the wickets of Coleman and Thomason in the final over leaving before completing his over with just two runs coming off his final three balls as Worcestershire ran out winners by eleven runs.

Match 2 Worcestershire 185-2 (18.2 overs) 2 points beat Warwickshire 184-4 (20 overs) 0 points by 8 wickets

In the second match, Warwickshire won the toss again but chose to bat and with Chopra opening, making 73 from forty three balls with three sixes, made 184-4 from their twenty overs. Lewis and Porterfield went cheaply, but Coleman 48 and Webb 40* added some late innings impetus to the innings.

In reply, Worcestershire like Warwickshire earlier, lost their first match centurion D'Oliveira, quickly, but Kohler-Cadmore and Kervezee, scoring at ten per over helped Worcestershire race to 119 before Webb made the next breakthrough, dismissing Kervezee 65 in the twelfth over.

Whitley joined Kohler-Cadmore and immediately struck two sixes to maintain the momentum as Worcestershire closed in on their second victory of the day which they finally achieved with ten balls to spare, claiming an eight wicket victory with Kohler-Cadmore 79* and Whitley 35* taking the home side through to their target with eight wickets in hand.

WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI v LEICESTERSHIRE 2nd XI at Edgbaston, 25th June 2015

Match 1 Warwickshire 155-3 (18.5 overs) 2 points beat Leicestershire 152 (20 overs) 0 points by 7 wickets

Warwickshire won the toss and put Leicestershire into bat and with Javid 3-22 and Rankin 3-9 from four overs, being the leading wicket takers, they bowled the visitors out on the final delivery of the twenty overs.

In reply, Varun Chopra 86 from fifty five balls and Ateeq Javid, with an unbeaten forty six from thirty three balls, were too powerful for the Leicestershire side, running out victors by seven wickets.



Chopra 86 and Javid 46 set up victory

Match 2 Warwickshire 137-5 (20 overs) 2 points beat Leicestershire 136-9 (20 overs) 0 points by 5 wickets

Warwickshire again put Leicestershire into bat after winning the toss and the visitors struggled to put a partnership together, as they slipped to 63-6 before finally recovering to 136-9 from their twenty overs. Ben Brookes took 2-16 while there were two wickets apiece for Milnes 2-53, Phagura 2-16 and Adair 2-33.

When Warwickshire began their response, Lewis, Umeed and Coleman all went cheaply, but a partnership of eighty seven between Webb 66 from fifty one balls with five fours and two sixes with Thomason, saw Warwickshire reach their target off the final delivery of the innings, a shot that also completed Thomason's half century from thirty five balls.

KENT AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 2nd XI v WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI at Beckenham, 15-17th April 2015

Warwickshire 294 and 336-4 beat Kent and Northamptonshire 216 and 410-5 dec by 6 wickets

Ben Brookes 4-44 and Boyd Rankin 3-48 bowled the combined Kent/Northamptonshire out for 216 in under fifty two overs after Alex Blake had top scored with a half century

and by stumps on the opening day, Warwickshire had reached 136-5 as they too struggled on a wicket helping the respective seam attacks with Javid making fifty nine.

On the second day, Webb 86, McKay 78 and Lewis 43 helped Warwickshire reach a competitive first innings total of 294 and a first innings lead of seventy eight.

The experienced Kyle Coetzer 142 and Stephen Crook 141* supported by a second half century in the match from Blake then helped the combined side reach 410-5 setting Warwickshire of 333 for victory on the final day.

Umeed and Javid then posted an impressive opening partnership of 169 in thirty eight overs and with Umeed taking control Warwickshire reached their target on 336-4 from just 64.1 overs with Umeed unbeaten on 164 from 215 deliveries to set up a six wicket victory.

WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI v WORCESTERSHIRE 2nd XI at Barnt Green, 5-8th May 2015

Warwickshire 105-5 drew with Worcestershire 344-8 dec

There was no play possible on the opening day of the four day match at Barnt Green after heavy overnight rain had seeped under the covers. The match should, weather permitting, get underway today.

Further rain then prevented play on the second day before the match finally got underway on the third morning.

Warwickshire won the toss and invited Worcestershire to bat and gained some early success with Tom Milnes taking three early wickets as the visitors slipped to 49-4 before Rhodes and Barnard steadied the innings going to lunch on 71-4 before Rhodes 38 was dismissed in the afternoon session.

Fraine and Barnard took the total on to 180-6 and then Michael Hill 64, who had played a match for Warwickshire last season, joined Barnard and added one hundred and forty nine for the eighth wicket with Barnard finally making 133 from 221 deliveries as Worcestershire closed the day on 344-8 from their ninety six overs.

Tom Milnes 3-52 and Josh Poysden 2-67 were the most successful bowlers with Ollie Hannon-Dalby and Ben Brooks taking a wicket each.

On the final morning, Worcestershire declared on their overnight total, while Warwickshire then forfeited their first innings and Worcestershire their second innings, to set a target of 345 from ninety six overs.

Wickets quickly tumbled and at 43-5 Alex Mellor 29* and Jonathan Webb 37* came together, batting through to lunch when Warwickshire were 105-5 from twenty eight overs.

The promised rain came along during the lunch interval and after more afternoon squalls, the match was abandoned as a draw.

SURREY 2nd XI v WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI at Guildford, 11-13th May 2015

Surrey 239 and 497-7 drew with Warwickshire 442

Skipper Freddie Coleman picked up an injury before play commenced so Richard Jones took over the captaincy for Warwickshire and put Surrey into bat at Guildford on a greenish looking wicket.

Tom Milnes trapped Harinath lbw for 18 and Jones picked up Sibley's wicket before experienced Solanki edged Milnes to McKay for twelve.

Kapil 54 and Foakes 49 added seventy nine for the fifth wicket and Burke 36 gave some late substance to the home side's innings that closed in the fifty ninth over on 239.

Milnes finished with 5-46 and Adair 2-36 while Jones, Gordon and Poysden all picked up a wicket.

In reply, Umeed went quickly, but Webb 33 added seventy six for the second wicket with Javid who had reached ninety four by the close and who, with Aaron Thomason sixty five, had taken Warwickshire to 210-2 by the close and their third wicket partnership worth one hundred and twenty.

On the second morning both Javid 101 and Thomason 145 completed their centuries while Peter McKay 58 helped Warwickshire to 442 all out in the hundredth over.

Van der Bergh 3-73, Linley 2-32 and Meaker 2-74 were the most successful bowlers as Surrey faced a first innings deficit of 203.

In their second innings, Harinath and Sibley posted an opening partnership of 157 before Harinath was lbw to Josh Poysden for exactly fifty, but Sibley 92* and Solanki 25* were still together at stumps when Surrey 200-1 trailed by just three runs.

The final day saw Surrey continue to use the match as batting practice with Sibley completing his century before finally being dismissed by Mark Adair for 168, while Solanki made seventy one and Foakes forty seven.

Josh Poysden 3-125 and Adair 2-57 were the main wicket takers as Surrey were 497-7 at the close and the match drawn.



Milnes three early wicket not enough

GLOUCESTERSHIRE 2nd XI v WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI at Cheltenham, 17-20th August 2015**Gloucestershire 501-8 dec. drew with Warwickshire 490-8 dec.**

Gloucestershire won the toss and chose to bat in this four day friendly, with Gilmour and Barrett batting confidently on a good pitch, before Gilmour retired out, for forty seven, bringing Herring in to join Barrett. Herring was dismissed for seven but Barrett now partnered by Hankins took the total on to 229 before he fell two runs short of his hundred.

Hankins completed his century and was finally dismissed for 166 as Allen 53* with some useful support from the lower order, helped Gloucestershire reach 501-8 declared on the second day. Sukhjot Singh was the most successful bowler with 3-91 and Phagura took 2-62.

In reply, Umeed and Lambert put on seventy five for the opening wicket, before both fell within the space of nine runs and Pollock 22 followed soon after, bringing together Coleman and Mellor who then added 155 for the fourth wicket, while Coleman now with Lamb put on 163 runs for the fifth wicket with Lamb completing his half century while Coleman made 165, despite only twenty overs being bowled on the third day, as Warwickshire replied with 490-8 declared, as the match petered out to a rain spoiled draw.



Porterfield on the attack

WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI v AFGHANISTAN 2nd XI at Wormsley, 29th June 2015**Warwickshire won by 8 wickets**

Afghanistan won the toss and batted first and were quickly in trouble at 25-4 with two wickets for Hannon-Dalby and one each for Adair and Milnes.

Samiullah 45 and Najeeb 25* then added fifty eight for the fifth wicket while a late burst from Shafiq 27, helped them reach 130-7 from their twenty overs with Milnes, Gordon and Hannon-Dalby each taking two wickets.

In reply, an opening partnership of 114 between Lewis 54 and Porterfield 62 set the base for a Warwickshire victory as they reached their target closing on 134-2 from 18.5 overs.

WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI v HONG KONG 2nd XI at Barnt Green CC, 3rd July 2015**Match tied**

Hong Kong won the toss and batted first at Barnt Green, scoring twenty five for the opening wicket before Mark Chapman 56 helped them reach a challenging 160-7 from their twenty overs.

Mark Adair was the most successful bowler taking 3-29.

In reply, Jonathan Webb and Tom Lewis put on seventy seven for the first wicket and when Lewis 82 was finally dismissed, a victory looked assured but Warwickshire lost two wickets on 160 including a run out with the final ball, to also close on 160-7 with the match tied.



Coleman leads the way with 165

MIDDLESEX 2nd XI v WARWICKSHIRE 2nd XI at Merchant Taylors School, Northwood, 14-17th September 2015

Match abandoned without a ball being bowled.

The Warwickshire U19's play in a six county competition alongside Derbyshire, Middlesex, Lancashire, Yorkshire and Durham. Matches are two day affairs and follow roughly the same format as the ECB U17 Championship. Although the U19 Northern Counties Competition is not an official ECB competition, matches are played hard with plenty of 2nd XI experience or potential on show each match.

This season, we warmed up with a two day match vs Northamptonshire, whilst also playing Worcestershire in a three day affair.

Other cricket involving players in a similar age range included matches against minor county development XI's (mostly U23's), League XI's and touring teams from overseas. We generally took this opportunity to play a one or two overage players as well as involve U17, U19 and Academy cricketers – more of a Development XI.

The U19 Northern Counties Competition 2015

FINAL TABLE

County	Played	Won	Tied/ Draw	Lost	Abandoned	Points
Derbyshire	5	4	0	1	0	67
Yorkshire	5	2	1	2	0	62
Durham	5	2	0	2	1	61
Warwickshire	5	2	0	3	0	58
Middlesex	5	2	1	2	0	53
Lancashire	5	1	1	2	1	45

As demonstrated in the League table, things were very tight right until the final few overs of the final match of the season between Warwickshire and Durham. Warwickshire might have finished second but for falling 13 runs short in a dramatic match at the Emirates ICG. Read on for more details!

Game 1 vs Derbyshire (Swarkestone CC)

Derbyshire won the toss and elected to bat

Derbyshire 1st Innings – 371 all out

Warwickshire 1st Innings – 226 all out

Derbyshire (18 points) defeated Warwickshire (6 points) on 1st Innings

On a very hot day at the start of July staring at a good surface, the Warwickshire batsmen were disappointed not to get first use of it. However with Derbyshire 142 for 6 half way through the afternoon session, Warwickshire had bowled and fielded themselves into a good position. The Derbyshire seventh wicket partnership then fought back putting on 102, and the ninth wicket a further 90 with the Derbys number eight finishing unbeaten on 113. The hottest day of the year to date had taken its toll on Warwickshire's lines and lengths, combined with a slightly over offensive period in the second session which allowed partnerships to develop. Openers Banks and Umeed were both lost on 17 in reply, and it was down to Captain Matthew Lamb to show the rest of the order how to do it with an impressive 116, with the next highest score a disappointing 22. With rain around on the second afternoon, and few overs to play with,

the two teams shook hands on a one innings match which eventual competition winners Derbyshire had dominated from mid-way through the first afternoon.

Game 2 vs Lancashire (King Edward's School, Birmingham)

Lancashire won the toss and elected to bat

Lancashire 1st Innings – 319 all out

Warwickshire 1st Innings – 320 for 5 declared

Lancashire 2nd Innings – 87 for 5

Warwickshire (20 points) defeated Lancashire (6 points) on 1st Innings

On a surface which always looked as if it might encourage spin as the game developed, Lancashire won the toss and predictably chose to bat first. The Lancashire openers started very well putting on 119 for the first wicket, but it was the medium pacers and then the spin of Michael Waugh and Sunny Singh that started to turn the screw as the day one developed. Regular wickets fell once the first breakthrough was made, and Waugh (6/64) and Singh (2/64) did the majority of the damage and bowling, working hard for 50 overs between them. Warwickshire's first wicket fell on 44 (George Hargrave 19), however Andy Umeed (108) and Matthew Lamb (116) developed a dominant 175 run partnership which zapped much of the Lancashire spirit. Despite one or two wobbles when closing on the Lancashire total, 15 year old Rob Yates and Brinder Phagura saw the Bears past the Lancs total. There was still time to collect some much needed bonus points and five Lancashire wickets were taken in their second innings once again to the spinners – Michael Waugh finishing with the ten in the match and 4/29 second time round.

Game 3 vs Middlesex (Merchant Taylor's School)

Middlesex won the toss and elected to bat

Middlesex 1st Innings - 401 for 5 declared

Warwickshire 1st Innings – 272 all out

Middlesex (18 points) defeated Warwickshire (5 points) on 1st Innings

Once again, on a very good surface and warm day in London, an important toss went against Captain Matthew Lamb, and the Middlesex batsmen certainly enjoyed day one with a feast of indifferent bowling at times on an excellent surface to bat. Lamb was perhaps the most effective and economical of the seamers taking 2/38 from 15 overs, and on a rare occasion this summer, the Warwickshire spinners were unable to wrestle any control. Dropped catches were costly too, as professionally contracted opening batsman Steel for Middlesex was dropped in quick succession early on in an otherwise impressive century. Warwickshire openers Povey and Ahmed safely saw the team to the end of day one unharmed in an awkward eight over spell. It was the turn of Academy batsman Oliver Haley to notch up three figures on day two, pulling, driving and sweeping confidently on his way to 115, and despite some lower order resistance from Brookes 28 and Singh 22, Warwickshire were bowled out in the final session on day two and the sides shook hands on a one innings match.

Game 4 vs Yorkshire (Moseley CC)

Yorkshire won the toss and elected to bat

Yorkshire 1st Innings – 347 all out
 Warwickshire 1st Innings – 93 all out
 Warwickshire 2nd Innings – 351 for 9 (following on)
 Yorkshire (22 points) defeated Warwickshire (8 points) on 1st innings

With a much changed team affected by 2nd XI call ups and the U17 National competition, on another good wicket it was inevitable that the toss would go against Warwickshire yet again! The Warwickshire bowlers fought hard throughout day one and although there were no early breakthroughs, they contained well and wickets eventually tumbled in the second and third sessions. Spin once again conquered with three wickets apiece for off spinners Michael Waugh and Austin Crump. Unfortunately, with 12 overs left in the day, the Warwickshire top order succumbed to fiery opening spells from the Yorkshire seamers, losing four wickets for only 25 runs. Matters did not get much better early on day two, with the remaining batsman only adding a further 68 runs. With Yorkshire asking the Bears to follow on and trying to avoid an innings defeat, it was time for the batsman to dig deep on what was still a good surface to bat. Fortunately they did just that, and with around half an hour to go in the match, it was clear that Yorkshire were not in a position to force an outright win. This was mainly due to a blazing 129 from 128 balls from Ross Aucott, 54 from opener Hamza Ahmed and a resilient 53* from lower order batsman Ben Brookes.

Game 5 vs Durham (Emirates ICG, Riverside)

Warwickshire won the toss and elected to field
 Durham 1st Innings – 169 all out
 Warwickshire 1st Innings – 234 all out
 Durham 2nd Innings – 242 all out
 Warwickshire 2nd Innings – 165 for 7
 Warwickshire (19 points) defeated Durham (10 points) on 1st Innings

Three reasons to celebrate – a very entertaining and high quality game of cricket; a victory to round off the season; and a toss won by the Bears! The sky threatened to burst for much of the two days, however no time was lost. The toss felt important with dampness and cloud cover aplenty on the morning of day one, and so it turned out to be. Bar one or two players who were not allowed school release, the team was back to full strength with plenty of second XI experience in the side. Warwickshire also chose to give a debut to 14 year old Ben Griffin as wicket keeper who had shown good signs of development throughout the summer. Despite the encouraging conditions the Durham openers battled hard against opening bowlers Mark Adair and Brinder Phagura, and put on 81 for the first wicket. Once one end opened up, all bowlers, including the spinners, found something in the surface and Durham were dismissed for 169. At the end of day one, Warwickshire found themselves only 30 odd runs short of the Durham first Innings total, with a solid opening stand from Andy Umeed and Steven Sandhu, followed by a 50 run partnership from Matthew Lamb and Oliver Haley. Lamb and Haley started day two from where they left off and Warwickshire passed the Durham today only three wickets down, with the hope of pushing on well beyond the total and setting up a two Innings victory, with plenty of overs left. Alas, wickets tumbled quickly with the last four all falling on

234 – a disappointing way to end the Innings which gave Durham some momentum and hope that they may now get something more from the game. And so it was that Durham came back hard, batting positively throughout scoring 242 runs in only 43 overs. Michael Waugh (4/39) and Mark Adair (3/87) the leading Warwickshire bowlers. This left Warwickshire 37 overs to score the 178 runs needed for an outright victory over two Innings. All looked promising at 138 for 3 with Lamb (61) and Haley (20) once again making inroads into the Durham lead, albeit with overs and light fading. Four wickets in the space of six runs then dented Warwickshire's hopes of a thrilling win, and despite a very late flourish by Mark Adair (19 from 16 balls), Warwickshire fell 13 runs short. At a test venue, and two quality sides thrashing out a memorable match, it was a fitting way to close the U19 season.

OTHER MATCHES

U19 Warm-up Match vs Northamptonshire (Desborough Town CC)

Warwickshire won the toss and elected to bat
 Warwickshire 1st Innings – 303 all out
 Northants 1st Innings – 253 for 9 declared
 Warwickshire 2nd Innings – 244 for 3 declared
 Northants 2nd Innings – 192 all out
 Warwickshire won outright by 102 runs

With the U19 Northern Counties competition around the corner, this was an excellent opportunity to prepare and get used to the two day format. On a very quick scoring ground, the cricket and batting in particular was entertaining and positive from the outset. Bowlers generally toiled with a very short boundary on the pavilion side. Stand out batting for the Bears came from opener Andy Umeed with a century in both Innings, and 16 year old Liam Banks with 51 in the second Innings. Michael Waugh bowled his off spin exceptionally well, with some good catches to back him up around the bat, taking 12 wickets in the match. Both sides left the game knowing that their bowling would need to improve in the coming matches, but a satisfying outing and victory for the Bears.

3 day match vs Worcestershire (Walmley CC)

Worcestershire won the toss and elected to bat
 Worcestershire 1st Innings – 309 all out
 Warwickshire 1st Innings – 280 for 4 declared
 Worcestershire 2nd Innings – 250 for 7 declared
 Warwickshire 2nd Innings – 167 all out
 Worcestershire won by 112 runs

In a busy week of 2nd XI cricket and the U17 National 2-day Final vs Hampshire, both of which dented availability significantly, this was going to be a tough game against a strong Worcestershire XI. This said, there were many positives to be taken, and both teams made sporting declarations to ensure a competitive chase on the final day. At 32 for 4 on the first morning, Worcestershire may have been starting to regret their decision to bat, however they recovered well to 194 for 5 and eventually to just over 300. Pick of the Warwickshire bowlers was seamer James Hunt who was playing as an overage player in otherwise U19 line-ups. Impressive for Worcestershire was Josh

Dell scoring 103 in a strong counter attack from 4 wickets down. In reply, the Warwickshire batsman set up the game with attacking batting of their own, particularly against the Worcestershire spinners. Steven Sandhu scored 88 and Austin Crump 62 in a stand of 134 between them. Sanjay Sharma (56*) and Daniel Brosnan (24*) finished the innings well, and with some interruptions for rain, Warwickshire declared in an attempt to move the game forward towards a result. The Warwickshire bowlers struggled to wrestle any control in the 2nd innings, although left arm spinner Charlie Morris took five wickets and leg spinner Luke Jones took two. Worcestershire declared to set the Bears 280 to win. Four Warwickshire batsmen made it in to the 20's or 30's but no-one went on to build an innings or partnership to threaten the winning score. With so many players absent due to other cricket, this was an excellent match for those on the fringe of the squad to impress, and many did just that.



Another wicket to celebrate



A good season with the ball for Twigger and Jones

1-day match vs Moseley CC (Moseley CC)

Warwickshire won the toss and elected to field
Moseley CC – 179 all out
Warwickshire – 181 for 4
Warwickshire won by six wickets

Many thanks to Moseley CC once again for hosting us in a pre-season warm up match. Leg spinner Luke Jones took 6/27, and Academy duo Rob Yates (50) and Liam Banks (43) put on 95 in the opening stand, the former playing against his own club.

1-day match vs Devon Lions (Exeter CC)

Warwickshire won the toss and elected to field
Devon Lions – 210 for 8
Warwickshire – 192 for 4
Warwickshire won by 6 wickets (D/L method)

On a rain affected day, Devon Lions looked in trouble at 74/7 before their lower order moved the innings forward and took advantage of some sloppy late innings bowling and fielding from the Bears. Jack Twigger was the pick of the bowlers, swinging the ball late with 1/15 from 10 overs. The D/L calculations and frequent rain delays made the chase a little more challenging for the Bears, but significant innings from Jim Clifford (51 opening), Robbie Povey (20* from 12 balls) and particularly from Matthew Lamb (62*) saw us home with a few balls to spare.

1-day match vs New South Wales Schools

(King Edwards School, Birmingham)

NSW Schools won the toss and elected to field
Warwickshire – 162 all out
NSW Schools – 125 all out
Warwickshire won by 37 runs

Dampness and conditions ensured this was a low scoring affair with the ball dominating the bat. This said, at 89 for 2 having been put in to bat, Warwickshire looked in good shape to score well into the 200's to set a very challenging total. As expected, the Australians had a great deal of depth in the bowling attack and regular wickets led to an underwhelming 162 from the Bears. Opener Hamza Ahmed top scored with 32. The NSW batsmen fell at regular intervals with Jack Twigger (3/31), Ben Brookes (3/26) and Michael Waugh (2/14) the pick of the bowlers.

t20 matches vs Cheshire Development XI (Elworth CC) Game 1

Cheshire won the toss and elected to bat
Cheshire - 156 for 3
Warwickshire – 133 all out
Cheshire won by 23 runs

On a small ground and good pitch, the game was set up at 92 for 2 for Warwickshire to win, with Andy Umeed 31, Ed Pollock 34 and Matthew Lamb 28 all looking set and in match winning form. The last four wickets fell for one run.

Game 2

Warwickshire won the toss and elected to bat
Warwickshire - 156 for 7
Cheshire – 124 all out
Warwickshire won by 32 runs

Almost the reverse of the first match. Andy Umeed (69 off 55 balls) and Oliver Haley (49 off 25 balls) set the foundation for a competitive total, with Jack Twigger the pick of the bowlers with 3/27.

Unfortunately, the 1-day match vs a Staffordshire Development XI and a t20 day (two matches) vs Worcestershire were abandoned due to heavy rain.

Warwickshire Cricket Board Under 19's Averages 2015

BATting

BATSMAN	Inn	NO	RUNS	HS	Ave	c	st
M. LAMB	12	2	572	116	57.20	4	
A. UMEED	9	1	509	126	63.63	4	
O. HALEY	12	1	300	115	27.27	13	2
R. AUCOTT	6	0	188	129	31.33	1	
H. AHMED	9	1	188	54	23.50	3	
S. SANDHU	6	0	162	88	27.00	2	
B. BROOKES	8	1	142	53*	20.29	3	
L. BANKS	6	0	110	52	18.33		
A. THOMASON	5	0	107	41	21.40	7	
M. WAUGH	10	1	106	35	11.78	9	
A. CRUMP	4	0	104	62	26.00	2	
S. SHARMA	2	1	93	59	93.00	1	
R. POVEY	5	1	75	39	18.75	4	
R. YATES	2	1	69	50	69.00		
J. CLIFFORD	3	0	68	51	22.67		
D. BROSNAN	5	1	55	24*	13.75	5	1
B. PHAGURA	5	1	48	18	12.00	1	
L. JONES	8	4	45	25	11.25	2	
H. BLOFIELD	2	0	37	33	18.50		
E. POLLOCK	2	0	36	34	18.00		
J. TWIGGER	6	4	35	18	17.50	1	
S. SINGH	4	1	29	22	9.67	3	
M. ADAIR	3	1	25	19*	12.50	3	
J. HUNT	1	0	22	22	22.00	2	
G. HARGRAVE	1	0	19	19	19.00		
D. WRIGHT	4	1	10	8	3.33	4	
T. BANTON	3	1	4	4	2.00	7	2
T. OAKLEY	1	0	2	2	2.00	2	
M. ETEEN	1	0	2	2	2.00		
C. MORRIS	2	0	0	0	0.00		
B. GRIFFIN	1	0	0	0	0.00	2	1

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BOWLING

BOWLER	OVERS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	Ave	BEST
M. WAUGH	171.2	27	595	39	15.26	7 FOR 57
A. CRUMP	12	1	50	3	16.67	3 FOR 50
R. AUCOTT	18.5	3	75	4	18.75	3 FOR 75
J. HUNT	19	4	80	4	20.00	4 FOR 65
A. UMEED	8.4	1	41	2	20.50	2 FOR 22
L. JONES	66	5	274	11	24.91	6 FOR 27
M. ADAIR	43	10	157	6	26.17	3 FOR 47
H. BLOFIELD	11	0	53	2	26.50	2 FOR 53
J. TWIGGER	100	11	372	13	28.62	3 FOR 27
C. MORRIS	32.5	1	203	7	29.00	5 FOR 122
J. RUDGE	10	1	64	2	32.00	2 FOR 64
B. BROOKES	122	18	468	14	33.43	3 FOR 26
B. PHAGURA	44	8	172	5	34.40	3 FOR 21
D. WRIGHT	79.2	10	357	10	35.70	3 FOR 43
M. LAMB	20	3	72	2	36.00	2 FOR 38
S. SINGH	92	15	309	7	44.14	2 FOR 64
G. PANAYI	13.1	1	53	1	53.00	1 FOR 46
A. CRUMP	7	0	42	0		
L. BANKS	3	1	6	0		
T. OAKLEY	20	3	88	0		
T. BANTON	2	0	10	0		
S. SANDHU	8	1	35	0		
A. THOMASON	6	1	20	0		

Edgbaston's hidden treasures!

Ask the majority of Warwickshire CCC members, "have you been into the Visitor and Learning Centre and what do you think of it?" and a blank look often follows, with, "what's that?" or "I haven't had time yet!" being the usual response.

The Visitor and Learning Centre remains one of the great hidden secrets to many people either visiting Edgbaston for the first time, or when following their respective competing teams or perhaps more importantly, to Warwickshire CCC members in general.

Built as part of the Edgbaston development and opened by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, the Visitor and Learning Centre tells the story of Warwickshire County Cricket Club, its foundation, the early formative years, the great players who have played for the club, the many highs and the occasional lows on the field over the years and the great International experiences that have all helped Edgbaston evolve into becoming one of the most respected and loved cricket grounds in the world.

Open every day of the year, a walk through the Visitor and Learning Centre provides a chronological account of the history of Edgbaston, supported by a huge number of written and audio visual displays, backed up by relevant memorabilia from players and events carefully collected and displayed to complement the written word.

Located on the first floor of the new Pavilion immediately above the main reception area, the Visitor and Learning Centre also provides opportunities for youngsters of all Key Stage levels, to use inter-active equipment in helping understand the game of cricket, the techniques and the laws whilst concurrently learning in a "friendly" environment. Many schools are now incorporating the facility as a key part of their curriculum project work based on Edgbaston.

Complementing this, is the more traditional Cricket Museum located on the other side of the ground at the rear of the Wyatt Stand.

Members and visitors are incredibly fortunate to have so much floor space around the ground dedicated to Warwickshire CCC heritage and the Cricket Museum is brimming with original photographs, memorabilia, displays and collections, some owned and some donated that epitomise the ever evolving story of the Club and its history.

The Museum is only open during the lunch and tea intervals at LVCC matches, the interval at Royal London Cup games and before play on NatWest t20 evenings and depends on the help of volunteers to keep it open and supervised. During International matches and Finals Days the Museum remains open all day.

Volunteers are always welcome and are essential to keep the facility open during these hours, so if anyone feels they could give up a lunchtime or a teatime now and then to help, please contact Phil Britt the Museum Curator on 07881950718 or at philbritt@edgbaston.com and he will be pleased to hear from you.

Also the Museum sells second-hand books throughout the summer to raise funds to purchase new memorabilia and this is a well-supported and popular for visitors. During the season, original letters from Frank Foster the captain of the first Warwickshire Championship winning side in 1911 and W.G.Quaife 33,862 runs and 900 wickets for the club, were won at auction and will be on display for the oncoming 2016 season.

If anyone has any cricket books, Wisdens or magazines that they would like to donate, they can be left with reception during the winter for Phil's attention if he's not on site or brought in during next season.

The Heritage of the club is crucial to respect and protect and no-one is keener to enthusiastically show visiting players and officials these unique facilities, than Ian Bell often does when he is at Edgbaston.

When you are next at the ground whether it be during the winter months or not until next April, make sure you find a few minutes to walk around one or other of these two wonderful facilities, you won't be disappointed!



I am delighted to report that tours around our Edgbaston Stadium continue to be as popular as ever and 2015 has been just as busy, if not busier than previous years. The new stand with its superb facilities continues to be the main focus for those who book tours and as in previous years, they never cease to be impressed with what they see.

The two Skyline terraces with their amazing view of not just the Stadium but of the City Centre outlining the Rotunda, Radisson Blu Hotel, Post Office Tower and Cube invariably bring out the 'wow' factor and a sharp intake of breath.

From there, the Press Suite with its 139 positions, the Media Centre, Scorers', PA. and Control Rooms each create their own particular interest with the various Hospitality Suites, particularly the 650 capacity Banqueting Suite also drawing great attention.

However, there is no doubt that the Players' Area: Changing and Dining Rooms are the highlight for most and I am grateful to Keith Cook, Robin French and often the players themselves who, even if in attendance, allow us a quick peek into their outstanding facilities.

Whenever time allows, the Indoor Cricket Centre on the far side of the car park and the more traditional museum underneath the Wyatt stand also prove extremely popular

with visitors of all ages. Suffice it to say that the Stadium holds an abundance of areas to explore each with its own particular importance.

A pilot scheme with several Warwickshire and Birmingham Primary Schools proved to be very successful. On different days, between twenty and thirty youngsters arrived at Edgbaston with their teachers at around 9.30am. and were given a brief introduction before being shown around the Stadium. Certain significant areas and facts were pointed out to them before they made their way to the classrooms in the Indoor Cricket Centre where they were given a booklet containing worksheets for completion. Most of these are based on National Curriculum with numeracy, literacy, history and geography amongst the subjects included - in a fun way, I hasten to add.

After a brief stop for a packed lunch, the group would then enjoy some coaching and an indoor game of cricket. It is hoped to expand on these later in this year and in 2016.

Tours take place throughout the year, generally on Mondays and Tuesdays at 10am and 2pm and must be booked in advance. Details can be found on the Edgbaston website and you would be more than welcome to join one.

Finally, many thanks to Catherine, Grace and presently Shauna for co-ordinating the tours from the Club offices.



Stunning Views



The 2014-15 Warwickshire CCC Academy Squad was announced in October 2014 and congratulations to the following players on achieving Academy status:

Liam Banks	Hem Heath CC	Under 16
Tom Banton	Barnt Green CC	Under 16
Ben Brookes	Knowle and Dorridge CC	Under 18
Oliver Haley	Berkswell CC	Under 19
George Hargrave	Worfield CC	Under 16
Marie Kelly	Moseley CC	Under 19
Matthew Lamb	Barnt Green CC	Under 19
George Panayi	Shrewsbury CC	Under 17
Brinder Phagura	West Bromwich Dartmouth CC	Under 19
Sukhjit (Sunny) Singh	Smethwick CC	Under 19
Michael Waugh	Walmley CC	Under 19
Robert Yates	Moseley CC	Under 15

Following an Induction Day in early November, the new Academy squad got cracking with their winter preparation firstly under the direction of Gary Steer, and then in January under new Elite Cricket Development Manager Paul Greetham. The WCCC professional coaching staff of Dougie Brown, Alan Richardson, Tony Frost and Jim Troughton all assist with the development and coaching of these young players, such is the importance placed on their progress. Strength and conditioning support is delivered by Chris Armstrong and his support staff, whilst we are hugely indebted to WCCC Physio Gerhard Mostert, who works tirelessly to keep as many staff and Academy players fit and 'on the park' as possible.

12-14 hours per week of contact time is made available to the Academy players at Edgbaston during the winter months, although this is dependent upon where they school or go to university, some of this is delivered 'off-site' with more tailor-made programmes. A player's holistic development is crucial, and therefore the WCCC Academy aims to improve the player technically, tactically, mentally, physically and also offers significant guidance on personal, lifestyle and career matters. The winter programme also allows the players to work on red and white ball skills and tactics, as the modern game demands an understanding and technical base in multi-day, one day and t20 formats. During the summer months, those who are not involved in fixtures train once a week to maintain fitness and skills during a heavy matchplay programme at county age group or 2nd XI level.

Mark Holland (Academy Psychologist) meets players on a 1-1 basis, but was also very active in observing and working with players during training this year. Lynsey Williams (PCA Personal Development and Welfare Officer) has been on hand throughout the year either advising players individually on their career in cricket or beyond, or delivering important workshops and information relevant to a cricketer's development, such as drugs/corruption in the game, or media training.

Finally, many of our Academy players in the 16 to 19 age range complete the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence, a qualification which complements the Academy programme, and can contribute towards UCAS points if a player chooses to move in to Further Education. Former Derbyshire player and Director of Cricket Karl Krikken (current Shropshire Head Coach), assesses the progress of the Apprentices in their understanding of the demands of professional sport.

The Academy squad of players have achieved a great deal this season – highlights include:

Liam Banks was awarded the Neal Abberley Trophy for an outstanding contribution to Warwickshire youth cricket in 2015. Liam made his second XI debut this season at the age of 16 in one day and three day cricket, and scored 61 vs Worcestershire. In all age group cricket, he scored 548 runs at an average of 60.89 including two centuries and 97 vs Hampshire in the U17 National Final. Liam played for the Midlands region in the ECB National Super Fours competition, with a high score of 86 vs the North. He was also selected for an Invitational ECB XI to play the MCC at Lords in September.



Tom Banton



Marie Kelly

Tom Banton made his debut in the 2nd XI this season in one day and three day cricket at the age of 16 as a wicket keeper batsman. Like Liam, Tom was selected in the Midlands regional team in the ECB National Super Fours as well as the Invitational ECB XI in September to play the MCC.

Marie Kelly continued her development at Loughborough University and was again a member of the ECB U19 Women's squad.

Matthew Lamb broke through in to the 2nd XI this season following an outstanding year in the U19's, scoring three half centuries and two centuries. On debut for the 2nd XI vs Worcestershire, Matt scored an unbeaten 146, following that up with 99 vs Gloucestershire in the next 2nd XI Championship match. Although not on the contracted staff, Matt has been given the opportunity to train and play with Warwickshire during winter 15-16 and in the summer 2016 season. He will also attend the Tom Maynard Academy training camp in Feb/March 2016.

George Panayi was another young player who made his 2nd XI debut in 2015. It was a tough first outing vs Yorkshire away, however a successful one in that the team won and George took three first innings wickets including that of overseas international player Glenn Maxwell. Earlier in the season, George took the new ball for the England U17 XI that faced Pakistan in the UAE, and George has been invited to the England Development Programme U19 training during winter 15/16 as the U19 squad prepare for the World Cup in Bangladesh early in 2016. George was also awarded the Neal Abberley Trophy for outstanding contribution to Warwickshire youth cricket.

Michael Waugh is still a member of the Scotland Development Squad, and had an outstanding season in U19 cricket for Warwickshire, taking 39 wickets with his off breaks.

Congratulations to Sukhjot (Sunny) Singh, a left arm spinner who has been awarded an Academy Development Contract for 2015-16. Sunny attended the pre-season Barbados trip with the professional squad as well as the Tom Maynard Academy earlier in the year. He has also been awarded an ECB Scholarship and grant to attend the Darren Lehmann Academy out in Adelaide between October 2015 and March 2016.



George Panayi



Mark Adair

Robert Yates was selected for the ECB Midlands region for the 2015 Bunbury Festival at Malvern College, and subsequently gained selection for the combined Midlands/North team which took on the West/London and East team at Loughborough in September. Robert, as an U15 top order batsman, made his debut at U17 and U19 level this season.



Robert Yates



Aaron Thomason

Academy contracted players for 2015, Andy Umeed and Mark Adair have gone from strength to strength performing well in 2nd XI and U19 cricket. Aaron Thomason has struggled with injury preventing him bowling a great deal – but his batting has developed exceptionally well in 2015. Andy scored 346 2nd XI Championship runs (with a high score of 164*) plus over 200 runs in 2nd XI one day and t20 cricket. He also dominated the few U19 matches he played, scoring over 500 runs and three centuries. Seam bowling all-rounder Mark took 24 2nd XI Championship wickets plus a further 16 in one day and t20 cricket. Aaron represented England at U19 level in Australia earlier in the year scoring three half centuries in the ODI series. He scored 282 2nd XI Championship runs for Warwickshire including a high score of 145, and a further 185 runs in one day and t20 cricket.

Academy Development Contracts in 2015-16 have been awarded to Sukhjot Singh, Mark Adair and Ed Pollock, with Matthew Lamb also been invited to train with the professional squad. Selection of these Development Contracts as well as for the WCCC Academy reflect the priorities of the Director of Cricket in terms of succession to those in the professional squad.



SHIRLEY GRIFFITHS 1930-2015

The death has been announced of former Warwickshire player Shirley Griffiths at his home in Southport, Lancashire at the age of 84.

Born in Barbados in July 1930, Shirley played in twenty seven first-class matches for Warwickshire between 1956 and 1958. A right arm fast bowler, he played three first-class matches in 1956, all against non-county sides, whilst serving his qualification year. His first-class debut was against Cambridge University at Fenner's in June 1956, returning his season's best of 4-31. He took eleven wickets in his three appearances.

He made his County Championship debut in 1957 against Leicestershire at Edgbaston and took the first of his four career, five wickets or better in an innings returns, against Oxford University in May 1957 taking 5-39. In all he took twenty eight wickets that season in eleven matches.

In 1958, in what was to be his final season as a first-class cricketer, he played thirteen matches taking thirty five wickets with a best of 7-62 against Kent at Edgbaston in June.

As a batsman he made just seventy six career runs in twenty six innings, twelve of which he was undefeated. He left the staff at the end of the 1958 season and played no more first-class cricket.

Photograph courtesy of Steven Sheen



ALEXANDER EDWARD DAVIS 1923-2015

Warwickshire's former 1st team scorer, Alex Davis, sadly passed away after a lengthy illness in October 2015 at the age of 92. Alex was associated with Warwickshire cricket from the junior levels right through to 1st team cricket as well as scoring regularly in the Birmingham & District league. He was also called upon on many occasions to score for England both home and away.

After starting his scoring duties on the Edgbaston Colts ground with the Warwickshire Colts team he progressed to eventually become 1st team scorer for more than 10 years, retiring from the position at the end of the 1998 season. In 1994 Alex was in the Caribbean with England when he recorded every single run scored by Brian Lara in his Test Match record breaking 375 in Antigua, only to follow this two months later by recording every run in Lara's momentous 501* against Durham at Edgbaston.

A quiet, modest and humble man, Alex was appointed as a Club Vice President in 1998 in recognition of his services and remained a devoted follower of Warwickshire cricket throughout his life. It was a mark of the high esteem in which Alex was held that his funeral at Robin Hood cemetery was attended by so many Warwickshire cricketers from across the generations who came to pay their respects to a wonderful man and a great ambassador for the game in this County.

PRESIDENT

The Rt. Hon. 12th Earl of Aylesford

VICE-PRESIDENTS

H.M. Lord Lieutenant for the County of West Midlands

H.M. Lord Lieutenant for the County of Warwick

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Birmingham

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Coventry

The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Birmingham

The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Coventry

The Most Reverend The Archbishop of Birmingham

The Chief Constable, West Midlands Police

The Right Hon. Lord Iliffe

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Lord Geoffrey Dear, Q.P.M., L.L.B., D.L.

J.E.G. Stubbings, Esq.

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Jamie McDowall	Mike Williams
Jeremy Payne	John Winspear

MANAGEMENT BOARD

John Dodge	Michelle Leavesley*
Craig Flindall	Neil Snowball
Norman Gascoigne	Mike Williams
	John Winspear

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Dougie Brown	Norman Gascoigne
Ian Bell	Jamie McDowall
Asif Din	Neil Smith
John Dodge	Neil Snowball
	John Winspear

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Craig Flindall	Jeremy Payne
	Mike Williams

* Independent appointed directors

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Neil Snowball

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Dougie Brown	Director of Cricket
Gareth Roberts	Commercial Director
Craig Flindall	Financial Director
Ed McCabe	General Manager Warwickshire Cricket Board

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB (Club)
MANAGEMENT BOARD (MB)
TERMS OF REFERENCE

In accordance with the Rules of the Club:

1. The MB is responsible for exercising the powers of the General Committee (GC) delegated to it as set out herein, in such a way as to ensure that the high standards and values of the Club are maintained.
2. The MB shall:
 - a) Identify the Club's strategic objectives for approval by the GC.
 - b) Ensure that the necessary financial and human resources, including contracted playing staff, are in place for the Club to meet those objectives.
 - c) Review performance against such milestones as the MB agree, having regard to the Club's objectives.
 - d) Prepare an annual business and financial plan ('the budget') for approval by the GC and review performance against the plan on a regular and timely basis.
 - e) Identify the limits on expenditure to be delegated to the MB by the GC for approval annually by the GC, likewise the expenditure limits to be delegated to the Chief Executive (CE) by the GC (together know as 'the delegated authority')
 - f) The delegated authority for the time being, and until amended by the GC shall be:
 - i. Expenditure included within the current year's budget.
 - ii. Otherwise, expenditure on a single matter not exceeding £500,000 whether in the current financial year or not, and contracts, whether income generating or not, of up to 3 years duration.
 - iii. Expenditure on a single matter not exceeding £250,000 whether in the current financial year or not, and contracts of up to 12 months duration may be authorised by the CE, so long as such is reported to the MB.
 - g) Oversee preparation of the Club's Annual Report and Accounts for approval by the GC prior to their submission for adoption to the AGM.
 - h) Make recommendations to the GC concerning the categories of membership and annual subscriptions.
 - i) Ensure effective communication between the Club and the members.
 - j) In exercising these powers, take into account, where expressed, the views of the GC.
 - k) Report on its activities to the GC at such times as the GC shall determine.
3. Membership of the MB will comprise:
 - a) The Club Chairman acting as Chairman.
 - b) The Chairman of Cricket.
 - c) Three members elected by the GC.
 - d) Up to three non executive directors, subject to the approval of the GC.
 - e) The Chief Executive.
 - f) The Finance Director.
 - g) All of the above members of the MB will be Officers of the Club.
4. The GC members shall be elected annually.
5. In the absence of the Chairman the remaining members will appoint a Chairman for the meeting from their own number.
6. If any GC member is unable to attend meetings as a result of ill health an alternate may be appointed from the GC at the discretion of the Chairman.
7. A meeting of the MB will require a quorum of at least three members. Each member has one vote, save that the Chairman of the meeting has an additional casting vote. Absent members may cast their vote by proxy through the Chairman, either by giving an instruction or to be exercised at the discretion of the Chairman.
8. Any member of the GC or Senior Management Team not elected or chosen as one of the members of the MB may attend meetings by invitation but has no vote.
9. The MB will meet at a frequency which it deems appropriate subject to a minimum of four meetings per calendar year.
10. Subject to the above, the MB may regulate its own procedure.

PRESIDENT

1882-1901	Lord Willoughby de Broke	1955	Dr Stanley Barnes
1902-1906	The 5th Earl of Warwick	1955-1957	Lord Bennett
1907-1908	Lord Calthorpe	1957-1959	The 7th Earl of Warwick
1909-1911	The Earl of Craven	1959-1975	Lt-General Sir Oliver Leese, Bt.
1912-1914	The 5th Earl of Warwick	1975-1979	Brig. Sir Richard HAG Calthorpe, Bt.
1915-1930	Ludford C Docker	1979-1998	The Rt Hon. 11th Earl of Aylesford
1931-1942	Sir Charles Hyde, Bt.	1999	The Rt Hon. 12th Earl of Aylesford
1943-1955	Dr Harold Thwaites		

SECRETARY/CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1899-1944	RV Ryder	1994-2006	DL Amiss M.B.E.
1944-1976	LT Deakins, M.B.E.	2006-2015	C Povey
1976-1986	AC Smith, C.B.E.	2016-	N Snowball
1986-1994	DMW Heath		

† The title of the office of Secretary ceased to exist as at 27th January 1993, and was replaced by the new title of Chief Executive

CAPTAIN

1882-1883	David Buchanan	1975-1977	David J Brown
1884-1886	Hugh Rotherham	1978-1979	John Whitehouse
1887-1901	HW Bainbridge	1980-1984	Robert GD Willis, M.B.E.
1902	HW Bainbridge and TS Fishwick	1985-1987	Norman Gifford, M.B.E.
1903-1906	JF Byrne	1988-1992	Andy Lloyd
1907	TS Fishwick and JF Byrne	1993-1996	Dermot Reeve, O.B.E.
1908-1909	ACS Glover	1997	Timothy A Munton
1910	HJ Goodwin	1998	Brian C Lara
1911-1914	FR Foster	1999-2000	Neil MK Smith
1919	GW Stephens	2001-2003	Michael J Powell
1920-1929	The Hon. FSG Calthorpe	2003-2005	Nicholas V Knight
1930-1937	RES Wyatt	2005-2007	Heath H Streak
1938-1947	P Cranmer	2007-2008	Darren L Maddy
1948	HE Dollery and RH Maudsley	2009-2010	Ian J Westwood
1949-1955	HE Dollery	2011-2014	Jim O Troughton
1956	WE Hollies	2015-2016	Varun Chopra
1957-1967	MJK Smith, O.B.E.	2016-	Ian Bell
1968-1974	Alan C Smith C.B.E.		

(No official cricket was played by the club in the war years, 1940-45 inclusive and Mr P. Cranmer served with the armed forces throughout this period.)

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS (in order of appointment)

Frederick Messiter	RES Wyatt	TL Pritchard
William Ansell	CC Goodway	JM Bridgman
George H Cartland	RGD Willis, M.B.E.	DC Bryant, M.B.E.
JA Marigold	AC Smith, C.B.E.	H Cherry
Lt.Col. E Martineau, C.M.G., V.D., T.D.	DL Amiss, M.B.E.	NMK Smith
The Reverend Edward Pereira	DJ Brown	AJ Moles
RA Pinsent (later Sir Roy Pinsent, Bt.)	LF Fellows	TA Munton
Frank R Foster	DMW Heath	RN Abberley
F Sidney Goodwin	RA Woolmer	NV Knight
RV Ryder	PA Gough	DR Brown
Sydney Santall	DA Reeve, O.B.E.	MA Din
EJ (Tiger) Smith	JD Bannister	AF Giles, M.B.E.
Dr. Harold Thwaite	TW Cartwright	ASM Oakman
Capt. CFR Cowan, D.S.O., R.N.	RE Hitchcock	DP Ostler
CAF Hastilow, C.B.E.	AI Kallicharran	KJ Piper
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WE Hollies	GW Humpage	IR Bell M.B.E.
Peter Cranmer	JA Jameson MBE	SG Mills
MJK Smith O.B.E.	TA Lloyd	C Povey
Edmund H King	NF Horner	
Leslie T Deakins, M.B.E	A Townsend	

The following were elected Honorary Life Members in 1913 as an acknowledgment of their very generous gesture in returning as a gift to the Club, Shares they had previously purchased in the Warwickshire Cricket Ground Ltd.

GS Albright	Sir GH Kenrick
Sir MD Chalmers	JW Lea
WE Chance	FW Lindner
AH Griffiths	Godfrey Nettlefold
Sir John Holder,	Bt. R Ramsden
WHP Jenkins	George Zair
A Keen	

CHAIRMAN

1882-1885	David Buchanan	1972-1983	Cyril C Goodway
1885-1931	George H Cartland	1983-1988	Anthony D Steven
1931-1939	Herbert W Bainbridge	1988-1990	RJ Evans
1939-1943	Dr. Harold Thwaite	1991-2003	MJK Smith, O.B.E.
1943-1948	Colin K Langley	2003-2010	WN Houghton
1948-1962	CAF Hastilow	2010-	N Gascoigne
1962-1972‡	Edmund H King		

‡ The Chairmanship was a Committee appointment exclusively from 1882-1962, but on April 2nd in the latter year, it was made a Club appointment, although election remains vested in the Committee itself, as with the Captaincy. Mr King took office as the first Club Chairman on November 1st 1962

HON.TREASURER

1882-1883	William Ansell	1958	Douglas W Turner
1884	Col. Swynfen Jervis	1959-1962	Edmund H King
1885-1891	David Buchanan	1962-1979	James McDowall
1892-1900	Frederick Messiter	1979-1987	Philip A Gough
1901-1908	JC Lane	1987-1998	W Neil Houghton
1909-1926	F Sidney Goodwin	1999-2000	J Whitehouse
1927-1929	Cecil Wheeler	2000-2014	Steven G Mills
1943-1957	Capt. CFR Cowan, D.S.O., R.N.		

Note:

The office of Hon. Treasurer was removed from the constitution at the A.G.M. in 2014 as part of a wider review of governance structures.

PRESIDENT

D R Oakes

CHAIRMAN AND HONORARY SECRETARY

J D Ratcliffe

VICE-CHAIRMAN

D L Amiss, MBE

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HONORARY ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND ORGANISER

K V Cook

COMMITTEE MEMBERSD R Brown, A F Giles, J I McDowall
S J Rouse, G C Small, K D Smith, N M K Smith**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The work of the Warwickshire Old County Cricketers' Association goes on all year but it is mostly through the month so of the cricket season that many of the members get together.

Following the success of the inaugural event in May 2014 the County Club once again decided to hold a Community Open Day at Edgbaston, with many activities taking place around the stadium and concluding with a t20 cricket match between a Warwickshire Legends XI and a Combined Services XI to highlight the work of Fisher House



Community Day Teams

in supporting the families of injured servicemen and women. It was great to get such wonderful support from many of our former players including Dougie Brown, Neil Smith, Asif Din, Alan Richardson and David Banks. It was especially pleasing to welcome Willy Morton back to Edgbaston to play in the game when he travelled down from Scotland to meet up with many of his colleagues. Willy played for the Bears in 1984-1985 and it was a great pleasure for him to "wear the Bear on his chest" for one last time. It is difficult to stress how much these players from years gone by truly value their association with this great Club long after their playing days are over and what a very special place Edgbaston is for so many.

Also during the month of May the Association held its annual general meeting at Edgbaston and coincided this with taking in some cricket during day three of the LV County Championship match against Worcestershire. It was good to see many familiar faces during the day and as always the County Club, through the offices of Club Chairman, Norman Gascoigne and Chief Executive, Colin Povey, provided marvellous hospitality in the Committee room which was enjoyed and appreciated by all present. There can be little doubt that Warwickshire provides support of its Old Players' association to a level which is unparalleled on the domestic County scene.

WOCCA's President in 2015 was Dennis Oakes, who had the honour of hosting his own President's Day lunch in the Committee Room on Sunday 19 July. We had the pleasure of welcoming 30 or 40 members of the association to an excellent lunch – many of whom were able to bring along their wife or partner to enjoy the day and enjoy the atmosphere of Edgbaston on a sunny afternoon. Once again the County Club continued to excel in providing warm and genuine hospitality for all those present.



WOCCA Day

On October 23rd the Association held its annual golf day and dinner- allowing many former players to get together in the autumn at Edgbaston Golf Club before returning back

to the Edgbaston Stadium for a wonderful dinner in the Committee Room. Around 25 members of the association made the journey and it was great to welcome Chris Maynard back to Edgbaston for the first time in many years. Many followers of the club will remember Chris as a young wicketkeeper batsman who played 24 matches for the Bears between 1978 and 1982 before moving to Lancashire to pursue a new career. It is gratifying to note that once again the links with Warwickshire and its former players continues to attract many back here after what seems a life time away. As the say "once a Bear, always a Bear".

Sadly, the association also had to "say goodbye" to a number of former players who passed away during the year including Shirley Griffiths, Michael Mills and although not a

Warwickshire players, former 1st XI scorer, Alex Davis was in every way a Bear at heart. Our thoughts and condolences go to all of the families and friends who have lost someone close to them.

We continue the work of gathering contact details for anyone who has ever represented Warwickshire in the past and once again, John Jameson has been working hard behind the scenes to extend the contact database. Without this highly valuable work, it would be so easy to lose contact with many of our former players when they retire from the game and move away.



Community Day 2015

The Edgbaston Cricket Centre as always provides a home mostly during the winter for the Club's professional staff, Academy, Emerging players' squads and Warwickshire cricket Board, as well as on the second floor we have the offices for the ECB Coaches Association.

We have a wide range of users from the local community visiting for their weekly training sessions during the winter months; these include Cricket Clubs, Schools, Colleges and local businesses. From time to time we have the ECB Disability and Blind squad's regional training sessions, as well as ECB meetings, seminars and training courses.

The winter period is the busiest time for the cricket centre and not only did we have the above mentioned users, the following was offered by the centre to the community at large – Mini bears coaching sessions which covers the 5 to 7 years old age group, one to one coaching for one and all across the age groups and was delivered to various levels of abilities, all these activities remain very popular with our customers and thanks to all our coaches who deliver these sessions on behalf of the Edgbaston Cricket Centre.

The summer months is obviously the slowest period for the centre but we kept it open be it on demand and this proved to be very much a success, especially when the weather was not too great.

During the Ashes series and the ODI against New Zealand we provided training facilities' for all three International teams – England, New Zealand and Australia; they were all impressed with the service and nets.

The centre operations from day to day depends on good reliable staff and I would like to thank Tom Galloway, Ray Baker, John Chaplin and John Ruston for their help and support with the smooth running of the centre;



Tom Galloway



Andy Owen returns to Edgbaston

although at the end of September Tom Galloway retired after 17 years at Edgbaston working mainly in the cricket centre; I would like to wish him all the very best in the coming years, however looking ahead we have appointed a new member of staff to replace Tom; he is Andy Owen who's role will be Administration and Marketing within the cricket centre.

In general the centre is looking much better in terms of cleaner and brighter especially in reception, there is still some way to go to with a view of having a well presented International World class centre – so we will constantly continue to refurbish as and when we can do so.

In closing I would like to thank all the customers who have used the Edgbaston Cricket Centre throughout the last 12 months, we thank you for your support and at times patience and we will endeavour to provide the same and better level of service.



Getting ready for 2016



Josh Poysden



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Primary School Cricket

The WCB utilised Chance to Shine funding and support to run a very successful schools coaching, competition and cricket development programme. Cricket was delivered to 140 primary schools, 65 Secondary Schools. Primary schools competed in over 70 Chance to Shine and Kwik Cricket festivals run across the county, as well as 40 teachers attending cricket for teachers courses held at Edgbaston. Schools also competed in other competitions such as the Lord's Taverners' Hard Ball and Indoor Tournaments. Across schools coaching and all competitions and festivals it means that over 6000 children experienced cricket thanks to the Chance to Shine programme. The winners of these competitions are below:

Primary School Competition Winners

Competition	Winner	Runner up
Kwik Cricket Year 5	Arden Primary School	Christ the King Catholic Primary School
Kwik Cricket Year 6	Sharmans Cross Junior School	Highfield Jandl School
Kwik Cricket Year 6 Girls	Stivichal Primary School	Coton End Primary School

These sessions were delivered by full time coach Alex Roslyn and part time coaches Chloe Hill, Gagandeep Singh, Nick Gessey, Mike Brookes, Laura Crofts, Khalid Sadiq and Anthony Kilroy, Matt Dutton, Nathan Edwards and coaches from Complete Cricket. A credit must go to all the coaches for the high standard of schools coaching and festivals this year.

We were very lucky to have three Chance to Shine ambassadors Tammy Beaumont, Lydia Greenway and Jenny Gunn accompanying WCB coaches into many schools such as Langley primary, Bishop Challonor, Lordswood and Tudor Grange, as well as Berkswell and Barford Primary schools amongst the lucky few!

Tammy, Lydia and Jenny's support with coaching, training teachers and delivering assemblies has been outstanding. Their enthusiasm and love for the game has seen them become immensely popular figures within various schools around Warwickshire. They have offered expert advice to children, signed countless autographs and answered hundreds of questions. We are very grateful for all their help and hope they will play a major role in the development of cricket throughout Warwickshire.

Secondary School Cricket

It's an often quoted mantra that cricket in state schools is dying out and not played. The table below paints a slightly different picture with the results of 24 finals that were through the spring and summer of 2015 being noted.

The various competitions are run by School Sports Associations run by volunteer teachers and supported by the WCB. In total over 80 secondary schools take part in one or more of the competitions which is approximately 50% of the Counties secondary schools. The changing face of cricket is demonstrated with the Birmingham Schools Super 8 s competition – 8 a side/8 overs and played in an hour – perfect for the sports teacher with 3 or 4 year groups to look after.

We have been supported throughout 2015 by Chance to which has enabled us to deliver coaching and after school clubs in 65 secondary schools. The programme covered all aspects of the game including umpiring, scoring and leadership.

2015 has proven to be a successful year for cricket in schools all over Warwickshire.

Warwickshire Cricket Board Indoor Finals

Edgbaston County Ground was the host to this year's secondary school indoor cricket finals. Across the county there were 30 schools that entered the competition and the best of these teams were invited to compete for the title of county winners. Games were extremely close between schools with most games being decided on the last over of the game, the final results are detailed below:

Competition	Winners
Lady Taverners U13	Tudor Grange
Lady Taverners U13	Tudor Grange
U12s Boys	Tudor Grange
U13s Boys	Tudor Grange
U14 Boys	Washwood Heath
U15s Boys	Kineton High School

Birmingham Schools Cricket Association

Competition	Cup Winners	Runners Up
U12 Stacey Jackson	KE Five Ways	KE Aston
U12 Super 8s	Broadway	Fairfax
U13 Amiss	KE Five Ways	KE Camp Hill
U14 Willis	Washwood Heath	Hodge Hill
U15 Docker	To be played Saltley v Camp Hill	

Coventry Schools Cricket Association

Competition	Cup Winners	Runners Up
U12 Jaguar Trophy	Woodlands/Blue Coat (shared)	
U13 Bob Coward Trophy	President Kennedy	Finham Park
U14 Harold Suddens Trophy	Woodlands	Finham Park
U15 N.K. Walker Trophy	President Kennedy	Finham Park

Warwickshire Schools Cricket Association

Competition	Cup Winners	Runners Up
U12 Gladstone Small	Solihull	KES
U12 Dougie Brown	Warwick B	Langley
U13 Neal Abberley	Warwick	Solihull
U13 Leslie Fellows	Langley	St. Peters
U14 John Marshall	Solihull	Warwick
U14 Ernest Troop	Langley	Saltley
U15 ESCA t20	Warwick	Solihull
U15 Bob Coward	Lawrence Sheriff	KES 'B'
U19 Hugh Cherry	Solihull School	Solihull 6th Form College

Osca Winners 2015

Amjad Aziz



Tom Randle



Martyn Collis



Alan Hyatt



Roger Lewis



Rick Coleman

2015 was a year of consolidation for WCB after significant staffing changes in 2014. There was a lot of good work, and much to celebrate. Highlights of the Year were...

The emergence of the Edgbaston Foundation Ground

WCB is proud to have been part of the process and work involved in developing this new ground. We took full advantage of the new facility and organised a considerable number of school & community festivals there as well as matches, meetings and finals. The opening event on Monday 27th July went really well and Ian Bell performed the honours in style.

It is imperative that we thank Persimmon Homes, the England & Wales Cricket Board, Birmingham City Council and Sport England for their sizable contributions and support.



Cricket Force at Portland Road

The Warwickshire OSCAs

The Warwickshire Cricket Board honoured volunteers working in the grassroots of the game across the region by staging its NatWest Outstanding Services to Cricket Awards (OSCAs) ceremony at Edgbaston in September. Six dedicated and hardworking volunteers who do so much for the grassroots game in Warwickshire and the West Midlands were presented with their awards in a special lunch ceremony in the Committee Room at Edgbaston, with Warwickshire Cricket Board Chairman Mike Williams presenting the honours.

The Heartbeat of the Club award was presented to Roger Lewis of Solihull Blossomfield CC who has been acting as the club's chairman for more than 15 years.

Seventeen year-old Tom Randle received the Young Volunteer Award for his role as a player, coach, groundsman and integral member of Corley CC.

Amjad Aziz, who won the Behind the Scenes Award at last year's Asian Cricket Awards, was presented with the Leagues Award for his management role in the Birmingham Parks League for the last 15 years.

The Coach of the Year prize went to Martyn Collis for his role in disability cricket with the Warwickshire Cricket Board. In the last 12 months Martyn set-up a Table Cricket League for Special Schools and helped many children with impairments play cricket.

Alan Hyatt from Kings Heath CC and the Warwickshire Cricket Board was the recipient of the Lifetime Coach Award for his years of coaching and administrative service. Alan then went on to win the National Title at the Lord's OSCA – many congratulations.



Alan Hyatt receives his awards



Cricket in the Community

Through investment from ECB and Chance to Shine we were able to continue and develop our comprehensive participation programme for children and adults in the inner Cities. The Street cricket programme, in particular is really impactful providing hundreds of opportunities to regularly play the great game. A massive highlight was when Moeen Ali visited the Sparkhill Park sessions and was bowled out by.

Ismail Aziz (aged 14!) We also started a programme of pupil integration through cricket through Deloitte and this will really grow in 2016.

Club Cricket

22 Warwickshire Clubs received ECB Small Grants in 2015 for covers as part of the Get the Game On Campaign in a County-wide investment programme of over £60,000. We also developed many good working relationships with the various leagues in the County. The ECB's research showed a stabilisation in adult participation figures and the work our leagues are doing to get the right playing offers and formats in place are highly commendable. This involves our own youth competitions, which were once again highly productive.

Congratulations to all our Youth League winners and runners up detailed in the table overleaf.

In total 17 clubs are represented in the table which demonstrates the amount of cricket being played in clubs across the county. As well as recognising sides who win at this time of year it's also a good time to recognise the enormous effort put in at the 70+ clubs who enter one or more of our competitions. There are countless hours input by volunteer coaches / managers and scorers (many of whom will be reading this) so on behalf of WCB a massive thank you.

2015 saw a number of new incentives in our offer with competitions running from U9 hardball to Under 19 t20s. The Under 9 hardball ran for the first time with a 16 yard wicket which helped the level of play and the standard was excellent for players so young. In the Under 19s we encouraged players to take ownership of their cricket and organise games themselves. This resulted in some excellent initiatives which increased club usage and got players re involved in the game. We saw BBQs, Music, Coloured clothing and lots of people at the ground when they wouldn't normally be there. Both will continue in 2016.

Coach Education

We've had a superb year on this front with over 80 new L2 coaches qualified including a cohort from the Parks League and more females than ever before. 2016 will see us really concentrating on improving the quality of coaching on offer out there in clubs and schools.

Fund-raising

We had a very successful golf day with 12 teams at Handsworth Golf Club and we wish to thank all those teams for participating and to Danny Longhorne for organising it. The other feature of our fund-raising efforts was the children's book written by Rachael Wong and illustrated by Jim Troughton. It's a brilliant story and is entitled 'The Legend of Morvidus; The Bear, the Bat and the Ragged Staff'. Copies can be found in the Club Shop! Thanks so much to Rachael and Jim for their huge efforts.

The Cricket Board

Many thanks go to our Directors – Mike Williams, John Winspear, Dave Simpson, Clive Bawden and Danny Longhorne for their ongoing stewardship and support.



Bedworth Under 19 Squad

Youth Club Competition Winners 2015

Competition	Winners	Runners up
U9 Hardball	Kenilworth Wardens	Corley
U10 League	Walmley	Bablake Old Boys
U11 Pairs League	Attock	Bablake Old Boys
U11 Premier League	Walmley	Olton and West Warwicks
U11 Girls Softball	Kings Health	
U12 League	Walmley	Knowle and Dorridge
U13 League	Walmley	Knowle and Dorridge
U13 Premier League	Olton and West Warwicks	Walmley
U13 Cup	Knowle and Dorridge	Berkswell
U13 Girls Hardball	Walmley	Earlwood and Moseley
U13 Girls Softball	Earlwood and Moseley	Standard
U14 League	Knowle and Dorridge	Olton and West Warwicks
U15 League	Weoley Hill	Hampton and Solihull
U15 Championship	Stratford-upon-Avon	Nuneaton
U15 Premier League	Walmley	Leamington
U16 League	Berkswell	Bedworth
U17 League for the Bill Lloyd Trophy	Bedworth	Kenilworth Wardens
U17 Girls Hardball	Kings Health	Walmley
U19 NatWest Blast Cup	Bedworth	Moseley
Women's T20 League	Five Ways Old Edwardians	Walmley

Warwickshire Under 10

The Under 10s had a very good season making a big impression in their first year of county cricket. Of the 11 matches played (1 rained off) they won nine and lost only two. All of the boys were given the opportunity to show what they could do in terms of batting and bowling, with many of them showing great promise for the future. They were also involved in an experiment in terms of the length of pitch and had one match on a 16 yard pitch and one on a 17 yard pitch instead of the normal 19 yards. This proved to be very interesting and the boys adapted well in each case.

We started well with a comfortable win against London Schools (Baines 87, Sohail 3 wickets for 2, Hall 3 wickets for 8) before having to play Derbyshire on a 16 yard pitch. This took our batsmen by surprise but in a low scoring match (Mousley 35), the bowlers dominated to overhaul the opposition (Graham 4 for 24, Khan 2 for 10). We were expecting our next two matches to be far more difficult. However, in a tight game against Yorkshire (Azram 32*, Raybould 21*, Khan 3 for 4, Sohail 2 for 10) we came out eventual winners. We were surprised to beat Lancashire quite easily, their batting proving not to be as strong as expected our bowlers once again dominating the match (Khan 6 for 6, Raybould 34, Baines 27*). The bowlers were in form once again against Berkshire and skittled the opposition out for a low total before getting the runs easily (Graham 2 for 11, Nirantharakumar 2 for 6, Khan 2 for 4, Khan 46). Leicestershire proved to be strong and at one point were in a winning position. However, in a low scoring match, the bowlers bowled well at the end of the innings and we came out eventual winners (Mousley 68, Hall 21, Graham 4 for 23, and Srikanthan 2 for 23).

With the match against Shropshire rained off our next match was against Worcestershire on a 17 yard pitch. Playing much better on the shorter pitch this time, we won quite easily, though at times found scoring runs difficult (Shaikh 36*, Raybould 25, Sohail 2 for 4, Graham 2 for 13, Khan 2 for 1).

It was then off to the Malvern Festival where we played three matches. The first against Gloucestershire didn't go so well and we lost for the first time though the bowlers once again did well, sharing the wickets around (Sohail 2 for 17, Nirantharakumar 2 for 17, Ali 2 for 7, Srikanthan 2 for 24). We ran out comfortable winners against Bedfordshire (Shaikh 34, Ali 36, and Nirantharakumar 3 for 27), before a good win against Wiltshire where Amaan Khan scored a very good 100 not out. He was well supported by other batsmen and bowlers and so it was an excellent team performance (Raybould 46, Srikanthan 36, Graham 4 for 12, and Sohail 3 for 29).

In our last match we were brought down to earth by a strong Staffordshire team where, whilst we batted well, the bowlers made little headway taking only two wickets against some very good batting. Staffordshire ran out worthy



Under 10 Squad

winners! (Mousley 63, Mohammed 43).

Well done to all of the boys who played and also to the commitment and guidance given by Paul and Anthony through the winter and then on into the season.

Richard Phillips - Manager

Warwickshire Under 11

An interesting season in which all squad members were given equal opportunities to bat high up the order or bowl with a relatively new ball. Some seized the opportunity, others, at times struggled. 14 fixtures were arranged, starting with our traditional opener, a 20 over game against KES under 12s. Against other counties we had 13 fixtures which accounted for 7 wins 4 losses with 2 games lost to the weather. The best performance was undoubtedly against Yorkshire where we chased down 191 to win off the last ball, largely due to an inspired 69 from Tom Noon, with most others chipping in with teens and twenties. Another exciting finish was against Gloucestershire where with the visitors, with wickets in hand, and only needing 12 off the last 5 overs, fell short and we won by 1 run. Disappointing results were against Lancashire where we could only muster 116 for 7. In reply at one stage they were 36 for 6 and then we contrived to lose by 3 wickets. Another disappointing performance was against Shropshire, where when faced with some excellent bowling and fielding, we could only manage 108 all out. In reply, coupled with some indifferent bowling and lethargic fielding we came a poor second and lost by 6 wickets.

Matches seem to take longer to play these days, with nearly 3 hours per innings being the norm. As it seems difficult to speed play up, I propose to start all matches at 12 o'clock next season.

The various umpires used this season were all excellent in their commitment to youth cricket and no complaints could be directed towards them.

Home grounds used this season included Bablake School, Southam CC, Standard CC, Alcester and Raglely CC, Ambleside CC, Harborne CC, Bedworth CC. All welcomed us with open arms, were very cooperative and expressed a desire to host games again next season.

Grateful thanks go to both Emily Iles and Claire Wright, (Oliver's mum) who have done an excellent job scoring for me. They made my task so much easier.

Finally I would like to thank both Darren Franklin and Dave Smith, who have worked tirelessly with the squad throughout the winter nets and the summer season and hopefully, have noticed an improvement in the players. Their help is much appreciated and I look forward to working with them again next season.

Bill Iles



Under 11 Squad

RESULTS

24/6/15 v Cheshire, home, won by 30 runs

Warwicks 128 for 5. Jamie Parnell 42, Tom Noon 27
Cheshire 98 Lewis Hoffman 4-11, Lawson Attwood 2-17

30/6/15 v Worcestershire home, won by 9 wkts

Worcs. 78 Lawson Attwood 2-11, Saif Ali Mahmood 3-8, Jamie Parnell 2-7
Warwicks 79 for 1 Hasan Mahmood 22, Ashish Chaprakani 20*

7/7/15 v Wales away, lost by 4 wkts

Warwicks 150 for 9. Tom Noon 26, Lawson Attwood 26 Sachin Dubb 31* Jamie Parnell 21*
Wales 151 for 6 Lawson Attwood 2-10, Aman Hussain 2-27

9/7/15 v Lancashire, away, lost by 3 wkts

Warwicks 116 for 7. Jamie Parnell 35, Sachin Dubb 49*
Lancs 117 for 7. Lawson Attwood 2-17, Saif Ali Mahmood 2-19

19/7/15 v Nottinghamshire, home. Won by 3 wkts

Notts 91 for 8, Sachin Dubb 2-23, Alex Mousley 2-7, Hasah Mahmood 2-12.
Warwicks 92 for 7, Oliver Wright 25

21/7/15 v Yorkshire, away, won by 2 wkts

Yorks. 191 for 6
Warwicks. 192 for 8 Ton Noon 69, Ashish Chaprakani 24, Sachin Dubb 23



Mahmood joins in run chase

28/7/15 v Gloucestershire, home, won by 1 run

Warwicks 118, Lawson Attwood 55, Ishmail Mohammed 21
Gloucs. 117 for 8. Lewis Hoffman 2-23, Ashish Chaprakani 2-24, Aman Hussain 2-8

2/8/15 v Shropshire, home, lost by 6 wkts

Warwicks 108, Oliver Wright 23
Shropshire 109 for 4

9/8/15 v Middlesex, away. Lost by 13 runs

Middlesex 124. Sachin Dubb 3-4, Aman Hussain 2-18, Alex Mousley 3-0
Warwicks 111 for 9, Tom Noon 37, Roheel Qamar 25



Chadprakari on his way to seasons top score



Chaprakari 99 not out, the overs ran out with one run to go

11/8/15 v Staffordshire home, won by 23 runs

Warwicks 214 for 3, Ashish Chaprakani 99*,
Hasan Mahmood 58, Lewis Hoffman 37
Staffs. 191 for 8, Aman Hussain 3-22

18/8/15 v Leicestershire home, won by 71 runs

Warwicks 140 for 6 Aman Hussain 40*. Jamie Parnell 34
Leics. 69, Lewis Hoffman 2-17, Ashish Chaprakani 5-6

Warwickshire Under 11b

Played 6, Won 4, Lost 1, Abandoned 1**Alan Hyatt** Manager **Matthew Phillips** Coach**28 June v Lincolnshire at Sabraon Barracks**

Warwickshire 169/9 Lincolnshire 71

Won by 98 runs

Captain Tom Watkins won the toss and batting first we made 169 from our 40 overs. Imaad Mahmood top scored with 43 with further contributions from Ben Fitzgerald 31 and Amaan Akhtar 34*. Lincolnshire never threatened as spinner Ajay Shingadia 3-7 and left arm medium Ben Fitzgerald 3-9 did the damage. A convincing win to start the season.

16 July v Lancashire at Aston Manor CC

Warwickshire 92 Lancashire 93/1

Lost by 9 wickets

Batting first on a fine day we did not make the most of a good pitch posting a disappointing 92 all out. Lancashire's bowling and fielding was exceptional for this age group and set an example for our boys to strive for. Lancs batting was equally impressive and a 79 run opening partnership settled the outcome in their favour.

19 July v Gloucestershire ay Cirencester CC

Warwickshire 17/8 Gloucestershire 34

Won by 83 runs



Under 11b Squad



Vidhan Iyer



Another wicket falls

A lovely sunny day and a beautiful setting in a country park. However the pitch did not match the surroundings and our batsmen failed to adapt apart from Armaan Akhtar who's 37* was crucial. The Gloucestershire team were equally inexperienced in such conditions and collapsed to our pace bowlers Vidhan Iyer 4-6 and Tom Watkins 3-10.

10 August v Cheshire at Edgbaston Foundation Ground

Warwickshire 185/9 Cheshire 176

Won by 9 runs

Our first visit to the new Foundation Ground and a very close contest between two well matched teams. Batting first we made our season's best score with Adnaan Riaz 56 and Arman Dubb 46 starring with the bat. The game finally turned with 3 wickets in the 38th over bowled by Ben Fitzgerald 3-28 including a very smart run out by keeper Eddie King.

14 August v Yorkshire at Spen Victoria CC

Abandoned

Heavy overnight rain that was still falling at 7am meant the game was called off without the need to travel.

24 August v Derbyshire at Denby CCDerbyshire 17
Warwickshire 18/0Won
by 10 wickets

A very disappointing end to the season. A victory but not a match. A poor batting display by Derbyshire saw them capitulate in 15.2 overs. Opening bowler Jacob Clarke 3-2 and Yusuf Khalil 3-8 did the damage. Our openers had no trouble in completing the job in just 4.1 overs.

Summary

The team is a mix of under 9,10,11s and for most of the squad this was their first taste of county cricket. Lots of talent and potential on show and all the boys will benefit from the experience. Losing the Yorkshire game to the weather was a blow as this is the game we use as a measure of our ability. Thanks to Aston Manor CC for hosting and our scorer Steve Taylor.

Warwickshire Under 12

Played 15, Won 14, Lost 1**John Buxton** Manager

This was an extremely successful season, which saw the emergence of some fine individual talent and an excellent team ethic that made the Under 12s a very hard side to beat. The highlight of the season was winning the ECB Under12 County Festival at Shrewsbury School with a comprehensive 9 wicket victory against Staffordshire in the final.

The leading run scorers were Roshan Balaji with 445 runs, Mohammed Talukder with 392 and Tommy Rex with 317. Seven different players scored half centuries

Ethan Plain was the leading wicket taker of any WCB team in 2015 with an impressive tally of 36 wickets at an average of 6.94. Quick bowlers Rex and Balaji chipped in with 11 wickets apiece and Ben Jones's miserly off spin yielded 10 wickets but were responsible for many more at the other end.

The fielding was a particular strength of the side with the impressive wicket keeper Daniel Bevan leading by example by picking up 24 victims.

We were fortunate with the dry weather and were grateful to play at some lovely venues where we were made to feel most welcome. My thanks go to the clubs for hosting our fixtures.

Special thanks also to John Griffiths, the Lead Coach, whose infectious determination certainly rubbed off on the team and to coaches Alex Roslyn, Mo Sheikh and Darren Franklin whose support in preparing the team was invaluable. Finally, we were indebted to scorer Mick Phelan and a very supportive group of parents.

v Gloucestershire at Wellesbourne CCGloucestershire 117 -9
Warwickshire 118 -3Won
by 7 wickets

The first game of the season was played in gale force winds. Spinners Ben Jones 1-16 and Ethan Plain 3-12 showed great control as Gloucestershire were restricted to 117 off their 40 overs. Mo Talukder 37 and an unbeaten 33 from Daniel Bevan saw the team home without fuss.

v Staffordshire at Berkswell CCStaffordshire 176 -4
Warwickshire 179 -1Won
by 9 wickets

On a fine batting track, Staffs openers Cronie and Edavalath both scored half centuries but Ben Jones again kept the run rate down by conceding only 10 runs off his 9 overs. An unbeaten 176 run partnership between Mo Talukder 84* and Roshan Balaji 87* saw Warwickshire comfortably home.

v Northamptonshire at Middleton Cheney CCWarwickshire 144
Northamptonshire 101Won
by 43 runs

Batting was not easy on this occasion and Tommy Rex's 35 proved to be the highest score of the game. Ethan Plain showed his ability to turn matches by smartly running out the opening batsman before a run had been scored and then went on to take 5-27.

v Nottinghamshire at Kinoulton CCWarwickshire 215-3
Nottinghamshire 127-7Won
by 78 runs

After losing two early wickets, a wonderful 201 run partnership between Roshan Balaji 95 and Tommy Rex 89* put Warwickshire into a strong position. Notts batsmen weren't able to get on top of some tight bowling and fell well behind the required run rate. Yasin Khan chipped in with 2-28.

v Worcestershire at Edgbaston Foundation GroundWarwickshire 210 -1
Worcestershire 157Won
by 53 runs

The highlight of this game was an excellent unbeaten 104 from Ibrahim Afzal. He was well supported by Balaji 71* and Talukder 30. Worcestershire were well placed at 106 - 1 but accurate bowling and sharp fielding brought 4 run outs as the run chase evaporated 57 runs short.

v Lancashire at Sefton Park CCWarwickshire 106
Lancashire 107 - 2Lost
by 8 wickets

This was a poor performance and a heavy defeat against a good Lancashire team. It started so brightly with Mohammed Talukder hitting the first ball of the game for 6 and comfortably putting on 42 for the first wicket with Ibrahim Afzal. Suicidal running then ripped the heart out of the innings with 5 batsmen being run out. Lancashire centered to victory with Bell top scoring with 50.

v Yorkshire at Pudsey Congs CCWarwickshire 179-7
Yorkshire 137Won
by 42 runs

The Under 12s bounced back with a battling team performance against a strong Yorkshire side. Captain Tommy Rex's 43 was the backbone of the innings with solid support from Harvey Rogers-Collen 21 and an excellent 8th wicket partnership between Yasin Khan 29* and Callum Herron 22* gave the innings much needed impetus in the last few overs. Yorkshire made a spirited reply but lost wickets at crucial points. Plain 4-27. Rex 3-24 and Balaji 3-21 all bowled with distinction to earn Warwickshire a well-deserved victory.

v Middlesex at Kenilworth CCMiddlesex 190-7
Warwickshire 191-7Won
by 3 wickets

Warwickshire worked hard to restrict Middlesex to 191 in their 45 overs. Ben Jones 2-15 was the pick of the bowlers. In reply the game looked to be slipping away until an excellent partnership between Tommy Rex 52 and Dan Bevan 69. It was left to Buchanan and Afzal to complete the innings with 4 balls to spare.

v Leicestershire and Rutland at Ratcliffe CollegeWarwickshire 172
Leicestershire and Rutland 106Won
by 70 runs

After a poor start with some careless batting, Alfie Blundell 51 and Yasin Khan 31 rescued a faltering innings with a crucial 9th wicket partnership. Batting with great responsibility they put on 83 to give respectable total of 172.

The Warwickshire attack again bowled in good areas and with Harvey Rogers-Collen returning figures of 4-18, Leicestershire were all out 54 runs short.

Shrewsbury Festival**v Cheshire**Cheshire 132
Warwickshire 133-2Won
by 8 wickets**v Herefordshire**Herefordshire 106-9
Warwickshire 107-2Won
by 8 wickets**v Huntingdonshire**Warwickshire 233-4
Huntingdonshire 60Won
by 173 runs**v Staffordshire**Staffordshire 104
Warwickshire 105-1Won
by 9 wickets**Twenty 20 Competition****v Derbyshire**Warwickshire 131-4
Derbyshire 82-5Won
by 49 runs**v Shropshire**Warwickshire 95-9
Shropshire 87-5Won
by 8 runs

This was a very successful week's cricket with Under 12s winning the Festival's main competition and also winning their group's Twenty 20 competition. Additionally Ethan Plain picked up the Festival Bowling Award and Daniel Bevan was voted the Wicketkeeper of the Festival.

In the group games the Under 12s got off to a flying start by defeating Cheshire by 8 wickets. Tommy Rex 3-29 made early inroads before Ethan Plain ripped through Cheshire's middle order with 4-24. Dan Bevan claimed 5 victims. Callum Herron 50 and Roshan Balaji 67* knocked off the runs in good style. Comfortable victories against Hertfordshire and Huntingdonshire earned the Under 12s a place in the final. Notable performances included Sachin Dubb's 3-11 against Herefordshire as well as the batting of Mo Talukder 78 and Tommy Rex 59* against Hunts.

In the final, Staffordshire were mesmerized by the leg spin of Ethan Plain whose 7-14 will last long in the memory. Their total of 104 proved to be inadequate as Herron 22 Talukder 34* and Balaji 35* put Warwickshire through as worthy winners of the tournament.

In the Twenty 20 competition the Under 12s defeated Derbyshire thanks to some hard hitting from Kieron Buchanan 27, Dan Bevan 31 and Sachin Dubb 28 as well as some fine medium paced bowling from Abhinash Nirantharakumar 2-11. In the Group A final, the Under 12s beat Shropshire in a tense affair. Chasing only 95, Shropshire's opening pair put on 39 in the first four overs before the Warwickshire bowlers showed how to bowl line and length to starve the opposition batsmen. Plain bowled his 4 overs for just 1 run and was supported by excellent fielding including a spectacular run out from a direct hit through the boundary by Nirantharakumar.



Under 12 Squad



Bevan Wicket Keeper of Shrewsbury Festival



Opening the innings Taluker and Herron



Spin Bowler Plain on the attack

Warwickshire Under 13

v Cheshire

Warwickshire 297-9
Cheshire 212-5

Won
by 85 runs

v Staffordshire

Staffordshire 49
Warwickshire 53-2

Won
by 8 wickets

v Leicestershire

Warwickshire 210-6
Leicestershire 100

Won
by 110 runs

v Nottinghamshire

Nottinghamshire 186-8
Warwickshire 177

Lost
by 9 runs

v Lancashire

Lancashire 149-8
Warwickshire 150-4

Won
by 6 wickets

v Yorkshire

Yorkshire 162
Warwickshire 121

Lost
by 41 runs

v Middlesex

Warwickshire 179-9
Middlesex 145

Won
by 34 runs

v Worcestershire

Warwickshire 176-9
Worcestershire 152

Won
by 24 runs

v Wales

Warwickshire 187-7
Wales 56-2

Match
Abandoned

v Northants

Northants 143-8
Warwickshire 77-1

Match
Abandoned

Bromsgrove Festival

v Gloucestershire

Warwickshire 233-9
Gloucestershire 126

Won
by 113 runs

v WiltshireWarwickshire 242
Wiltshire 188Won
by 54 runs**v Somerset**Warwickshire 222-7
Somerset 160Won
by 62 runs

Warwickshire U13s had a very strong 13 man squad for the 2015 season which showed in their results.

Starting with an impressive win over Cheshire, batting first Warwickshire looked to be in trouble at 88-5 early in the game. However a patient and well constructed innings of 128* from Manraj Johal supported by Ben Langdell 30 and Jack Holloway 26 helped to set a towering total of 297 for the northern visitors. Tight bowling from Awais Mohammed and Keifer Woods early in the Cheshire innings restricted the visitors to 212-5 in their allotted overs. Ben Langdell making his mark again with two wickets from his first two balls for Warwickshire.

Staffordshire were next to visit the county and had beaten this side in 2014 so a strong performance was required. Again the opening pair of Mohammed and Grice restricted the scoreboard while Yashas Machani and Louis Glover took three wickets a piece while bowling out Staffs for just 49. Langdell scored a quick and positive 35 to ensure an eight-wicket victory for the home side.

Our first away game of the seasons was against Leicestershire where Warwickshire were asked to bat first. A solid start from Jasper Davidson 32 and a superb innings from Jack Holloway 44 in the middle order ensured a total of 210-6. Early wickets in the Leicestershire innings brought two powerful hitters to the crease who set about scoring freely until Ali came on to bowl and took four wickets for ten runs in just three overs, eventually bowling the home side out for 100.

Fixtures against both Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire were a little frustrating. Having bowled both sides out for 186 and 162 respectively, Warwickshire were in a commanding position chasing down the total. Scoreboard pressure soon crept in, at 128-2 vs Notts and 105-4 vs Yorks with plenty of overs (and batting) to come, Warwickshire soon found themselves bowled out just short of their target.

Despite the disappointment against these sides, the squad showed character and bounced back against both Middlesex and Worcestershire. Setting Middlesex 179 (Burnell 44, Holloway 42, Johal 23, Glover 23), the bowlers

shared the wickets restricting the visitors to 145 all out for a good win against a strong side.

Against Worcestershire Machani set the tone with an excellent 69, helped along by Davidson 33 and Barhey 28. Fresh back from a festival win, Worcestershire looked comfortable chasing and were in control at the second drinks break. Some outstanding fielding from Warwickshire ensured the home side were restricted to 152 all out which included four run outs!

The Bromsgrove festival was an opportunity for all players to showcase their talents, which they took with both hands. David Burnell the pick of the batters, hitting an aggressive 72 and 55 in his two innings. Jeevan Barhey scored 50 and 41 in his two while Ben Langdell struck a class 75 against a strong Somerset side and Will Iles a quick fire 42 against Gloucestershire. Charlie Grice led the bowling attack with six wickets in the festival, closely followed by Mohammed and Woods with five each.

Overall 2015 was a good season for the Warwickshire U13s with nine wins, two losses and positive contributions from every member of the squad.

Warwickshire Under 13b

Played 7, Won 5, Lost 1, Abandoned 1**Mohandass Diwakar, Alan Hyatt** Managers**Matthew Dutton** Coach**2 July v Lancashire at Bootle CC**Lancashire 175/6
Warwickshire 155/6Won
on run rate

A long journey for our first game and a very competitive match. Lancashire batted first and their innings was built around opener Ben Mason 110* an outstanding prospect. Our reply went well thanks to Suyash Poshakwale 34 James Bristow 29 and Nick Bland 25. With seven overs remaining Sam Butcher 28* and Nathan Biggs were sure to see us home when the rain came.

16 July v North East Wales at Coleshill CCN. E. Wales 216/4
Warwickshire 217/4Won
by 6 wickets

Wales batted first in this 45 over game and posted a competitive 216. Left arm spinner Fahad Sabir was the pick of our bowlers with 3-34. In reply a second wicket partnership of 141 between Kaash Patel 86 and Griegan French 58 together with a swift 30 from Nick Bland saw us home with three overs to spare.

20 July v Yorkshire at Nuneaton CCYorkshire 156
Warwickshire 35Lost
by 121 runs

On a well used pitch Yorkshire batted with resolve to post an above par 156. Fahad Sabir bowling well again with ten overs 2-20. Our reply was very poor with no batsman coping with the conditions. A very heavy loss.



Under 13 Squad

27 July v Oxfordshire at Rugby CC

Abandoned

A week of heavy rain meant the game was called off due to ground conditions.

2 August v Shropshire at Willey CCWarwickshire 160/9
Shropshire 151/7Won
by 9 runs

Willey CC is a superb venue on the edge of a country estate and the game matched the surroundings. Our score of 160 looked to be below par. It would have been worse without a frenetic tenth wicket partnership of 36 from James Bristow 13* and William Mobberley 21*. Shropshire were well in control until a telling spell from Hayden Froggatt 3-15 and tight control from Kaash Patel in the closing overs restricted the home side. Our best fielding performance to date and a good allround team effort.

18 August v Staffordshire at Edgbaston Foundation GroundWarwickshire 335/2
Staffordshire 172Won
by 163 runs

An excellent pitch at our new Foundation ground and winning the toss allowed us to score 335 a record for 13b teams. An exceptional second wicket unbeaten partnership of 222 runs from Griegian French 162* (a season best by any age group player) and Suyash Poshakwale 102* was the match winner. It was pleasing how the partnership developed from careful accumulation to controlled acceleration then outright dominance. Staffs were never in the hunt with Fahad Sabir again bowling well with 4- 38.

24 August v Derbyshire at Denby CCDerbyshire 120/7
Warwickshire 121/1Won
by 9 wickets

In a game reduced to 30 overs due to a forecast of rain Derbyshire posted a modest 120. After the loss of an early wicket an unbeaten partnership of 101 from Kaash Patel 74* and James Bristow 29* saw us home with plenty to spare.



Under 13b Squad



A record score by any Under 13b Squad

Summary

A very successful season not only in results but also in player development. A very strong squad, who practiced hard, listened and learned, and used the responsibility they were given by the coach. The team ethic was good as is proved by winning the 3 games that were close contests. Thanks to Coleshill, Nuneaton and Rugby cricket clubs for hosting games, and parents David Bland and Sunil Poshakwale for scoring.

Warwickshire Under 14

The Warwickshire U14's played in the Royal London Boys U14 County Cup. Fixtures included Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, Hertfordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Bedfordshire and Staffordshire.

This season, we warmed up with a two matches against the WCCC U15 squad. Other cricket involved games against the U14 squad at Yorkshire and England U19 Women.

v Northamptonshire at Wollaston CCWarwickshire 117
Northamptonshire 102

Nervous start to the season, a good bowling performance by Northants meant that Warwickshire had to come together as a team and perform which they did. Great spells of bowling from Abdullah Mughal partnered with Seth Westley provided the response that was needed. Coupled with a strong belief in themselves a nail biting finish was provided, there are not many games that are won with 117 on the board.

v Leicestershire at Leicester Grammar SchoolWarwickshire 196 for 8 45 Overs
Northamptonshire 175 for 9 45 Overs

Contributions by all batsmen with Sahal Malvernkar top scoring with 44. Sahal also returned figures of 3-23 off 6 overs to help defend 196. Other contributors with wickets

were Ethan Brookes 3-45 off 9 overs and Kieran Holland 2-31 off 9 overs. Huge thanks to Mo Sheikh and Paul Greatham for leading the team for this game.

v Herefordshire at Bablake School

Herefordshire 59
Warwickshire 60 for 3

A fantastic effort by all allowed us to reduce Herts to a low score, Key performances by Kieran Holland with 4 wickets and great in -swing support from Sahal Malvernkar assisted by exceptional catching by Abdullah Mughal. As always chasing a low score provided a challenge to focus and deliver. Overall a good team performance.

v Worcestershire at Barnt Green CC

Warwickshire 227-8 in 45 overs
Worcestershire 126 in 32 overs

Some outstanding batting a century from Jacques Banton provided a solid base for the team to post a target that could be defended. Tight bowling from Daniel Mousley and four wickets from Ethan Brookes allowed us to win comfortably.

v Shropshire Broseley CC

Shropshire 225- 6 in 45 overs
Warwickshire 226-3

An exceptional spell from Sahal Malvernkar 9 overs for 18 runs, kept Shropshire to a total of 225. A 172 run partnership between Ethan Brookes and Jeevan Barhey set up the chase.

v Oxfordshire at Oxford and Bletchington CC

Warwickshire 265-7 in 45 overs
Oxfordshire 126 in 34 overs

A great batting display on a spinning wicket. A tremendous knock of 94 from Sahal Malvernkar was one of the contributors from the top four. A brilliant bowling and fielding display with a Jacques Banton hat trick to finish the game that included great catches from Peter Shackelford and Ethan Brookes.

v Bedfordshire at Edgbaston Foundation Ground

Bedfordshire 181 37.4 overs
Warwickshire 182-2 29.2 overs

Played on a great batting wicket at the new Edgbaston Foundation Ground, a good performance restricted Beds to 181 runs. Two wickets each for Sahal Malvernkar, Daniel Mousley and Seth Westley. After a shaky start, a significant partnership between Jacques Banton who posted his second century and Ethan Brookes saw the team home.

v Staffordshire at Attock CC

Warwickshire 137 44.3 Overs
Staffordshire 138 for 1 38.5 Overs

A total of 137 did not reflect what was needed for this final game of the season, Hasnain Mahmood's 46 was the centerpiece of this batting display. Jay Martin getting the only wicket. The win for Staffs proved to be the decider for the league and secured them as ECB U14 County Group 2 Champions with Warwickshire finishing in the runners up position.

v Yorkshire at Denby Dale CC

Warwickshire 227-9 in 45 overs
Yorkshire 224 in 44.5 overs

A massive win against the odds really considering we lost 3 men during the game through illness or injury. We stepped up and held our nerve at the end to just squeeze home.

v England U19 Women at Loughborough

Warwickshire 259-7 in 50 overs
England U19 Women 136 in 28.2 overs

Another good win, Abdullah Mughal provided a quick fire 40 from 24 balls which turned a 220 into 259. We took 6 wickets in the first 17 overs and the remaining 4 in just under 12 overs which was good. Brilliant catches by Peter Shackelford and a very smart slip catch by Jacques Banton were key in the defence of 259.

Summary

The 2015 season was largely a successful for the squad. Thanks are extended to Russell Knight, Dominic Holland and all players and parents for their support throughout the season.

We are grateful to King Henry VIII School, Bablake School, Edgbaston Foundation Ground and Attock Cricket Club for hosting our games and making us feel very welcome.

GROUP 2 - 2015

	Played	Won	Lost	Cancelled	Abandoned	Tied	Pen Pts	Pts
Staffordshire Cricket	9	8	1	0	0	0	0	32
Warwickshire Cricket Board	9	7	1	1	0	0	0	29
Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket Board	9	5	3	0	1	0	0	21
Bedfordshire Cricket Board	9	5	4	0	0	0	0	20
Oxfordshire Cricket Board	9	5	4	0	0	0	0	20
Northamptonshire Cricket Board	9	3	3	1	2	0	0	15
Buckinghamshire Cricket Board	9	2	6	1	0	0	0	9
Herefordshire Cricket	9	2	6	0	1	0	0	9
Worcestershire Cricket Board	9	2	6	1	0	0	0	9
Shropshire Cricket Board	9	2	7	0	0	0	0	8

Warwickshire Under 15

Terry Patchett

An April warm-up match v a tough Shrewsbury School saw us fail to win by just 2 runs; our end-game batting was to be our downfall in later matches too! However the two one-day games in Whit week v Warwickshire Under 14's proved to be an experiment well worth repetition - low cost but high value.

We then braced ourselves for the ECB National U15 50 over series which became deadly serious as we aimed to head our 8 game pool - Bucks, Leics, Worcs and Wales played home and away. What dismay then to be rained off v both Bucks and Worcs and to suffer the ignominy of losing to Wales twice! Having comfortably defeated Worcs at Portland Road we then were 5 runs short in the away leg; from the jaws of success....



Under 15 Squad

It was fortuitous that we had three friendlies to conclude our season. It's always a joy to defeat Yorkshire and the boys put on a scintillating performance. Less demanding was a comfortable defeat of Herts at Merchant Taylors and finally we hosted London Schools at Kenilworth and posted a huge 289 for 2 with Ben Griffin hitting 103 and Aarib Khan 120 - and then it rained!

Played 14 Won 7 Lost 4 Abandoned 3 was a tolerable record. George Garrett captained soundly and the boys generally impressed in the field. Ben Griffin (U14) was fast-tracked and was a splendid keeper whilst Dan Mousley,



Four runs saved



Not out this time



Team meeting



Another wicket falls



Wonderful season for Mousley

another U14, was head and shoulders over-all the dominant performer: 342 runs Av 57 HS 72 with bowling figures of 84 - 12 - 332 - 2 Av 27.6 Ec. 3.9

Will Rigg, with a hard-hit 81 almost prevented the Worcs defeat Robbie Yates looks a quality performer with 258 off his first 6 innings.

Our congratulations and thanks to Errol Simms and Mo Sheikh who worked the boys hard and helped to maintain a lively spirit.

Warwickshire Under 15b

Paul Rogers

v North East Wales at Home

Warwickshire 297-8
North East Wales 99

Won
by 198 runs

Against a weak side and batting first some Solid batting saw Warwickshire total 297 in 50 overs with good contributions by Robert Hutchings 55. Cameron Rice 41 and Shaid Arif 39.

Facing an uphill task North East Wales lost wickets at regular intervals with the pick of the bowlers Jack Birch 4/18 so a comfortable start to the season.

v Yorkshire Away

Warwickshire 216
Yorkshire 177

Won
by 39 runs

On sunny windy day in South Yorkshire, Warwickshire batted first and despite solid contributions from all the batsmen only Arwand Barnard 56, made a half century.

Having Yorkshire 8 for 3, wickets fell regularly and despite a late order rally, what had looked a comfortable win became a close affair.

v Lancashire Away

Warwickshire 230-8
Lancashire 231-6

Lost
by 4 wickets

Due to a severe accident on the M6 Warwickshire only had 6 players available at the start and with their pre match preparation affected Warwickshire were forced to bat first and slumped to 48 for 6 before recovering largely due to a big hitting hundred 118* from Oliver Lawrence, which included one huge six through the umpire's rear windscreen.

A game that Warwickshire were always up against it, ended in their first defeat of the season.

v Lancashire at Home

Lancashire 251
Warwickshire 253-9

Won
by 1 wicket

In the return fixture against Lancashire on a sunny day in Birmingham, on a good batting track, Lancashire chose to bat and with two good spells from opening bowler Bradley Gledhill 4-32 Warwickshire restricted Lancashire to 251 all out.

When it came to their turn, some consistent batting seem to have the game won, but then a collapse preceded Oliver Lawrence who hit a breezy 61 including 2 huge sixes, one of which cleared the pavilion and tense finish, led to a single wicket win with eight balls to spare.

v Yorkshire at Home

Yorkshire 317 for 7
Warwickshire 126

Lost
by 191 runs

On a windy sunny day Yorkshire were put in to bat and assisted by some wayward bowling and poor fielding from Warwickshire, were allowed to rattle up a total over 300.

When it came to Warwickshire's turn to bat, their bad day continued, losing two early wickets and then failing to find anyone able to stay at the crease, as Yorkshire inflicted a second defeat of the season.

v Derbyshire Away

Derbyshire 181-6
Warwickshire 182-4

Won
by 6 wickets

On to the final game, Warwickshire travelled to the Derbyshire Dales at Denby and on a wet wicket, Warwickshire bowled first and restricted Derbyshire to 181-6 with some tight bowling.

As the wicket dried out, it made it easier for batting and Warwickshire reached their target with 3 overs to spare to bring a winning end to the season.



Under 15b Squad



A close call



A good season for Lawrence

Warwickshire Under 16

Played 8 Won 3 Lost 3 Abandoned 2

The season kicked off for the u16's with a trip to Loughborough to help the England Women's team prepare for their Ashes clash. The 50 over match was played with a white ball and coloured clothing, and proved a useful start to the season, despite the result.

The team then returned for a second year to the Bablake School t20 tournament, which saw the side play 5 matches over two days at Bablake School. After some fine performances the team got to the final where they beat a strong Warwick side by 21 runs having posted 135, thanks to a fine 71 from Tom Pyke. Tom fell three runs short of being leading run scorer over the two days but made up for that by being leading wicket taker and best bowler, including two fantastic performances against Queen Marys Walsall 5-9 and King Edwards Aston 5-11.

With the warm ups out the way the team moved into the heart of the season with the fixtures against other county sides.

The first three games against Shropshire, Staffordshire and Buckinghamshire were all away from home but being on the road did not appear to affect the team, who under the enthusiastic captaincy of Henry Brookes, won all three matches.

In all three games it was the bowling that stood out with Shropshire dismissed for 97, Staffs restricted to 122 for 8 in a 25 over a side rain affected match and Bucks dismissed for 90. The bowling attack proved the real strength of the side with Matt Davison providing real pace and more than ably supported by fellow seamers Henry Brookes, James Rudge and Khayam Khan. Tom Pyke and Mo Ahmed provided excellent spin bowling options and it was not surprising that all played a part in the great season the u17s had in 2015.

While the bowling was strong the same can't be said for the batting where the team struggled to find any real consistency. There were some fine individual performances including a 122 for Harry Johnson against Bucks, where Taran Toor also weighed in with a run a ball 51 but in both the chases of small totals against Shropshire and Staffs the side rather limped home, although credit must go to Jack Bewick who top scored in both games.

The final three games of the season were all at home but in the mirror image of the away games saw three defeats against Cheshire, Northants and Lancashire. These games

also saw the squad really stretched to its limit as we used 23 players in total in the three matches, many stepping up from younger age groups.

In the first against Cheshire the opposition amassed an impressive 308 for 4 in the game at K and D but thanks to a fine 76 from Fahd Janjua and 73 from Dan Clark the side looked capable of pulling off a great win with 166 on the board for the loss of just one wicket and with 20 overs still to go. However the critical run out of Fahd saw the sides chase subside to 249 all out with 16 balls to go. Credit must go to Dan Mousley who stepped up to play at very short notice and turned in a useful bowling performance as well as a lively 25 off 13 balls. The next match against Northants was the closest fought of the season. Northants posted a very competitive 275 with James Rudge 2-28 the pick of the bowlers. In reply Raja Shahzeb top scored with 52* and there were other valuable contributions from Harry Johnson 40, Matt Davison 48 and Tom Pyke 45. The momentum switched several times but two stands between Raja Shahzeb and firstly Tom Pyke and then Khayam Khan for the eighth and ninth wickets looked to have put the side on the verge of victory only for the team to fall an agonising 6 runs short with 2 overs to spare.

The final match v Lancashire was a disappointment especially on the batting front as no one proved capable of forging a partnership with George Hargrave who carried his bat for 55* as the side capitulated to 108 all out in 35 overs, with only one other batsman making double figures. With little to defend and the bowling attack shorn of 5 of its bowlers, who were playing for the u17's, Lancashire knocked off the runs in 23 overs for the loss of just 3 wickets.

Finally a big thanks from me to those who helped keep me on the straight and narrow in 2015, especially coaches Steve Rouse and Mo Sheikh, scorer Sarah Sandland, all the parents who supported the team, and last but not least to all the players. I look forward to seeing the new batch in 2016.



Under 16 Squad



George Hargrave

Warwickshire Under 17

Played 12 Won 8 Lost 4

Terry Patchett

We approached the 2015 series with high confidence: the squad contained six top performers and additional strength in depth. Sights were set: top the Pool in both the ECB Cup (50 overs one day) and the ECB Championships (2 day 102 overs/day). In the Cup Northants, Staffs, Worcs were efficiently defeated but Notts bowler Wyatt rolled over our top order with pace which brings him Notts 2nd XI games.

So the focus shifted to the Championships where we comfortably headed the 5 County Pool winning all our matches. Derbyshire won their section and a remarkable performance led by Matt Davison reduced the visitors to 39 for 5 off 9 overs in 19 balls in the semi. Rain forced abandonment for the day after a partial steady recovery by Derbys and next morning they inched their way to 271. However Arjun Bath 89 and George Hargrave 55, provided a solid platform to our winning reply.

Hampshire were the southern semi winners and we assembled at Arundel for the Grand Final. Put in to bat, Hants struggled to 132 for 6 when play was finally abandoned to rain. Next morning a very determined partnership in 22 overs took the target score to 276 off 71 overs.

Bath and Hargrave looked untroubled until Bath hit in the air (20 for 1). Banks and Hargrave then combined for 27 overs and scored freely until the latter was adjudged lbw for 51 (139 for 2). Banton played the support role to Banks as he strode to 97. Alas where patience would have triumphed, the urge to get the ton with a big six was his (and our) undoing. Thereafter the game returned to a dour accumulation of "safe" runs, pressure mounted and Hants fielded out of their skins. Westlake was a rock but ran out of partners. Panayi dominated but then lost his head with a charge down the wrong line. Warks' discipline vanished; three run outs, no communication. Defeat by just 22 runs with 6 overs still to bat! We were left feeling angry and frustrated for throwing away the real chance to be National Champions.

As last year, we agreed to a couple of friendlies: in April Shrewsbury School hosted us and provided a reality check; their 290 for 3 off 50 proved a 100 too many but eliminated any complacency. London Schools proved admirable hosts in a two-day game at the Walker Ground, Southgate. With our top three players on higher duty only Arjun Bath 95 and George Westlake 40 shone with the bat and we were outright losers in the 4 innings format.

It was a delight to work with Kadeer Ali and Michael Powell and the squad surely benefited from their guidance.



Under 17 Squad



Wicket for Brookes



Ready and waiting



Nearly but not quite

Warwickshire Under 11

The season started with a tough away trip to a well drilled Staffordshire side, having won the toss we stuck Staffs in and despite some tight bowling up front Staffs scored 114-5 of their 30 overs with Lois, Rebecca and Liz picking up the wickets. This was going to be a tough chase, with only Lois and Kate reaching double figures, we fell short by 53 runs.

Next up was a home fixture against Staffs at Four Oaks Saints; with one aim to improve on the previous performance and that we did, despite another loss the girls showed glimpses of what they were capable of. Staffs won the toss and no surprise stuck us in. Batting performances from Lois, Mary and Ffion took us to a much more defendable 121-7. Despite some tight bowling up front by Lois and Sophie picking themselves up a wicket each Staffs just about reached the target in the 29 over with three wickets to spare.

Derbyshire were the visitors to Weoley Hill for the next home game and unfortunately our batting performance did not reflect the ability in our side with only Laura 36 and Nicole 15* offering any resistance. Defending 96 was a tough ask and although Laura, Rebecca and Kate picking up 2 wickets apiece Derbys achieved the target in 17 overs for the loss of six wickets.

The eagerly awaited Malvern Festival was next up for the girls with fixtures once again versus Staffordshire. Shropshire and Northamptonshire were the other opposition. Our opening fixture was a baptism of fire for the girls a 10 wicket loss to Staffs with the only significant contribution bat or ball coming from Ffion 23. A convincing 7 wicket loss to Shropshire in a rain reduced 10 over slog with Nicole taking 2 wickets being the only significant contribution. The next day we achieved our first win, sticking Northants in we restricted them to 67 with a wicket for Sophie in her usual economic spell 3-1-1-1 pick of the bowlers was Kate with 9-3 reaping the benefits of bowling full and straight. Contributions from Ffion 11 and Laura 26 saw us home in 15 overs. What turned out to be the final game at Malvern we faced Staffs once again and despite a much improved batting performance with Laura carrying her bat for 28* we finished with 102 all out with two overs remaining. Staffs comfortably reached the target in 15 overs losing only one wicket to Victoria.

Last game of the season was Northants' visit to Weoley Hill. Despite returning captain Lois losing the toss and being asked to bat we went about it positively and a great opening partnership between Lois 40 and Ffion 25* plus a quick fire 10 runs from Sophie amassed a total of 96 in a game reduced to 25 overs. Once again a tight opening partnership from Sophie and captain Lois stifled Northants from the start Kate picked up another couple of economical wickets 4-2-9-2 with other bowlers chipping in but Lois returning for a second spell being pick of the bowlers leading from the front with the best figures of anyone all season Lois 5-1-12-5 leaving Northants 87 all out.

Overall the girls progressed well throughout the season and with some more match practice and bringing all three disciplines together in one game they will do themselves justice. Thanks go to Andy for his work throughout the winter and summer, the parents for their continued support during the season, especially those who helped me out scoring. Finally a thanks to Weoley Hill and Four Oaks Saints both of whose hospitality was second to none.

Warwickshire Under 13

After a successful winter training, tempered by the injury to Isobel Holden which saw her side-lined until the Malvern Festival in August, a squad was picked of 14 players, with Grace Ballinger the captain.

Warks 105, Wales 106 for 6

Sarah arranged a friendly against Wales at Bablake school, this gave us an opportunity to assess a number of players we had had previously seen in a game situation.

Oxon 114, Warks 69

The county competition got off to a poor start, the girls looked totally undercooked losing to Oxfordshire, and it was just that we lost the game as opposed to them winning.

Warks 179 for 8, Northants 34 Notts 63, Warks 64 for no wicket Warks 211 for 5, Notts 67

The team then went on a winning run which saw victories against Northants, Oxon and 2 matches against Notts.

Warks 82, Bucks 84 for 8

We then came crashing down with a poor performance against Bucks away which saw us lose in awful circumstances.

Oxon 105, Warks 109 for 2

Our return fixture with Northants was cancelled due to rain both myself and Sarah sent numerous emails, texts and phone calls to rearrange game to no avail, it appeared to both of us that they were avoiding playing our game (this resulted in them being in with the chance of making the end of season finals).

Our return fixture with Oxon was marred by an injury to Isabella Bottrell-Campbell, who fractured her wrist diving for the ball on the boundary, this saw two of our anticipated three top order batsmen being out for a considerable number of games.

Bucks 18, Warks 19 for 1

Return fixture against Bucks saw us bowl them out for 18 in a must win game, we knocked the runs off, losing only one wicket.

As a result we made the end of season finals comfortably on run rate.

Malvern gave us the opportunity to give some of the fringe-players responsibility, with Ballinger and Wong away on England duty, Isabella Bottrell-Campbell injured.

We lost all four games albeit with a weakened squad. Plus points were Hannah Downs bowling and a welcome return for Issy Holden albeit she was not 100 per cent fit (she scored her maiden county 50 in the last game).

Nationals

We lost the semi against Essex after bowling them out for 8.

Result... Essex 89 all out, Warks 71 all out

In the playoffs we comfortably beat Hampshire by 8 wks
Thus finishing 3rd out of 40 or so counties.

Result... Hampshire 86 all out, Warks 87 for 2

Notable performances during the season

Ballinger wkts and runs
Wong wkts and runs
Downs wkts
Hall wkts
Holden runs
Westlake runs and fielding

Warwickshire Under 13b Development

2015 saw the first year of the U13b Development Squad.

The team played a total of 6 matches, which included 3 games at the Malvern Festival.

The first game was narrowly lost to Nottingham after some good individual batting performances from Eva Billingham 24, Emily Naylor 18 and Evelyn Pratt taking 3-5.

The following match resulted in a very good win against Cricket Wales, batting second chasing a score of 130, where again Eva Billingham produced some top batting with a score of 28 before being run out, Amita Rao 13 and a hard hitting innings from Kirby Harris, allowed the target to be reached comfortably.

After having struggled initially at the Malvern Festival, the girls came back well to produce an excellent performance in their last game to beat Worcestershire.

Excellent bowling from Hannah Murray 2-5, Anusha Chauhan 1-6 Livia Plester, Grace Godfrey and Amita Rao 2-4 had Worcestershire all out for 70, then the strong batting of Amita Rao, Livia Plester and Hannah Murray saw the team win by 7 wks

The team was captained and led well by Hannah Murray

And a special thanks to Manager Trina Murray and all the parents for their support and help with scoring at games.

Warwickshire Under 15

A slightly up and down season with Oxfordshire being the thorn in our side! We started the season with the first of 3 t20 tournaments. In the first match we failed to show our true potential against Oxfordshire but made up for that in the second, with a resounding win over Worcestershire. In the league we against started a little below par losing to very good Oxfordshire side. We quickly bounced back however with a comprehensive win over Shropshire. The rain affected game saw us winning by 10 wickets. The girls continued in that style restricting the next 2 teams to low scores with some frugal bowling and great fielding. Shropshire showed more resilience in their second game with us but we held

our nerve and gained a very close win. In the second series of t20 games we failed to get in together losing both games (the second to Oxfordshire). However we got some pleasure and revenge 2 days later in beating Oxfordshire in the league game by a large margin. With our big wins this now meant we had edged Oxfordshire out of top spot and were beginning to look like potential league winners, until



Under 15 Girls



Another wicket falls



Ria Fackrell great season



Grace Ballinger

the weather intervened. The Staffordshire game was called off without a ball bowled. Staffordshire came up trumps in re-arranging this on the last day of the league season, but it also fell immediately after five of our girls had been involved in a very hardworking ECB development week and we were also without our bigger hitting bats. We managed only a disappointing 69 which Staffs soon overtook leaving us second in the league. In the remaining t20 an effort was made to allow all the girls available in our squad a game. Firstly a good win over Herefordshire by 9 wickets then the rain appeared again finishing our season off!

All the girls worked very hard with the youngest members of the squad outstanding -Isabelle Wong (20 wickets) and Grace Ballinger (21 wickets) worked marvels with the ball. They were aided by the spin of Emily Farmer and both Isabelle and Emily took 5 wicket hauls. In the batting Ria Fackrell scored a big century 131* and amassed 326 runs with captain Tiarna and the Godfrey twins providing excellent runs as well.

All in all, a very good season with the potential of the girls showing on many occasions, however circumstances seemed to be against us at times thwarting our chances of being champions.

Warwickshire Under 17

The U17 girls began their season with two convincing wins in the first round of the t20 tournament, against Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire at Bicester and North Oxfordshire CC. Notable early season performances included fifties for Georgia Davis and Amy Weir, and a five wicket haul for Katie Stanislas.

After exams, the 45 over competition games started in earnest. Staffordshire were the girls first opponents, and saw the first victory of the season, bowling the opposition out for just 46. Later that week saw the first real test, against Shropshire, but some excellent bowling at the death by Misha Patel made it two wins out of two.

The following week, and also the hottest week of the year, saw the girls play Monday, Wednesday and Friday against Staffordshire, Oxfordshire then Leicestershire. Again Warwickshire convincingly beat Staffordshire, with Jess Crawley bringing up her 50 to win the game. The Oxfordshire game at Walmley CC saw a fantastic innings by skipper Amy Weir, scoring her debut century and ending the innings 104 not out. A fantastic all round bowling display from the Warwickshire girls followed to ensure another victory. The Friday game against Leicestershire saw a number of the



Amy Weir on her way to debut century



Georgia Davis on the attack



Under 17 Girls Squad

Warwickshire top order contribute 20s and 30s with the bat, and the total of 178-8 was just too much for Leicestershire, and they finished on 150 all out. The girls were now on 5 wins from 5 and had a fighting chance of qualifying for finals day.

Next came another nail biter against Shropshire at Portland Road. Warwickshire were put into bat and wickets fell steadily throughout the rain-affected innings, leaving the

hosts 151 all out off 36 overs (Stanislas 48). Shropshire got off to a flyer and were well up with the run rate, until 4 wickets from Stanislas and 3 from Patel meant the visitors lost their last 6 wickets for just 48 runs, to give Warwickshire their 6th victory.

Next came the home game against Leicestershire, which saw Leics bat first and a fine batting display by three of their top 4 batters meant that Leics finish on 237 for 3. This proved too much of a total for Warwickshire, who ended up on 144 all out.

The last game was against Oxfordshire again at Bicester and North Oxfordshire CC. Oxfordshire batted first scoring 130-7, but Amy Weir once again led from the front, scoring an unbeaten 61, supported by 51 from Georgia Davis, to win by 9 wickets and to qualify for Finals Day.

Two more t20 competitions, where Warwickshire played Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire at Market Harborough CC and Leicestershire and Worcestershire at Moseley CC followed. Notable performances from Jessica Crawley (4-2-13-6) and Misha Patel with the bat meant Warwickshire won two and lost two across the course of the two days.

At the Malvern Festival, Warwickshire again played two t20s on day 1, against Shropshire and Yorkshire, narrowly losing one and tying the other. The next day saw a loss to the England U13 select XI, however a fantastic display on the last day, in particular by Jess Crawley 63* ensured the festival ended on a high with victory against a strong Yorkshire side.

On to Finals Day at Rugby School, and the girls were drawn against a young talented Wales side in the semi-final. Warwickshire batted first and amassed a total of 164 all out, with 20s from Louise Brazier, Rebecca Brazier, Georgia Davis and Katie Stanislas. This proved too much for Wales, who were all out for 107, Emily Perrin the pick of the bowlers taking 4 for 24.

On to the final against an experienced Lancashire side. Warwickshire fielded first and took steady wickets, two for each of Davis, Perrin and R Brazier, to leave Lancs 112 all out. Unfortunately some tight Lancashire bowling proved too much for the Warwickshire girls, who were all out for 58. This defeat left them with an excellent second place in the country and with many girls in the squad with another year to go at U17 level, they should be very proud indeed of their performances and results.

Warwickshire Senior Women

ECB Royal London One Day Cup Division 1

Played 8 Won 3 Lost 4 Cancelled/Abandoned 1

Errol Simms *Manager/Coach*

Warwickshire women for the first time were invited to the WCCC pre-season photo shoot and press day also the invitation was extended to the chairman's lunch later that afternoon. This obviously raised the profile of Warwickshire women's cricket; they were now going to play in the same kit as the WCCC professionals. It was also the season that the England and Wales Cricket Board introduced coloured clothing and playing with a white ball the Royal London One day Cup competition.

Focusing on the season; the first block of games were played against - Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire, Sussex and Surrey form which there were some promising performances



Warwickshire Senior Ladies



Another wicket falls



A great slip catch



Marie Kelly and Rebecca Grundy

in all areas however we had only 1 win from those games. The next 3 games saw us play against – Kent, Berkshire and Lancashire, from these games we got our 2 victory against Lancashire which was vital, keeping out of the relegation zone. Now sitting out of the relegation zone only just we need to win the last game against Middlesex to be sure; after setting them a reasonable total 225 to win they put up a good chase so lots of fingers were crossed but Georgia Hennessey's 5 wicket and Rebecca Grundy's 4 wickets supported by some outstanding ground fielding and catching saw us winning and avoiding demotion.

The weeks between the 50 over games we took part in the Nat – West t20 cup which saw us hosting two of the four days, it was a reasonable good t20 season but still fell short of promotion back to the first division.

NatWest t20 Cup Division 2 season analysis:

Played 8 Won 6 Lost 2

Warwickshire Senior Women top 3 performers in the averages 2015 season:

BATTING

Georgia Hennessey	390 runs average 39.00
Amy Jones (EW)	268 runs average 33.50
Marie Kelly (EWU19)	212 runs average 16.31

BOWLING

Georgia Davis	22 wickets average 11.73
Rebecca Grundy (EW)	20 wickets average 11.75
Marie Kelly (EW U19)	13 wickets average 21

I would like to thank the following for their support of Warwickshire Women's Cricket this season. To Scorers Jenny Skinner and Chloe Hill who have been generous with their time. Wellesbourne CC and Moseley CC who year in year out have been welcoming to women's cricket. Finally, to all the family and friends who have travelled all over the country this season to support the women as they always do throughout the year.

Finally, we must look ahead as the shape of Women's Cricket is forever developing, with the introduction of the Women Cricket Super League to be launched in August 2016. Warwickshire women must now stay with the pace as coaching staff are making the necessary plans and adjustments to cope with the change.



Members of the Management Team

Warwickshire Access

In 2015 our programme for cricketers with a disability stepped up a gear as we worked with a variety of partners to increase the scope of our work. Warwickshire Access CC is the playing team which sits behind our work as a Cricket Board with players who have either a physical disability or learning difficulties. In addition to this we have strong links with Warwickshire Visually Impaired CC and run an active Table Cricket programme.



England Physically Disabled Side

Warwickshire Access play a series of inter county during the course of the summer and finished 2015 with a playing record of played 6, Won 3, lost 2 with 1 abandoned. The side were captained for the first time by Rory Phelan who led with great distinction and coached by Martyn Collis. A number of squad members featured in various representative sides.

Midlands Lee Clarke, Liam Brothwood, Charlie Pestrige.
England Sam Wyles

In September Sam Wyles travelled to Bangladesh to represent the England Physically Disabled Side (with assistant coach, ex Bear, Ian Salisbury) to play in an international tournament against India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. He was an ever present in the side which won the first international cricket tournament for players with a Physical Disability.

Warwickshire were also heavily represented by Luke Suggs, Justin Hollingsworth and Mo Khatari in the summer's visually impaired series against India. Whilst World Champions India won both the t20 and 40 over series, the gap between the sides is narrowing rapidly. It was pleasing to see Luke Suggs named player of the series in the t20's and Justin Hollingsworth in the 40 over series.



To support these programmes, WCB run an extensive coaching programme in schools and various community venues. We are delighted this year to be able to report the formation of two Inclusive Cricket Clubs, Kings Heath and Bablake, offering opportunities for players with an impairment.

A further piece of the Board's activity is Table Cricket which gives those with limited mobility an opportunity to enjoy the game. We run a very active programme in schools and colleges across the county. This includes two leagues which lead to a County Finals Day. Our 2015 winners were Queen Alexander College from Harborne who won the right to represent the county in the Midlands Finals at Trent Bridge.

Warwickshire 50+

Played 8 Won 6 Tied 1 Lost 1

Alan Oakman Manager

We started away at Shropshire who made 209-9 (Nigel Moore 3-41, Steve Dellow 2-28) which we chased with ease making 211-2 in 38 overs (Mark Eames 75* and Mike Daniels 82* in 66 balls) but lost Mike Palmer and Dave Murphy to injury for the next few games. Next, home to Herefordshire, who chose to bat. They made 199-7, losing 3 wickets to run outs with Steve Healey bowling tightly for his 2-19. Once again we didn't take long chasing them down (David Hawkes 43, Eames 83* and Jason Robinson, on debut, 59*).

That set us up nicely for Gloucestershire. They won the toss and batted first amassing 283 all out on a typical good K&D CC wicket with a short boundary to the clubhouse. They actually lost their way from 260-5 thanks to Mike Daniels 3-41 and local knowledge by the captain (Nigel Moore 6-66). The run chase wasn't impossible but when Mark Eames was out at 161-5 (another good score of 75) it required Kevin Bissett to take the risks and Phil Clarke to remain steady. Kevin was out for a quick fire 32, leaving 70 still to get. Local knowledge came good again and Nigel Moore made use of the short boundary and with Phil flicking 6's as well it came down to 11 off the last over, 2 off the last ball. A single only left it a tied match, although one that felt like a win (Clarke 52*, Moore 45*).

Wales away on a lovely day in the Mumbles came next and we made short work of them. Another 3 run outs left them short on 187-6 off their 45 overs. 27 overs later Mark Eames had smashed 106, off 93 balls, and unusually left Dave Hawkes well behind on 64*. A long journey for those with pad rash!

Home to Worcestershire and we won a toss and put on 289-5. Hawkes wasn't to be denied this time scoring 103, Daniels 51, Robinson 54, and Chris Bramley 38 off 29 balls. Eames



Warwickshire Over 50



Daniels and Hawkes on the attack

was rested down the order and score 17* to nudge his batting average up to 356!! Worcestershire were dispatched for 184, Healey 2-32 and Daniels 3-25.

Next up were Oxfordshire away and we won the toss on a blisteringly hot day. They toiled in the heat with us running up a huge total of 324-4. Hawkes 88, Daniels 110 (99 balls) and Tony Bristow, on debut, 85 off 59 balls. Whilst Oxfordshire chased gamely, getting to 272-8 they were never close enough to worry us, Duncan Gardner taking 4-48.

The final game was played at Hampton & Solihull CC against Staffordshire who have improved immensely in the last 2 years. Something they proved later in the competition by eventually losing in the final to Yorkshire. They restricted us to 189-7 (Daniels 32, Bristow 41) but we bowled really well and fielding with a greater intensity than we had all season we bowled them out for 129. Healey 3-18 and Mark Lilley, on his belated debut, 3-26. Kevin Bissett was brilliant behind the stumps as he was all season finishing top wicket keeper in the competition.



Bristow 85 off 59 balls on debut

We were undefeated in the league for the first time that anyone could recall, going into the knock out stage with a home match against Devon. A one week delay due to a massive storm allowed them to strengthen and the captain to be absent on holiday. We batted first and posted 267-8 with Hawkes 80 and Eames 85 the main contributors. Gardner smashed 28 off 12 balls at the end. Devon got to 54-2 against tight bowling but then Loffman and Pyle chanced their arms and put on over 200 runs to knock us out. A gutting result as they then went out meekly the following weekend.

Can I thank all the players who gave up their time to play, those named above, Jon Hartley and Richard Cooper. Also thanks to the Clubs who provided good grounds to play on, Sarah Sandland for scoring and in particular to Alan Oakman who's enthusiasm remains undimmed for the 50+ game and who administers the whole thing very efficiently.

Warwickshire 60+

A long and hard, but enjoyable season in the National County Championship sponsored by Seevent with 8 teams home and away stretching far across the Eastern regions. Early successes saw us winning 2 out of first 3 games the second away to Bedfordshire with a four off the very last ball. Whilst we competed well in further matches we didn't win again although we came agonisingly close in losing to Leicestershire away by a frustrating 2 runs when we were in a good position to do the double over them. Consolation was that we finished above them in the final table and whilst we lost 2 games by 9 wickets those were our worst defeats with other matches being much closer.

Whilst we had some additional players this season other Counties always have one or two exceptional players and although we are still looking for those really class players our team spirit and morale never waned with everyone really enjoying the matches. Our batting was much more solid and the bowlers returned some excellent economy rates which were generally equal if not better than most of our opponents.

The bulk of the batting was by newcomers (with top scores) Neil Spragg (76) and Rob Ball (53), Mike Nason (56*), Richard Heath (56), John Sanderson (50) John Day (42) and Roger Wickson (40) with useful contributions from Ali Babar (34) and Richard Harper (32).

The main bowlers were Chris Bateman, Dave Slade, Mike Nason, Rob Ball, Roger Wickson and Harold Turner with useful contributions from Richard Harper, Roger Lewis and Howard Clay.

Heartfelt thanks must go to the Clubs who generously donated their grounds for these matches also to our Umpires and to our regular scorer and Play-Cricket Administrator Dave Fisher. In addition many thanks to all those who played but on a sad note Alan Neal decided to retire due to illness. His valuable contribution to the side will be missed but we all wish him well.

Warwickshire 70+

Don Bates Captain/Manager

We again competed in the Over 70's County Championship and played eight matches in the West Division

After 5 weekly nets in the indoor school and 2 friendly matches plus the addition of a couple of new players we were probably better equipped than last year, starting the season with a 10 wicket win in Somerset.

All in all, we played 8 of which we won 2. However, the fact that we gained 22 bonus points (the equivalent of another win) took us to third place in the table, below Hampshire and Sussex, but above Worcestershire and Somerset.

We also played 3 friendlies winning two and losing one.

Sussex went on to win the play off final against Surrey.

Our leading batsman was John Day who scored 306 runs at an average of 61.2 John scored 60 v Worcs, .68 v Sussex, 53* v Somerset, 46 and 41 v Somerset and Sussex.

Jim Philips plundered 212 with 70 v Somerset and 57 v Hampshire. Other contributors Mike Timmins 76 v Somerset, Don Bates 46 v Hants and Phil Budd 37* v Somerset and 36 v Worcs.

The middle and lower order were always quite capable but hardly ever got a chance as we were only bowled out once. However they came into their own in the bowling department bowling up to nine overs per game.

Fred Lewis was consistently steady taking 11 wickets at 24, John Day 8 at 26, John Bates 4 at 40, Jim Philips 5 at 55 whilst opening bowler Roy Cooper was always steady particularly against Somerset when he took 1 for 8 off his nine overs.

Martin Lawrence was reliable and steady behind the stumps whilst Peter Drake saved us plenty of runs in the field with his athleticism.

Both John Day and Jim Philips were deservedly selected for England's over 70's tour to Australia in the autumn.

At a lesser level, Fred Lewis and Don Bates were invited to represent the MCCC in a celebration match against the Fossils. Finally, thanks to Stratford, Kings Heath, Four Oaks Saints and Warwick cricket clubs for the use of their grounds, Dave Fisher our scorer and the tea ladies, without all of whom this would never happen!

This year saw the retirement of Warwickshire stalwart, Alan Neal who has represented the county at 50's, 60's and 70's. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Alan for all he has done for Warwickshire senior cricket.

As a last thought, we do appreciate how lucky we are at our age to still be playing this glorious game against folks our own age in a pleasant but competitive atmosphere. As we look forward to 2016 please could anyone from age 69 upwards please get in touch.



Warwickshire Over 70

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