

## National Club Championship History

1969 DH Robins Cup – 1976 John Haig Trophy – 1983 William Younger Cup – 1987 Cockspur Cup –

1991 Club Cricket Champ – 1993 Abbot Ale Cup – 1999 Club Cricket Champ.- 2004 Cockspur Cup –

2009 Nat Club Champ. – 2012 Kingfisher Beer Cup. – 2013 Nat Club Champ. -2014 – present Royal London Club Championship.

**Best performances by Cornish teams – Semi-finals (4): 1982 – Camborne lost to Finchley (Middlesex), 1990 – Truro lost to Cheam (Surrey), 2006 & 2007 – St Just (lost to Bromley, Kent both years)**

Finals played at Lord's 1969 - 2008 (apart from Edgbaston 1977 & 2002), 2019, 2022 & 2023.

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## Best performance by a Cornish team each year – scroll down for Reports

	Round				
<b>1982</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>Camborne</b>	lost	Finchley	
<b>1990</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>Truro (a)</b>	195	Cheam	229-8
1997	4	Truro (h)	185-8	Exmouth	226-7
1998	6 - Last 16	Truro (a)	147	Bath	200
1999	5	Truro (h)	150	Weston-Super-Mare	170
2000	3	Truro (a)	144	Exmouth	144-8
2001	3	Callington (h)	lost	Exmouth	
2002	1	Truro (h)	85	Westland Sports	102-9
2002	1	Falmouth (h)	181-4	Bovey Tracey	183-1
2002	1	Callington (a)	90	Plympton	91-4
2003	2	Grampound Rd (a)	52	Plympton	156-8
2003	2	Callington (a)	73	Sidmouth	138-8
2004	4	Grampound Rd (h)	236-9	Taunton St Andrews	286-7
2005	4	Falmouth (a)	163	Bridgwater	213
<b>2006</b>	<b>8 SF</b>	<b>St Just (a)</b>	165	Bromley	253-4
<b>2007</b>	<b>8 SF</b>	<b>St Just (h)</b>	190-9	Bromley	191-4
2008	3	Falmouth (a)	121	Plymouth	122-5
2009	4	Werrington (h)	189	Taunton St Andrews	192-7
2010	3	Callington (a)	202	Bridgwater	244-9
2010	3	Werrington (a)	207-8	Taunton St Andrews	209-6
2011	4	Werrington (h)	194	Bridgwater	221
2012	3	Falmouth (a)	94	Bridgwater	275-4
2012	3	St Austell (h)	134	Bovey Tracey	137-0
2013	5 - Last 16	Werrington (h)	170	Bath	220-7
2014	5 - Last 16	St Just (h)	156	Frocester	157-5
2015	2	Werrington (a)	106	Cornwood	110-4
2016	3	Werrington (h)	197-9	Bridgwater	199-5
2017	3	Penzance (a)	40	Bristol	125

2018	3	Wadebridge (h)	80	Clevedon	81-1
2019	4	Wadebridge (a)	conc	Clevedon	
2020		Covid-19			
2021	3	Callington (h)	toss	Bridgwater	
2022	3	Penzance (h)	163	Bridgwater	188
2023	5 QF	Penzance (h)	103	Teddington	247-8
2024	4 - Last 16	Bath	237-7	Penzance (h)	223-8

**Camborne** were the first Cornish team to reach the semi-finals losing to Finchley in **1982**.

They beat Bath en-route with former Kent player James Graham-Brown featuring. Camborne 140/6 (J Rapp 30 MC Rowe 22), Bath 137 (JHM Graham-Brown 3-28, G Rapson 2-34).

**Truro** reached the **1990** semi-final before losing at Cheam by 34 runs. The home side included seventeen year old Mark Butcher who, batting at four, was run out without scoring. He went on to play 71 tests for England and had a long career with Surrey. Cheam 229-8 (45 overs) (CC Lovell 4-30), Truro 195 all out after being 78 without loss. T Walton 36, G Stephens 35, R Barber 30, B Purchase 24. Truro had beaten Falmouth, Paignton, Downend, Cheltenham and Southgate in a quarter-final replay after the game at Truro had been abandoned.

In **2006 St Just** reached the semi-final beating Grampound Road, Falmouth, Werrington, Taunton St Andrews, Frocester and Ealing on the way.

#### **Rd 5 Group Final 2nd July 2006**

Taunton St Andrews 198-8 (A Grundy 65, K Sedgebeer 30, P Lawrence 27. M Jenkin 24; R Clackworthy 2-23, N George 2-34, G Thomas 2-50),

St Just 199-3 (G May 81no, G Thomas 79no, D Roberts 34; M Parsons 2-51).

St Just beat Taunton St Andrews by seven wickets with 4 overs to spare and are away to Frocester (Gloucestershire) in the last sixteen.

St Just did well to have Taunton St Andrews struggling at 84-5 in the 26th over with former Somerset men Mike Burns and Kevin Parsons both dismissed cheaply by Nick George. The visitors were saved by Ashleigh Grundy who hit 65, and Kevin Sedgbeer with 30, as the pair added 87 over 16 overs for the sixth wicket. Needing 199 in 45 overs St Just lost Neil Curnow to the impressive Gareth Porter with only 1 on the board but David Roberts (34) took control striking seven glorious boundaries before falling to Mike Parsons. The Somerset quickie in his next over then had Gavin Edwards brilliantly caught at slip at 51-3. St Just though were carried to victory thanks to a fine stand between Gary Thomas (79 not out) and skipper Gareth May (81 not out) as they added an unbroken 148, in great fashion, to win the game with four overs to spare.

#### **Round 6 Sunday 16 July 2006**

Frocester (Gloucestershire) 263-6 (N Trainor 125; M George 2-52),

St Just 265-5 (G Thomas 78no, D Roke 49no, D Roberts 47, G May 32, N Curnow 27).

St Just beat Frocester by five wickets with nine balls to spare and are at home to Ealing in the quarter-finals on Sunday 30th July.

## Quarter Final 30 July 2006

St Just v Ealing St Just are just one step from the Cockspur Cup Final at Lord's following a superb performance to defeat Ealing at Cape Cornwall Road. They will bid to become the first Cornish team to reach the National Club Final when they travel to Bromley in Kent on Sunday 13th August. Ealing recovered from 59-4 to make 226-9 in 45 overs. St Just lost David Roberts for 29 at 79-1 in the 13th over but Neil Curnow with a brilliant 119 not out including a six and 19 fours and Gary Thomas 68 not out steered them home with almost 5 overs to spare.

Ealing 226-9 (D Holt 93 not out, S Hawk 40, P Wellings 35, I Manchett 30; G Thomas 4-53, G Trenwith 2-19),

St Just 228-1 (N Curnow 119no, G Thomas 68 no, D Roberts 29).

St Just beat Ealing by nine wickets and meet Bromley away in the semi-final.

## Semi Final 13 Aug 2006

### Bromley v St Just - postponed to 20th August waterlogged ground

St Just's Cockspur Cup run came to an end when they lost their delayed semi-final at Bromley by 88 runs. St Just won the toss and after being put in Bromley lost an early wicket with Graham Trenwith striking in the second over. Nick George picked up a couple of wickets including former Surrey batsman Nadeem Shahid, caught in the deep for 55, at 76 for 3 off 15 overs. The home team fought back as Nicky Bluett (52) and James Watson took the total to 153 before Matthew Issacs blasted 59 not out. With Watson making an unbeaten 59 a hundred runs came off the last 12 overs for the fifth wicket to get the total up to 253-4 off 45 overs. Nick George took 2 for 47. The innings was interrupted due to rain with a further heavy shower at teatime. David Roberts and Neil Curnow put on 43 before Curnow was given out lbw for 23. Gary Thomas went for 0 but with skipper Gareth May making 19 St Just reached 133 for 4 before losing four wickets in consecutive overs. Roberts was then ninth out for 82 and the end came soon after at 165 all out with six overs remaining. Issacs took 3 for 26.

Bromley 253-4 (45 overs) (J Watson 59no, M Issacs 58 no, N Shahid, 55, N Bluett 52; N George 2-47, G Trenwith 1-37, R Clackworthy 1-41),

**2007**

## NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SO NEAR BUT SO FAR AGAIN FOR ST JUST

*By Michael Weeks*

For the second successive year St Just were defeated in the **Cockspur Cup** semi-final and narrowly missed out on a trip to Lord's. Again it was Kent side Bromley that denied the West Penwith club a final place, this time at Cape Cornwall Road. It followed another memorable year for St Just in the competition. Bad weather hampered the competition throughout. There were wins against Cornwood (Devon), Weston-super-mare and Henley.

**Rd 1** bye.

**Rd 2 St Just (h) v Truro.** Truro conceded after tie was twice postponed.

**Rd 3 Werrington (h) 149-9** (B Smeeth 57, H Horwell 34, T Dingle 20; N George 2-24, M George 2-27),

St Just 151-1 (D Roberts 72no, K Noema-Barnett 71no). St Just beat Werrington by nine wickets. Match was replayed after St Just travelled only for rain to prevent a start.

**Rd 4 Grampound Road 164** (M Pearce 59, M Hocking 21no; M George 3-18, K Noema-Barnett 2-30). **St Just (h) did not bat. RSP.** Match was to be replayed but Grampound Road conceded.

#### Group Final – 8th July

The match was postponed for a week due to a wet ground. Cornwood were 16 for 5 and 33 for 7 as Graham Trenwith & Robert Clackworthy wrecked the top order. St Just won in the 17th over.

**Cornwood (h) 105** (B Warren 42, D Harris 25no; G Trenwith 4-14, R Clackworthy 3-16, K Noema-Barnett 3-22),

**St Just 106-1** (A Birkett 43no, G Thomas 33no). St Just beat Cornwood by nine wickets.

#### Round 6 - 16 July

Despite a poor forecast the worst of the weather escaped the far west of Cornwall with play getting underway on time. **Weston-super-mare 165-9** (A Fear 50, G Morgan 32, E Brown 31; M George 2-15, R Clackworthy 2-41),

**St Just 168-5 (h)** (G Thomas 56, K Noema-Barnett 40, D Roberts 38; Shabil Ahmed 3-34).

St Just beat Weston-super-Mare by five wickets

#### Quarter-final – 12 August

Due to severe flooding in the Thames Valley the tie was delayed by a fortnight. St Just were set 235 to win in 45 overs and despite needing 62 from the last 7 overs got home with 4 wickets and 4 balls to spare. Neil

Curnow made 64 before wicket keeper Gavin Edwards, with 49 not out, guided his side to victory.



**Henley 234-7** (M Roberts 66, A Greyvenstein 51, P Carter 28no, C Ellison 21; G Thomas 2-28, K N-Barnett 2-31),

**St Just 236-6** (N Curnow 64, G Edwards 49no, D Roberts 43, G Thomas 27, M George 14no; T Chamberlain 2-20).

St Just beat Henley by four wickets with c c 4 balls to spare

#### Semi-final - 19 Aug

St Just were put in under grey skies, with a gusty wind blowing straight off the Atlantic giving an autumnal feel to the day. The innings could hardly have got off to a more dramatic start. After a couple of trial runs Rowell Braithwaite then opted not to open the bowling. The ball was thrown to Tom Mees who duly bowled a long hop with his first ball, only for David Roberts to smash to Nicky Bluett at point. Neil Curnow and Gary Thomas found the going tough against Mees and Michael Bluett with runs coming at a premium. Thomas fell in the tenth over with the score at 16. He pulled at Bluett, only to get a leading edge and be caught at mid off.

Curnow followed in Bluett's next over pulling a long hop to mid on to make it 18 for 3. When Andy Birkett followed, caught at slip at 32 for 4 in the seventeenth over, the home side were up against it. The visitors, who had made the long trip from Kent with an overnight stopover in Plymouth, used the new ball well. Mees only conceded 5 runs in his opening spell of seven overs. St Just needed a partnership and it came through Kieran Noema- Barnett and quarter-final hero Gavin Edwards. The pair added a crucial 93 in 18 overs to lift the spirits of the partisan home crowd. Barnett struck 4 sixes and 2 fours in his 54 off 63 balls before holing out to Alan Wells on the mid wicket boundary. Edwards followed when he lobbed to Braithwaite at backward square for 45 that included four boundaries. Skipper Gareth May ended on 25 not out at better than a run a ball and Mark George made 16 as St Just got up to respectable 190 for 9 in their 45 overs. A great recovery from St Just but how they wished for a big innings from one of the top order on the day.

With the weather improving to blue skies St Just needed early wickets and they got the big scalp of former Surrey star Nadeem Shahid with 19 on the board. Graham Trenwith had him caught at short third man by Robert Clackworthy. Leo Taylor struck some powerful boundaries to see the 50 up but St Just had little luck with nothing going to hand. Grant Sheen departed at 67 when Trenwith bowled him for 10. St Just's hopes were sunk by a third wicket partnership between Taylor and Alan Wells who added 92. Taylor brought up his century with his fourteenth boundary, an on drive off Clackworthy. In perhaps a loss of concentration he wafted at the young seamer soon after to be caught behind for a match winning 101. Clackworthy followed up by bowling Nicky Bluett before Alan Wells finished the job, in the evening sunshine, with an unbeaten 46. Trenwith took two for 42 and Clackworthy two for 50. Nick George bowled well early on only conceding 15 runs in his seven overs.

St Just skipper Gareth May was understandably disappointed at the outcome. He said afterwards " It was a very disappointing day for the club". "We didn't perform and the better side won on the day". It was the fourth Cornish semi-final defeat over the last 25 years following Camborne in 1982 and Truro in 1990.



Kieran Noema-Barnett is dismissed in the semi-final against Bromley at St Just

**St Just v Bromley at St Just on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2007**

ST JUST				BROMLEY			
D Roberts	c N Bluett	b T Mees	0	Nadeem Shahid	c R Clackworthy	b G Trenwith	12
N Curnow	c J Watson	b M Bluett	5	L Taylor	c G Edwards	b R Clackworthy	101
G Thomas	c J Butterfill	b M Bluett	5	G Sheen		b G Trenwith	10
A Birkett	c Nadeem Shahid	b M Braithwaite	8	A Wells	not out		46
+G Edwards	c R Braithwaite	b J Butterfill	45	N Bluett		b Clackworthy	0
K N- Barnett	c A Wells	b G Sheen	54	M Dennington	not out		10
*G May	not out		25	J Watson			
M George		b J Butterfill	16	R Braithwaite			

N George	b J Butterfill	4	J Butterfill
G Trenwith	run out	1	T Mees
R Clackworthy	not out	0	M Bluett
	Extras	27	Extras
	<b>Total (9 wkts, 45 overs)</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>Total (4 wkts, 42 overs)</b>
			<b>12</b>
			<b>191</b>
<b>Fall:</b> 0-16-18-32-125-140-165-181-189		<b>Fall:</b> 19-67-159-161	
<b>Bowling:</b> Mees 9-4-18-1, Bluett 9-1-17-2, Braithwaite 9-3-37-1, M Dennington 9-0-40-0, Sheen 5-0-41-1, Butterfill 4-0-22-3		<b>Bowling:</b> N George 7-1-15-0, Trenwith 9-0-42-2, Noema-Barnett 8-1-46-0, M George 8-1-29-0, Clackworthy 9-1-50-2, Thomas 1-0-5-0	
Umpires: J Sterland & S Malone		<b>Bromley beat St Just by 6 wickets</b>	

## National Club Champions

	Winners	Runners Up	Venue	
1	<b>1969</b> Hampstead (Middlesex)	Pocklington Pixies (Yorkshire)	Lord's	DH Robins Cup
2	<b>1970</b> Cheltenham (Gloucestershire)	Stockport (Cheshire)	Lord's	DH Robins Cup
3	<b>1971</b> Blackheath (Kent)	Ealing (Middlesex)	Lord's	DH Robins Cup
4	<b>1972</b> Scarborough (Yorkshire)	Brentham (Middlesex)	Lord's	DH Robins Cup
5	<b>1973</b> Wolverhampton (Staffordshire)	The Mote (Kent)	Lord's	DH Robins Cup
6	<b>1974</b> Sunbury (Middlesex)	Tunbridge Wells (Kent)	Lord's	DH Robins Cup
7	<b>1975</b> York (Yorkshire)	Blackpool (Lancashire)	Lord's	DH Robins Cup
8	<b>1976</b> Scarborough (Yorkshire)	Dulwich (Surrey)	Lord's	John Haig Trophy
9	<b>1977</b> Southgate (Middlesex)	Bowdon (Cheshire)	Edgbaston	John Haig Trophy
10	<b>1978</b> Cheltenham (Gloucestershire)	Bishop's Stortford (Hertfordshire)	Lord's	John Haig Trophy
11	<b>1979</b> Scarborough (Yorkshire)	Reading (Berkshire)	Lord's	John Haig Trophy
12	<b>1980</b> Moseley (Warwickshire)	Gosport Borough (Hampshire)	Lord's	John Haig Trophy
13	<b>1981</b> Scarborough (Yorkshire)	Blackheath (Kent)	Lord's	John Haig Trophy
14	<b>1982</b> Scarborough (Yorkshire)	Finchley (Middlesex)	Lord's	John Haig Trophy
15	<b>1983</b> Shrewsbury (Shropshire)	Hastings & St Leonard's Priory (Sussex)	Lord's	William Younger Cup
16	<b>1984</b> Old Hill (Worcestershire)	Bishop's Stortford (Hertfordshire)	Lord's	William Younger Cup
17	<b>1985</b> Old Hill (Worcestershire)	Reading (Berkshire)	Lord's	William Younger Cup
18	<b>1986</b> Stourbridge (Worcestershire)	Weston-super-Mare (Somerset)	Lord's	William Younger Cup
19	<b>1987</b> Old Hill (Worcestershire)	Teddington (Middlesex)	Lord's	Cockspur Cup
20	<b>1988</b> Enfield (Middlesex)	Wolverhampton (Staffordshire)	replayed at Edgbaston	Cockspur Cup
21	<b>1989</b> Teddington (Middlesex)	Old Hill (Worcestershire)	replayed at Edgbaston	Cockspur Cup
22	<b>1990</b> Blackpool (Lancashire)	Cheam (Surrey)	Lord's	Cockspur Cup
23	<b>1991</b> Teddington (Middlesex)	Walsall (Staffordshire)	Lord's	Club Cricket Championship
24	<b>1992</b> Optimists (Gloucestershire)	Kendal (Cumbria)	Lord's	Club Cricket Championship
25	<b>1993</b> Old Hill (Worcestershire)	West Bromwich Dartmouth (Staffordshire)	Lord's	Abbot Ale Cup
26	<b>1994</b> Chorley (Lancashire)	Ealing (Middlesex)	Lord's	Abbot Ale Cup
27	<b>1995</b> Chorley (Lancashire)	Clifton Flax Bourton (Somerset)	Lord's	Abbot Ale Cup
28	<b>1996</b> Walsall (Staffordshire)	Chorley (Lancashire)	Lord's	Abbot Ale Cup
29	<b>1997</b> Eastbourne (Sussex)	Harrogate (Yorkshire)	Lord's	Abbot Ale Cup
30	<b>1998</b> Doncaster Town (Yorkshire)	Bath (Somerset)	Lord's	Abbot Ale Cup
31	<b>1999</b> Wolverhampton (Staffordshire)	Teddington (Middlesex)	Lord's	Club Cricket Championship
32	<b>2000</b> Sheffield Collegiate (Yorkshire)	Eastbourne (Sussex)	replayed at Southgate	Club Cricket Championship

33	<b>2001</b>	Bramhall (Cheshire)	Bath (Somerset)	Lord's	Club Cricket Championship sponsored by play-cricket.com
34	<b>2002</b>	Saffron Walden (Essex)	Barnt Green (Worcestershire)	Edgbaston	Club Cricket Championship sponsored by play-cricket.com
35	<b>2003</b>	Sandiacre Town (Derbyshire)	Bath (Somerset)	Lord's	Club Cricket Championship
36	<b>2004</b>	Kibworth (Leicestershire)	Ockbrook & Borrowash (Derbyshire)	Lord's	Cockspur Cup
37	<b>2005</b>	Horsham (Sussex)	Barnt Green (Worcestershire)	Lord's	Cockspur Cup
38	<b>2006</b>	South Northumberland	Bromley (Kent)	Lord's	Cockspur Cup
39	<b>2007</b>	Bromley (Kent)	Kibworth (Leicestershire)	Lord's	Cockspur Cup
40	<b>2008</b>	Kibworth (Leicestershire)	Malden Wanderers (Surrey)	replayed at Southgate	Cockspur Cup
41	<b>2009</b>	Chester-le-Street (Durham)	Spencer (Surrey)	Derby	ECB National Club Championship
42	<b>2010</b>	South Northumberland	Ealing (Middlesex)	Derby	ECB National Club Championship
43	<b>2011</b>	Shrewsbury (Shropshire)	Cambridge Granta (Cambridgeshire)	Derby	ECB National Club Championship
44	<b>2012</b>	York (Yorkshire)	Wanstead & Snaresbrook (Essex)	Derby	Kingfisher Beer Cup
45	<b>2013</b>	West Indian Cavaliers (Notts)	Ealing (Middlesex)	Chester le Street	ECB National Club Championship
46	<b>2014</b>	Sandiacre Town (Derbyshire)	Sunbury (Middlesex)	Bristol	Royal London Club Championship
47	<b>2015</b>	Blackheath (Kent)	Northern (Lancashire)	Beckenham	Royal London Club Championship
48	<b>2016</b>	South Northumberland	Swardeston (Norfolk)	Northampton	Royal London Club Championship
49	<b>2017</b>	Wanstead & Snaresbrook (Essex)	Ormskirk (Lancashire)	Chelmsford	Royal London Club Championship
50	<b>2018</b>	Richmondshire (Yorkshire)	Stanmore (Middlesex)	Bristol	Royal London Club Championship
51	<b>2019</b>	Swardeston (Norfolk)	Nantwich (Cheshire)	Lord's	Royal London Club Championship
.	<b>2020</b>	no competition due to COVID-19			
52	<b>2021</b>	Bath (Somerset)	Sandiacre Town (Derbyshire)	Wormsley	Royal London Club Championship
53	<b>2022</b>	Bexley (Kent)	Nantwich (Cheshire)	Lord's	Royal London Club Championship
54	<b>2023</b>	Cuckney (Nottinghamshire)	Bexley (Kent)	Lord's	Royal London Club Championship

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