

CORNWALL COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE 2011 SEASON

On the face of it 2011 was an average championship season with two wins, two draws and two defeats. It left us in fifth spot with 77 points, 45 points behind the champions Devon. It could easily have been so much better with a little more luck however. The opening game at Berkshire was lost by an innings but the other five games might easily all have been won. The six wicket success at Cheshire ended a hoodoo as it was the first ever win against the northern county in the 25 attempts since 1983. Shropshire were comfortably defeated at St Austell despite a target of 269 being set. The draws saw Wales MC's last two wickets hold out for seventy minutes at Falmouth and the final day at Bournemouth against Dorset was washed out with us requiring a further 110 runs with six wickets remaining. The other defeat was against Herefordshire at Truro by five wickets, who chased down the 242 target after our positive declaration in order to try to force a win. A feature of the season was the youthfulness of the team with four teenagers making their championship debuts. History was made when 17 year-old twins James & Tom Rowe joined elder brother Matthew to become the first set of three brothers to represent the county in a game.

Our opening championship game against Berkshire saw a first ever visit to Henley-on-Thames. We went down to a heavy defeat by an innings and 23 runs, despite the first day being lost to rain. On the second morning we lost a vital toss in cloudy, bowler friendly conditions. We got to 41 before losing Matt Robins and Matt Rowe to Hampshire quick bowler David Balcombe, who went on to take five for 67. We struggled to 120-6 at lunch with skipper Tom Sharp reflecting later that it was as difficult a session as he could recall in his championship career. After the interval Alex Smeeth was bowled by former England spinner Shaun Udal. Taylor Williams and Kelvin Snell added a useful 40 for the eighth wicket but the last three wickets went for just five runs. The home side took full advantage of a new playing regulation allowing for up to ninety minutes of play loss on the opening day to be tagged onto the beginning and end of day two. The longest championship day on record, of nine and a half hours, saw us concede 100 runs in the final hour. The innings had begun sensationally as Sam Hockin struck with the first ball. From 44-3 David Barnes and Steve Naylor added 85 and James Morris and Naylor a further 128 before three quick wickets made it 270-7. Naylor, who survived three lives, and Chris Peploe then made hay, on a quickening outfield, before the close of a long 143 over day. The remaining four overs were completed on the third morning with Peploe dismissed for 67 and Naylor ending 188 not out as Berkshire finished on 405-9 - a lead of 216 runs. Alex Smeeth ended with three for 73 and there were two wickets for Sam Hockin and St Austell's Andrew Libby, who made his championship debut. In doing so he became the five hundredth player to play championship cricket for Cornwall since our entry in 1904. We needed to bat for most of the day to save the game and got to 32 before Robins, Davis and Parsons went for the addition of three runs. Sharp made 42 and with Rowe and Angove going well there was hope at 157 for four at lunch. It all disappeared, however, as five wickets fell for 35 runs and with Alex Smeeth absent through injury it was all over within an hour of the resumption. Rowe hit his county best of 71. Balcombe took nine wickets in an experienced attack that had four bowlers with nearly 400 first class appearances among them. Our last innings defeat had been at Bridgnorth against Shropshire in 2004. Chris Hunkin missed that game and he was to play 40 consecutive matches until missing the 2011 Berkshire game which, co-incidentally, also ended in an innings defeat for Cornwall.

The historical first-ever championship win over Cheshire, at Chester Boughton Hall, was all the more remarkable as eight of the team were aged 23 or under. Sixteen year old Ben Kitt and seventeen year old James Rowe made their debuts following late call ups due to injury and unavailability. Meanwhile Andrew Libby (second cap), Taylor Williams (3), Matt Rowe (7), Kelvin Snell (8) and Dan Davis (12) were all still championship novices. Having been withdrawn, to their surprise, from the County's Under 17 fixture, Kitt and Rowe shared the new ball forming possibly the county's youngest-ever opening attack. Rowe joined his father Chris, uncle Martyn and brother Matthew as Cornwall cricketers. Meanwhile Kitt follows in the family tradition of father Colin and family members Mike and Andrew Snowdon in representing the county. At 16 years and 159 days he is believed to be the third youngest ever to be capped. Both took wickets on the opening morning as Cornwall made full use of cloudy conditions on not the easiest of pitches. The hosts were reeling at 123 for eight (from 120 for four) shortly before lunch but Danny Berry hit out to make 63 in the 217 all out. Tom Sharp (5-72) took five wickets for the tenth time. We also found it hard going, emphasised by professional Keith Parsons who spent 48 balls making 14. Davis hit 31 and Robins and Hunkin passed the 20 mark. Sharp held things together with 50 not out aided by Andrew Libby before the latter was out to the last ball of the day at 188-8 - still 29 runs behind. The second morning neared the unbelievable as, under a hot sun, Sharp and James Rowe put on 77 for the ninth wicket with Rowe outscoring his skipper. Just when thoughts were turning to the all time record of 102 for the county's ninth wicket, set way back in 1938 at Oxford by George Rogers and Tommy Harry, Sharp was lbw for 77. There was even better to come however as Rowe and Kitt put on 92 for the last wicket. With two overs of the allotted ninety remaining Rowe, six short of a century, top edged a hook to the keeper and left the field with the home side sportingly leading the applause. He hit two sixes and 15 fours in a stylish 94 off exactly 100 balls. Kitt was unbeaten on 44 off 42 balls that included eight boundaries. We had gained the most unlikely of leads of 140 runs. In Cheshire's second innings, after Kitt and Snell struck, Sharp picked up two wickets in an over. Next over Kelvin Snell bowled skipper Hall and at 99 for 5 in mid afternoon a two day finish even looked possible. Opener Jonny Kettle found support however from Richard Logan and Berry to build a lead. With the advantage increased to 124 Kettle went off the boil when he was well held, low down, by keeper Williams off the bowling of Kitt. He hit 139 off 220 balls and the innings soon ended at 279 when Kitt completed his five wicket haul (5-80) ending Syddall's 64 ball vigil. Needing 140 to win in a day and fifteen minutes Robins and Matt Rowe survived two overs before bad light ended play ten minutes early. It only took ninety minutes, and less than 23 overs, to complete victory on the third day. Needing a further 130 runs, the openers got to 30 before

Rowe hooked to square leg. Davis followed for a single. Parsons saw the hundred up before he was bowled and Hunkin was lbw with 33 still required. Robins batted beautifully hitting twelve boundaries in his unbeaten 59 with Sharp 20 not out. Though history probably by-passed most of the youthful Cornish team the win brought an end a run of six successive draws in the fixture and finally condemned the Cheshire hoodoo to the history books.

In a game that all rounder Kelvin Snell will never forget the clash with Wales Minor Counties at Falmouth was drawn, in the most dramatic of circumstances. We failed to take the final wicket, with a last ball vociferous lbw appeal turned down. The game started with a superb unbeaten century from Keith Parsons. He came to the crease at 19 for two, on a difficult morning, but in a knock showing his wealth of experience he batted out the rest of the innings. With rain hitting the Trescobas ground on Saturday afternoon damp underfoot conditions prevented a prompt start. Play was delayed until noon but the extra hour was made up in pleasant evening sunshine. We were put in and reduced to 45 for four but Chris Hunkin joined Parsons to see the innings through to lunch at 94-4. On the resumption Hunkin was dismissed for 24 but the fightback continued as Taylor Williams helped add 67 for the sixth wicket with Parsons. Snell also made a valuable 36. Parsons ended on 146 not out hitting two sixes and seventeen fours. His only other championship century was the 175 against Cheshire on the same ground two years earlier. We reached 293 all out with seven balls of the 90 overs unused. The Welsh were 60-1 by the close. Tom Sharp struck early on the second morning to have David Lloyd caught for 34. At 114 for five and 159 for six we had hopes of taking a substantial lead but Sam Davies went on to make 96 before being bowled by Sharp, who claimed a five wicket haul for the second match running. He took five for 90 from 39 overs, bowling unchanged. Young keeper Tom Baker was unbeaten on 47 as Dan Davis wrapped up the tail with two for 29. We had an 18 run advantage but were soon reduced to 20 for four. Dan Davis and Sharp then combined to add a crucial 118 for the fifth wicket before Sharp was dismissed in the final half hour for 48. Davis remained undefeated on 76 as we took a lead of 173 into the final day with four wickets remaining. On day three, after Davis was out in the first over without addition to his or the team's overnight score, Snell produced a superb display of clean hitting. He explosively reached a maiden century with his second fifty coming in just 20 balls. In all he hit seven sixes and six fours in 99 balls. James Rowe (19) and Libby (23) gave us the luxury of declaring half an hour before lunch. The target was 321 in a minimum of 68 overs, which was to become 81 in all. The Welsh openers Holden (42) and Rhodri Evans (57) put on 105 before Snell struck with the ball. He went on to take six for 65 and was awarded his county cap at tea. Welsh skipper Darren Thomas came to the crease with seventy minutes remaining at 193 for eight. He saw off Snell and then defied the spinners Sharp and Andrew Libby for 79 balls. He got great support from number ten Jon Denning whose made just two scoring shots in his 60 balls. In the 21st and final over of the last hour, Sharp struck with the second ball but the last pair survived a dramatic finale to end on 220-9.

Shropshire were beaten at St Austell by four wickets, with 75 minutes to spare and it could have been a bigger margin as three wickets fell getting the last seven runs. Shropshire's last victory on Cornish soil was 19 years ago and this fifth straight defeat rekindled memories of Wheal Eliza six years ago, when Anthony Penberthy and David Roberts hit centuries chasing down 322. This time it was new generation that stole the show with Alex Smeeth and Matt Robins both having superb matches. On the opening day the visitors elected to bat and hit 355 for nine in their 90 overs. Cornwall left out James Rowe from their twelve with his twin brother Tom making his debut. Alex Smeeth and Tom Sharp were amongst the wickets as the visitors slipped to 186 for six. However Richard Oliver and Andy Gray put on 94 for the seventh wicket in 31 overs. Oliver's 120 came off 160 balls. Smeeth took five for 105. Spinners Sharp (3-101) and Andrew Libby bowled a long spell in tandem, sending down 58 overs between them. Cornwall were 109 for two at stumps with Robins 59 not out. He and Tom Rowe batted for much of the second morning to take their third wicket partnership to 157. Robins hit his maiden championship century and was eventually out for 118 made off 176 balls. Rowe followed having made 77 on his debut. With twenty overs available Cornwall were looking set for a lead at 272-4 at lunch. Chris Hunkin (20) was caught behind shortly after the restart. With twelve overs remaining Sharp was lbw for 60 and Taylor Williams and Kelvin Snell went without addition to the score, as three wickets fell in as many overs. Libby followed soon after but a spirited last wicket stand of 33 between Smeeth (18no) and Kitt (19) reduced the deficit to just four runs. Shropshire were 206 for five at stumps on the second evening. James Ralph was 124 not out having come in when Smeeth claimed the first two wickets in successive balls at 24. On day three Smeeth set up the victory charge taking four of the five wickets to fall for the addition of 58 runs. He struck immediately getting Anthony Parker and Gray caught behind. Ralph (140) followed as he ended with a county best 6-76 and 11 wickets in the match. Cornwall needed 269 in a minimum of 79 overs and Robins and Matt Rowe reduced it by 52 at lunch. Rowe (33) went with the score at 84 before Robins and Dan Davis added 77. Just when a moment of history beckoned, Robins was caught behind off spinner Gray for 97. Had he reached three figures he would have been the first Cornish player to get a century in each innings of a match. Davis (33) followed before Tom Rowe and Sharp put on 95 either side of tea. With seven needed Sharp (53) was dismissed and Chris Hunkin and Taylor Williams followed before, fittingly, Smeeth hit the winning boundary. In his debut game Tom Rowe (41no) took his match total to 118 for once out.

Herefordshire left Truro celebrating a third win in the last four visits to Boscawen Park. Having been set 242 in around 58 overs, they got home by five wickets with over five overs to spare. Less than thirty overs were possible on the opening day and we struggled to 100 for five, after electing to bat. The morning session saw a rain interruption with thirty minutes lost and heavy downpours saw no play after 2.15pm. The day started with a moment of history, and reflection. James Rowe, a late replacement for Ben Kitt, joined his brothers Matt and Tom to become the first set of three brothers to play in the same game for Cornwall. Also a minute's silence was observed, and the flag flown at half mast, in respect of former County Captain, Team Secretary and Troon stalwart Jack 'JP' Angove, who passed away during the week, aged 89. We were three wickets down in the first half hour. Dan Davis made 20 and when Sharp was bowled for 16 we were in bother at 63-5. Teenagers Tom Rowe and Taylor Williams shared an unbroken sixth wicket stand of 37 before the heavens opened. Tom Rowe (102) hit his maiden century in a recovery to

223 all out on the second day. Alex Smeeth then struck twice in three balls to leave the visitors 10-2 at lunch. The afternoon session, however, saw a stand of 237 for the third wicket between Dave Exall (111) and skipper Chris Boroughs (113). At tea the visitors led by six runs and with 30 overs and eight wickets remaining, a considerable lead looked likely. However a Cornish fight back saw eight wickets fall for 61 runs within 19 overs. Andrew Libby did the damage taking six for 58 from 22 overs. Smeeth ended with three for 64 in the 305 all out as the visitors led by 82 runs. Our second innings started sensationally at 2 for 3. Tom Rowe and Taylor Williams saw it to 59-3 at the close. Williams opened in place of Matt Rowe who felt unwell. He was out without adding to his 32 on the third morning. Tom Rowe was joined by Sharp and the pair put on 161 for the fifth wicket before Rowe was dismissed for 69. Sharp went on to complete his sixth century and ended on 138 not out off 169 balls when he positively declared at 323-8 just before three o'clock. Exall and Stebbings got their side off to a good start putting on 79 in 17 overs. Steve Adshead made 39 and Chris Boroughs 31 but victory was secured at 245-5 thanks to some wayward bowling, several dropped catches and Brad Wadlan's 74 not out off 57 balls. James Rowe and Sharp took two wickets each.

There was a disappointing and soggy end to the championship season at Bournemouth when the final day against Dorset was washed out and the match abandoned as a draw. On the opening day, to the backdrop of the Bournemouth Air Show, twenty wickets fell with the home side ending the day with an 87 run lead and all second innings wickets standing. Having been put in Dorset enjoyed a second wicket partnership of 122 between Nick Park & Masoor Khan (63). It was undone however as nine wickets fell for 71 (including the last five for 10) with Park carrying his bat for 80 off 199 balls. Alex Smeeth (4-65), Ben Kitt (3-39) and Tom Sharp (3-22 off 18 overs) were amongst the wickets. Matt Robins (49) and Dan Davis (34) helped us to 114-3 before another collapse as seven wickets fell for 22 runs including the last five without a run added. Tom Hicks took five for 20. Dorset reached 21 in the seven overs that remained in the day. On the second day, with a deficit of 66 runs on first innings, we were looking out of it when Nick Park (86) and Aaron Williams (51) put on 130 before being parted. It was the start of the third dramatic collapse in the match as all ten wickets fell for just 60 runs. Alex Smeeth (5-57) and Tom Sharp (3-37 off 27 overs) did the damage with the last five falling for just six runs. Needing 257 to win, in just over four sessions, we lost debutant Jake Libby cheaply and Matt Robins (31) at 64-2. Dan Davis made 47 before being trapped lbw to Ed Denham. He also accounted for Matt Rowe (21) just before the close leaving Sharp (19no) and Chris Hunkin (5no) unbeaten. Following overnight and morning rain the game was called off at three o'clock. Cornwall had required a further 110 runs with six wickets remaining. The Western title was dramatically snatched by Devon after they saw off season long leaders Berkshire at Sidmouth by ten wickets in two days. It's the second year in succession Berkshire have been denied the title in the south west on the last game, having suffered similarly at Truro last year.

In the MCCA Trophy we got off to a losing start on May Day at Abergavenny against Wales Minor Counties. The home side won a useful toss, following overnight rain, and we were soon in trouble losing three wickets in the first half hour to make it 22 for three. Tom Sharp and Antony Angove added 43 but we were in trouble at 65-5. Matt Rowe made 21 but was bowled out for 139 with over 16 overs unused. Sharp was the last man out for 55. Rob Harrison, who was recalled to the side to open the bowling in place of injured Alex Smeeth, made an early breakthrough. Dion Holden made 52 and Dan Roberts an unbeaten 67, however, as the Welsh eased home in the 27th over. Our day was summed up with Sam Hockin hitting the stumps with successive balls, the first a no ball and the second the subsequent free hit!

The runs flowed against Buckinghamshire at Truro as we broke our one day records for both the highest totals for and against, and the 661 runs on the day was our highest ever run aggregate in a one-day game. After losing Angove cheaply Robins and Dan Davis put on 165 for the second wicket in just 31 overs. Davis was lbw for 87 but Robins and Sharp then put on 65 in seven overs. Robins fell for 103 made off 104 balls, to follow his century against Bucks at Marlow last year. Sharp followed for a lively 45 off just 30 balls. Gary Thomas made 19; Chris Hunkin 26 and Gavin Edwards 29 not out in the 346-7, with 141 coming off the last fifteen overs. Bucks lost a wicket to Sam Hockin's first ball. Leigh Tomlinson and Matthew Eyles (54) put on 97 for the second wicket, at seven an over, before Sharp got the breakthrough. In tandem with debutant spinner Andrew Libby the pair slowed the rate. Opener Tomlinson was lbw to Libby for 66. Young Tom Helm blasted a late fifty, including four sixes. He helped add 99 in an unbroken eighth wicket stand over the last eight overs to see the total to 315-7. Libby took three for 39 from his ten overs and Sharp one for 37 from ten overs.

Our hopes of quarter-final qualification were sunk, for the sixth successive year, with a 41 run defeat by Devon at Bovey Tracey, combined with Wiltshire's defeat to Wales MC at Trowbridge. We suffered an early blow losing Chris Hunkin to a hamstring injury after bowling just two overs. James Burke and Rob Woodman added 73 in eleven overs before Woodman went for 37. Neil Bettis made 29, Bobby Dawson 42 and Burke went on to make 78. Kelvin Snell took two for 39 and Matt Robins two for 42 in the 271-8. Our top order all made runs but no-one was able to play the really major innings. Robins hit 27, David Roberts 42, Davis 26 and Sharp 17. The dismissal of Keith Parsons for 43, at 185-5 with 13 overs to go, was key to Cornish hopes. No one was able to stay with Antony Angove as four wickets fell for just eleven runs. He was last out for 45 at 230 with four overs remaining.

Three weeks after setting a new one day record total it was exceeded, by a run, in the academic final group game against Wiltshire at Redruth, where neither side could qualify. We totalled 347-5 on a fast outfield and victory followed by 77 runs to secure third place in the group behind Devon and Wales MC. We got off to a bright start with Roberts and Robins adding 77 before Roberts was caught sweeping for 28. Robins followed for 51 and Davis also reached his half century before being stumped on 59. Sharp holed out in the power play but Parsons and Matt Rowe plundered the visitors' attack as 125 came off the last ten overs. Parsons fell two short of his century, caught at cover after hitting three sixes and nine fours in his 98. Rowe was undefeated on 42 and

Angove 16 not out. Wiltshire were never up with the rate but reached 128 for one before losing Henry Langford for 68. Opener Jayden Levitt went on to make 88 and the last wicket pair of Ashur Morrison and Bowler added 44. Kelvin Snell took three for 64 and slow bowlers Robins and Andrew Libby took two each. Angove was most economical sending down his ten overs for 29 runs.

In the championship Tom Rowe made 289 runs in 4 innings with one not out to average 96.33. Tom Sharp was the leading runscorer with 537 runs at 59.66. Matt Robins hit 432 runs at 39.27. Keith Parsons made 201 runs at 28.71 including the highest score of 146no. For only the second year ever, five different batsmen hit championship centuries: Tom Rowe, Parsons, Snell, Robins and Sharp. (The only other occasion was when six players did it in 2005). Tom Rowe and Tom Sharp shared the highest partnership of 161 for the fifth wicket against Herefordshire. In the bowling averages Alex Smeeth took 26 wickets at 18.96, Tom Sharp 27 wickets at 25.00 and Andrew Libby 19 wickets at 25.68 including the best spell of 6-58, narrowly ahead of six wicket hauls from Kelvin Snell and Alex Smeeth.

We used sixteen players during the championship season. Seven players: Sharp, Robins, Snell, Libby, Williams, Davis & Matt Rowe played in all six games. Five players: Andrew Libby, James Rowe, Ben Kitt, Tom Rowe and Jake Libby made their debuts. Taylor Williams kept wicket in all six games taking 15 catches and making 2 stumpings. Matt Rowe took 7 outfield catches.

In the four MCCA Trophy games 16 players were also used. Keith Parsons made 141 runs at 70.50, Matt Robins 181 runs at 60.33 including the highest score of 103 and Dan Davis 173 runs at 43.25. Andrew Libby took 6 wickets with Robins and Snell taking five each.

Kelvin Snell received his county cap at Falmouth in the game against Wales Minor Counties.

For the third successive year a pre-season training weekend was held in Jersey with the April weather again being very kind.

Keith Parsons again captained the ECB Unicorns in the Clydesdale Bank 40 competition. His highest score for the Unicorns was the 62 not out against Gloucestershire.

Our Secretary Mrs Anita George MBE, JP again served on both the Minor Counties Management Committee and the ECB's Cricket Discipline Commission.

The long serving County Club Chairman, Col Ronnie Potts, indicated at the end of the season that he would not be seeking re-election in 2012.

Our scorer, Jim O'Brien, was ever present in 2011 and the committee greatly appreciates his efforts. A big vote of thanks is extended to our host clubs, their grounds staff and their caterers for their hard work, first-class organization and excellent hospitality. The committee also extend their thanks to the local media for their coverage during 2011. Kelly's of Cornwall again provided invaluable sponsorship for which we are most grateful.

2011 SEASON FACTS & FIGURES

Highest Score	For	357	Cheshire	Chester Boughton Hall
(Championship)	Against	405-9	Berkshire	Henley-on-Thames

Lowest Score	For	136	Dorset	Bournemouth
(Championship)	Against	190	Dorset	Bournemouth

Highest Partnerships

165	2nd	ML Robins (103) / DF Davis (87)	Buckinghamshire	MCCA Trophy	Truro
161	5th	TC Rowe (69) / TG Sharp (138no)	Herefordshire	Championship	Truro

Highest Individual Scores

146no	KA Parsons	Wales MC	Championship	Falmouth
138no	TG Sharp	Herefordshire (2 nd Inns)	Championship	Truro
118	ML Robins	Shropshire	Championship	St Austell
103	ML Robins	Buckinghamshire	MCCA Trophy	Truro
102	TC Rowe	Herefordshire	Championship	Truro
101no	KJ Snell	Wales MC (2 nd Inns)	Championship	Falmouth

Best Bowling

6 - 58	AC Libby	Herefordshire	Championship	Truro
6 - 65	KJ Snell	Wales MC (2 nd Inns)	Championship	Falmouth
6 - 76	AG Smeeth	Shropshire (2 nd Inns)	Championship	St Austell

10 wickets in a match

11 - 181	AG Smeeth	Shropshire	Championship	St Austell
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County Caps (1) KJ Snell

County Debuts (5) AC Libby, JK Rowe, BM Kitt, TC Rowe, JD Libby.

Cornwall County Women's Report 2011

ECB County Division 5 (50 overs)

Gloucestershire at Truro

The county's first match against Gloucestershire for a few years saw Cornwall put in to bat after Gloucestershire won the toss. Cornwall 129 all out in 49.5 overs – Gloucestershire 130 for 32.1 overs

Dorset away

Dorset won the toss and fielded

In a very close match, which had a delayed start and reduced overs due to the weather, Cornwall lost but were far the better team on the day.

Cornwall 83 all out in 41.3 overs – Dorset 84 for 7 in 37.1 overs

Wiltshire away

No play due to Rain

Oxfordshire at Werrington

We had the wonderful experience of playing at Werrington on President's day with glorious weather as well as a large crowd.

Cornwall won the toss and fielded.

Oxford 146 all out in 48.1 overs (Rebecca Daniels 3 for 14, Fern Nicholls 3 for 31)

Cornwall 147 for 7 in 47.1 overs (opening partnership 90, Viv Searle 45, Emma Pascoe 51)

Oxfordshire away

Oxfordshire won the toss and fielded.

This was an excellent team performance and despite Cornwall suffering early losses, the team recovered from 36 for 4 to reach a total of 160 in 49.2 overs (Fern Nicholls 39, Hannah Grice 21, Rebecca Rowe 18).

When fielding, Cornwall were quickly amongst the wickets with Charlotte Phillips taking 3 for 16 from 10 overs (on her senior debut) and Melissa Rowe 3 for 21 from 10 overs. Oxfordshire all out for 136

Wiltshire at St Austell

Cornwall won the toss and fielded.

Wiltshire 167 for 8 in 50 overs (Melissa Rowe 2 for 12 in 10 overs).

Cornwall 72 for 4 (Beth Hawken 27 not out) – RSP abandoned (15 overs) No Match

Dorset at Falmouth

Dorset won the toss and fielded.

Cornwall 97 all out in 32 overs (Hannah Grice 45).

Dorset 10 in 3 overs, RSP abandoned. No Match

Gloucestershire away

Gloucester won the toss and batted.

Gloucester 194 all out in 49.5 overs (Katy Pearce 2 for 19, Hannah Grice 2 for 21).

Cornwall 45 all out in 19.3 overs

ECB 20/20 Competition – Wellington School, Near Reading

This year's tournament was at Wellington College which is a fantastic venue to visit and has some great facilities. Cornwall were again grouped with Wiltshire, Dorset and Buckinghamshire. Cornwall won 3 of the 4 matches played but due to a lower run rate they finished 3rd and then won against Dorset in the 3rd v 4th playoff. This tournament gives players an experience in a different type of match and the intensity of playing 4 matches in 2 days. It should be continued to be supported by Cornwall but more consideration to the location of the venue needs to be made by the ECB.

Cornwall v Wiltshire

Wiltshire 110 for 8 (Charlotte Phillips 3 for 16), Cornwall 111 for 3 (Charlotte Phillips 25, Emma Pascoe 34, Hannah Grice 20no). (18.2 overs)

Cornwall v Bucks

Buckinghamshire 153 for 3 – Cornwall 51

Cornwall v Dorset

Dorset 134 – Cornwall 135 for 2 (Charlotte Phillips 53, Emma Pascoe 50 - opening partnership 116) (19.1 overs)

Cornwall v Dorset – (3rd v 4th place playoff)

Dorset 60 (Charlotte Phillips 3 for 8, Jade Williams 4 for 8) – Cornwall 61 for 1 (Charlotte Phillips 32 not out).

Seasons Summary

We have once again had some very promising young players joining the senior XI squad this season and they will all improve even further with match experience and more coaching. Once again the importance of all players playing as much competitive cricket as possible cannot be emphasised and this should include wherever possible Saturday league matches in the Cornwall Cricket League. This will assist in improving their match awareness as this is a vital area for the development of Womens & Girls cricket.

My thanks go to all those involved who have supported me in the managerial role, especially Laura Harper, Fern Nicholls, Rachael Eustice & a special thank you to Nicola Hawken for helping out with transport and generally assisting with away matches.

I would like to particularly thank the umpires who have officiated at our home matches and a special thank you to the coaches for delivering the indoor training sessions.

Finally many thanks to Werrington, Truro, St Austell and Falmouth Clubs for the use of their pitches for County matches in 2011.

I have now been the County Manager for the last 7 seasons and it has been a very enjoyable experience with many memorable times. I hope that during my time in this role, players have benefitted from the encouragement and coaching that both myself and the coaches have provided and that in the process they have all been better prepared to play and enjoy the game that we all love.

Facebook

There is now a Facebook page which anyone may add photos and events. So far this has almost entirely only had new items added relating to County matches but it is relevant to all Womens and Girls cricket in Cornwall.

It would be very beneficial to all those who want to see the sport develop further and faster if everyone got involved and posted items to assist in promoting the game. This would then automatically cascade to all those friends of those who liked the page and before too long awareness could be enhanced so very easily without any cost and hardly any effort.

It could also be easily promoted to all schools, colleges and other organisations where it would be appropriate to promote women's and girl's cricket.

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Cornwall Over 50's Championship Report 2011

The season started early in the New Year with six training sessions organised at the Cornwall Cricket Centre where we able to welcome both new and existing players to our ranks as well as practice in earnest for the new season.

Our first championship match was on the Isle of Wight on the Tuesday of the biennial tour. The tour party started the trip full of good manners banter with two games to loosen us up before the "big" game against the Isle of Wight on the Tuesday. The day started in a very relaxed mood with most of the team going on a walk to the sea front at Shanklin with one or two tour prizes purchased for game misdemeanours like dropped catches and ducks. We arrived at the ground in good time and with the lovely weather all was set for a good days cricket. The game started by losing the toss and having to bowl first. After losing an early wicket the Isle of Wight built, albeit slowly, a total and at 139-2 with 14 overs to go the innings could have gone either way. After the 4th ball of Vic Voysey's second over he collapsed. CPR was administered by his fellow players. Paramedics and an Ambulance were quickly on the scene and Vic was taken to the hospital at Newport. The game was abandoned as a draw. Although a decision was made that evening to continue with the tour, Vic sadly passed away the following Monday without regaining consciousness.

Our first home game was against Devon at Truro. The ground, looking very resplendent in the bright sun Cornwall made the decision after winning the toss to bat in very favourable batting conditions. A second wicket partnership of 92 between captain Nigel Sanders and Trevor Lee and then Anton Luiten (all three scoring 50's) and Steve Bone allowed Cornwall to amass 238-5 in their allotted overs. Devon started slowly and soon found themselves behind the clock especially when new boys Mike Hoban and Steve Bone rattled through 18 overs at less than 3 per over. The acceleration came but thankfully Cornwall held their nerve to emerge victorious by 6 runs in a very hard fought game.

We came down to earth with a bump against Dorset at Wadebridge although it must be said that there were two Cornishmen

playing for Dorset and they made an impact that won the game. Cornwall again won the toss and decided to bat. A poor batting display saw them to an under par 140 all out. Whilst Cornwall fought to the end Truro School "Old Boy" Paul Triniman saw Dorset home with three overs remaining.

Wiltshire at Trowbridge was another game where we underperformed and on a very good track, albeit bouncy, we again won the toss and batted accumulating another under par score of 123. Wiltshire gave us a lesson in batting on a very good track and passed our score at a canter losing only 3 wickets in the process.

Our next game saw us entertain the Channel Islands at Callington. CI won the toss and decided to bat and whilst Tony Roberts bowled exceptionally well CI amassed 245-7 in 45 overs. Cornwall tried valiantly to chase down the target but fell some 45 runs at the end of the innings.

The re-arranged game against Hampshire was played at the Vosper Thorneycroft venue on the outskirts of Southampton. All I can say is Wow, what a pitch! A partnership of 106 between Trevor Lee and Nigel Sanders (69 and 61) with some lusty blows late in the innings from Steve Bone and Dave Jenkin saw what we thought was a very reasonable 235-6 posted at tea. Our bowlers soon found out the quality of the pitch as Hampshire overhauled the Cornwall score within 36 overs! Our batters commented that they would like to roll the pitch up and take it with us, although there may have been a mutiny from our bowlers!

Another re-arranged game at another very beautiful ground at North Perrott greeted us on our last game of the campaign. Somerset won the toss and decided to bat, again on a belter of a batting track. Somerset amassed 359-5 in the allotted overs. Cornwall, although started brightly with the 100 coming up in the 18th over were always finding it hard to stay up with the rate and scored 178-8 at the finish. Another really great pitch to bat on!

The Championship season ended with another loss. Obviously, losing our Manager, Vic Voysey on the Isle of Wight was a very big shock and loss to us, and whilst we gave our all for his memory in the game against Devon I know and am sure that his advice and presence was sorely missed by us all.

Championship Report by the captain Nigel Sanders

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Cornwall County Cricket Club Minor Counties Championship 2011

Batting Averages	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50
TC Rowe	2	4	1	289	102	96.33	1	2
TG Sharp	6	12	3	537	138*	59.66	1	3
ML Robins	6	12	1	432	118	39.27	1	2
BM Kitt	4	5	3	64	44*	32.00	0	0
JK Rowe	3	5	1	116	94	29.00	0	1
KA Parsons	4	8	1	201	146*	28.71	1	0
KJ Snell	6	9	1	187	101*	23.37	1	0
DF Davis	6	12	0	260	76	21.66	0	1
AG Smeeth	4	6	2	77	21	19.25	0	0
AD Angove	1	2	0	34	27	17.00	0	0
MH Rowe	6	12	0	203	71	16.91	0	1
T Williams	6	10	1	149	32	16.55	0	0
CA Hunkin	4	8	1	80	24	11.42	0	0
AC Libby	6	8	1	66	23	9.42	0	0
JD Libby	1	2	0	3	2	1.50	0	0
SC Hockin	1	2	1	0	0*	0.00	0	0
Bowling Averages		Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Ave
AG Smeeth		126.0	17	493	26	6/76	11/181	18.96
TG Sharp		258.2	62	675	27	5/72	7/155	25.00
AC Libby		173.0	41	488	19	6/58	7/128	25.68
BM Kitt		70.3	15	280	10	5/80	7/131	28.00
SC Hockin		19.0	5	66	2	2/66	2/66	33.00
JK Rowe		49.0	12	200	5	2/56	2/61	40.00

KJ Snell	89.0	17	323	8	6/65	6/97	40.37
DF Davis	28.1	1	128	3	2/29	2/57	42.66
KA Parsons	6.0	3	7	0	-	-	-
MH Rowe	6.0	1	19	0	-	-	-
AD Angove	6.0	0	25	0	-	-	-
ML Robins	5.0	0	36	0	-	-	-
CA Hunkin	9.0	1	47	0	-	-	-

Fixtures 2012

MCCA Trophy Group 2 (1 day)

22 April	Oxfordshire	St Austell
29 April	Devon	Instow
6 May	Bedfordshire	Truro (noon)
13 May	Hertfordshire	North Mymms
17 June	<i>Quarter Finals</i>	
1 July	<i>Semi Finals</i>	
29 Aug	<i>Final</i>	Wormsley

Minor Counties Championship Western Division (3 days) 11am start

10 -12 June	Herefordshire	Eastnor
24-26 June	Devon	St Austell
8-10 July	Wiltshire	Falmouth
22-24 July	Cheshire	Truro
5-7 August	Oxfordshire	Great & Little Tew
19-21 August	Wales MC	Abergavenny