

**CORNWALL COUNTY CRICKET CLUB  
COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE 2018 SEASON**

Before reflecting on the playing season it is only appropriate to mark the passing, within six weeks at the beginning of 2019, of two former Presidents – both long-serving stalwarts of the County Club. Francis Julian Williams CBE (Caerhays), passed away on 5th January 2019, aged 91 years. He took on the role of President in 1967 following the passing of the Rt Hon Viscount Clifden KCVO in July 1966. Julian Williams served for 40 years before retiring in March 2007.

His successor was the Rev'd Canon Ken Rogers who passed away on 12th February 2019 at the age of 85 years. Father Ken was elected to the General Committee in 1967 and became the Honorary Secretary in 1992 following the retirement of Tom Meneer. He continued in the post for eight years, before becoming Assistant Secretary to the current incumbent, Mrs Anita George MBE, in 2000. He was a founder member of the Cornwall Cricket Board representing the County Club between 1996 and 2000. He also served as an officer of Truro Cricket Club from 1979 to his passing and was a keen follower of local football and rugby. His requiem mass funeral and service of thanksgiving, was held at a packed Truro Cathedral on the 4<sup>th</sup> March, on the eve on the 2019 AGM.

On the field, the weather was exceptional with June and July virtually rain free. Three championship games at Werrington, St Austell and Usk went down to the final overs on the third evening. We had a mixed championship season of results with two wins, two defeats and two draws. Though never in serious title contention a fourth-placed finish was a marked improvement under new skipper Matthew Rowe. It began, however, with a 137 run defeat at Herefordshire. Our highest ever successful run chase followed as the 335 target was knocked off to beat Devon at Werrington with nine balls to spare. Wiltshire's final pair put on an unbeaten 31, over the last ten overs at St Austell, to draw ending just 14 runs short of victory. They had been set 287 to win in just over two sessions. At Truro Cheshire were bowled out for 223 to lose by 75 runs, having been 103-1 at lunch on the final day. We suffered a shock defeat at Banbury, needing only 112 to win against Oxfordshire we were bundled out for just 73. The final game away to Wales MC saw our last pair hold out to draw the game, 43 runs short of victory. In the new T20 competition five of the eight games were won but it was only enough to come second in the group behind Devon. Dorset were beaten by seven wickets in the Knock Out Trophy preliminary round. In the first round, Berkshire were 90-6 at one stage but recovered well to make 261 and win by 36 runs.

With a change to two-divisional championship cricket agreed for 2020 a top five place in 2019 takes on greater importance.

**Unicorns Trophy**

**29 April Dorset 155-9 Cornwall 156 -3 at North Perrott**

The competition reverted to a knock –out format. In the preliminary round, Dorset were put in and soon in trouble when Tom Arnold was bowled by Tom Dinnis for a single. Dual registered Peter Trego (*Somerset CCC*) opened the bowling at the other end and made a telling contribution on his county debut. He bowled his ten overs unchanged to return impressive figures of 10-5-12-3 to leave the home side struggling at 50-4 at 20 overs. Josh Digby held the rest of the innings together making 35 off 75 balls before he was ninth out to give Dinnis a second wicket. Nathan Pobega took a debut wicket and spinner Lewis Goldsworthy only conceded 17 runs from his ten overs. New professional Sam Wood conceded 30 runs from his ten over spell. Wood then got the innings off to a flyer making 30 off 21 balls before a 94 run second wicket partnership between the Rowe brothers. Tom was dismissed for 47 by Max Waller in the 32<sup>nd</sup> over at 126. Trego made 19 before falling to Somerset colleague Waller but Matt Rowe (53no) hit the winning six to bring up his fifty.

*North Perrott – Dorset 155-9 (JG Digby 35, B Walker 30; PD Trego 3-12, TJ Dinnis 2-41), Cornwall 156-3 (MH Rowe 53no, TC Rowe 47, SKW Wood 30; MTC Waller 2-28). Cornwall beat Dorset by 7 wickets.*

**20 May Berkshire 261-9, Cornwall 225 at The Oratory School, Woodcote.**

The home side elected to bat in the first ever Minor County game to be played at the private school in the Chilterns. An upset was on the cards when they slumped to 90-6 in the 24<sup>th</sup> over but Richard Morris came to the rescue. He dominated to make 131 and Joe Thomas provided valuable support adding 118 for the seventh wicket. Turpin, Dinnis, Wood and Pobega ended with two wickets each. Tom Rowe and Robins got our reply off to a solid start adding 40 before Robins was caught for 17. For the first time, Cornwall fielded a team that included three 'Sams'. In addition to Wood two 17 year-olds made debuts. Sam Young, a member of the Somerset Academy while Under 17 National title winning skipper Sam Wyatt was called up as a late replacement for the injured Lewis Goldsworthy. Tom Rowe made 44, but we were reduced to 105-7 before a defiant ninth-wicket stand between Wood and Pobega added 74. Wood smashed 5 sixes and 11 fours in his 106 but just as the unlikely threatened he was dismissed. Pobega (15) was last out 13 runs later at 225.

*Oratory School – Berkshire 261-9 (RK Morris 131, J Thomas 36, JAJ Rishton 22, TM Nugent 21; NM Pobega 2-39, TJ Dinnis 2-55, SKW Wood 2-52, JR Turpin 2-67), Cornwall 225 (SKW Wood 106, TC Rowe 44; ED Woods 3-49, Akbar Raja 2-26). Berkshire beat Cornwall by 36 runs.*

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### Unicorns T20 Competition

**6 May Cornwall 141-6, Devon 100-9 & Cornwall 127-7, Devon 128-6 at Truro**

In a memorable weekend, we embraced the new world of Unicorns Twenty 20 cricket. It saw four games within 28 hours and the best part of a 400 mile round trip to South Wales. We made 141-8 against Devon with Sam Wood (45) and Tom Rowe (39) getting the bulk of the runs in a 61 run second wicket stand. Devon were restricted to 100-9 with skipper Matt Rowe taking 5-14 in four overs and Nathan Pobega 3-21. In the second game, Peter Trego hit 38 and Tom Rowe and Kelvin Snell got twenties in the 127-7. Devon got home by four wickets with four balls to spare.

*Truro – Cornwall 141-6 (SKW Wood 40, TC Rowe 39, PS Smith 18; GR Chappell 3-24), Devon 100-9 (LJ Lewis 23, LFO Bess 17; MH Rowe 5-14, NM Pobega 3-21). Cornwall (2 points) beat Devon by 41 runs.*

*Truro – Cornwall 127-7 (PD Trego 38, KJ Snell 26, TC Rowe 25; TJR Codd 3-22, GR Chappell 2-22), Devon 128-6 (19.2 overs) (GR Chappell 44, ZGG Bess 29no, MW Thompson 22; PD Trego 2-18). Devon (2 points) beat Cornwall by four wickets.*

**Mon 7 May Cornwall 122-8, Wales MC 126-5 & Wales MC 112, Cornwall 118-1 at Newport**

Tom Rowe made 30 off 15 balls and Wood 20 in the 122-8 but the Welsh cruised home by five wickets with 11 balls to spare. In the second game James Turpin (4-18) and Tom Dinnis (3-3) ensured the target was only 113. Half their side were dismissed for 56. Tom Rowe and Trego put on an unbeaten 78 to achieve victory midway through the 13th over – helping the net run rate in the process

*Newport – Cornwall 122-8 (TC Rowe 30, SKW Wood 20; R Walker 2-30, R Edwards 2-30), Wales MC 126-5 (18.1) (J Voke 48, T Smith 25, C Taylor 24no; SKW Wood 2-23). Wales MC (2 pts) beat Cornwall by five wickets.*

*Newport – Wales MC 112 (19.5) (S Pearce 19; JR Turpin 4-18, TJ Dinnis 3-3, SKW Wood 2-15), Cornwall 118-1 (12.3) TC Rowe 57no, PD Trego 46no). Cornwall (2pts) beat Wales MC by nine wickets.*

**3 June Cornwall 116-7, Dorset 119-5 & Dorset 136-5, Cornwall 137-5 at St Austell**

In the first game, we found ourselves at 40-4 in the eighth over having lost Tom Rowe, Wood, Trego and Robins. The rescue act came from Matt Rowe (41) and Paul Smith (31) who added 66 over the next 11 overs to get the total to a modest 116-7. The visitors were 44-3 themselves in the eighth over with Tommy Sturgess taking three wickets. They still needed 29 off the last four overs. Crucially the last balls of both the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> overs were hit for six however to leave only two required off the last. Alex Eckland made 33 not out and Ed Denham 22 not out.

In the second game, Luke Webb made 50 off 46 balls to steer Dorset to 136-5. We used seven bowlers with Pobega taking two for 19 from four overs. In the reply, Wood made 35 off just 14 balls. Robins hit 15 and Smith 21 at a run a ball. It came down to Matt Rowe (33no) and Turpin (11no) requiring eleven off the last over. Turpin scampered the two required off the final ball of the match, helped by a misfield at mid wicket, to secure a nail-biting five-wicket win.

*St Austell – Cornwall 116-7 (MH Rowe 41, PS Smith 31; JI McCoy 3-15), Dorset 119-5 (19.2) (AJ Eckland 33no, EG Denham 22no; TG Sturgess 3-14). Dorset (2pts) beat Cornwall by five wickets.*

*St Austell – Dorset 136-5 (LA Webb 50, MA Wolstenholme 25; NM Pobega 2-19), Cornwall 137-5 (SKW Wood 35, MH Rowe 33no, PS Smith 27; MA Wolstenholme 2-26). Cornwall (2pts) beat Dorset by five wickets off the final ball.*

**17 June Cornwall 152-9, Wiltshire 140-9 & Wiltshire 135-9, Cornwall 136-2 at Calne**

We beat Wiltshire in both games at the Beversbrook Sports Complex but it all proved in vain. Events at Instow, with Devon doing the double over Wales MC, meant that we ended up as runners up in the group, having won five of the eight games and heading Dorset on net run rate. Devon proceeded to finals day, however, having won one game more. In hindsight, the deciding factor came at Truro in the opening round of games, six weeks earlier. Having lost the first game Devon squeezed home by four wickets with just four balls to spare in the second clash to share the spoils on the day.

We were put in and had an early shock losing Sam Wood, to his first ball in the opening over. Peter Trego (25) and Tom Rowe (12) got starts but at 60-3 at halfway a major innings was needed. It came from skipper Matt Rowe who hit 6 sixes and 9 fours in his 86 off just 48 balls. He dominated the innings before being bowled at 141 with three overs to go. The innings ended on 152-9. Wiltshire got off to a good start before Tom Morton was dismissed by Tommy Sturgess in the fourth over at 29-1.

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Wickets tumbled and they were 58-5 at halfway, Bradley Dawson threw caution to the wind to make 52 not out that included 3 sixes. The home side ended on 140-9 with Sturgess, Lewis Goldsworthy and Wood taking two wickets each.

In the second game, Wiltshire were put in and made 135-9. Seven boundaries came in the first four overs as they had 38 on the board despite losing a wicket, to the second ball from Tom Dinnis. Trego picked up three for 18 and Tommy Sturgess two for 34. Tom Rowe hit a six and ten fours in his 51. Trego (47) and Matt Rowe (29) then combined to put on an unbeaten 60 as victory came at the beginning of the fifteenth over.

*Calne – Cornwall 152-9 (MH Rowe 86, PD Trego 25; EGC Young 4-16, JM King 2-24), Wiltshire 140-9 (BC Dawson 52, EGC Young 32; SKW Wood 2-13, LP Goldsworthy 2-17, TG Sturgess 2-25). Cornwall (2pts) beat Wiltshire by 12 runs.*

*Calne – Wiltshire 135-9 (J Haines 25, J Mynott 25no, EGC Young 20; PD Trego 3-18, TG Sturgess 2-34), Cornwall 136-2 (14.1 overs)(TC Rowe 51, PD Trego 47no, MH Rowe 29no). Cornwall (2pts) beat Wiltshire by eight wickets.*

### Unicorns Counties Championship

#### **24-26 June Herefordshire 289 & 152, Cornwall 157 & 147 at Colwall**

in the rural setting of Colwall, in the Malverns, defeat came by 137 runs at lunch on the third day. It continued Herefordshire's recent domination of the fixture. Since 2009 they have won four of the six meetings and another was abandoned after one day in 2012 due to heavy rain. We had to make three late changes with Peter Trego, Lewis Goldsworthy and Tommy Sturgess withdrawing from the selected eleven. They were replaced by Alex Bone, Nathan Pobega (championship debut) and 18-year-old Piran Kent (county debut). On the opening day, Herefordshire elected to bat and made 289 before being bowled out with five overs to spare. Cornwall were 45-3 at stumps losing skipper Matt Rowe and night-watchman Kent just before the close. On the second morning, we looked in reasonable shape at 120-4 but the last six wickets fell for only 37 runs, to be all out for 157 at lunch. Left-arm seamer Alex Wilkinson took five wickets for 19 runs. We gave ourselves a chance by bowling the hosts out for 152 second time around with Werrington's Tom Dinnis taking a county-best 5 for 39 to follow his five wickets in an innings against Herefordshire at Penzance the previous August. It left a target of 285 in a day and thirty minutes. However, openers Alex Bone and Scott Harvey were dismissed in the closing overs. On the final morning Matthew Rowe and night-watchman Andrew Libby had departed at 63-4 but Tom Rowe and Sam Wood saw the hundred up. However, the last six wickets fell in just fifteen overs for 43 runs. Former Worcestershire player Matt Pardoe did the damage. The home skipper sent down 14 overs of left-arm spin to claim seven for 34. Tom Rowe made 24 and Paul Smith 28.

*Colwall – Herefordshire 289 (PI Burgoyne 69, MG Pardoe 52, BEI Morgan 48; MH Rowe 2-47, NM Pobega 2-51, AC Libby 2-58), & 152 (MG Pardoe 38, PI Burgoyne 32; TJ Dinnis 5-39, NM Pobega 3-34). Cornwall 157 (SA Harvey 44, MH Rowe 25, SKW Wood 25, TC Rowe 23; AR Wilkinson 5-17, PI Burgoyne 3-37) & (Target 285) 147 (PS Smith 28, TC Rowe 24; MG Pardoe 7-34, BEI Morgan 2-20). Herefordshire (23pts) beat Cornwall (4pts) by 137 runs.*

#### **8-10 July Devon 136 & 469-7 Cornwall 271 & 335-4 at Werrington**

We won a remarkable game with Devon at Werrington after chasing down 335 to win by six wickets with nine balls to spare, the highest ever successful run chase in Cornwall history. It beat the 322 against Shropshire at St Austell in 2005, when David Roberts and Anthony Penberthy hit unbeaten centuries. The heroes were Jake Libby and Paul Smith, who added an unbroken 146 for the fifth wicket in 21 overs. Libby made 142 not out off 198 balls and Smith 86 not out off 62 balls, both county best scores. Cornwall had been set 335 in 67 overs after Devon declared at lunch. That looked an even taller order when Lewis Goldsworthy, Tom Rowe and Matt Rowe had gone at 49-3. However Libby and Sam Wood (69) put on 140 for the fourth wicket. Libby and Smith then set about winning the game. They needed 102 off a minimum of 17 overs, in the final hour. Both came through the Cornwall Schools age groups together and were leading lights in the 2006 Under 13 squad that had an unbeaten competitive season, including winning all five King's Festival games. Cornwall had dominated the opening day as the host club's Tom Dinnis took 5-46, his third county five-wicket haul. Devon were dismissed for only 136 in the 45<sup>th</sup> over, in sweltering conditions. Cornwall replied with 271 all out, being dismissed at noon on the second day. Smith made an unbeaten 83 not out after the Duchy had slipped to 143-7. He was awarded his county cap, along with Dinnis, by Club Chairman Michael Williams at the tea interval. Nottinghamshire's Libby, who at the time didn't play white ball cricket at Trent Bridge, was playing his first Cornwall game for three years. He made 67 opening the batting. Falmouth skipper Jamie Stephens did well taking six for 92. Devon's second innings was a complete contrast as they made an impressive 469-7 from 126 overs. Somerset's Alex Barrow hit a superb 163, Josh Bess 89 and Stephens was last out for 97.

*Werrington - Devon 136 (JJ Bess 58; TJ Dinnis 5-46, AC Libby 2-9, JD Libby 2-41) & 469-7 (AWR Barrow 163, JA Stephens 97, JJ Bess 89, MW Thompson 40; TG Sturgess 3-105), Cornwall 271 (PS Smith 83, JD Libby 67, LP Goldsworthy 32, AC Libby 25; JA Stephens 6-92, JJ Bess 3-31) & 335-4 (JD Libby 142no, PS Smith 86no, SKW Wood 69). Cornwall (22pts) beat Devon (four) by six wickets.*

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### **22-24 July Cornwall 193 & 363, Wiltshire 270 & 273-9 at St Austell**

Despite disappointing first innings, we gave ourselves a chance of victory against Wiltshire at St Austell. That was thanks to a fine second innings batting effort. At lunch, on the final day, Wiltshire were 18 without loss having been set a target of 287. Cornwall would have settled for that after Wiltshire dominated the opening day. After electing to bat, in hot conditions, we slumped to 103-8 at lunch. We were grateful for a cameo from the recalled James Turpin, as the last two wickets almost doubled the score. He hit 5 sixes and 8 fours in his 75 off 82 balls. He added 68 for the final wicket with Tom Dinnis (15no) in eleven overs to get to 193 all out in 48 overs. We were missing batsmen Paul Smith, Jake Libby and Lewis Goldsworthy from the team that beat Devon. Libby was on duty for Notts against Surrey at Trent Bridge and Goldsworthy for Somerset seconds. Peter Trego was also ruled out having been included in the Somerset championship team at Worcester. Adam Hodgson, a regular last year, was recalled along with Truro born Tim Wyatt, who made his debut as a 16-year-old in 2015. He is a member of the Notts Academy. Wiltshire ended the first day on 191-5 with 32 overs still available. They were bowled out on the second morning for 270 with Matt Rowe taking 5-93. With a first innings deficit of 77 runs, we effectively found ourselves at a perilous 29-4 on the second afternoon. However Sam Wood dug in, including playing back 27 successive dot balls at one point. Tim Wyatt was equally as watchful making 35 in 87 balls at the crease, in a stand of 71. Tommy Sturgess didn't hang around, however, reaching an aggressive 50 in 35 balls with 2 sixes and 8 fours. He fell shortly after for 54 but Libby and Wood saw out the day to end on 268-7. On the third morning, Wood went on to make 102 and Libby 35 adding 76 for the eighth wicket. The innings ended half an hour before lunch. Wiltshire required 287 and slipped to 33-3. Steve Bullen and Bradley Dawson (55) put on 90 for the fifth wicket. Adam Hodgson got the breakthrough, ten minutes before tea. With 21 overs remaining and the target reduced to 97, Tommy Sturgess had Bullen (82) caught behind. Last man Murray joined Afridi at 242-9 but survived 33 balls in the last 40 minutes of a gripping match. Afridi faced 55 balls to make 33 not out.

*St Austell – Cornwall 193 (JR Turpin 75, SKW Wood 44; LA Evans 4-64, JM King 2-24, TG Afridi 2-56) & 363 (SKW Wood 102, TG Sturgess 54, TC Rowe 39, TR Wyatt 35, AC Libby 35, AJ Hodgson 31; TG Afridi 4-75), Wiltshire 270 (BC Dawson 59, SFG Bullen 47, EGC Young 47, WJ Wade 31, TI Morton 31; MH Rowe 5-93, AC Libby 3-67) & (Target 287) 273-9 (SFG Bullen 82, BC Dawson 55, TG Afridi 33no; AC Libby 3-62, AJ Hodgson 2-37, TG Sturgess 2-50). Match Drawn. Wiltshire 10pts, Cornwall 9pts.*

### **5-7 August Cornwall 245 & 285, Cheshire 232 & 223 at Truro**

Cornwall beat Cheshire by 75 runs just before tea on the final afternoon. It was thanks to a man of the match performance from skipper Matt Rowe. He had to retire not out in the morning after receiving a blow to the head when on 93. After a hospital check up he returned to bowl Cornwall to victory, taking six for 69 from 24 overs to end with match figures of 11 for 132. Cheshire required 299 and were well placed at 103-1 at lunch, but were dismissed for 223. Bowling in tandem fellow spinner Andrew Libby took four for 79 from 29 overs. There were six lbws in the innings and 15 in the match. Cornwall had made 245 all out on a hot opening day with 18 overs unused. A number of batsmen 'got in' but no-one could make the really big score. Tom Rowe (57), Scott Harvey (37), Lewis Goldsworthy (33) and Sam Wood (33) all made useful contributions. Opening bowler Wayne White took five for 78. Cheshire were going well at 81-2 but lost three wickets in the last half hour of an extended day. Starting the second day at 94-5 the visitors dug in to make 232 before being bowled out just after lunch. Matt Rowe took five for 63. Cornwall might have been disappointed with only a 13 run lead but openers Matt Robins and Lewis Goldsworthy wasted no time in adding to the tally. They put on 57 in nine overs before Goldsworthy was leg before for 25. An over later Robins was trapped by the left arm spin of Woods, off the final ball of his second over. Tom Rowe hit a couple of fours but fell to Woods in the next over for 12. That made it 72-3 but Matt Rowe and Sam Wood added 118 before Wood fell to his namesake for 51 off 106 balls. Paul Smith, Scott Harvey and Adam Hodgson went cheaply in the final hour to leave Rowe unbeaten on 74. They were 285 all out with Woods ending with seven for 65.

*Truro – Cornwall 245 (TC Rowe 57, SA Harvey 37, LP Goldsworthy 33, SKW Wood 33; WA White 5-78; BJ Wightman 3-48, DA Woods 2-61) & 285 (MH Rowe 93 ret no, SKW Wood 51, ML Robins 29, LP Goldsworthy 25, JR Turpin 22no; DA Woods 7-65). Cheshire 232 (WJ Evans 47, WJ White 31, S Normanton 28, C Rowe 26; DN Leech 25, F Shafiq 25; MH Rowe 5-63, AC Libby 3-72, TJ Dinnis 2-39) & (Target 299) 223 (WJ White 65no, RAL Moore 64, F Shafiq 44, WJ Evans 24; MH Rowe 6-69, AC Libby 4-79). Cornwall (22pts) beat Cheshire (6pts) by 75 runs*

### **19-21 August Oxfordshire 246 & 135, Cornwall 270 & 73 at Banbury**

We crashed to a remarkable defeat at Banbury on the third morning by 38 runs. We started the day looking all set to win on Oxfordshire soil for the first time since 2006, but it was not to be. We were only set 112 and were eight without loss overnight. However, in a sensational morning's play, we were dismissed, forty minutes before lunch, for just 73. We got to 46 for three but the dismissal of Matt Rowe signalled a dramatic collapse as the last seven wickets fell for 27 runs in just 15 overs. Bowling unchanged slow left armer Olly Clarke took six for 23 on his own club ground. In July he had match figures of 12-157 in the win against Wales Minor Counties at Oxford. He was supported by the former Somerset, Worcestershire and Hampshire seamer Gareth Andrew who took four for 45 as Oxfordshire got their fourth win of the campaign. Cornwall gave championship debuts to the Redruth pair of Sam Wyatt and Will Harris. The home side had been bowled out for 246 on the opening day, having been 214-4 at one stage. Andrew Libby took four for 51. we were 90 for three at stumps. On the second day, we

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managed to reach 270 to gain a lead of 24 runs. Matt Rowe made 74 and Paul Smith 41 after Tom Rowe added 13 to his overnight total before being dismissed for 44 at 103-5. Then a remarkable spell of quick bowling by debutant Harris saw the home side dismissed for just 135 inside 46 overs. Bowling with pace and swing, in humid conditions, the 21-year-old proceeded to rip out the top of the home batting line up to reduce them to 46-5 at one stage. He ended with 6-47 as the hosts were dismissed for 135. It left a target of 112 – which proved to be more than enough.

*Banbury – Oxfordshire 246 (RI Kaufman 64, JA Cater 45, HGK Smith 39, TPW Condon 31, CJ Russell 26; AC Libby 4-51; SKW Wood 2-32, MH Rowe 2-73) & 135 (OD Clarke 37; WG Harris 6-47, AC Libby 2-24). Cornwall 270 (MH Rowe 74, TC Rowe 44, PS Smith 41, SA Harvey 37 ML Robins 22; GM Andrew 4-43) & (Target 112) 73 (JR Turpin 20; OD Clarke 6-23, GM Andrew 4-45). Oxfordshire (22pts) beat Cornwall (6pts) by 38 runs..*

### **2-4 September Wales MC 245 & 270, Cornwall 238 & 235-9 at Usk**

After ending each of the last four seasons with a defeat we hung on for a draw. The pleasing factor was the manner in which they achieved it, with telling contributions from the four youngest members of the team, three of whom were playing their first championship games. Jack Paull and Dan Lello were the top scorers in the innings and Charlie Kent and Tom Dinnis survived for the draw in a thirty-minute last wicket partnership. It capped a great match for Dinnis who also took eight wickets. The target was 278 in what became 53 overs. Tom Rowe and Jack Paull put on 86 in 14 overs. Paull reached a maiden championship fifty before being stumped for 60, that included nine boundaries. Much was expected from Christian Purchase and Trego but both got ducks, departing within three balls. When Sam Wood (33) followed four wickets had fallen for five runs in a dramatic turn of events. Acting skipper Scott Harvey fell five overs later for eight to make it 156-6. However, Dan Lello hit 3 sixes in his 41 and Conor Miles made 21 to give new hope. They got to within 69 of the target but three wickets fell for five runs to take Wales to the brink of victory, with nine overs remaining. Young Kent survived 40 balls and Dinnis 28 balls to frustrate the home side for the draw at 235-9. The game ended with a big lbw shout on the final ball. Due to work commitments, it was a much changed Cornish line up with a debut for Charlie Kent, son of former county all-rounder Jonathan. He becomes the third youngest to play championship cricket for Cornwall. At 16 years and 77 days, he follows Taylor Williams and Carl Gazzard. Penzance's 18-year-old Jack Paull also made his first appearance. Dan Lello played his first three-day game as did Peter Trego who has played in the Cornish one-day team this season. There were recalls for Christian Purchase, after two years, and Conor Miles. Skipper Matt Rowe, Matt Robins, James Turpin, Sam Wyatt, Paul Smith, Will Harris and Lewis Goldsworthy were all unavailable. Wales were bowled out for 245 on the opening day having been 212-4 at one stage. Tom Dinnis took a county-best of 6 for 77 from 24 overs. Opener Joe Voke made 132. Trego and Andrew Libby took two wickets each. After losing Tom Rowe and Paull for nought Sam Wood made 52, Purchase 46 and Trego 23. Kent got 18 on debut, coming in as night-watchman and batting for ninety minutes. It included a 34 run fifth wicket stand with Trego, 21 years his senior and the small matter of 600 first-class and one-day appearances under his belt. At 187-9 a sizeable first-innings deficit looked on the cards but Libby (37) and Dinnis (23no) added 51 for the tenth wicket to reach 238 all out. Wales made 270 in their second innings with Brad Wadlan making 126, repeating the feat he achieved for Cornwall on the same ground in this fixture three years ago. The last two wickets added, what was to prove, a crucial 50 runs either side of lunch.

*Usk - Wales MC 245 (JH Voke 132, AMT Keane 53, BL Wadlan 21, TJ Dinnis 6-77, PD Trego 2-46, AC Libby 2-51) & 270 (BL Wadlan 126, RI Walker 39, SJ Pearce 26, JH Voke 20; AC Libby 4-40, PD Trego 2-54, TJ Dinnis 2-96), Cornwall 238 (SKW Wood 52, CBF Purchase 46, AC Libby 37, PD Trego 23, TJ Dinnis 23; T Jones 4-43, TR Bevan 3-59) & (Target 278) 235-9 (JA Paull 60, CD Lello 41, TC Rowe 40, SKW Wood 33, CJ Miles 21; SJ Pearce 3-50, TR Bevan 3-57). Match Drawn. Wales MC 10pts, Cornwall 10pts.*

Over the season we used 25 players in the championship, with five (Wood, TC Rowe, Harvey, Dinnis and Libby) playing in all six games. There were championship debuts for ten players – WG Harris, CJ Kent, PM Kent, CD Lello, JA Paull, NM Pobega, TG Sturgess, PD Trego, SKW Wood and SG Wyatt. Two players – PS Smith and TJ Dinnis were capped.

Tom Rowe made 282 runs at an average of 47.00 and Sam Wood 455 runs at 37.91. Matt Rowe hit 251 runs, Tom Rowe 284 and Jake Libby 209 for once out in two innings. Centuries were hit by Jake Libby (142), and Sam Wood (102). Libby was again the leading wicket-taker for the third season with 31 wickets at 19.64 each. Tom Dinnis and Matt Rowe took 24 wickets each. Will Harris with 6-47 produced the best figures of our season. Matt Rowe and Tom Dinnis both had three five-wicket championship hauls.

In the Unicorns KO Trophy, 12 players took part in the two games. One player – Sam Young played in a Trophy game only. Sam Wood made 136 runs at 68.00 and hit the highest score of 106. Dinnis took four wickets. The highest partnership was the 94 by Matt Rowe & Tom Rowe for the second wicket against Dorset.

In the Unicorns T20 Competition, 15 players took part in the eight games. One player – Kelvin Snell played in four T20 games only.

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Matt Rowe made 212 runs at 42.40 and hit the highest score of 86. Tom Rowe made 227 runs at 32.42 and Peter Trego 195 runs at 32.50. Wood took 9 wickets and Sturgess and Trego 8 apiece. Matt Rowe produced the best figures of 5-14. The highest partnership was the 78\* by Tom Rowe & Peter Trego for the second wicket against Wales MC.

A total of 27 players (+3) represented the county in all competitions in 2018.

Our thanks to Jim O'Brien and Dave Eggins who carried out the scoring duties in 2018. The usual vote of thanks is extended to our host clubs, their grounds staff, and their caterers for their excellent hospitality. The committee also thanks to the local media for their coverage during 2018. Finally, the club was most grateful to our sponsor 'The Accommodation Bureau' for their valued support and again to Richard Sharp for producing the match scorecards during the season.

### 2018 SEASON FACTS & FIGURES

Highest Score (Championship)	For 363 Against 469-7d	Wiltshire Devon	St Austell Werrington
Lowest Score (Championship)	For 73 Against 135	Oxfordshire Oxfordshire	Banbury Banbury
Highest Partnerships			
146*	5th JD Libby (142*) / PS Smith (86*)	Devon (2 <sup>nd</sup> Inns)	Championship Werrington
140	4th JD Libby (142*) / SKW Wood (69)	Devon (2 <sup>nd</sup> Inns)	Championship Werrington
118	4th MH Rowe (93 ret*) / SKW Wood (51)	Cheshire (2 <sup>nd</sup> Inns)	Championship Truro
Highest Individual Scores			
142*	JD Libby	Devon (2 <sup>nd</sup> Inns)	Championship Werrington
106	SKW Wood	Berkshire	Trophy Oratory School
102	SKW Wood	Wiltshire (2 <sup>nd</sup> Inns)	Championship St Austell
Best Bowling			
6 - 47	WG Harris	Oxfordshire (2 <sup>nd</sup> Inns)	Championship Banbury
6 - 69	MH Rowe	Cheshire (2 <sup>nd</sup> Inns)	Championship Truro
6 - 77	TJ Dinnis	Wales MC (1 <sup>st</sup> Inns)	Championship Usk
5 - 14	MH Rowe	Devon	T 20 Truro
5 - 39	TJ Dinnis	Herefordshire (2 <sup>nd</sup> Inns)	Championship Colwall
5 - 46	TJ Dinnis	Devon (1 <sup>st</sup> Inns)	Championship Werrington
5 - 63	MH Rowe	Cheshire (1 <sup>st</sup> Inns)	Championship Truro
5 - 93	MH Rowe	Wiltshire (1 <sup>st</sup> Inns)	Championship St Austell
10 wickets in a match			
11 - 132	MH Rowe	Cheshire	Championship Truro
County Caps	(2) PS Smith, TJ Dinnis		
County Debuts	(11) Championship (10) - WG Harris, CJ Kent, PM Kent, CD Lello, JA Paull, NM Pobega, TG Sturgess, PD Trego, SKW Wood, SG Wyatt. Trophy only (1) - SJ Young		

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### Cornwall Over 50's Report 2018

The 050's ran two championship teams during the season along with a friendly team.

The championship teams took part in the national ECB competition which features 40 counties split into 5 divisions of 8 teams, and the Southern Counties Competition (SCC) which features 12 counties from Bedfordshire down and is split into two regional groups of 6.

In all 32 players from 21 different clubs represented Cornwall either in the ECB or SCC competition.

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The ECB team were runners up in their regional group. They beat Oxfordshire in the last 16 of the national knockouts thanks to a century from Andrew Jones but were then beaten at Malton by eventual champions Yorkshire. This was the third time in the last four seasons the team have reached at least the quarter-final stage. Jim McKenna finished the season on 1859 championship runs, just 48 behind Nigel Cock's Cornwall record of 1907. Jim's runs have come in 42 matches compared to Nigel's 62 matches. Steve Mitchell became Cornwall's record wicket-taker finishing the season with 61 wickets and overtaking Dave Dunnett's 56. Trevor Lee became the 7th player to win 50 caps in the ECB competition and the first to do so since Nigel Sanders in 2015.

The Southern Counties team had a mixed season enjoying some terrific matches but narrowly failing to match the previous year's top 2 finish in their group. Highlights included Simon Hamilton's 144 v Wales at Boconnoc and Anton Luiten's centuries in Somerset and Wales. He now has 4 tons in 2 seasons in the SCC competition. Anton played all 10 matches taking his Cornwall appearances across ECB and SCC to 64.

The friendlies team were represented by 37 players in 9 matches across Cornwall including a match v the Cornwall under 13 development team. Most of the friendly team are nearer 70 than 50 so quite a contrast in ages in that match!

In 2019 we launch an 060s championship team which will play fixtures against Wales, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Devon. Over 60s teams are allowed to field two 59-year-olds. The O60s team will be run by Stuart Ellis and Chris Dennis. There are a few changes to the O50s management team for 2019 with a new captain and manager for the SCC side, a new O60s manager and a new sponsorship manager:

050's management team 2019:  
ECB captain: Paul Clements  
ECB team manager: Ian Bishop  
SCC captain: Mark Southcott  
SCC team manager: Simon Hamilton  
O60s team manager: Stuart Ellis  
Friendlies Manager: Paul Higgins  
Finance: Jon & Jackie Nance  
Sponsorship: Pete West  
Chair : Trevor Lee

*Trevor Lee*  
*Cornwall Over 50's Chairman*

## **Cornwall County Women's Report 2018**

The season has been one of mixed fortunes for the squad. In the 50 over competition Cornwall played Dorset, Netherlands and Wiltshire. The season's results left Cornwall top of the table and qualifying for the playoffs with 5 wins and 1 loss.

ECB Division 3 South & West -50/50  
The Netherlands at Launceston

The Netherlands won the toss and Fielded. Cornwall 189 for 8 (50) Netherlands 139 (40.4)  
This was an early indication of the improved level of the team. Ellie Mitchell 49, Rebecca Odgers 39, Sophie Richards 25. Kellie Williams 2 overs 4 for 7

Dorset at St Gluvias  
Dorset won the toss and fielded. Cornwall 280 for 6 (50) Dorset 33 (22.5)  
Rebecca 122, Sophie 62. Charlotte Phillips 10 overs 5 for 15. Kellie 5.5 overs 3 for 14.  
Cornwall had been 4 down for 42 and made an excellent stand to recover and win the match.

Wiltshire at Newquay  
Wiltshire won the toss and fielded. Cornwall 326 for 1 (50) Wiltshire 50 (31.1)  
Caitlin Burnett 93, Ellie 158 no, Charlotte 8.1 overs 3 for 11

The Netherlands at Falmouth  
Cornwall won the toss and Batted. Cornwall 142 for 6 (50) Netherlands 143 for 6 (40.3)  
Sophie 49, Amber Cummins 27, Rebecca 22. Kellie 10 overs, 5 for 24.

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Dorset away at Bournemouth

Cornwall won the toss and fielded. Dorset 57 (36.2) Cornwall 58 for 2 (9)

Kellie 10 overs 4 for 10. Ellie 28, Amber 22no.

Wiltshire at Bishops Cannings

Wiltshire won the toss and fielded first. Cornwall 196 for 5 (50) Wiltshire 85 (37.4)

Sophie 44no, Caitlin 43, Ellie 30, Joleigh Roberts 26no Ellie 3.4 overs 4 for 9.

Division 3 Playoff match 50 overs played at New Road Worcester.

Worcestershire won the toss and batted. Worcestershire 227 for 9 (50) Cornwall 130 (37.5)

Ellie 10 overs 3 for 47, Emily 10 overs 2 for 29, Kellie 10 overs 2 for 38.

Rebecca 56, Ellie 19.

ECB Division 3 - T20

In the T20 competition, Cornwall completed 3 of the 4 rounds but the last was cancelled due to Wiltshire not being able to raise a side.

The competition ended with Cornwall having won 3 and lost 3 matches. This maintained their position in Division 3 of the T20.

Round 1 Played at Trowbridge CC, Wiltshire

Match 1 – Oxfordshire won the toss and fielded. Cornwall 128 for 6. Oxfordshire 103.

Caitlin 45, Rebecca 40. Emily Geach 4 overs 3 for 16, Kellie 4 overs 2 for 13

Match 2 – Cornwall won the toss and fielded. Wiltshire 51 for 9, Cornwall 53 for 0 (6.5)

Sophie 4 overs 4 for 6, Emily 4 overs 3 for 12. Caitlin 23no, Amber 21no

Round 2 Played at Truro CC

Match 3 – Cornwall won the toss and fielded. Devon 79 for 6. Cornwall 56 for 6. (10 over match)

Caitlin 2 overs 2 for 6, Charlotte 2 overs 2 for 16. Rebecca 24.

Match 4 – Cornwall won the toss and fielded. Oxfordshire 114 for 8 Cornwall 98 for 9.

Sophie 29.

Round 3 Played at Heathcoat CC, Devon

Match 5 – Cornwall won the toss and fielded. Wiltshire 82 for 8. Cornwall 83 for 2 (14.3)

Emmie Blamey 4 overs 2 for 9. Caitlin 45no.

Match 6 – Devon won the toss and batted. Devon 172 for 5. Cornwall 89 for 6.

Kellie 4 overs 2 for 31. Sophie 26, Charlotte 22no.

Round 4

Due to be played at Redruth CC - Cancelled

The squad this season has bonded extremely well as a unit throughout the winter training and this showed when we played in 2018. Their progress in skills and abilities has been highlighted and we will be working during the close season to ensure this continues.

The ECB once again will make changes to the setup and format for the 2019 season. Cornwall's case this will result in playing Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire and Dorset in the T20 together with Dorset, Wiltshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire in the 50/50.

A big thank you to all those players who have been involved this year as well as scorers Colin Phillips and Mark Mitchell.

A special thank you goes to Robin Trethowan (coach). In Robin's first full season as coach, the County team made it to the 50 over playoff match which is a reflection of the level of improvement within the squad who have all benefitted from the level 3 coaching.

We would also like to thank Launceston, Newquay, St Gluvas, Falmouth, Truro and Redruth clubs for providing facilities for matches and to the umpires for officiating at the match days.

*Steve Nicholls*  
*Cornwall Women's County Manager*



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**Cornwall CCC Championship Batting Averages 2019**

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	4s	6s
JD Libby	1	2	1	209	142*	<b>209.00</b>	278	75.17	1	1	25	2
PS Smith	4	8	2	282	86*	<b>47.00</b>	360	78.33	0	2	31	9
SKW Wood	6	12	0	455	102	<b>37.91</b>	729	62.41	1	3	68	8
JA Paull	1	2	0	60	60	<b>30.00</b>	83	72.28	0	1	9	0
MH Rowe	5	10	1	251	93*	<b>27.88</b>	481	52.18	0	2	31	0
CD Lello	1	2	0	50	41	<b>25.00</b>	78	64.10	0	0	5	3
LP Goldsworthy	2	4	0	95	33	<b>23.75</b>	188	50.53	0	0	12	0
TC Rowe	6	12	0	284	57	<b>23.66</b>	482	58.92	0	1	43	3
CBF Purchase	1	2	0	46	46	<b>23.00</b>	56	82.14	0	0	7	1
CJ Kent	1	2	1	23	18	<b>23.00</b>	108	21.29	0	0	3	0
ML Robins	2	4	0	79	29	<b>19.75</b>	126	62.69	0	0	13	0
TG Sturgess	2	3	0	59	54	<b>19.66</b>	56	105.35	0	1	8	2
JR Turpin	4	8	1	131	75	<b>18.71</b>	206	63.59	0	1	16	5
CJ Miles	1	2	0	35	21	<b>17.50</b>	64	54.68	0	0	4	0
TR Wyatt	1	2	0	35	35	<b>17.50</b>	87	40.22	0	0	5	0
TJ Dinnis	6	11	7	64	23*	<b>16.00</b>	150	42.66	0	0	8	0
AC Libby	6	11	2	141	37	<b>15.66</b>	427	33.02	0	0	15	0
SA Harvey	6	11	0	153	44	<b>13.90</b>	443	34.53	0	0	20	1
PD Trego	1	2	0	23	23	<b>11.50</b>	25	92.00	0	0	4	0
AJ Hodgson	2	4	0	44	31	<b>11.00</b>	115	38.26	0	0	7	0
SG Wyatt	1	2	0	20	12	<b>10.00</b>	84	23.80	0	0	3	0
NM Pobega	3	5	0	48	16	<b>9.60</b>	75	64.00	0	0	5	3
AW Bone	1	2	0	17	14	<b>8.50</b>	80	21.25	0	0	2	0
PM Kent	1	2	0	7	7	<b>3.50</b>	19	36.84	0	0	1	0
WG Harris	1	2	0	6	4	<b>3.00</b>	34	17.64	0	0	0	0

<b>Bowling</b>	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Ave	Econ	5	10
WG Harris	1	2	25.4	7	84	6	6/47	6/84	<b>14.00</b>	3.27	1	0
AC Libby	6	12	225.4	50	609	31	4/40	7/151	<b>19.64</b>	2.69	0	0
MH Rowe	5	9	143.0	22	474	24	6/69	11/132	<b>19.75</b>	3.31	3	1
NM Pobega	3	6	57.4	11	149	7	3/34	5/85	<b>21.28</b>	2.58	0	0
JD Libby	1	2	21.3	6	72	3	2/41	3/72	<b>24.00</b>	3.34	0	0
PD Trego	1	2	38.0	11	100	4	2/46	4/100	<b>25.00</b>	2.63	0	0
TJ Dinnis	6	12	189.2	35	636	24	6/77	8/173	<b>26.50</b>	3.35	3	0
AJ Hodgson	2	3	22.0	3	65	2	2/37	2/37	<b>32.50</b>	2.95	0	0
TG Sturgess	2	4	49.3	9	190	5	3/105	3/110	<b>38.00</b>	3.83	0	0
JR Turpin	4	2	8.0	1	38	1	1/26	1/26	<b>38.00</b>	4.75	0	0
SKW Wood	6	8	69.4	13	194	4	2/32	3/43	<b>48.50</b>	2.78	0	0
CD Lello	1	2	17.0	3	67	1	1/34	1/67	<b>67.00</b>	3.94	0	0
CJ Kent	1	2	7.0	0	31	0	-	-	-	4.42	0	0
LP Goldsworthy	2	4	27.2	2	141	0	-	-	-	5.15	0	0

Catches: 17/1 Stumping SA Harvey, 7 MH Rowe, 4 T C Rowe  
 3 Dinnis, Goldsworthy, Wood 2 Bone, Turpin  
 1 Dinnis, Harris, Hodgson, Lello, Paull, Purchase, Robins, Smith, Sturgess, SG Wyatt, TR Wyatt

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**T20 Batting**

Player	M	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	4s	6s
MH Rowe	8	7	2	212	86	<b>42.40</b>	190	111.57	0	1	19	9
PD Trego	8	8	2	195	47*	<b>32.50</b>	152	128.28	0	0	20	7
TC Rowe	8	8	1	227	57*	<b>32.42</b>	179	126.81	0	2	27	8
PS Smith	7	6	1	91	31	<b>18.20</b>	91	100.00	0	0	2	5
SKW Wood	8	8	0	126	45	<b>15.75</b>	117	107.69	0	0	12	4
KJ Snell	4	3	0	37	26	<b>12.33</b>	38	97.36	0	0	1	2
TG Sturgess	4	2	1	11	6*	<b>11.00</b>	13	84.61	0	0	0	0
ML Robins	7	5	0	46	15	<b>9.20</b>	54	85.18	0	0	2	1
JR Turpin	8	5	1	21	10*	<b>5.25</b>	22	95.45	0	0	0	0
LP Goldsworthy	4	1	0	1	1	<b>1.00</b>	2	50.00	0	0	0	0
SA Harvey	7	3	3	13	8*	-	13	100.00	0	0	1	0
NM Pobega	5	1	1	9	9*	-	5	180.00	0	0	0	1
CJ Miles	2	1	1	3	3*	-	5	60.00	0	0	0	0
AW Bone	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TJ Dinnis	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**T 20 Bowling**

Player	M	Inns	Overs	Mdn	Runs	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4	5	Ct	St
MH Rowe	8	6	19.0	1	102	6	5/14	17.00	<b>5.36</b>	19.0	0	1	3	0
SKW Wood	8	7	24.2	0	133	9	2/13	14.77	<b>5.46</b>	16.2	0	0	5	0
LP Goldsworthy	4	4	11.0	0	62	3	2/17	20.66	<b>5.63</b>	22.0	0	0	0	0
PD Trego	8	8	31.0	2	185	8	3/18	23.12	<b>5.96</b>	23.2	0	0	1	0
TJ Dinnis	7	7	20.5	0	131	7	3/3	18.71	<b>6.28</b>	17.8	0	0	0	0
NM Pobega	5	5	17.1	0	111	7	3/21	15.85	<b>6.46</b>	14.7	0	0	1	0
TG Sturgess	4	4	15.2	0	101	8	3/14	12.62	<b>6.58</b>	11.5	0	0	0	0
JR Turpin	8	8	16.0	0	110	6	4/18	18.33	<b>6.87</b>	16.0	1	0	1	0
ML Robins	7	1	2.0	0	18	1	1/18	18.00	<b>9.00</b>	12.0	0	0	4	0

Also Catches: SA Harvey 9/2st, TC Rowe 5, PS Smith 2, CJ Miles 1, KJ Snell 1

**Fixtures 2019**

**Unicorns T20 Competition (11.00am)**

Sun 5 May	Wiltshire (2 games)	Werrington
Sun 26 May	Wales MC (2 games)	Wadebridge
Sun 9 June	Dorset (2 games)	Wimborne
Sun 16 June	Devon (2 games)	Instow

**Unicorns Knock Out Trophy (11.00am)**

Sun 2 June	Buckinghamshire	Truro
Sun 30 June (QF)	Winner v Berkshire or Dorset	away

**Unicorns Counties Championship (11.00am unless stated)**

23-25 June	Oxfordshire	Truro
7-9 July	Wiltshire	Corsham
21-23 July	Shropshire	Bridgnorth
4-6 August	Dorset	Redruth
18-20 August	Berkshire	St Austell
1-3 Sept	Devon	Exeter (10.30am)