

CORNWALL COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE 2012 SEASON

Following a wait that began in 1904, and has seen 810 championship fixtures involving 506 players, Cornwall have at last won the Minor Counties Championship. The moment came at 11.40am on Wednesday 12th September 2012 when victory was secured in the play-off final against Buckinghamshire, at Truro, by 150 runs. Three weeks earlier there had also been celebrations as the Western Division title was clinched, also for the first time. The memorable year had begun with some one-day success as well. We reached the MCCA Trophy Quarter Finals, having only previously achieved the feat in 2005.

The championship season suffered thanks to the wettest summer for a 100 years. The Herefordshire and Devon games were rain ruined but Cheshire were beaten for a second successive year. The weather played a key role in two games. Wiltshire, at Falmouth, saw play on the final day when across the country all the other Western Division games were abandoned by lunchtime. We took full advantage to clinch a dramatic victory with an hour to spare. Then at Oxfordshire we were nine wickets down at tea on the final afternoon but rain, followed by the survival of eight tense overs, ensured a crucial draw. Victory in the final round of games, at Abergavenny inside two days, meant a nervy wait before the title was confirmed the following lunchtime thanks to Oxfordshire's five wicket win over Wiltshire at Devizes. We finished unbeaten with 3 wins and 3 draws, ending on 88 points ahead of Oxfordshire's 79, Wiltshire 78 and Shropshire 70 points.

The Championship began with a first visit to picturesque Eastnor to play Herefordshire. After an eventful opening day, that saw 23 wickets fall, rain prevented a start on the second morning and play was called off shortly after lunch. Persistent rain lasted until the early hours of the third day to leave the ground unplayable and the match was abandoned half an hour before the scheduled start. Cornwall had struggled to 128 all out; Tom Sharp made 24 and Dan Davis 21. The last six wickets fell for 37 runs with Taylor Williams unbeaten on 18. The hosts were then knocked over for 111 after slipping to 59 for six. There were seven lbw victims with Alex Smeeth taking five for 20 from fifteen overs and Andrew Libby four for 32. Cornwall ended the day at 80 for three, with a lead of 97. Jake Libby made 33 and Williams, promoted up the order, hit 21.

The clash with Devon, at St Austell, was abandoned as a draw at lunch on the third day after being wrecked by the weather. Only 81 overs were possible with Devon not even completing their first innings. Saturday night's heavy rain left parts of the Wheal Eliza outfield underwater and it was no great surprise that the umpires called Sunday's play off after a 10am inspection. Play was able to start at the earlier time of 10.30am on the Monday and after electing to bat Alex Smeeth took three early wickets at 49-3. A recovery followed to make it 132 -4 at lunch before the rain returned and the entire afternoon session was lost. The Devon lower order rallied on the resumption to reach 294-8 at the premature close. Matt Thompson was undefeated on 77. Alex Smeeth took four for 60 and Sam Hockin two for 33. With no play on the final day we had only completed one innings with the bat in the first two games or to put it another way, we lost 13 of the first 18 scheduled sessions of play.

The heavy rain of June meant Falmouth's Trescobeas ground was saturated for the visit of Wiltshire in early July. It was a memorable game for skipper Tom Sharp as it included his 200th championship wicket – the tenth Cornish player to achieve it. Sunday's play had been lost thanks to the weekend downpour, with the umpires making an inspection on the Saturday afternoon. Play was further delayed by showers on Monday morning with another two hours lost. Cornwall made 199 all out after reaching 129-2. Jake Libby made 44, Dan Davis 30 and Matt Robins 22. The middle order collapsed but Taylor Williams made 25 not out and Andrew Libby 22 in a ninth wicket stand of 43. Wiltshire struggled to 37-5 at

stumps. Rob Harrison, recalled to the team in place of the injured Alex Smeeth, had remarkable overnight figures of 9-6-3-3. On the third morning the visitors progressed to 66 before losing their last five wickets for two runs in seven overs. Andrew Libby took three for one and Sharp two for 12. Harrison ended with three for 20. In our second innings Matt Robins made 32 and Keith Parsons 25 before a collapse saw eight wickets fall for 33 runs in the quest for quick runs. The declaration came at 2.20pm on 93-8 to set 225 in a minimum of 55 overs. Wiltshire got off to a poor start at 40-3 but got to tea to leave us with plenty of work still to do. The game swung dramatically after the interval when four wickets fell with the score on 82, with over ninety minutes remaining. Hockin (4-50) and Sharp (5-25) bowled their side to joint top of the table as the 123 run win came with almost an hour to spare.

It was a changed team that took on Cheshire at Truro with Keith Parsons, Dan Davis, Alex Smeeth and Andrew Libby all missing.

Ben Smeeth was recalled after three years, Gary Thomas, two years after his 108th cap and Matt Rowe for his first championship game of the season. After winning the toss Matt Robins (40) and Jake Libby (56) put on 80 for the first wicket. The innings collapsed to 139 for nine before Ben Kitt (31) and Sam Hockin added 45 for the last wicket to end on 184 all out. Cheshire's innings also collapsed as nineteen wickets fell on the day. From 45-0 they slipped to 78-7 before Khalid Sawas made 73. They were 168 all out early on the second morning with Hockin taking a career best seven for 82. We had a lead of 16 runs and this was extended to over a hundred as Robins (60) and Libby (38) combined again. Taylor Williams dominated the rest of day. Promoted to number four he went on to hit a maiden county century. He got good support from Rowe with 32 and Chris Hunkin (22). Late in the day Rob Harrison added some valuable runs. The third day saw a further 33 runs in four overs to see the total to 346-8 before the declaration. Williams and Harrison extended their ninth wicket partnership to 71 with Williams 125 not out; Harrison was unbeaten on 42 off just 38 balls with three sixes. It left Cheshire 363 to win off a minimum of 95 overs, in the hottest sunshine of the summer. Hockin struck three times before lunch as the visitors were reduced to 132 for four at the interval. Sharp took four wickets in the afternoon. The end came quickly as Ben Smeeth took the last two wickets in the final total of 257 - five minutes before tea. Two young Cornish players were presented with their county caps by Club President Col Ronnie Potts. Williams hit his maiden century and Hockin had career best figures of seven for 82 and a match haul of 10-165. The 105 run win was the first against Cheshire on home soil following 13 attempts since 1983.

Our first visit to Great Tew, in Oxfordshire, will go down as one of the most memorable games in county history. It featured two huge opening partnerships, a dramatic last day collapse and the weather playing a huge part in Cornwall salvaging a draw to keep alive our chances of taking the Western title. Matt Robins replaced Tom Sharp as skipper due to 'paternity leave'. In a late change. Dan Davis was taken unwell and replaced by the 12th man, Tom Hughes, who made his debut. Morning rain meant play didn't begin until 2.30pm. There was another very heavy downpour after only five overs which left puddles on the ground. Remarkably play was able to resume at 5.15pm and after being put in Robins and Jake Libby put on 123 without being parted. They took this to 202 on the second morning, only the third double century opening partnership the county has had. Robins made 88 and Libby's 139 was his maiden century. Taylor Williams was unbeaten on 36 in the 339-7 off 90 overs. Not to be outdone the Oxfordshire opening pair of Richard Kaufman and Lloyd Sabin put on 208 when a thunderstorm ended play for the day at tea. They took this to a remarkable 280 on the third morning to post the highest partnership for any wicket against a Cornish team. Alex Smeeth got the breakthrough to dismiss Kaufman for 160. Sabin followed at 327, having made 145. Chad Keegan then dominated a sixth wicket stand of 88 hitting 52 off 42 balls. His dismissal saw the declaration at 458 for six with 4.2 overs unused. It meant we were denied the opportunity for a third, and maybe fourth, bowling bonus point. The total was the fourth highest Cornwall has ever conceded and meant a deficit of 119 runs on first innings. Any thoughts of the game petering out into a predictable draw had to be swiftly revised however. We slumped to 14 for three before Williams and Keith Parsons (23 apiece) looked to be steering their side to safety, then the game took a dramatic turn as three wickets fell on 66. Alex Smeeth (14) stopped the rot but when he, Hughes and Andrew Libby followed we were 90-9 at tea and on the brink of the most dramatic of defeats. Rain however set in

during the interval and play wasn't able to get underway until 6.10pm – twenty minutes before the scheduled close. Much to our relief Rob Harrison and Sam Hockin managed to see out the last, tense, eight overs to get the four points for the draw and deny Oxfordshire a crucial 12 points that would have seen them move to second. With one game to play the standings were Wiltshire 72pts, Cornwall 67 pts, Shropshire 62 pts, Dorset 57pts and Oxfordshire 56pts.

For the final game, against Wales Minor Counties at Abergavenny, our hopes were boosted with the arrival of skipper Tom Sharp at the ground on Sunday morning. A change of plan saw him take the reins. He needed his full experience as captain on a difficult day after heavy rain fell in the hour before the 11am start. An early lunch was taken but despite afternoon sunshine play was unable to get underway with the umpires concerned about a damp patch on the pitch. Eventually it was agreed to play on the strip that had been prepared for Saturday's league game. The Welsh were put in and soon in trouble as Hockin picked up three wickets as the home side slid to 13-4. That became 50-9 before the last pair of added 30. Hockin (7-54) and Smeeth (3-26) sent down 29.4 overs unchanged. Cornwall had fifteen minutes to survive in the evening sunshine – but lost Matt Robins, Neil Curnow and night watchman Rob Harrison. Jake Libby and Taylor Williams saw the day out on 8-3 off four overs. When Williams went at 17-4 early on the second morning the nerves were jangling. However the ever dependable Libby, who received his county cap from Chairman Michael Williams at lunch, and Dan Davis (38) took to the total to 82. Sharp was lbw for five and when Ben Smeeth (14) went to the final ball before lunch we were 129-7. Libby and Alex Smeeth added 41 after the interval before Libby was run out for 88 with the score at 182. Home skipper Aneurin Norman (16-11-15-1) remarkably only conceded one single in his first twelve overs. Our lead of 102 began to look more than useful as the Welsh slid to 15-3 with Alex Smeeth striking twice. Dion Holden (33) staged a fightback but he was leg before in debutant Shakil Ahmed's second over. Ahmed's slow left arm spin saw him take four for 29 which included Norman for 37. He was one of three catches held by Tom Hughes, who substituted for Ben Smeeth (finger injury). The last three wickets fell in a hurry with Sam Hockin, fittingly, picking up four for 48 and match figures of 11-102. We were left with just 27 required and recorded only our tenth ever ten wicket victory. Next day, following the most tense of mornings, news came through just before 1.30pm that Oxfordshire had beaten Wiltshire at Devizes by five wickets. The outcome of the title race rested on whether Wiltshire could force a win, and nothing less. They had collapsed in their second innings to leave Oxfordshire a victory target of 161. Starting the final day on 29-0 that became 100-4 to start a few jitters in the Cornish camp but they only lost one more wicket to cue the celebrations. A number of the team learnt the news on the road home from South Wales.

Having played a 'One Day Trophy' game the previous year Buckinghamshire returned to Truro to contest the four day championship final. Having been put in, our first innings was in trouble at 93-5 before Neil Curnow, recalled in the previous game after five years, made 41. Grampond Road's Chris Hunkin (77) and Tom Hughes (47) then put a crucial 110 for the seventh wicket to post a competitive 257 off the last ball of the 90 overs. On the second day Sharp and Ahmed remarkably bowled unchanged for 73 overs to restrict the visitors to 205 for nine. We were a front line bowler short after the late withdrawal of Alex Smeeth. 12th man Hunkin was drafted in for his 60th cap – in hindsight an inspired choice. It was Hunkin and Curnow that played the key partnership in Cornwall's second innings. When Matt Robins was run out and Rob Harrison went first ball, late on the second evening at 59-4 the lead was just 111. That became a precarious 105-6 next morning but, for the second time in the match, the seventh wicket produced. Curnow made 53 and Hunkin 45 as we inched our way to 197 all out. That wasn't the end of it as 12 penalty runs were added due to a Bucks slow over rate making the victory target 262. The last day started with Bucks needing a further 169 runs with seven wickets remaining, with most Cornish supporters understandably apprehensive. They had no need to worry however as within seventy minutes it was all over. The visitors collapsed sensationally. They lost seven wickets in just fifteen overs for the addition of 18 runs. It was left arm spinner Shakil Ahmed, who did the damage. On the previous evening he took the important wicket of former England one day player Mal Loye and followed up to end with seven for 36 off 21.4 overs. With match figures of 56.4-19-109-10 he was named man of the match by the

Match Referee Phil Caley. In truth the MCCA Chairman of Cricket could have named a number of Cornish heroes. Skipper Sharp bowled 71 overs in the match taking seven for 112. He also passed the notable milestone of being the first Cornish player to achieve the double of 4,000 runs and 200 wickets. Then there was the middle order batting of Neil Curnow and Chris Hunkin in both innings. MCCA President Alan Wilson made the trophy presentation to Tom Sharp to the delight of a good gathering in front of the Truro pavilion.

Over the season Cornwall used 21 players in the seven championship games with four, Jake Libby, Matt Robins, Taylor Williams and Sam Hockin playing in all the games. Remarkably 19 of the 21, Parsons & Ahmed excepted, are products of Cornwall Schools' cricket. Jake Libby made 432 runs at an average of 43.2. Williams 298 runs, average 42.5 and Robins 324 runs, average 29.4. The 202 for the first wicket against Oxfordshire, by Libby and Robins, was the seventh best in the country. Sam Hockin took 30 wickets at 19.26 each, the fourth best haul nationwide. Sharp took 20 wickets at 19.6 and Alex Smeeth 15 at 17.33. We also had the first and fourth most economical bowlers in Minor Counties of those that had bowled more than 20 overs in the season - Ahmed and Sharp.

The first three months of the year were dry and March ended with temperatures reaching 20 degrees and hosepipe bans across the country. However April was record breakingly wet. The opening MCCA Trophy game, on the very early date of 22nd April, saw Oxfordshire make a wasted trip to St Austell. Heavy rain the previous night meant Wheal Eliza was waterlogged and an inspection ruled out any hopes of play before the scheduled start time. A week later it was a similar story. With a very poor forecast the game against Devon, at Instow, was called off at teatime the previous evening to at least prevent any wasted travel.

The following week Bedfordshire visited Truro. They got off to a sound start before losing their first wicket at 38 in the eleventh over. Cornwall's spinners Tom Sharp and Andrew Libby turned the screw. Not only did they reduce the run rate but they cleaned up the lower order sharing the last six wickets for just 27 runs, in fifteen overs. The tail folded to 114 all out as Sharp ended with most impressive figures of 9-2-9-4. Libby took two for 20 from nine overs. Earlier Dan Davis took two for 18. Cornwall's David Roberts was dismissed in the fifth over. After losing Davis, Sharp and Matt Rowe at 77-4 the visitors just had a glimmer of hope. Matt Robins (39no) and Chris Hunkin (18no) shared an unbroken fifth wicket stand of 41 over eight overs. Robins hit a six and four boundaries in his 39 off 65 balls. Hunkin was undefeated on 18.

A week later, within an hour or so of Manchester City's most dramatic last gasp Premiership title win, there was further high drama at North Mymms in Hertfordshire. We snatched a quarter final place for the first time since 2005 winning by three wickets off the penultimate ball. For much of the game we looked well in contention but late dramas meant the target of 244 came down to the last over with eight still needed, and four wickets remaining. Kelvin Snell was caught then Taylor Williams got a single. Needing six off three balls, Alex Smeeth hit a two and clipped the fifth ball over square leg splitting the boundary fieldsmen. The run chase had been set up by an excellent opening stand of 127 in 22 overs from Matt Robins (59) and David Roberts (56). With 61 needed off the last ten overs skipper Sharp (62) looked to be seeing us home. His dismissal, with eight deliveries remaining, set up a nervy finish. Hertfordshire had earlier won the toss and elected to bat on a firm pitch. After putting on 54 for the first wicket Eddie Ballard was joined by former Gloucestershire and Somerset wicket-keeper Snell and the pair added 61. Sharp and Andrew Libby kept a tight rein conceding only 67 runs in their combined twenty overs. No boundaries were hit between the 19th and 37th overs. Daniel Blacktopp made 37 and there was a useful unbroken stand which added 53 over the last five overs to see the total to 243-4 off 50 overs. Sharp took two for 34.

In the home quarter-final Cumberland won by 119 runs at Truro. They arrived at around 1.30am after a six hour coach trip from Greater Manchester. It was though much earlier than anticipated as cricket in the

north of England was washed on the Saturday. Conditions were very damp at Boscawen Park after the previous day's rain and Tom Sharp had no hesitation in bowling on winning the toss. When former Durham pro Gary Pratt was dismissed by Andrew Libby at 66-3, in the twenty-fourth over, the signs were looking good. The visitors accelerated well in the closing overs. Chris Thompson fired 38 off just 21 balls. Opener Josh Tolley went on to reach a deserved unbeaten century, making exactly 100 off 157 balls. Alex Smeeth took two for 51 from ten overs. Andrew Libby conceded only 20 runs and Sharp 27 runs from their ten over spells. In the conditions a target of 225 was more than enough and things got off to a bad start when Matt Robins was bowled in the second over for a single. David Roberts (19) and Dan Davis (12) took the total to 34 but they were contained to two runs per over. Both went in quick succession. We were falling behind the clock and the contest was effectively decided when three wickets fell in as many overs for just two runs at 55 for six off 26 overs. Sharp (who had suffered a hand injury in the field) belatedly came in at number eight and Alex Smeeth and Andrew Libby got double figures to see the hundred up, as the game petered out. Cumberland incidentally won at Dorset in the semi-final and went on to win the title beating Wiltshire in the final at Wormsley.

In the three MCCA Trophy games 13 players appeared with Antony Angove the only one not to also play championship cricket in 2013. Matt Robins made 99 runs at 49.50 and David Roberts and Tom Sharp 82 runs apiece at 27.33. Sharp hit the highest score of 62 and with the ball took 7 wickets at 10 apiece from 29 overs. Dan Davis took 4 wickets at 25.75. The only century partnership was the 127 by Matt Robins and David Roberts for the first wicket at Hertfordshire. We had the two most economical bowlers in the Trophy competition of those that bowled more than two overs in the season - Sharp and Andrew Libby.

For the fourth successive year a pre-season training weekend was held in Jersey.

Keith Parsons again captained the ECB Unicorns in the Clydesdale Bank 40 competition.

Our Secretary Mrs Anita George MBE, JP was re-elected, unopposed, to both the Minor Counties Management Committee and the ECB's Cricket Discipline Commission in the autumn.

Tom Sharp officially received the Championship Trophy at the Annual Meeting at Lord's in December.

For the first time since Peter Kingston-Davey and David Davis both retired at the end of 2005 Cornwall has a Minor Counties umpire, Tim Boston, from Perranuthnoe, has been appointed to the full list for 2013. He only joined the CACO in 2010.

On a sad note long serving Committee Member, Mike Chadwick of Camborne CC, died suddenly in April.

Our scorer, Jim O'Brien, was again ever present in 2012 and the committee again appreciates his efforts. With games now being scored regularly on computer the championship final saw a first for us as we live scored the game on the internet. A big vote of thanks is extended to our host clubs, their grounds staff, particularly in such a wet summer, and their caterers for their hard work, organization and excellent hospitality. The committee also thanks the local media for their coverage during 2012. Finally the club are most grateful to our new main sponsors of Sharp and Rimmer Solicitors, of St Mawes, for their valued support and to Richard Sharp for the professional produced, updated daily match scorecards during the season.

2012 SEASON FACTS & FIGURES

Highest Score For (Championship)	346-8d Against	Cheshire	Truro	
		458-6d	Oxfordshire	Great Tew
Lowest Score For (Championship)	128 Against	Herefordshire	Eastnor	
		68	Wiltshire	Falmouth

Highest Partnerships

202	1st	ML Robins (88) / JD Libby (139)	Oxfordshire	Championship	Great Tew
127	1 st	ML Robins (59) / DJ Roberts (56)	Hertfordshire	MCCA Trophy	
		North Mymms			
110	7th	CA Hunkin (77) / TPS Hughes (47)	Bucks	Championship Final	Truro

Highest Individual Scores

139	JD Libby	Oxfordshire	Championship	Great Tew
125no	T Williams	Cheshire	(2 nd Inns)	Championship
	Truro			

Best Bowling

7 - 36	Shakil Ahmed	Buckinghamshire	(2 nd Inns)	Championship Final	Truro
7 - 54	SC Hockin	Wales MC		Championship	Abergavenny
7 - 82	SC Hockin	Cheshire		Championship	Truro
10 wickets in a match					
11 – 102	SC Hockin	Wales MC		Championship	Abergavenny
10 – 109	Shakil Ahmed	Buckinghamshire		Championship	Final
	Truro				
10 – 165	SC Hockin	Cheshire		Championship	Truro

County Caps (3) SC Hockin, T Williams, JD Libby

County Debuts (2) TPS Hughes, Shakil Ahmed.

Cornwall Over 50's Championship Report 2012

The Over 50 Championship matches proved to be a great disappointment but at least six of the seven games were completed in spite of the terrible weather. The solitary victory, over the Isle of Wight, was achieved as a result of a record breaking stand between Stuart Ellis and Richard Centini. They came together in the 16th over and with the score at 52-4 the position looked decidedly fragile. Fortunately these two conjured up a stand of 188 and with 240 on the board victory was more or less assured. Centini, on his debut appearance, finished undefeated on 87 and Ellis just reached a most well deserved century.

The Somerset game produced a very exciting finish but, sadly, Cornwall came second. Batting first they totalled 205-6, with admirable innings from Trevor Lee, 70, and Anton Luiten, 61. Fielding and bowling well Cornwall were in with a chance until the very last over, when Somerset reached their target with just three balls and two wickets to spare.

Hopefully results will improve somewhat in 2013 as two or three promising “youngsters” will come into the reckoning. Stuart Ellis will skipper the side with Trevor Lee acting as vice-captain.

*Geoff Husband
Cornwall Over 50's Secretary*

Development XI Report 2012

Only three games were played, the away games against Dorset, Wiltshire and Devon. We won two games with one little anomaly. We beat 10 man Dorset but allowed their coach to bat at 11 and they put on 75 for the tenth wicket ! The game against Wiltshire at Urchfont was abandoned due to rain. At Exmouth Devon made 203-9. We won by nine wickets thanks to an unbeaten 111 from Jake Libby. The three home games versus the Crusaders, Devon and Wiltshire were all rained off without any travel! Jake Libby was the leading batsman with Alex May the top bowler with eight wickets.

Fixtures against Wiltshire (h & a), Devon (h & a), Dorset (h) and Somerset II (a) are scheduled for 2013.

Three players played for SW Counties v England Under17's, and included the captain Taylor Williams.

Jake Libby top scored with 33 and Taylor 23 not out in a total of 106-5 in 35 overs on a difficult Millfield pitch. SW Counties won by two runs restricting England to 104 all out with Libby and James Rowe taking a wicket each.

Finally it was fabulous to see Cornwall winning the MC championship and know that the core of the team have come through the CSCA system and continued their education in the Development XI. Thanks for letting me have the chance to work with these young players.

*Sean Hooper
Development Team Manager*

Cornwall Women 2012 Season Report

6th May 2012, Wiltshire at Steeple Langford, Salisbury.

Due to this year's inclement weather conditions unfortunately this game had to be cancelled, this was on the back of frantic work by both counties to find an alternative ground. It was identified that all grounds in the area were severely water logged due to the amount of rainfall therefore the game had to be cancelled.

3rd June 2012, Shropshire at Falmouth Cricket Club.

Having won the toss, Shropshire decided to field first putting Cornwall into bat. A good batting performance by all but an outstanding 47 runs from Hannah Grice gave Cornwall a decent total of 142 all out after 49 over's on a cold and damp Sunday in the South West. Shropshire then entered the batting fray, facing some stern bowling from the Cornish side testing the batting abilities away from home. An excellent bowling performance from Jade Williams saw Shropshire struggle to deal with her exception bowling. Jade's bowling spell resulted in 4 wickets, 5 maidens and only 11 runs coming off her 10 over, outstanding figures. Shropshire capitulated and finished with a score of 93 all out after 45 over's. A great result for the first match of the season which will hopefully put Cornwall in good stead for the fore coming season.

15th July 2012 away to Dorset.

The adverse wet weather this season seems to be a nationwide issue regarding unplayable cricket games and this planned game against Dorset was no exception. A deluge of rain fall once again played a major part in the cancellation of this game.

22nd July 2012, Oxfordshire at St Austell.

To everybody's surprise it was actually a good day for cricket, with the sun shining and the temperature nice and warm however; the sun was not shining on Cornwall on this day. Having said that, Cornwall's performance was fantastic with every player on the pitch having a never say die Cornish attitude pushing Oxfordshire all the way, never making life easy for the visiting side. A good batting performance from Rebecca Rowe with 41 and Ashley Bridges bowling taking 3 wickets saw a very close game. The conclusion of this game was close with Cornwall innings of 144 for 6 after 50 over's just falling short of the visitors score of 145 for 7 off 45.2 over's.

ECB 20/20 Competition held at Dauntsey's School, Devizes.

Cornwall was grouped with Buckinghamshire and Wiltshire and hoping to improve upon their impressive performances in last year's competition.

11:00 30th July 2012, 20/20 against Wiltshire

A great start to the competition with Cornwall achieving an impressive 141 for 3 off 20 over's. Great batting performances from Rebecca Rowe 42 runs and Hannah Grace (36 not out) gave the Cornish side fantastic foundations to place pressure on their opponents. Cornwall bowled and fielded explicitly and with total commitment which restricted Wiltshire achieving their final score of 104 for 5 after 20 over's.

15:00 30th July 2012, 20/20 against Buckinghamshire

The second game of the day for Cornwall, taking forward confidence from the morning match win against Wiltshire, the team were full of commitment to carry on with the winning formula with a difficult game against Bucks. Unfortunately this winning formula did not come to fruition with Cornwall scoring 82 all out after 19 over's. Buckinghamshire acquired a winning total of 96 for 3 after 20 over's. An exceptional bowling spell from Ashley Bridges resulted in only 10 runs scored, with 1 maiden and 2 wickets taken in her impressive 4 over's. Although Cornwall's confidence had been slightly dented the moral of the squad members was still high, combine this with the pride felt playing for Cornwall everybody knew it was only a slight setback, with bigger and better things to come from this side.

11:00 Tuesday 31st July 2012, 20/20 against Dorset

A new day, a new win for Cornwall, the side never thought about the defeat to Bucks yesterday. Cornwall came out firing on day two of the festival, with another tough game against Dorset. A low scoring, but a very intensive close game saw Cornwall acquire a score of 95 for 5 after 20 over's. Wondering if they had done enough as they went into the field nerves were soon settled with sharp and enthusiastic fielding and impressive bowling. Katie Pearce taking three wickets with everybody else total committed and concentration restricted the Dorset side to 60 for 9 after 20 over's. Cornwall had achieved and even surpassed last year's performance and now knew that they had reached the 20/20 final. A sharp intake of breath had a Mexican wave effect throughout the squad when they learnt they were to play Buckinghamshire in the final.

15:00 Tuesday 31st July 2012, 20/20 Final against Buckinghamshire

Added determination to beat the side they had lost to yesterday, the Cornish focus was uninterrupted and totally professional. Buckinghamshire went into bat first and from the outset could not handle the Cornish bowling attack, Fern Nicholls and Katie Pearce both taking 3 wickets each. Enthusiastic fielding saw the Cornish Ladies restrict the Buckinghamshire batting attack to 59 for 9 after 20 over's. Cornwall Ladies then start their batting campaign, with the added motivation of beating this side the Cornish team went about their business methodically and like consummate professionals. It was an outstanding performance easily reaching their target with 11 balls to spare, attaining 60 for 5 after 18.1 over's.

Cornwall Ladies had won the 20/20 competition against very tough opposition throughout this tournament and speaks volumes about the standard of ladies cricket in the County of Cornwall.

Summary of 2012 Cornwall Women and Girls Senior Squad.

This year has been the same for all cricket teams regarding the amount of games that have been called off due to weather conditions. This especially true with the Cornwall Ladies squad, if you take into account that the two games called off this year were against Dorset and Wiltshire, Cornwall beat both these sides in the 20/20 competition and I would suggest that the league tables potentially could have looked very different should Cornwall have played and beat these sides. The League game played, the squad showed professionalism and fortitude in all aspects of the game of cricket something that everybody associated with the game should be really proud.

The pinnacle of the season was winning the 20/20 final in Devizes, total team commitment combined with enthusiastic team spirit and pride playing for Cornwall is not to be underestimated. The future of Ladies cricket in Cornwall looks bright and I am very much looking forward to next season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has supported me and the Cornwall side this season, special thanks from me must go to the scorers and umpires whose dedication and commitment should never be underestimated. I would also like to thank Falmouth and St Austell Cricket Clubs whose continual support for Ladies' cricket was fundamental to this success of this year's team. Their generosity and hospitality has been outstanding and both clubs should be very proud of their contributions to the team's success this year, may these relationships continue to flourish in the seasons to come. I would also like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the players, coaching staff and people who do so much behind the scenes which have all contributed to this year's success. Thank you all.

Fern Nicholls adds thanks to Matt South and Chris Hunkin for their support. A letter has been written by the Cornwall Board to the ECB as there has only been 4 fixtures for Cornwall who are a developing County, we have requested home and away fixtures.

*Lee Sturgess
Manager*

Cornwall CCC Championship Batting Averages 2012

Player (21)	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50
JD Libby	7	11	1	432	139	43.20	1	2
T Williams	7	11	4	298	125*	42.57	1	0
NS Curnow	2	3	0	94	53	31.33	0	1
ML Robins	7	12	1	324	88	29.45	0	2
DF Davis	4	5	1	108	38	27.00	0	0
KA Parsons	4	5	0	112	27	22.40	0	0
CA Hunkin	5	9	1	161	77	20.12	0	1
TPS Hughes	2	4	1	49	47	16.33	0	0
DJ Roberts	1	2	0	29	21	14.50	0	0
SC Hockin	7	7	5	26	14*	13.00	0	0
TG Sharp	6	8	0	97	28	12.12	0	0
RJ Harrison	5	9	2	77	42*	11.00	0	0
BM Kitt	3	4	0	37	31	9.25	0	0
MH Rowe	2	4	0	37	32	9.25	0	0
AC Libby	4	4	0	34	22	8.50	0	0
AG Smeeth	4	4	0	30	14	7.50	0	0
BA Smeeth	2	3	0	19	14	6.33	0	0
GM Thomas	1	2	0	9	5	4.50	0	0
Shakil Ahmed	2	3	0	13	6	4.33	0	0
KJ Snell	1	1	0	1	1	1.00	0	0
TC Rowe	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Cornwall CCC Championship Bowling Averages 2012

Player (21)	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Ave	Econ	5	10	Ct	St
BA Smeeth	2	1	3.0	0	11	2	2/11	2/11	5.50	3.66	0	0	0	0
Shakil Ahmed	2	3	73.4	26	138	14	7/36	10/109	9.85	1.87	1	1	0	0
DF Davis	4	1	4.0	0	13	1	1/13	1/13	13.00	3.25	0	0	5	0
AC Libby	4	5	41.3	9	129	8	4/32	4/32	16.12	3.10	0	0	2	0
AG Smeeth	4	5	82.0	17	260	15	5/20	5/20	17.33	3.17	1	0	0	0
SC Hockin	7	11	162.0	35	578	30	7/54	11/102	19.26	3.56	2	2	1	0
TG Sharp	6	9	193.0	65	392	20	5/25	7/37	19.60	2.03	2	0	3	0
MH Rowe	2	1	3.4	0	21	1	1/21	1/21	21.00	5.72	0	0	1	0
ML Robins	7	1	8.0	0	44	2	2/44	2/44	22.00	5.50	0	0	3	0
BM Kitt	3	3	24.0	0	104	3	1/16	2/75	34.66	4.33	0	0	2	0
RJ Harrison	5	6	59.4	17	181	4	3/20	3/30	45.25	3.03	0	0	1	0
KA Parsons	4	1	1.2	0	5	0	-	-	-	3.75	0	0	1	0
NS Curnow	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0
TPS Hughes	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0
CA Hunkin	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0
JD Libby	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0
DJ Roberts	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0
TC Rowe	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
KJ Snell	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
GM Thomas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
T Williams	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	1

CORNWALL COUNTY CRICKET CLUB MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 2012

Herefordshire		at Eastnor		on 10, 11, 12 June	
Cornwall	128	(TG Sharp 24)			
&	80-3	(JD Libby 33)			
Herefordshire	111	(AG Smeeth 5-20, AC Libby 4-32)			
&	----	Match Drawn, Cornwall 8pts, Herefordshire 8pts.			
Devon		at St Austell		on 24, 25, 26 June	
Devon	294-8	(AG Smeeth 4-60)			
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Cornwall	----				
&	----	Match Drawn, Cornwall 7pts, Devon 7pts.			
Wiltshire		at Falmouth		on 8, 9, 10 July	
Cornwall	199	(JD Libby 44, DF Davis 30)			
&	93-8d	(ML Robins 32)			
Wiltshire	68	(AC Libby 3-1, RJ Harrison 3-20)			
&	101	(TG Sharp 5-25, SC Hockin 4-50)		Cornwall (21pts) beat Wiltshire (4pts) by 123 runs.	

Cheshire		at Truro	on 22, 23, 24 July
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Cornwall 184 (JD Libby 56, ML Robins 40, BM Kitt 31)
& 346-8d (T Williams 125no, ML Robins 60, RJ Harrison 42no, JD Libby 38, MH Rowe 32)

Cheshire 168 (SC Hockin 7-82)
& 257 (TG Sharp 4-25, SC Hockin 3-83)
Cornwall (21 pts) beat Cheshire (4 pts) by 105 runs.

Oxfordshire		at Great & Little Tew	on 5, 6, 7 August
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Cornwall 339-7 (JD Libby 139, ML Robins 88, T Williams 36no)
& 97-9 (KA Parsons 23, T Williams 23)

Oxfordshire 458-6d (ML Robins 2-44)
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Match Drawn, Oxfordshire 11pts Cornwall 10pts.

Wales MC		at Abergavenny	on 19, 20, 21 August
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Cornwall 182 (JD Libby 88, DF Davis 38)
& 27-0

Wales MC 80 (SC Hockin 7-54, AG Smeeth 3-26)
& 128 (Shakil Ahmed 4-29, SC Hockin 4-48)
Cornwall (21 pts) beat Wales MC (4 pts) by 10 wickets to win the Western Division.

Buckinghamshire		Minor Counties Championship Final at Truro	on 9, 10, 11, 12 September
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Cornwall 257 (CA Hunkin 77, TPS Hughes 47, NS Curnow 41)
& 209 (NS Curnow 53, CA Hunkin 45)

Buckinghamshire 205-9 (TG Sharp 5-76, Shakil Ahmed 3-73)
& 111 (Shakil Ahmed 7-36, TG Sharp 2-36)
Cornwall beat Buckinghamshire by 150 runs to become Minor Counties Champions.

MCCA TROPHY RESULTS 2012

Group 1	Oxfordshire	at St Austell	on 22 April
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Match Abandoned -No Play

Group 1	Devon	at Instow	on 29 April
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Match Abandoned -No Play

Group 1	Bedfordshire	at Truro	on 6 May
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Bedfordshire 114 (40 overs) (TG Sharp 9-2-9-4)
Cornwall 118-4 (30.3 overs) (ML Robins 39no)
Cornwall (2pts) beat Bedfordshire by 6 wickets

Group 1	Hertfordshire	at North Mymms	on 13 May
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Hertfordshire 243-4 (50 overs) (TG Sharp 2-34)
Cornwall 244-7 (49.5 overs) (TG Sharp 62, ML Robins 59, DJ Roberts 56)
Cornwall (2pts) beat Hertfordshire by 3 wickets

Quarter Final	Cumberland	at Truro	on 17 June
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Cumberland 224-7 (50 overs) (AG Smeeth 2-51)
Cornwall 105 (37.2 overs) (DJ Roberts 19)
Cumberland beat Cornwall by 119 runs

Cornwall County Cricket Club

Fixtures 2013

MCCA Trophy (Group 1) (11am)

Sun 5 May	Hertfordshire	Werrington
Sun 19 May	Devon	Redruth
Sun 26 May	Oxfordshire	Challow & Childrey
Mon 27 May	Bedfordshire	Cople
Sun 16 June	Quarter Finals	<i>Group1 winner home to Northumberland, Cumberland, Herefordshire, Cambridgeshire or Cheshire.</i>
		<i>Group 1 runner-up away to Staffordshire, Berkshire, Dorset, Buckinghamshire or Wales MC</i>
Sun 14 July (reserve 15 July)	Semi Finals	<i>Group1 winner & runner up will both have home ties.</i>

Minor Counties Championship (11am)

9 - 11 June	Devon	Exeter
23 - 25 June	Oxfordshire	Truro
7 - 9 July	Wiltshire	Corsham
21 - 23 July	Shropshire	Shrewsbury
4 - 6 August	Dorset	Truro
18 - 20 August	Berkshire	St Austell
8 - 11 September	Final	<i>hosted by winner of Eastern Division</i>
