

**CORNWALL COUNTY CRICKET CLUB  
COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE 2017 SEASON**

Our Championship season was something of a mixed affair with a win, 2 draws and 3 defeats, to finish eighth. Fortunes fluctuated depending on which side of the River Tamar games were played. On the road we were saved by rain at Berkshire when the last couple of hours were washed out with us effectively 28-6 in our second innings. A deficit of 194 on the first innings at Cheshire decided matters and a ten wicket defeat followed mid way through the final afternoon. It was similar in the climax of the season at Dorset where we were unable to make up the 192 runs on first innings and lost by an innings and four runs. Before that however the three home games were in direct contrast. After parity in the first innings Wales MC were shot out for just 61 at Truro, and we secured a seven wicket win on the second morning. The decision not to enforce the follow on at St Austell, with a lead of 226 over Shropshire, cost dear. Eventually set 455 the visitors were struggling on 167-7 when thundery rain ended play after 90 minutes of the third morning. The return, after 16 years, to Penzance provided a memorable game against Herefordshire. Tom Rowe's 188 came within two blows of recording the highest ever individual Cornwall score but Herefordshire fought back from an 87 run first innings deficit to win by two wickets, with a session to spare. In the Trophy, for the first time, we lost all 4 group games. After losing a thriller by one run at Oxfordshire, having been set 249, it all went downhill with defeats by Dorset (37 runs), Berkshire (four wickets) and Devon (93 runs).

**Unicorns Trophy**

**23April           Oxfordshire 248-4 Cornwall 247-7 at Banbury.**

Our hopes were dealt an agonising blow, losing by just one run. It was revenge for the home county who had been thumped by 108 runs in the corresponding tie at Werrington a year earlier. It was hard on a youthful Cornish side which fought right to the final ball of a thriller, that ebbed and flowed over the final hour. The three Cornish debutants performed well. Sixteen year old Lewis Goldsworthy, one of the youngest ever to represent the county, sent down ten overs of tidy left arm spin for 36 runs. Daniel Lello hit 34 off 23 balls in the closing stages to keep us in the hunt. Eighteen year old Tommy Sturgess also made his mark. Sensationally he had Richard Kaufman caught by Lello at mid on, to the very first ball of the match. Then with the bat he almost saw Cornwall home making 19 not out with three boundaries off 11 balls. Oxfordshire's second wicket pairing of Olly Clarke and Lloyd Sabin put on 136 in 29 overs. Cornwall skipper Matt Robins came on as sixth bowler and immediately got the breakthrough, bowling Clarke for 45. Sabin was homing in on a century when he was offered a return catch to Goldsworthy to give the Troon and Somerset Academy player his first wicket at this level. Sabin's 98 included three sixes and 6 fours off 114 balls. Jamie Perkin run out by Matt Rowe however Jonny Cater (52no) and Richard West (32no) added what proved to be a crucial 65 runs, over the last nine overs, to get their side to a respectable 248-4. Goldsworthy, Robins and Sturgess took a wicket apiece. Just as in the Oxfordshire innings there was first over drama when Robins was lbw to Leo Bethell to the fourth ball. The Rowe brothers, Matt and Tom, looked to be turning the game in Cornwall's favour as they added 148 in 36 overs. However Matt was dismissed by Bethell for 61 and Tom was leg before to Kaufman three overs later for 82. Paul Smith's stay was brief and at 170-4 it was 'game on', with 79 required off 51 balls. When Conor Miles, who hit a six in his 17, was caught off Luke Ryan the equation was down to 31 off 20 balls. However James Turpin went cheaply and Lello's dismissal off the first ball of the penultimate over for a brave 34 looked to have ended Cornish hopes. Sturgess and Scott Harvey got it down to 13 off Wright's last over, and six off the final ball, but only succeeded in a boundary.

*Banbury – Oxfordshire 248-4 (LM Sabin 98, JA Cater 52no, OD Clarke 45no, JCR West 32; ML Robins 1-15, LP Goldsworthy 1-36, TG Sturgess 1-41), Cornwall 247-7 (TC Rowe 82, MH Rowe 61, CD Lello 34; RI Kaufman 2-29, LM Bethell 2-34, LC Ryan 2-43). Oxfordshire (2pts) beat Cornwall by one run.*

**7 May               Dorset 161-9 Cornwall 124 at Grampound Road**

Having restricted the visitors to 161-9 in 50 overs hopes were high at the half way stage but a disappointing home batting performance saw the visitors comfortably get home, with almost 14 overs unused. The day had started dramatically with James Turpin trapping Dorset debutant Gordon Whorlow leg before to the second ball. Ed Ellis and Michael Porter added 48 before Lewis Goldsworthy struck in the 17th over. In a typical slow left arm dismissal he had Porter caught by Matt Rowe at slip for 23 and then bowled Luke Webb with the next ball. He all but had Jigar Naik with what would have been the youngest ever Cornish hat trick. After Andrew Libby had Ellis (26) caught at slip Goldsworthy got his man bowling Naik at 64 -5, just past halfway. Skipper Chris Park and Somerset's Max Waller then put on what proved to be a match winning stand of 60 in 13 overs. It was broken when Waller (38) skied to Turpin at mid wicket. Sam Thompson attempted to sweep Matt Robins but only succeeded in a skied catch to stand in keeper debutant Mark Gribble. Scott Harvey had failed to recover from a leg injury so Alex Ridd came in as a late replacement. Park worked with the tail to see the overs out and ended unbeaten on 49. Goldsworthy impressed with 3-21 off 10 overs and Matt Rowe and Robins took two each. Cornwall's reply saw three wickets fall in the first five overs. Robins was caught behind, Matt Rowe caught at slip and brother Tom lbw with 33 on the board in an action packed start. Conor Miles faced a difficult over from James Hayman before being leg before without scoring and Dan Lello was bowled at 49-5 in the tenth over. The Werrington pair of Paul Smith and Gribble combined to give hope adding 56 over 16 overs. Gribble (33) was caught behind and Cornish hopes sunk when Smith fell in similar fashion for 42. He had been

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dropped twice at mid wicket on 17 and 28 but there was no third reprieve. The end came quickly at 124 all out with the last four wickets falling for seven runs.

*Grampound Road – Dorset 161-9 (CL Park 49no, MTC Waller 38, EJ Ellis 26, MJ Porter 23; LP Goldsworthy 3-21, ML Robins 2-24, MH Rowe 2-42), Cornwall 124 (PS Smith 42, MH Gribble 33; JT Hayman 3-27, MA Wolstenholme 3-45, JKH Naik 2-21). Dorset (2pts) beat Cornwall by 37 runs.*

### **14 May Cornwall 141, Berkshire 142-6 at Wokingham**

A third successive loss ended our qualification hopes but the home side didn't have it all their own way. Despite a target of only 141 there was concern in the home camp when they lost their first five wickets for just 87 runs. An unbeaten 49 from Andy Rishton retained Berkshire's unbeaten record however. With Andrew Libby unwell Werrington skipper Adam Hodgson was recalled to the Cornwall team, almost ten years since the last of his four caps. It meant the North Cornwall club supplied five of the starting line up. Having been put in we got off to the worst of starts losing Matt Rowe to the final ball of Tom Nugent's opening over. Wicketkeeper Stewart Davidson taking the catch, the first of his five victims in the innings. Ollie Wilkin followed up in the tenth over getting rid of opener Mark Gribble. He then had Matt Robins caught behind and when Tom Rowe (18) was caught at slip at 41-4 Cornwall were in trouble. Paul Smith and Conor Miles doubled the score before Miles (21) was stumped off a wide from Chris Peplow. Smith was lbw to Euan Woods for 30, the second week running he top scored. That was either side of Hodgson and Dan Lello going cheaply and at 95-8 Cornwall's lowest ever score in the competition of 105 was in danger of being broken. However James Turpin (20) and Lewis Goldsworthy (22no) added some respectability, getting the total up to 141 all out in the final over. Wilkin took 3-16 and Mark Firth 3-42 with Peplow only conceding 16 runs in ten overs. For the third successive game Cornwall struck in the first over with Turpin removing Wilkin to the third ball. Five balls later Alex Ridd bowled Jack Davies in a dramatic start. Woods (30) and Richard Morris (34) steadied things but when they departed, along with skipper James Morris for a single, there was still work to be done. Rishton hit seven fours and a six and supported by Dan Lincoln's 17 the winning runs came with almost 23 overs to spare. Turpin took 3-31 from ten overs and Ridd 2-62. Goldsworthy ended with 1-39 from nine overs.

*Wokingham – Cornwall 141 (PS Smith 30, LP Goldsworthy 22no, CJ Miles 21, JR Turpin 20; O Wilkin 3-17, M Firth 3-41, ED Woods 2-15), Berkshire 142-6 (JAJ Rishton 49no, RK Morris 34, ED Woods 30; JR Turpin 3-31, AS Ridd 2-62). Berkshire (2pts) beat Cornwall by four wickets.*

### **21 May Devon 302-9, Cornwall 209 at Werrington**

Our disappointing campaign came to a conclusion with a fourth straight group defeat. The groups have mostly been in place since 1998 and it is the first time we've lost all four though there have been a couple of years when 'no results' came into play. It was the fourth time Werrington have staged a Trophy game, with one other washed out. The average first innings score in the previous affairs has been 302.66 runs. Devon obviously read the script as they made 302-9 in their fifty overs. That in itself is a bit misleading as at one stage they were 287-2 with 19 balls remaining. They managed to lose seven wickets in the closing stages for just 15 runs in a chaotic finish. Andrew Libby and James Turpin were the beneficiaries picking up three wickets each. For much of the innings it was Devon dominating with the bat. The tone was set as Rob Woodman and Liam Lewis put on 130 for the first wicket in 24 overs before Woodman was caught and bowled by Werrington skipper Adam Hodgson for 91, which included three sixes. Lewis was more restrained but went on to reach 65 before Matt Robins claimed his wicket at 192 in the 36th over. Former Somerset player Alex Barrow hit 91 off 75 balls, that included 5 sixes and 6 fours. He was denied a maiden ton however when superbly held by a diving Hodgson at point, off the bowling of Turpin. Robins and Matt Rowe were dismissed by Harry Whitlock off successive balls, at the end of the fourth over. Mark Gribble made 15 but Cornish hopes rose as Tom Rowe and Paul Smith took the total to 105-3 in 22 overs. Rowe was bowled by Matt Golding for 53. It was the start of a decisive collapse as four wickets fell in as many overs. Smith fell to Falmouth skipper Jamie Stephens for 13 and Dan Lello and Conor Miles quickly followed at 134-7. Hodgson made a defiant 40, Turpin 12 and Lewis Goldsworthy 20 to see the 200 up but by then it was a case of damage limitation. Golding took 4-27. Berkshire's win over Dorset guaranteed a home quarter-final with Devon, as runners up, facing a trip to Lincolnshire.

*Werrington – Devon 302-9 (RJ Woodman 91, AWB Barrow 91, LJ Lewis 65, BGF Green 27; AC Libby 3-55, JR Turpin 3-74), Cornwall 209 (TC Rowe 53, AJ Hodgson 40, LP Goldsworthy 20; MC Golding 4-27, HM Whitlock 2-17, JA Stephens 2-32). Devon (2pts) beat Cornwall (0pts) by 93 runs.*

## **Unicorns Counties Championship**

### **4-6 June Cornwall 191 & 104-6, Berkshire 267 at Wargrave**

The game was abandoned as a draw on the final afternoon after a heavy downpour just before five o'clock ended proceedings. It might have come as a relief to the Duchy as we were precariously placed at the time. Effectively we were 28 for six in our second innings, with a couple of hours of play remaining, and the reigning champions were sensing victory. Following heavy

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overnight and morning rain it looked unlikely that there would be any play on the final day but a drying wind and good work by the groundstaff saw play possible by 3.40pm. There were still around 48 overs remaining and plenty of work for Cornwall to do. Things looked ominous when Adam Hodgson was caught in the slips and Matt Robins trapped lbw for 44 six balls later. However only eleven overs were possible before a heavy shower resulted in the captains shaking hands. Cornwall were 104 for 6 at the time. It was an inexperienced Cornwall team that took the field with only Matt Robins (61 caps), Matt Rowe (32 caps) and Andrew Libby (16 caps) having played more than six championship games. Mark Gribble, Adrian Noott and Tom Dinnis made their debuts. Having elected to bat Cornwall slumped to 52 for five in the first hour. They recovered well to make 191 all out. It was a Werrington duo who came to the rescue. Gribble and his club captain Adam Hodgson added a valuable 79 over thirty overs, either side of lunch. Gribble fell just short of a half century on 47 while Hodgson hit 55, almost ten years since his previous appearance. Berkshire replied with 144 for four at stumps. On the second day Dan Lincoln survived a missed chance in the slips in the second over and it was to prove expensive. His partnership with Richard Morris was to last another 20 overs. They put on 101 before Lincoln (62) became Adam Hodgson's first championship wicket to make it 220-5. Shortly after Morris was lbw to Andrew Libby for 74 in an innings that lasted 148 balls. The home side missed out on a third batting point, by eight runs with five overs unused, as the last three wickets fell for just four runs at 267 all out. Libby was the pick of the Cornish attack taking five for 59 from 27.3 overs. Cornwall lost their first four wickets for 39 in their second innings before Robins and Hodgson saw it to 86 for four at stumps.

*Wargrave – Cornwall 191 (AJ Hodgson 55, MH Gribble 47, JR Turpin 24, TC Rowe 22; TM Nugent 6-61, O Wilkin 2-29) & 104-6 (ML Robins 44, MH Rowe 23; O Wilkin 3-38). Berkshire 267 (RK Morris 74, DJ Lincoln 62, O Wilkin 61, T Nugent 21; AC Libby 5-59, AJ Hodgson 2-34), Match Drawn. Berkshire 10pts, Cornwall 9pts.*

### **18-20 June Cornwall 208 & 235, Cheshire 400 & 44-0 at Nantwich**

We went down to a ten wicket defeat, in a match played in scorching hot sunshine. Having gone 15 years without a ten wicket defeat this was the second in three games, following Devon at Sidmouth the previous August. Lewis Goldsworthy made his championship debut at the age of 16 years and 161 days, the fifth youngest on record for Cornwall following Taylor Williams, Carl Gazzard, Tim Wyatt and Ben Kitt. Our problems began thanks to a modest batting performance after electing to bat. We were dismissed for 208 in 62 overs and almost half came from Brad Wadlan on his return to the team. He hit 13 boundaries in his 101 made off 139 balls. He put on 115 for the third wicket with opener Scott Harvey who made 43. Only James Turpin of the rest got double figures. Cheshire replied with exactly 400 with Calum Rowe (89), Luke Robinson (94) and Will Evans (77) dominating. Matt Robins took a career best four late wickets for 18 runs and Tom Dinnis 3-86. Trailing by 192 runs our second innings began poorly losing stand in opener Goldsworthy, Dan Jarman and Wadlan for only 21. When Matt Robins (31) and Mark Gribble followed, at 71-5 just after five o'clock, a two day innings defeat threatened. However Adrian Noott and Adam Hodgson combined in over two hours to put on an unbroken 94 for the sixth wicket up to stumps. Noott spent the entire day on the field. Hodgson, who had batted with a runner, was run out for 34 immediately on the resumption on the third morning. Scott Harvey helped to add 35 for the seventh wicket with the interest increasingly being focussed on whether Noott could reach a century in only his second championship appearance. It was not to be however as he fell lbw to Jack Williams for 90. The 36 year old had batted in extreme heat for five hours facing 236 balls and hitting ten boundaries - a monumental effort. We were eventually bowled out for 235 just after lunch. Cheshire required just 44 to win which they knocked off without loss with half a day to spare.

*Nantwich – Cornwall 208 (BL Wadlan 101, SA Harvey 43; CJ White 5-42) & 235 (AD Noott 90, AJ Hodgson 34, ML Robins 31; HJ Killoran 3-71). Cheshire 400 (TL Robinson 94, C Rowe 89, WJ Evans 77, WA White 40; ML Robins 4-18, TJ Dinnis 3-86) & 44-0 (C Rowe 28no). Cheshire (24pts) beat Cornwall (5pts) by ten wickets.*

### **2-3 July Wales MC 155 & 61, Cornwall 178 & 42-3 at Truro**

Our proud record of never failing to win a championship game in a season since 1997 remained after this victory. It was an incredible win however, achieved inside four sessions. The action was all over just after half past twelve on day two in a game of 436 runs, 33 wickets and 149.2 overs. It wasn't a record breaking quick finish, in Cornish three-day games that began in 2001. That was in 2010 at Falmouth when Oxfordshire were shot out for 104 & 115 with Cornwall winning by ten wickets at 12.20pm on the second morning. That game only lasted 128.2 overs and games at Penzance in 2001 against Berkshire and the Western title winning game at Abergavenny in 2012 also saw fewer overs. For slow left armer Andrew Libby it was a game to remember as he returned a county career best of 7-17 in the second innings. His previous was the 6-45 against Oxfordshire at his home ground St Austell last year. It gave him match figures of 11 for 69 from 34 overs with 13 maidens. The best by a Cornish bowler since Justin Stephens took 12 for 89 against Wiltshire at Salisbury in 2001. Wales were 100-2 after electing to bat on the opening day before Greg Smith (4-38) and Libby (4-52) dismissed them for 155. Cornwall were then bowled out for 178 inside 49 overs. Smith made 56 after Tom Rowe got 32 and Brad Wadlan 38. Having taken the lead Cornwall lost their last five wickets for 19 runs to lead by 23 on first innings. In a dramatic hour up to stumps the Welsh slumped to 37 for six with Smith and Libby continuing where they left off sharing the wickets. Within 40 minutes they were all out for 61 on day two as Libby picked up all four. Requiring 39 to win Cornwall lost Matt Robins, in the first over for the second time in the

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match. Adrian Noott was lbw, remarkably the 15th such dismissal. Brad Wadlan followed at 6-3. It was left to sixteen year old Lewis Goldsworthy (12no) and Tom Rowe with 22 not out to see Cornwall over the line.

*Truro – Wales MC 155 (JH Voke 38, SW Griffiths 31; GM Smith 4-38, AC Libby 4-52) & 61 (AC Libby 7-17, GM Smith 3-40), Cornwall 178 (GM Smith 56, BL Wadlan 38, TC Rowe 32; CJ Taylor 4-54, OL Pike 3-49) & 42-3 (TC Rowe 22no). Cornwall (21pts) beat Wales MC (4pts) by seven wickets.*

### **16-18 July Cornwall 349-5 & 228-3 dec Shropshire 123 & 167-7 at St Austell**

The visitors had been outplayed over the first two days but escaped with a draw, thanks to the weather. Only ninety minutes of play was possible on day three before thundery rain forced the players off the pitch. They were never to return and the inevitable handshakes took place just before six o'clock. Shropshire had started the day with just four wickets remaining and the token target of another 344 runs to win the game. In a stubborn resistance they only lost one wicket however before the weather set in. Cornwall had made two changes but both were late withdrawals. Christian Purchase pulled out due to a shin splints problem and Tommy Sturgess due to his Surrey commitments. Lewis Goldsworthy was brought back at short notice and a debut given to 30 year old Werrington batsman/keeper Nick Lawson. Having elected to bat Cornwall lost Goldsworthy and Brad Wadlan early on. Scott Harvey made 54 and Tom Rowe 65. Skipper Matt Robins joined Greg Smith and over the remaining 40 overs put on 190 for the fifth wicket. Robins was out with four balls remaining for 76. Smith was undefeated on 127 that came off 160 balls with 5 sixes and 6 fours. Cornwall's total of 349-5 was, strangely, identical to last year's game at St Austell, against Oxfordshire and has only been bettered a couple of times in the last six years. The only comparable Cornish innings for fewest wickets lost in 90 overs, in 17 seasons of three day cricket, was at St Helens, Swansea in 2003. That was against Wales Minor Counties where Gary Thomas hit his tenth Cornwall century in a high scoring draw. Tom Dinnis struck with the new ball to have Omar Ali, brother of Moeem, caught and bowled in the third over. He went on to take four wickets to leave the visitors struggling at 66-6 overnight. On day two their innings was all over within the hour. Libby took four for 55; Smith took the final wicket at 123 to end with two for 17. Dinnis ended with 4-57. The lead was 226 runs but Cornwall did not enforce the follow on. In their second innings Wadlan and Tom Rowe added 132 for the third wicket in just 16 overs before Rowe was dismissed for 71. Debutant Nick Lawson faced six balls before the declaration came at 228-3 off 37 overs in mid afternoon. Wadlan was 128 not out off 98 balls that included two sixes and 17 fours. It is only the sixth time that two Cornish batsmen have recorded centuries in each innings of a match. Set 455 to win Shropshire lost skipper Steve Leach, bowled by Greg Smith in the ninth over. For the next forty overs however Omar Ali and Will Parton ground it out. They added 63, at only one and a half runs an over, but did what was required to increasing Cornish frustration. Just when the Duchy needed something to happen Smith struck twice in the 49th over. Five wickets fell in the last 35 minutes of play. It's not often that a second new ball is called for but that was the case on the third morning, after 90 overs. It worked as Tom Dinnis was brought back and soon had Jack McIver pounced at slip by Matt Robins. Only two more overs were possible however before the umpires took the players off for bad light. The rain quickly followed, as did an early lunch, and that was pretty much that. Smith ended with incredible figures of 43-21-50-5 to add to his century and was capped at lunch.

*St Austell – Cornwall 349-5 (GM Smith 127no, ML Robins 76, TC Rowe 65, SA Harvey 54; RCJ Aucott 2-31) & 228-3 dec (BL Wadlan 128no, TC Rowe 61). Shropshire 123 (J McIver 27no; TJ Dinnis 4-37, AC Libby 2-55, GM Smith 2-17) & 167-7 (OM Ali 53, RCJ Aucott 31no; GM Smith 5-50). Match Abandoned; Cornwall (12pts) drew with Shropshire (6pts).*

### **30 July-1 Aug Cornwall 335 & 151, Herefordshire 248 & 241-8 at Penzance**

The return, after 16 years, of Minor Counties cricket to Penzance provided a memorable game. Tom Rowe came within two blows of making the highest ever individual score by a Cornish batsman, 19 year old opening bowler Tom Dinnis took a county best five wickets in an innings and wicket keeper Scott Harvey held five catches in an innings. However Herefordshire fought back from an 87 run first innings deficit to win by two wickets, with a session to spare. It continues their great run of success on Cornish soil. This was a fourth straight championship win in the last ten years. Cornwall had bossed the first half of the match but were not able to capitalise in their second innings, being dismissed for only 151. It left a victory target of 239, with virtually all the final day available. Visiting skipper Matt Pardoe hit a superb century before he was seventh out, with 12 required. A further wicket fell with just two needed so the winning margin of two wickets was perhaps not quite as close as it sounds. The start on Sunday was delayed by four hours after Saturday's downpours required a drying up process. St Just's 37 year old captain Gareth May and St Austell's 17 year old Alex Bone made their county debuts. It wasn't easy early on and Cornwall were 95-4 at tea before Matt Robins made 57. The star however was Tom Rowe. Having been 134 not out overnight on the second morning he reached 188 before being bowled. It was the fifth highest ever individual Cornwall score, the highest at St Clare and just seven runs short of beating the 194 set by George Rogers at Camborne, 79 years ago. The 335 all out gave Cornwall maximum first innings batting points in back to back games for the first time since June 2009. Herefordshire made a good start but the Cornish spinners chipped away to bowl them out for 248 just before four o'clock. Adam Hodgson (4-61), Lewis Goldsworthy (3-39) and Andrew Libby (3-67) were in the wickets. Cornwall then struggled to 114-6 on the second evening. Robins was unbeaten on 27 after Scott Harvey made 24 and Adam Hodgson 25. Robins went on to make 48 on the third morning but the last four wickets fell for 16 runs, in five overs. Herefordshire had 35 on the board in eight overs before



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Dinnis struck in successive balls. Having been 86-3 at lunch David Ball soon fell lbw giving Gareth May his first county wicket. The game then swung in the visitors favour with a stand of 104 between Pardoe and teenager Nick Hammond for the fifth wicket. Dinnis came back to get two wickets in three balls to make it 197 for six, and 42 were still required. Ian Bullock joined his captain and put on a vital 30. Pardoe eventually fell for 127 with sub fielder, Rosudgeon's Ben Ellis, holding the catch in the deep off May.

*Penzance – Cornwall 335 (89.5 overs) (TC Rowe 188, ML Robins 57; PI Burgoyne 4-78, JP McIlroy 2-44, DG Ball 2-62) & 151 (ML Robins 48, SA Harvey 28, AJ Hodgson 25; DO Conway 3-39, JP McIlroy 3-42, PI Burgoyne 2-36). Herefordshire 248 (57.5 overs) (NA Hammond 51, JP Harrison 44, MG Pardoe 35, B Ellis-Dabrowski 30; AJ Hodgson 4-61, LP Goldsworthy 3-39, AC Libby 3-61) & 241-8 (MG Pardoe 127, NA Hammond 44; TJ Dinnis 5-59, GJ May 2-52). Herefordshire (22pts) beat Cornwall (8pts) by two wickets.*

### **13-14 August Cornwall 146 & 188, Dorset 338-9 at North Perrott**

Our season ended in disappointment with an innings defeat. It was the fourth successive year we have lost heavily in the final game away from home. A 93 run defeat at Bournemouth, five wicket loss at Usk, despite setting 404, and a ten wicket reverse at Sidmouth have been the less than inspiring memories to take in the winter months. Cornwall made two changes due to work commitments with Matt Rowe returning after a hand injury to replace his brother Tom and Kelvin Snell was recalled for his 34th championship game in place of Gareth May. On Sunday we got off to a good start with an opening stand of 60 in 16 overs but after lunch suffered a stunning collapse, losing the last six wickets for just five runs in 32 balls to be 146 all out. After being capped before the start of play former Leicestershire off spinner Jigar Naik produced a remarkable spell of 22.3 overs, 14 maidens taking seven wickets for 22 runs. It took Naik's haul to 43 championship wickets this season, the highest in the country. This after the returning Matt Rowe (50) and Scott Harvey (28) had laid a sound foundation. The hosts then took charge with the bat and were 150 for three overnight, with 40 overs still available. They took full advantage on the second day to bat out the full 90 overs to end on 338 for nine and a first innings lead of 192 runs. Edward Ellis top scored with 76 off 83 balls. Adam Hodgson took three wickets. We began their second innings at 2.25pm and lost both openers Rowe and Goldsworthy in the first eleven overs. Just before four o'clock rain stopped play at 48 for 2 and the players didn't get back on until half past six with play extended by half an hour. A couple of late wickets meant we were struggling at 80-5 at stumps. We lost three quick wickets on the final day before a late salvo with James Turpin and Scott Harvey putting on 66 for the ninth wicket. On reaching his fifty Turpin gave Naik his eleventh wicket of the match. He hit 2 sixes and 5 fours off 71 balls. Harvey went on to make 43 but was run out, with four runs required to avoid the innings defeat. James Hayman took four for 37 and Naik four for 69 to end with match figures of 11-91 and 47 championship wickets for the season.

*North Perrott - Cornwall 146 (MH Rowe 50, SA Harvey 28; JKH Naik 7-22, JG Digby 2-12) & 188 (JR Turpin 50, SA Harvey 43, AJ Hodgson 29; JT Hayman 4-37, JKH Naik 4-69), Dorset 338-9 (EJ Ellis 76, SBS Collins 49, ATP Arnold 41, AJ Eckland 39, LA Webb 37; AJ Hodgson 3-54, LP Goldsworthy 2-54). Dorset (24pts) beat Cornwall (4pts) by an innings and four runs.*

Over the season we used 20 players in the championship, with five (Robins, Hodgson, Turpin, Dinnis and Libby) playing in all six games. There were debuts for seven players – TJ Dinnis, MH Gribble, AD Noot, LP Goldsworthy, NC Lawson, AW Bone, and GJ May. Two players – TC Rowe and GM Smith were capped.

Tom Rowe made 409 runs at an average of 58.42 and Brad Wadlan 277 runs at 55.40. Robins hit 286 runs and Harvey 248 runs. Professional Greg Smith played two games and in two innings made 183 runs for once out. Centuries were hit by Tom Rowe (188), Wadlan (128\* & 101) and Greg Smith (127\*). Rowe's 188 was the fifth highest in Cornwall's history. Libby was again the leading wicket taker with 25 wickets at 21.88 each. Tom Dinnis took 15 wickets at 27.66 and Greg Smith 14 wickets at 10.35. Libby's career best 7-17 against Wales were the best figures of our season and he took 11 for 69 in the match. Robins recorded a career best 4-18.

In the Unicorns Trophy 14 players took part. Eight players (Robins, Matt Rowe, Tom Rowe, Paul Smith, Goldsworthy, Miles, Lello and Turpin) appeared in all four games. Four players – Paul Smith, Conor Miles, Daniel Lello and Tommy Sturgess played in Trophy games only. A total of 24 players, for the second successive year, represented the county in 2017.

Tom Rowe made 165 runs at 41.25 and hit the highest score of 82. Turpin took seven wickets at 20.28 and Goldsworthy five wickets at 26.60. The highest partnership was the 153 by Matt Rowe & Tom Rowe for the second wicket against Oxfordshire.

The season opened with a friendly against Somerset seconds at Taunton Vale on 15<sup>th</sup> April Somerset II's 330-9 (E Byrom 101, J Allenby 73, MA Leask 48; JR Turpin 5-81, AC Libby 2-50), Cornwall 242 (CD Lello 64, GM Smith 46, ML Robins 35, SA Harvey 24, M Gribble 20; MTC Waller 5-39, DM Bess 3-60). Somerset II's won by 88 runs.

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Treleavens T20 Challenge Sunday 25 June at Truro

A Somerset XI won the Treleavens T20 Trophy beating both Devon and Cornwall. It was a side predominantly of second eleven players; some with T20 ambitions, as the first team were in four day championship action at Southampton on Monday morning. It included Troon and Cornwall's Somerset Academy player Lewis Goldsworthy, who was twelfth man for Cornwall. Former Australian batsman Chris Rogers coached the side led by first teamer Jim Allenby. In the opening game Devon were restricted to 110-9 with late replacement Mitch Pugh top scoring with 46. Greg Smith (3-10) and Tommy Sturgess (2-16) led the Cornish attack. Neil Curnow made 27 and Matt Robins 32 but the game took a twist with three wickets falling for six runs. Kelvin Snell (16no) and Sturgess (17no) then put on 35 for the sixth wicket to win with an over to spare. In the second game Somerset made 184-6 against Devon with Tom Benton making 71. Goldsworthy took 4-27 as Devon ended on 135-9. It set up a winner takes all final game between Cornwall and Somerset. The cider county made 131-9 with Benton again top scoring with 37. This after Sturgess, in a fine spell, removed Finlay Trenouth, George Bartlett and Ryan Davies in the first six overs with 36 on the board. Michael Leask chipped in with 22. Cornwall suffered early setbacks when Max Waller bowled Brad Wadlan for five and Joe Gore removed Greg Smith for a duck three balls later. Wickets fell regularly and it was opener Neil Curnow, recalled to the team, that carried the home hopes. Ironically it was Goldsworthy that had him stumped for 39, at 96-6 with four overs remaining. That proved to be the deciding factor as Cornwall ended ten short of victory. Slow left armer Goldsworthy took two for 23. He then made a 2nd XI Championship debut this week against Surrey at New Malden.

Our scorer, Jim O'Brien, was again ever present in 2017 and the committee continues to appreciate his efforts. The usual vote of thanks is extended to our host clubs, their grounds staff, and their caterers for their hard work, organization and excellent hospitality. The committee also thanks the local media for their coverage during 2017. Finally, the club was most grateful to our main sponsor of Conway Bailey Transport Ltd for their valued support and again to Richard Sharp for producing the match scorecards during the season.

### **2017 SEASON FACTS & FIGURES**

Highest Score (Championship)	For	349-5	Shropshire	St Austell
	Against	400	Cheshire	Nantwich

Lowest Score (Championship)	For	146	Dorset	North Perrott
	Against	61	Wales MC	Truro

#### Highest Partnerships

190	5th	GM Smith (127) / ML Robins (76)	Shropshire	Championship	St Austell
153	2nd	MH Rowe (61) / TC Rowe (82)	Oxfordshire	Trophy	Banbury
132	3rd	BL Wadlan (128*) / TC Rowe (61)	Shropshire	Championship	St Austell
122	5th	TC Rowe (188 / ML Robins (57)	Herefordshire	Championship	Penzance
115	3rd	SA Harvey (43) / BL Wadlan (101)	Cheshire	Championship	Nantwich

#### Highest Individual Scores

188	TC Rowe	Herefordshire (1 <sup>st</sup> Inns)	Championship	Penzance
128*	BL Wadlan	Shropshire (2 <sup>nd</sup> Inns)	Championship	St Austell
127*	GM Smith	Shropshire (1 <sup>st</sup> Inns)	Championship	St Austell
101	BL Wadlan	Cheshire (1 <sup>st</sup> Inns)	Championship	Nantwich

#### Best Bowling

7 - 17	AC Libby	Wales MC (2 <sup>nd</sup> Inns)	Championship	Truro
5 - 50	GM Smith	Shropshire (2 <sup>nd</sup> Inns)	Championship	St Austell
5 - 59	AC Libby	Berkshire (1 <sup>st</sup> Inns)	Championship	Wargrave
5 - 59	TJ Dinnis	Herefordshire (2 <sup>nd</sup> Inns)	Championship	Penzance

County Caps (2) GM Smith, TC Rowe

County Debuts (9) Championship -TJ Dinnis, MH Gribble, AD Noott, LP Goldsworthy, NC Lawson, AW Bone, GJ May  
One Day – CD Lello and TG Sturgess

## **Cornwall Over 50's Report 2017**

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 30 players from 21 different clubs represented Cornwall either in the ECB or SCC competition.

The ECB team topped their regional group for the second time in three years with six successive wins after a first game defeat by Somerset. There were some very close games with the team snatching victory from what looked like certain defeat against Hampshire when Cornwall took seven wickets for 35 runs to win by 19 runs, and then against Wiltshire where an unbeaten last wicket stand of 38 saw Cornwall home by one wicket, and a successful defence of just 141 against Dorset.

Much fancied Wales were beaten in the last 16 at Truro by 23 runs to set up a quarter-final at Grampound Road against Sussex. Cornwall made 227/6 in their 45 overs with Jim McKenna making his second century of the season but Sussex won by five wickets with three overs to spare. McKenna made 152 v the Channel Islands at Grampound Road breaking the Cornwall O50s individual record held by the late Vic Voyzey who made 145 v the Isle of Wight in 2000.

The Southern Counties team had a successful first season finishing second in their regional group to qualify for the semi-finals. Travelling to Oxfordshire to take on the reigning SCC champions they weren't at their best and lost the game by 9 wickets. Skipper Anton Luiten made 2 hundreds during the season and there were centuries also for Mike Blake and for Adrian Warne and Mike Kent who put on 224 for the fourth wicket v Devon at Bude.

The friendlies team were thwarted by bad weather and played just a handful of matches.

There is one change to the management team for 2018 with Paul Clements taking over as ECB skipper from Andrew Jones.

050's management team 2018:

ECB captain : Paul Clements

ECB team manager : Ian Bishop

SCC captain : Anton Luiten

SCC team manager : Stuart Ellis

Friendlies Manager : Paul Higgins

Finance : Jon & Jackie Nance

Sponsorship : Phil Payne

Chair : Trevor Lee

*Trevor Lee  
Cornwall Over 50's Chairman*

## **Development XI Report 2017**

No games were played in 2017. The Development XI is to become a joint venture between the Cornwall Cricket Board and the County Club in 2018.

## **Cornwall County Women's Report 2017**

The season has been one of mixed fortunes for the squad. In the 50 over completion Cornwall played Dorset, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Oxfordshire.

The season's results left Cornwall 3rd in the table with 1 win, 1 draw and 2 losses.

### **ECB Division 4 South & West -50/50**

#### **Dorset away at Bournemouth**

Cornwall won the toss and fielded first. The match was rain affected and this meant that a reduced target of 77 to win off 29 overs was in place.

Dorset were 137 all out in 49 overs at the interval. Kellie Williams 4 for 18 from 8 overs.

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In reply Cornwall passed a reduced target of 76 in 25.5 overs

### **Gloucestershire at Falmouth**

Gloucestershire won the toss and batted. A very warm day saw a strong team reach a total of 308 for 8 off 50 overs. In reply Cornwall were all out for 51 off 23 overs.

### **Wiltshire at Chippenham**

Wiltshire won the toss and fielded first. Cornwall batted well and reached a total of 163 all out in 46.4 overs. Charlotte Phillips 38, Kellie Williams 29.

Wiltshire chased the total and ended on 163 for 9 off 50 overs. Charlotte and Caitlin having 2 wickets each. A drawn match under the rules.

### **Oxfordshire at Mount Kelly College, Tavistock**

This match was a home fixture but unfortunately Cornwall cannot play at home on a Bank holiday. Cornwall won the toss and fielded first.

Oxfordshire made a total of 184 for 9 from 50 overs on a very grey damp day. The match ball gave up after less than 30 overs and a replacement was required. Joleigh Roberts, Kellie and Tegan Smith taking 2 wickets each. Cornwall Batted well again and ended on 121 for 9 off 50 overs. Caitlin Burnett top scoring on 31.

## **ECB Division 3 - T20**

In the T20 competition Cornwall completed a full schedule. The competition ended with Cornwall 4<sup>th</sup> of 6 having won 3 and lost 5 matches. This maintained their position in Division 3 of the T20.

### **Round 1**

Played at Grampound Road cc.

**Match 1** – Gloucestershire – Cornwall won the toss and fielded. Gloucestershire 123 for 6. Cornwall 85 for 5. Ellie Mitchell 40.

**Match 2** – Wiltshire - Cornwall won the toss and batted. Cornwall 115 for 3. Caitlin 46 not out. Good bowling and fielding saw Wiltshire finish on 91 for 0.

### **Round 2**

Played at Brislington cc, Bristol.

**Match 3** - Gloucestershire won the toss and fielded. Cornwall 94 for 5. Ellie Mitchell 47. Gloucestershire 98 for 3.

**Match 4** – Devon won the toss and fielded. Cornwall 88 for 7  
Devon 90 for 3 (12.2)

### **Round 3**

Played at Bovey Tracey cc, Devon.

**Match 5** – Oxfordshire won the toss and batted. Oxfordshire 122 for 5. Ellie Mitchell 3 for 17  
Cornwall 98 for 6. Sophie Richards 40

**Match 6** – Devon won the toss and fielded. Cornwall 85 for 6. Sophie 26, Charlotte 24, Amber 23no.



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Devon 87 for 4 from 18.3 overs. Lucy Ballard taking her first wicket with the first ball and having the batsman caught behind by Amber in her first appearance as keeper. Lucy 2 for 18. Kellie 2 for 10.

### Round 4

Played at Bournemouth Sports Club

On a very soft field due to heavy rain the day and night before the start was delayed and the match shortened to enable play to take place. Groundsmen had been at the pitch since 6.30am to work on the pitch.

**Match 7** – Dorset – Cornwall won the toss and fielded on a very wet field. Start was delayed and overs reduced to 16. Dorset 59 for 4. Ellie 3 for 13.

Cornwall 60 for 2 from 14.2 overs.

**Match 8** – Wiltshire won the toss and fielded. Cornwall 83 for 5. Ellie 26, Caitlin 23.

Wiltshire 62 all out off 18.2 overs. Kellie 3 for 8 from 3.2 overs, Charlotte 3 for 1 from 4 overs.

## 2018

The squad this season has grown as a unit and made good progress. They have bonded well as a team and we expect that with extended winter training sessions and also with settled coaching staff in place we will reap the benefits in the 2018 season.

The ECB will once again make changes to the set up and format for the 2018 season. In Cornwall's case this has resulted in once again playing most of the counties previously played in Division 4 thus keeping a regionalised structure but having a considerable number of home dates.

Thank you once again to all those players who have been involved this year and to Robin Trethowan (coach) in particular.

We would also like to pass our thanks to Falmouth and Grampond Road clubs and Mount Kelly College at Tavistock for providing facilities for matches and to the umpires for officiating at the match days.

*Steve Nicholls*  
Cornwall Women's County Manager

### Cornwall CCC Championship Batting Averages 2017

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
GM Smith	2	2	1	183	127*	<b>183.00</b>	213	85.91	1	1	0	15	5
TC Rowe	4	8	1	409	188	<b>58.42</b>	577	70.88	1	2	0	51	5
BL Wadlan	3	6	1	277	128*	<b>55.40</b>	330	83.93	2	0	0	35	2
SA Harvey	5	9	1	248	54	<b>31.00</b>	618	40.12	0	1	0	32	0
ML Robins	6	11	0	286	76	<b>26.00</b>	465	61.50	0	2	1	40	2
MH Rowe	2	4	0	102	50	<b>25.50</b>	201	50.74	0	1	0	16	0
AJ Hodgson	6	9	0	195	55	<b>21.66</b>	614	31.75	0	1	0	25	0

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Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	<b>Ave</b>	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
MH Gribble	2	4	1	58	47	<b>19.33</b>	138	42.02	0	0	1	8	0
AD Noott	3	6	0	102	90	<b>17.00</b>	296	34.45	0	1	1	11	0
JR Turpin	6	10	2	127	50	<b>15.87</b>	248	51.20	0	1	2	11	5
AW Bone	2	4	0	41	19	<b>10.25</b>	182	22.52	0	0	0	5	0
NC Lawson	3	5	1	35	11	<b>8.75</b>	102	34.31	0	0	0	2	1
LP Goldsworthy	5	10	1	64	21	<b>7.11</b>	224	28.57	0	0	2	8	0
AC Libby	6	8	4	28	9*	<b>7.00</b>	106	26.41	0	0	2	5	0
GJ May	1	2	0	10	10	<b>5.00</b>	33	30.30	0	0	1	0	0
TJ Dinnis	6	8	2	27	10	<b>4.50</b>	72	37.50	0	0	3	2	0
CM Roberts	1	2	0	7	4	<b>3.50</b>	37	18.91	0	0	0	0	0
KJ Snell	1	2	0	6	3	<b>3.00</b>	24	25.00	0	0	0	0	0
DBW Jarman	1	2	0	1	1	<b>0.50</b>	19	5.26	0	0	1	0	0
AS Ridd	1	1	1	1	1*	-	7	14.28	0	0	0	0	0

**Cornwall Championship Bowling averages 2017**

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	<b>Ave</b>	Econ	SR	5	10	Ct	St
ML Robins	6	5	12.2	2	34	5	4/18	4/19	<b>6.80</b>	2.75	14.8	0	0	4	0
GM Smith	2	4	91.4	39	145	14	5/50	7/67	<b>10.35</b>	1.58	39.2	1	0	2	0
BL Wadlan	3	2	2.0	0	12	1	1/9	1/9	<b>12.00</b>	6.00	12.0	0	0	2	0
MH Rowe	2	1	4.0	1	20	1	1/20	1/20	<b>20.00</b>	5.00	24.0	0	0	2	0
AC Libby	6	10	169.4	36	547	25	7/17	11/69	<b>21.88</b>	3.22	40.7	2	1	1	0
AJ Hodgson	6	6	85.0	24	229	9	4/61	4/71	<b>25.44</b>	2.69	56.6	0	0	2	0
TJ Dinnis	6	9	111.0	19	415	15	5/59	5/56	<b>27.66</b>	3.73	44.4	1	0	2	0
GJ May	1	2	19.0	3	61	2	2/52	2/61	30.50	3.21	57.0	0	0	0	0
LP Goldsworthy	5	6	49.5	12	186	6	3/39	3/56	31.00	3.73	49.8	0	0	2	0
AS Ridd	1	1	11.0	3	42	1	1/42	1/42	42.00	3.81	66.0	0	0	0	0
JR Turpin	6	9	59.4	3	270	4	1/26	1/30	67.50	4.52	89.5	0	0	1	0
TC Rowe	4	1	3.2	0	10	0	-	-	-	3.00	-	0	0	5	0
KJ Snell	1	1	7.0	2	25	0	-	-	-	3.57	-	0	0	0	0

Also Catches: 12/4 Stumpings SA Harvey, 2 M H Gribble, 1 AW Bone, NC Lawson, AD Noott

## **Cornwall County Cricket Club Fixtures 2018**

	<b>Unicorns KO Trophy</b>	(11am)
Sun 29 April	Dorset	at North Perrott
Sun 20 May	Round 2 Winners v Berkshire	at Oratory School, Woodcote
Sun 10 June	Quarter Finals	
Sun 1 July	Semi-Finals	
Wed 29 Aug	Final (Res Thur 30)	at Wormsley

	<b>Unicorns T20</b>	
Sun 6 May	Devon (2 xT20 games)	at Truro
Mon 7 May	Wales MC (2 xT20 games)	at Newport
Sun 3 June	Dorset (2 xT20 games)	at St Austell
Sun 17 June	Wiltshire (2 x T20 games)	at Calne
Sun 26 Aug	T20 Finals Day (Res Mon 27)	at Wormsley

### **Hours of Play and Intervals for the T20 Group Stage**

**2.1** During the Group stage each county shall play one Fixture against each other county in its group; the Fixture will consist of two matches played at the same venue on the same day. Unless agreed otherwise (see below) the first match shall commence at 11.30am. There shall be an interval of 45 minutes between the first and second match.

#### **The toss**

**2.2** The exchange of team sheets and the toss for the second match shall take place within five minutes of the conclusion of the first match.

**2.3** For each match there will normally be two sessions of play of 1 hour 15 minutes each, separated by an interval of 15 minutes. If the innings of the team batting first is completed prior to the scheduled time for the Interval, the Interval shall take place immediately and the innings of the team batting second will commence correspondingly earlier.

**2.4** The scheduled start time of each Fixture may be varied by prior mutual agreement between the participants, but may not be earlier than 11.00am nor later than 12.30pm. However, the scheduled length of the intervals between innings and between the two matches may not be varied. If the two participants agree to vary the start time, **both** must notify the Competitions Secretary accordingly not less than one calendar month before the date of the fixture.

**2.5** In circumstances where the side bowling first has not completed the allotted number of overs by the scheduled or re-scheduled cessation time for the first innings, the umpires shall reduce the length of the interval by the amount of time that the first innings over-ran. The minimum time for the interval shall be 10 minutes.

**2.6** On any occasion where the innings of the side batting first is delayed or interrupted, the Umpires shall reduce the length of the interval to 10 minutes.

**2.7** No drinks intervals are permitted.

### **Unicorns Counties Championship (Western Section) (11am)**

Sun 24 - Tue 26 June	Herefordshire	at Colwall
Sun 8 - Tue 10 July	Devon	at Werrington
Sun 22 - Tue 24 July	Wiltshire	at St Austell
Sun 5 - Tue 7 Aug	Cheshire	at Truro
Sun 19 - Tue 21 Aug	Oxfordshire	at Banbury
Sun 2 - Tue 4 Sept	Wales MC	at Usk
Sun 16 – Wed 19 Sept	Championship Final	at Banbury