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St Edward's School

Welcome



Welcome everyone to the 2024 Performance Awards ceremony, being held at St Edward's School. Occasions such as these allow the girls and boys from across our pathway the opportunity to come together to recognise the individual achievement and team successes of their peers. I hope that you all have memorable moments from the season and that you have been able to enjoy the game we love in your role as a player competing in an Oxfordshire shirt or as supporting parent, family member, coach or spectator from the boundary. Thank you to all players, their families, our employees and the wider cricketing community for their contribution to the season of 2024.

For a player participating in a pathway, success can take many forms. Success can be obvious; 50s, 100s, 5fers, 4fers, winning the game for your team. Success may be individualised; your highest score, best bowling figures or taking a great catch. But more often than not, successes are hidden and hard to quantify as part of a long-term developmental journey. Today, we come together to recognise the individual and team successes from the 2024 season, but equally as important are the hidden successes we've shared throughout the year, both on and off the field, which provide the building blocks for years to come and contribute toward each individual's long term development. I encourage all of the players to reflect upon their own journey during 2023/24, and capture the important stepping stones which contribute to their long term enjoyment and success in the game.

2023/24 saw significant changes to the structure of our pathway programme with the introduction of 'Intra-County' age groups at Under 11 to Under 13, following consultation with the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and influenced by the impactful ICEC report. We opted to be proactive and move fast to ensure that we were offering an accessible, inclusive and appropriate programme, at the right time, for the age and stage of development. Most significantly, we were proud to be able to offer Phase 1 of our pathway programme at no charge to the individual, delivering 480 hours of coaching to 849 players who aspired to be selected to represent Oxfordshire in the Summer months.

Welcome

Although we are proud of the progress we have made, we equally recognise that we will be ever evolving to achieve these objectives and offer an improved experience year on year - we look forward to working with you all in running a more effective pathway programme in 2024/25.

Away from our pathway programme, we were delighted to be able to once again grow the offering of our Oxfordshire Bulls & Falcons programmes, which provides targeted support for players who participate in our pathway and are schooled in the state sector. We delivered 150 hours of coaching and 25 match days to 216 players across the boys and girls under 10 to under 13 age groups, this activity was accessible to all who attended Phase 1 at no charge.

Lastly, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of you who were involved in our Pathway Programme for the 2023/24 year. Cricket is a sport which requires a huge amount of support; ground preparation, officiating, scoring, not to mention the mileage count on your cars - thank you and we look forward to working with you again in 2024/25.

Sam Arthurs

Pathway Manager





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You can make a donation online by choosing an amount below, or if you would prefer, via BACS by contacting Performance Director, Matthew Barnes on mbarnes@oxoncb.com

Many thanks in anticipation of your kind generosity and support.



Player Bursary Fund

Oxfordshire Cricket recognises that participation within our pathway incurs an associated financial outlay and that sacrifices are made to enable a player to participate. Through our Player Bursary Fund we aim to aid those families where cost is a barrier, by providing the opportunity to apply for financial assistance when participation may have otherwise been unaffordable.

We would be very grateful to anyone who would like to make a financial donation towards our Player Bursary Fund which will enable us to help support those who need financial assistance to participate within our pathway. You can make a donation online by choosing an amount below, or if you would prefer, via BACS by contacting Performance Director, Matthew Barnes on mbarnes@oxoncb.com

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2023/24 Season in Numbers



Phase 1

Saw 849 players, each taking part in 10 hours of FREE coaching, totalling 480 hours at 6 venues across Oxfordshire

Alongside this we ran 52 hours of FREE coaching for State School Girls & Boys as part of our Bulls & Falcons programme, engaging with 216 players.

Phase 2

476 players took part in Phase 2, with each player receiving 20 hours of indoor coaching spread over 10 weeks, totalling 440 hours coaching. The CAG age groups then had at least two outdoor/indoor fixtures at 5 venues to finalise selections.

CAG Selection Fixtures – 16 days of cricket scheduled – 31 separate fixtures, sadly we lost 4 days (10 fixtures) due to the wet weather at the start of the season.

Alongside this we ran.

40 hours of coaching for a Post Pathway Programme to BU11 & 12 who had not been selected to continue into Phase 2, engaging with 37 players.

60 hours of coaching for Boys Under 10 & Girls Under 11 as an Early Engagement Programme, engaging with 83 players

90 hours of FREE coaching to State School Boys & Girls as part of our Bulls & Falcons programmes, engaging with 144 players.

Overview

Phase 3

The Intra County groups ran from 9th April to 8th September and involved 271 players selected into 5 age group squads.

The County Age Groups ran from 5th May to 8th September and involved 101 players selected into 6 age group squads

Pathway Fixtures - 137 days of cricket scheduled - 211 separate fixtures planned, 7 fixtures were abandoned and 10 cancelled. There were 5 multi day fixtures for the older boys age groups

Alongside the pathway fixtures we also ran:

State School Fixtures (Bulls & Falcons) – 31 days of cricket schedule – 40 separate fixtures planned, sadly 12 of these fixtures were cancelled, these we all at no cost to players

Early Engagement Fixtures – 6 days of cricket scheduled – 17 separate fixtures planned, sadly 8 of these were cancelled.

We are very grateful to have such supportive clubs and schools in Oxfordshire and would like to extend our thanks to all the venues that have hosted us throughout this year, they are:

Phase 1 and Phase 2a

Abingdon School, Charlbury Community Centre, Magdalen College School, St Edward's School, St Helen & St Katharine School, The Oxford Academy.

Phase 2b and Phase 3

Adlestrop CC, Ardington & Lockinge Sports Club, Aston Rowant CC, Banbury CC (Ermont Way), Bicester & North Oxford CC, Bloxham School, Charlbury CC, Chipping Norton CC, Cokethorpe School, Cropredy CC, Cumnor CC, Didcot CC, Dragon School, East & West Hendred CC, Faringdon CC, Great & Little Tew CC, Greys Green CC, Hook Norton CC, Horley CC, Kingston Bagpuize CC, Magdalen College School, Marsh Gibbon CC, Minster Lovell CC (Brize Norton), Moreton CC, Shipton-under-Wychwood CC, St Helen & St Katharine School, St Hugh's School, Steventon CC, Stonesfield CC, Sunningwell CC, Thame Town CC

Alex Westbury, Performance Cricket Coordinator



Boys Under 11

The 2024 season saw an evolution of the Pathway programme, with four 16-man squads competing against each other across a mixture of red-ball and white-ball formats, playing 14 fixtures apiece and – remarkably – never once being thwarted by the elements in this most English of summers. A series of tightly-fought contests ended with the Jaguars, Scorpions and Tigers in a three-way tie for second, but the Hornets were able to pull clear of the pack. They wrapped up the title in early August, finishing with nine wins, including both 40-over fixtures: matches that carried double points.

For more than half of the cohort, this season was their first experience of playing the longer format of the game, and the boys worked hard to adapt their batting to the different demands of batting longer periods of time: only once did the team batting first struggle to bat their overs, when Benny Houlihan-Smith's new-ball burst of 4/10 reduced the Tigers to 9/4 and then 31/9 at St Hugh's. A defiant rearguard from James Acton – who was remarkably consistent throughout the season with both bat and ball – and Charlie Lamb (45) helped their side post 90, but patient innings from Wilf Cable-Alexander and Dev Gupta (34) saw the Scorpions home.

In the other 40-over games, Arthur Stewart's unbeaten 52 helped the Hornets make light work of the Scorpions' 164/7, building on a fine 40 from Freddie Fowler at the top of the order, and the champions made it two-from-two against the Jaguars when Zach Green's maiden fifty set the platform for a huge total of 232/6 and an early declaration. Despite a valiant, counter-attacking 44 from Harry Rowland-Clark, Charlie Cleevely's excellent figures of 4/13 topped and tailed the Jaguars' reply.

Tigers v Jaguars was perhaps the most competitive of the long games: Jack Wale (40) and Mylo Ridler (49) helped their side recover from 13/2 to post an imposing-looking 211 all out, only for Huw Duncan and Mustafa Shah (44) to add 70 for the first wicket in even time. The momentum of the game swung back and forward more than once, with clusters of wickets followed by determined partnerships, before Alistair Bell (5/28) took the final wicket with the scoreboard reading 197 to seal a thrilling win.

Whilst several boys narrowly missed out on batting landmarks during the 40-over matches, there were plenty of opportunities to raise the bat in the shorter games, with Freddie Fowler's barn-storming unbeaten 75 – coming as the Hornets gunned down their 100-run target in just 55 balls, without losing a wicket – the undoubted highlight. Joseph Dineen (65), Suleiman Ayyaz (57), Jacob Webb (57), Alistair Bell (53*) and Henry Manwaring (50*) all passed fifty in pink-ball cricket, whilst Fowler (57) had begun the season in fine style, albeit within the cage of the Dragon School AstroTurf as cricket grounds across the county found themselves more suited to snorkels and flippers than bat and ball.

Fowler also recorded the outstanding figures of 4/2 during May half-term, whilst William Bedford's figures of 4/21 in a hundred-ball game included a hat-trick. The two all-rounders topped the fielding dismissal counts as well, with Henry Bowers doing likewise behind the stumps. With the ball, overs and wickets were widely shared around the squads, but spinning namesakes, Arthur Smee & Arthur Floyd, topped the eventual tally with 12 scalps apiece, whilst Louis Poole, Alex Jewell and Benny Houlihan-Smith all extended their lists of victims into double figures.

Boys Under 11

Throughout the summer, it was notable how the boys' understanding of the different fixtures developed, and their understanding of tactical variations encouraged by each format of the game increased. There were a number of newcomers to the Pathway this season, and it was tremendous to see them settling into the system and growing in confidence as they made match-defining contributions with both bat and ball.

As a coach, it has been very pleasing to be able to step back and watch as players take the initiative during matches: changing the pace of their innings, adapting field settings to suit the state of play, and rising to the challenge of the different in-game scenarios. The final delivery of the very last game of the season summed up the boys' commitment to the cause: Harry Rowland-Clark threw himself into a full-length dive to pull the ball back from the square-leg boundary, denying what could have been a match-winning four.

It's been a pleasure to work with this group of boys – some of them for as many as four years in the Pathway – and I look forward to following their progress through the age groups in the summers ahead. Indeed, as I sit here, writing this report and watching so many Oxfordshire graduates playing in the T20 Blast finals day, I wonder how many of the class of 2024 will join them in professional colours...?

Boys Under 11 Squad - 2024

James Acton, Nathan Anderson, Suleiman Ayyaz, Ayaan Baig, William Bedford, Alistair Bell, Matthew Bollinghaus, Henry Bowers, Zulfiqar Bukhari, Wilfred Cable-Alexander, Oscar Campbell, Prithvi Chandrashekhar, Anvay Chandrawale, Charlie Cleevely, Rhys Coates, Trystan Davies, Albie de Winton, Joseph Dineen, Huw Duncan, Rory Eames, Charlie Eyles, Arthur Floyd, Freddie Fowler, Arthur Good, Ludo Gray, Zach Green, Dev Gupta, Louis Harris-Bass, Benny Houlihan-Smith, Barney Humphreys, Samuel James, Alexander Jewell, William King, Henry Kornicki-McCracken, Charlie Lamb, Zach Lewis, James Lodge, Patrick Lovell, Henry Manwaring, Kingsey McGeown, Sonny McGeown, Albie Morant, Vivaan Ogale, Sebastian Pavlides, Louis Poole, Hector Quicke, Mylo Ridler, Zachary Robinson, Robert Robinson, Banjo Rowan-Hull, Jacob Rowland, Harry Rowland-Clark, Mustafa Shah, Jasper Smallwood, Arthur Smee, Arthur Stewart, Austin Tier, Jack Wale, Leo Ward, Jacob Webb, Kobe White, Freddie Whitfield, Rory Wrapson



Boys Under 11



Girls Under 12

After a very productive winter we saw 45 girls split into their internal teams for the summer; Dynamos, Wizards and Titans and we looked forward to ten matchdays.

Dynamos and Titans got us off to a very damp start at Sunningwell in mid April where somehow we managed to play one match before the cold, rain and bad light curtailed the day, highlights were 3 wickets each for Allegra and Eleanor, Elise top scoring with 32. St Hughs hosted the first 35 over match with Dynamos and Titans getting used to the longer format and playing out a low scoring match with Cara taking 4 wickets. The 2 day, 100 ball festival at Kingston Bagpiuze and Ardington saw all 3 teams playing against each other with bragging rights evenly shared and some very tight matches. Titans against the Wizards in a 35 over match at Ardington in mid June saw one of the best games of the season with the Titans scoring 208 for 5 before bowling the Wizards out for 175 with Nerys hitting 46, Ishi 31 and Ruby scoring 44 and taking 3 wickets on a lovely sunny day. A week later at the always sunny Greys Green in another 35 over match the Dynamos ran out convincing winners, bowling the Wizards out in 20 overs for 80 and smashing 82 off 12 overs to seal the match with Alexa taking 4 wickets and Audrey leading the batting charge with 29 not out. Back to Ardington for a day of T20 cricket with the Titans against the Wizards in 2 high scoring games. In the first the Titans put on an impressive total of 146 for 5 with Nerys hitting 42 and sister Eloise scoring a quickfire 23. In reply the Wizards fell just short with a total of 142, Nancy with 25 and Harriot 29. 1st September saw all the girls come together at the still sunny Greys Green and the day was a fitting end to a season of great cricket, fantastic teamwork and team spirit. Wizards and Dynamos got us off to a cracking start with the Dynamos hitting 153 for 1 off their 100 balls, Esme scoring 40 and well supported by Ellen 16 and Chloe 22 not out. In reply the Wizards fell 11 runs short on 142 for 7 with Holly scoring 34, mainly in boundaries! The Titans really turned the screw in the second match against the Dynamos hitting 160 for the loss of no wickets, an excellent 53 retired not out for Audrey, 45 not out for Ishi and a run a ball 15 from Aoife doing the damage. In reply the Dynamos slowly made it to 64 for 8 with Emilia Z top scoring with 15. The last match of the day and season was reduced to 50 balls per side, it had been a very hot day, and the Titans made short work of it, restricting the Wizards to 37 for 7, Audrey, guesting for the Wizards, top scored with 21 and Nerys and Erin took 3 wickets each. In reply Nerys and Eloise G made light work of knocking off the 38 runs required to win with very composed scores of 18 and 14 not out respectively.

A great day's cricket to end a great season.

Girls Under 12 Squad - 2024

Akshara Akkiraju, Helena Aldridge, Flora Alexander, Mia Antoniou, Dora Aubrey-Fletcher, Esme Bell, Emilia Benchiba-Savenius, Lucy Black, Maeve Bollinghaus, Ellen Cherry, Isabella Davidson, Elise Day, Erin de Rauville Ridgway, Keira de Rauville Ridgway, Molly Dellar, Audrey Feddersen, Eloise Garrod, Nerys Garrod, Sarah Grace, Ishi Gummadelli, Alexa Hare, Fleur Harvey, Chloe-Anne Houseman, Nancy Lord, Bea Macpherson, Eleanor Mann, Harriet Newsum, Eloise Pollock, Jemima Renfrew, Rose Riches, Grace Roberts, Holly Rose, Allegra Smith, Jemima Smith, Aoife South, Evie Taylor, Ellie Thomason, Ruby van der Linden, Elizabeth Vellacott, Izzy Wood, Cara Wood, Emilia Ziegler



Girls Under 12



Boys Under 12

The season started at The Dragon with the first matches of the season on a cold April day. This was the first of the hundred ball days, which would go alongside T20 days and longer format days. The Invincibles, Phoenix and Lightning all in action on the first day. In a high scoring game Lightning set 206-4 off their 100 with Ollie Cronin (37 off 20) and Peter Norton (33 off 21) contributing with the bat. In response Phoenix got close thanks to Elis Healey (56 off 20) and Zach Rayner (37 off 20). However they fell just short with Lightning winning by 19 runs. In another close, high scoring game the Invincibles set Lightning 169 runs to win. In response, Lightning got off to flyer with Will Logan hitting 40* off 20. For the Invincibles, Jonas Robinson kept the game close by taking 3-12. Lightning went on to chase down 169 with 10 balls to spare. The Invincibles then went on to beat Phoenix chasing down 111 with Ollie Bewes scoring 37 off 20.

Next up was the start of the longer format matches, which would see the teams experience the win/lose/draw format. This being an opportunity for the teams to attempt to transfer some of the red ball longer format skills into the matches having prepared for it at the back end of the indoor programme. For the Invincibles Teddy Freida helped guide his team to 224-6 off 42 overs, scoring 51, with George Eaton 48 and Otto Bisson 31 also contributing. In response Lightning were very much on track thanks to Jethro Kock (59 off 34) and Kaian Eaton (29) keeping them in the game. Teddy had other ideas as he took 4-17 to help secure a 51 run victory.

As half term approached, it was time for the festival days and with that the T20s getting underway. With it being half term, we of course experienced the traditional mixed weather which would see some rain interruptions. The first day at Bloxham got the week off to a good start. First up the Lightning beat the Invincibles by 9 wickets with Jethro Kock scoring 45* off 37. The Invincibles and Phoenix tied a rain affected game which resulted in a super over, which turned out to be the first of two super overs in the season. Lightning then beat the Super Chargers by 2 wickets chasing 93 with Kaian Eaton hitting 36 off 24, after Sam Robinson hit 35 off 31 for the Super Chargers. The Phoenix beat the Super Chargers by 58 runs after Tony Garner hit 55 not out. Day two saw only one set of matches get played with delayed starts at BNOCC due to the weather. The Phoenix made 186-4 off their 20 with Jed Hall (65 off 42) and Tony Garner (58 off 68) contributing with the bat. In response Phoenix took early wickets as they restricted Lightning to 105-7. In the Invincibles and the SuperChargers match, the Invincibles after being 26-5 managed to set 101 thanks to a partnership between Dougal Sidgwick and Teddy Freida. In a close finish thanks to Elliott Rhind (31 off 41) and Lewis Yeung (18 off 28) they narrowly missed out on victory after falling 15 runs short.

In the next round of the long format matches, the Phoenix took on the Super Chargers where we saw the first five wicket fall of the season with George Clarke taking 5-33 to restrict Phoenix to 127. In a close chase, Xander Smith (4-17) and Rohan Gohil (4-9) kept Phoenix in the game and helped them go on to win the match by 29 runs despite a hard fought partnership by Daniel Tilley (24) and Sam Robinson (15).

Next up The Invincibles took on the Phoenix, with the Invincibles bowling the Phoenix out for 121 with Jonas Robinson taking 4-21. Jonty Fielden then scored 43 to help guide the Invincibles to a 5 wicket win. The Super Chargers then took on the Lightning. Daniel Tilley (36) and Sid Nirmal (25) helped guide the Super Chargers to 163 with Ollie Golding taking 3-10. Will Logan (31) and Jethro Kock (45) got the Lightning off to a flyer, before Alfie Lewis took 5-10 to help secure a memorable victory for the Super Chargers by 26 runs.

As we entered the back end of the season, the formats shifted to The Hundred ball days at Charlbury, Adlestrop and Thame. This included some close games and another tie and super over, with some notable mentions:

With the bat:

Will Logan scoring 54 against the Super Chargers, Aaron Payten 62* against Super Chargers, Ollie Cronin 44 against Invincibles, Harry Sedgwick 40 against Phoenix, Kaian Eaton 39 against Phoenix, Otto Bisson 39 against Lightning, Daniel Tilley 39 against Phoenix, Tony Garner 39 against Invincibles, Zach Rayner 35 against Super Chargers, Elliott Rhind 34 against Invincibles, George Eaton 34 against Super Chargers, Harry Sedgwick 33 against Phoenix, and Stan Rice 31 against Phoenix.

With the ball:

Tony Garner 4-4 against Phoenix, Teddy Frieda 4-6 against Phoenix, Jack Townsend taking 3-7 against Phoenix, Reuben Boon 3-11 against Invincibles, Daniel Tilley 3-12 against Lightning, and George Clarke 3-15 against Lightning.

All in all, it is safe to say it has been a memorable season for all. The players have developed as cricketers and individuals, and they walk away with memories and friendships that will take them well into the future. There have been many highlights throughout the season, and they should all be proud of themselves. It has been great to see different people scoring runs and taking wickets. They have really bought into playing some attacking cricket with the ball and in the field, always looking to take wickets. A special thanks to all the parents for all their support throughout the season.

Boys Under 12 Squad - 2024

Tristan Amy, Charlie Barnes, Hugo Basset, Oliver Bewes, Otto Bisson, Reuben Boon, Nicholas Burrow, Aneas Chugani, George Clarke, Leo Cooper, Ollie Cronin, Ethan de Savoye, Harry Devanny, Alby Duncan, Sebastian Dunn, George Eaton, Kaian Eaton, Jonty Feilden, Orlando Fitton, Will Foster, Edward Frieda, Luca Gardner-Morrison, Tony Garner, Rohan Gohil, Oliver Golding, Rowley Greaves, Jed Hall, Elis Healey, Daniel Jerred, Gordy Jones, Samuel Jones, Jacob Kandola, Thomas Kent, Jethro Kock, James Lemon, Alfie Lewis, Will Logan, Siddhant Nirmal, Peter Norton, Haniel Paul, Aaron Payten, Adhil Pillai, David Powell-Jones, Zach Rayner, Elliott Rhind, Stanley Rice, Samuel Robinson, Jonas Robinson, Harry Sedgwick, Dougal Sidgwick, Alexander Smith, Max Smith, Samuel Stein, Emmanuel Syddall, Daniel Tilley, Jack Townsend, Finn Whitaker, Isaac Williams, Freddie Woodfin, Lewis Yeung



Boys Under 12





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Girls Under 13

The Oxfordshire Girls Under 13s 2024 season has been one of many highs, huge development, stand out individual performances and rain, plenty of rain. The cycle began right back in November with over 80 players involved across a winter training programme. Massive strides were made across the board, with all looking to build a platform for summer fixtures and the sunshine (or so we thought!).

April came around and on a glorious windy, drizzly day at The Dragon the outside season began. The irony of our three internal teams being named 'Blizzards, Hurricanes and Tornadoes' needs no mention. The main part of the season for us was a series of internal friendlies, which were anything but friendly. Playing different formats and learning the nuances of each. A mix of hundred ball, 20 and 35 over cricket offered us opportunities to be positive and aggressive with bat and ball but also understanding when to defend and how to build those stand out individual performances for our upcoming external games. Across the season the Blizzards came out on top with 8 wins from 14 games. Across the season there have been more milestones and standout performances in the age group than ever before. Freya Monk, Georgia Ainley, Esme Leslie and Cecily Cox all scored 50 (retired), Flora Nicholson topped the bowling figures with 5-30 and Sophie Broom, Aneesa Zameel, Georgie Higham and Amelia Hudson all took 4fers. Every player in the squad can be proud of their own development, achievement and attitude across the season. They have worked hard and I hope everyone feels they can see the rewards for the work they put in over the winter programme and look forward to going again in either the Under 13 or Under 15 age groups next year.

The highlight of the season for the squad were the two festival days organised by Southern Vipers. Two days, multiple hundred ball games against other counties, we hope that those who played in these two days realised the opportunity and privilege and took learnings from the experience. Across the two days we played 5 games, coming away with 2 wins and 3 losses, against some strong opponents. Standout performances across the days Cecily Cox 41 vs Berkshire, Agnes Roper 42 vs Dorset and 30* for Georgia Ainley vs Sussex. In our other external games we hosted Bucks in 2 x T20s, a win and a tie, with 45* for Georgia Ainley and 3-20 for Bridget McGurk, the players again showed improved game awareness, despite a little panic towards the end of the second game! Our external season ended in Northamptonshire with a 35 over game against probably the strongest opposition we faced all year. Two standout batters for them set a high target of 252 with us falling short despite 24* from Esme Leslie and 23 from Cecily Cox.

If I was to sum up the season in four words I would use development, progress, challenge and togetherness. The group, a large squad of 45, have come together, enjoyed their cricket and taken points away from each and every day they have played. They've been a pleasure to work with and I hope they are looking forward to starting all over again in November!

Girls Under 13 Squad - 2024

Georgia Ainley, Eve Arnold, Susannah Bennett, Sophie Broom, Bebe Buckley-Sharp, Abigail Coates, Holly Cole, Chloe Collin, Cecily Cox, Rosie Cruikshank, Elsie Eames, Cecilia Easterbrook, Elizabeth Elliott, Annabel Foster, Catherine Fuller, Nell Griffin
Freya Ham, Poppy Hammond, Olive Harrison, Georgiana Higham, Amelie Hopkinson, Amelia Hudson, Xanthe James, Jess Kesterton, Lilidh Keymer, Josie King, Hebe Kingsbury, Anjali Kotnais, Esme Leslie, Bridget McGuirk, Sumay Minnaar, Freya Monk, Rosie Morgan, Flora Nicholson, Gabriella Owen, Piper Rey, Addie Richards, Agnes Roper, Florrie Turner, Imi Watts, Imogen Webb, Poppy Webb-Carter, Ruby Wilkie, Poppy Wilson, Aneesa Zameel



Girls Under 13



Boys Under 13

2023/24 saw the introduction of 'Intra-County Age Groups' following progressions made to our pathway programme in line with the ICEC report and consultation with the ECB. We were delighted to be able to offer developmental opportunities to 60 players during Phases 2 and 3 as part of the Boys Under 13 age group, following an identification phase of 10 hours in length provided at no charge to participants. 104 players participated in Phase 1 pre-Christmas, from which we selected the 60 players who would represent four 'Intra-County' teams. As the Boys Under 13 age group sits at a stage of transition toward County Age Group activity starting from Boys Under 14s, we provided additional opportunities to select players to represent the age group against other counties.

Although the shape of our system changed dramatically, our philosophy of providing long-term development opportunities and fostering a lifelong enjoyment of the game remained the same. Each year within pathways brings with it challenge, enjoyment and plenty of learning opportunities - this year was no exception, and hopefully a memorable part of everyone's journey. This journey for those selected following Phase 1 began at Abingdon School and Magdalen College School during Phase 2. In our early sessions we focused on developing specific skills such as batting on the back foot, controlling line and length and fielding foundations, before progressing into training which looked more like the game with alternative rules to high-light specific areas of focus, such as rotating the strike and constructing bowling plans. Many of our players juggle multiple sporting commitments in the winter, but we were delighted to see high levels of attendance even if there were lots of 'injuries' when they attended!

In true English Summer form our outdoor matchplay programme began with a rained off day, which was a sign of things to come as we spent much of the remainder of the summer juggling mini heatwaves and wet weather. In spite of these challenges we were still able to run 12 days of Cricket, with an additional 4 days for select players against other counties. Our matchplay programme consisted of a blend of 20 over/100 ball 'white ball' cricket and 40 over 'red ball' cricket. Providing players with a diversity of playing roles within multiple situations forms a strong foundation and understanding of the game and its nuances. At 13 years old, it's easy to overlook the game of the future, and your role within it, but as coaches we need to have a long-term perspective.

As part of the 'Intra-County' programme players participated in a league style format which saw the Buzzards, Eagles, Kestrels and Harriers compete against each other across the Summer. Whilst it took players a few games to feel a connection to their team and the league, it was brilliant to see this driving competition as we progressed through Phase 3. The league was tightly contested and went down to the last day but congratulations to the Buzzards, who finished on 18 points winning the league by 1 point ahead of the Kestrels (17) with the Harriers finishing on 15 and the Eagles 14. It's easy to forget that at 13 years old you are only at the start of your Crick-eting journey, and that the future will bring with it many more joyous and challenging moments which will help you develop not just within Sport. Thank you to everyone for their support this year, we look forward to following your journey's in the years to come.

Boys Under 13 Squad - 2024

Leo Amies, Nauman Amran, Theo Antoniou, Dara Bannerman, Angus Barnard, Richard Barnes, Jago Behagg, Rory Bennett, Charlie Binning, Freddie Bisson, Nathaniel Brown, Max Burch, Cameron Clarke, Seb Cobner-Vale, Hugh Craig, Patrick Dineen, Fredrik Ekelund, Dominic Ellis, Angus Floyd, Jackson Galbraith, Charlie Gall, Zane Gardner, Joe Garrow, Srivats Goyal, Samarth Goyal, Hector Gray, Casper Green, James Hart, Theo Humphreys, Ned Jackman, Harry Johnston, Austin King, Josh Lamb, Pip Lord, Connor Lynch, George Machin, Oliver Mayer, Freddie McGibbon, George Mercer, George Morrissey, Finley Moss, Aakash Naik, Aditya Nair, Krish Nair, Kevin Olivier, Toby Oseman, Cole Parekh, Dylan Parkinson, Pavlos Pavlides, Nathan Peacock, Joshua Pereira, Joseph Raymond, Scott Reyburn, Guy Rooney, Cosmo Rowan-Hull, Adhiraj Sharma, Rishi Siva, Charlie Spicer, Alexander Stewart, Onslow Tappin, Theodore Trueman



Boys Under 13



Boys Under 14

This season's Boys Under 14 squad is full of talent, ability, energy and enthusiasm. During the winter program the players displayed confidence, an aptitude to solve problems and a good level of consistency. This wasn't something that we were always able to consistently replicate in the Summer performances, with inconsistency and being tentative costing us on a few occasions.

The first game of the season saw us defeat our near rivals Buckinghamshire, with Ciaran Lewis being the pick of the bowlers, taking 4 for 39 from his 8 overs. Next came a hard fought contest against Staffordshire, who would top the group, with Evan Cowley making an impressive 118 from 106 balls. A heavy defeat by Nottinghamshire followed, and then a closer defeat by Warwickshire before the team picked up a win against Northamptonshire, with both Sam Greenslade and Seb Grocutt picking up 4 wickets each. Another heavy defeat to Leicestershire was followed by a convincing win against Worcestershire, with Hugo du Plessis picking up 4 wickets for just 19 runs from his 7 overs. Sadly this form didn't carry over into the game against Cricket East, who we lost heavily too. Our final group game was against Shropshire, which we sadly lost, despite Sam Dunning scoring 62.

Nearing the end of the season we had back to back T20s against the Under 15s, with each team winning one game, with Evan Cowley scoring 64 not out in the game the Under 14s won. In the field things were a work in progress, we were challenged both on and off the ball, to take responsibility for positioning and having an athletic presence, this all came together in the final game v Sussex at Hove where the fielding was outstanding.

Each year leadership opportunities are given to players that show the right qualities and character, Paddy Stocks & Sam Dunning really stood out on the field both captaining with understanding and good tactical awareness.

There were a number of learnings through the season from; how to rebuild after losing a wicket, the importance of executing with the bat and ball during the 1st 10 overs, professional behaviour, game management and tactical awareness. I strongly believe these learnings and the development of the squad that both Nigel and I saw during the season will make this group of players a stronger, more resilient, organised & prepared squad moving forward.

Boys Under 14 Squad - 2024

Sam Allen, Olly Beard, Harry Bewes, Thomas Bratby, Evan Cowley, Hugo du Plessis, Sam Dunning, Sam Greenslade, Sebastian Grocutt, Nico Hartley, Ciaran Lewis, George Logan, Dan McAuliffe, Henry Saunders, Vinupa Sirimanne, Paddy Stocks, Matthew Sykes, Henry Thomas, Ben Wickens



Boys Under 14



Girls Under 15

A relatively young squad of players were selected to represent Oxfordshire Under 15 girls in 2024, with 13 of the 18 players actually being Under 14. This worked well in terms of team camaraderie, with a good team spirit and everyone supporting each other throughout the season.

In general, over the years, we have found batting to be the biggest single challenge for this age group, and we got early confirmation that might be the case again this year, when we failed to chase down 72 in a T20 v Wiltshire in May. Our bowling and fielding was well up to standard, so we focussed on the importance of valuing your wicket and batting our full allocation of overs, whilst staying positive and keeping the scoreboard moving. Happily we got a quick return on that philosophy, with a great win over arch rivals Berkshire at the end of May. Hettie (60) & Emily (54) were the stars with the bat and the bowlers duly did their job to secure a good first win in the 40 over competition.

Moreton has generally been a happy hunting ground for us and our next two games conformed to that trend, with a win over Bucks, where 5 bats contributed to a healthy 178 and Emma & Ellie led the bowlers successfully with 3 wickets each. Dorset were next up and this time, Niamh & Nicole grabbed 3 wickets each, to reduce the visitors to 117, whilst Rabiya (39) & Alice (28) ensured another satisfying home win.

Berkshire, no doubt wounded by the earlier defeat came back strongly and despite Suri's valiant 38* our score of 126 never felt like enough. Suri starred again with the bat v Wiltshire and her 79* was well supported by Hettie & Niamh, to help us to our highest score of 212 and a comfortable victory.

Unfortunately our fortunes changed in August; particularly for Ellie, who suffered a nasty injury during warm up, ruling her out for the remainder of the season. Sadly this was the second significant injury in the squad, with Rosa succumbing to a pre-season injury, preventing her from playing a single game; we wish them both well in their return to full fitness.

Good batting from Suri (80*) & Rabiya (59) was surprisingly not enough to contain a resurgent Bucks team and a further defeat, this time to Wiltshire, threatened to derail our season somewhat. Thankfully this tale had a happy ending with a strong performance to bowl Dorset out cheaply with Bella (3-7) leading the attack and Rabiya's 58* ensuring us a good 2nd spot in the league table.

As always a big thank you to the parents for their support & encouragement, not to mention a fair few miles on the clock! We wish those moving up continued success and enjoyment of the game and look forward to seeing many of you again next year!

Girls Under 15 Squad - 2024

Milla Allison, Hettie Banks, Alice Banwell, Rosie Bartlett, Rosa Camilleri, Rabiya Dogar, Bella Frieda, Nicole Harper, Mary Harrington, Emily Mayer, Freya McNeill, Ella Owens, Emma Park, Niamh Rogan, Suri Shah, Eleanor Stone, Olivia Thresh, Ellie Thresh



Girls Under 15



Boys Under 15

The 2024 season for the Boys Under 15s was a story of 'nearly but not quite'. We lost most games but won three. However, hopefully each player can say they got better, learnt and enjoyed themselves.

Notable wins included Bucks at home in June, bowling them out for 97 (Will Rorich 5-10 off 6 overs). Other wins came against the Boys Under 14s (Zahid 45, Webb 45 no off 19, Offwood 43 no) and a mixed Under 16s (Henry Golding 57) side at the end of the year. Best individual bowling performance was Will Rorich, mentioned earlier he got 5 wickets for 10 runs against Buckinghamshire. Our best individual batting performance came in the first game by Louis Nicholson against Berkshire, with 90 not out helping us get to 170 whilst losing wickets around him. Louis also scored 55 v Wales and 50 v Gloucestershire.

The 'nearly's'

First game, we played Berkshire, we scored 170 all out and then reduced Berkshire to 31-6 due to some phenomenal seam bowling by Olly Offwood and Louis Schay-Manning. It then rained meaning it was abandoned but winwiz would have had us certain favourites to go on and win. Second game, Wales away...we scored 167 on a wet slow wicket. We had Wales 89-7 and 137-8 but we couldn't manage to get their impressive tail out as they snuck home.

Third game, Gloucestershire at home...we scored 214. Thanks to some good bowling from Rorich and Spokes we had them 174-9. Again we couldn't get that final wicket and their last wicket partnership scored 41 to win the game. Wiltshire at home: Wiltshire scored 215-7, we finished 213 all out.

Gloucestershire away. They scored 231. We were 216-7 thanks to a brilliant 86 from Will Owens but finished 224 all out.

On a beautiful day in late August we travelled to the County Ground at Hove to play Sussex U15s in a T20. We came up against a very strong batter for them which showed us all the level we should aspire to. However in reply, Finley Hoy hit a scintillating 67 off 41 balls including 6 fours and 4 sixes. Some of the off side shots were very impressive and destructive, a fearless and clear mindset enabled him to show off his talent to everyone watching.

They are a superb group of highly talented cricketers, humble and driven to succeed and improve. Thanks to all the coaches and parents for their huge help, it's been brilliant!

50s +

Louis Nicholson: 90 no v Berkshire, 55 v Wales, 50 v Gloucestershire

Will Owens: 86 v Gloucestershire

Finley Hoy: 67 v Sussex

Henry Golding: 57 v U16s

Ben Miller: 50 v Berkshire

4+ wickets

William Rorich: 5-10 v Buckinghamshire

Max Sheriff: 4-26 v Wiltshire

Boys Under 15 Squad - 2024

Joe Botha, Bertie Campbell, Henry Golding, Samuel Hicks, Finley Hoy, Stanley Jackman, Ben Miller, Louis Nicholson, Olly Offwood, Will Owens, Joe Richards, Theo Rittson, William Rorich, Louis Schaay-Manning, Max Sheriff, Tom Spokes, Freddie Webb, Ibrahim Zahid



Boys Under 15



Boys Under 16

The 2024 season saw the Boys Under 16's continue to strive in their individual development and growth as a team. After what was a difficult season the year before, it was pleasing to ultimately see a vast improvement in the performance capabilities of the boys.

This process started with the implementation of an intense winter program, from which the boys were able to understand the needs of the coming season and how they were going to approach their personal development throughout the course of the year. At this age group, they are constantly being exposed to a number of challenges in and out of the cricket environment, from which it was pleasing to see that they were more than capable of handling these demands. It has been evident throughout the entirety of their time within the set-up this year, that they are a hard-working group of talented individuals who display the right behaviours and temperaments that strive towards growth and ultimately success on and off the pitch.

As a result of this, there were a number of individual performances this year that have shown significant developmental growth that have led to a higher degree of execution in competitive environments. This is testament to the countless hours of hard work and dedication the boys had put in during the winter to work diligently towards their personal goals and development. This has been rewarded by a number of the group being called up to represent the Boys Under 18's and Men's 2nd XI squads.

Throughout the course of the competitive phase of the programme, the boys were able to display a constant commitment to bringing a positivity in the way they wanted to play, showed great camaraderie and empathy to each other and displayed a healthy, mutual respect to their opponents. Through these behaviours and characteristics, the boys were able to produce a number of high-level performances, including those against 1st class counties. The campaign saw the squad finish in a mid table position, which is no disgrace given the level of opponents they came up against this year.

Boys Under 16 Squad - 2024

Amar Ali, Stanley Askew, George Beard, Max Bolam, Rudi Derbyshire, Gabriel Green, Sam Grocutt, Arthur Hanson, Adrian Hector, Fergus Lynch, Noah Mungrue, Logan Rainbow, Karthik Ramsundhar, Benedict Robinson, Charlie Sutton, Alex Tervet Barney Villiers, Jack Watson



Boys Under 16



Girls Under 18

The 2024 summer was a difficult summer for what was a really young Under 18 girls team this year, the vast majority of the squad were aged 16 with just a handful of 17's and one 18 year old. While results were hard to come by, there was some good individual performances early season, Aimee Diab made a fine 80 against Middlesex in May before a trip to the magnificent Stowe School in June saw us put in a solid team display on the field as we bowled Northants out for 253 on probably the hottest day of the year up to this point. In reply we had a few good contributions from Daisy Romanek (38), Katie Waugh (37) and Bethan Lewis (20) before a lower order batting collapse meant we fell 100 runs short.

In July we started to play more T20 cricket and struggled to put two sides of the game together, either failing to back up a good bowling or batting display which was often our downfall. In our 2 x T20's at Devon, Felicity Rae-Welsh made an impressive 48 in the first game and Katie Waugh made 28* in the second. In the first match we scored 118/4 but had too many to chase (175) and in the second game we only scored 99 but it took Devon 15 overs to get the runs in a much improved bowling display. Further defeats came to Northants (despite a battling bowling performance which saw us take 6 wickets trying to defend 105), Gloucestershire, Berkshire (where we posted our highest team T20 score of the year of 132-7 with Zoe Soonawalla making 49 not out), and a final big defeat to Middlesex in the 50 over comp before our last few results took a slight upturn. With more consistent availability and defined player roles by this stage of the season we took on Cricket East at Hendred and reduced them to 69/3 off 27 overs as we set about defending 131. The game appeared to be going in our favour after an excellent bowling performance but a thunderstorm put an end to the game and chance of our first victory.

Not to be denied, the elusive win did come a day later, against Wales at Hook Norton. Wales batted first and made 108/8 off their 20 overs with Jess Warren taking 3-18. In reply, Oxfordshire always kept up with the rate and Katie Waugh's unbeaten 36 off 38 balls meant we snuck home off the last ball of the game to win by 5 wickets. We then suffered a defeat in the second match before our final matches saw us head to Bromsgrove to face Worcestershire. A heavy first defeat was again tough to take but the highlight of the game was Niamh Rogan bowling the final over and taking 3 wickets, with another to fall courtesy of a run out. The final over saw 4 wickets fall for 2 runs in a dramatic collapse.

The difference in game 2 was huge, despite losing again the game was much closer. Oxfordshire scoring 125/5 with Katie Waugh scoring 40 not out, we were also boosted by Zara Wyatt scoring 23 including a six. It took Worcestershire until the 18th over to get the winning runs in what was a much more even game of cricket.

While it was a tough season in terms of results, there was a lot that conspired against us in terms of availability and injuries to what was already a very young Under 18 side. The margins between our best game games and worst games were ultimately too big and this led to inconsistent results, but there were lots of individual performances that stood out and a clear improvement in results and a style of play towards the back end of the season. The girls will all be stronger for the experience of this summer.

Girls Under 18 Squad - 2024

Charlotte Allen, Ceci Bower, Aimee Diab, Sophia Hanson, Emilia Harding, Rosie Hewlett, Bethan Lewis, Honor Murray, Georgia Prestedge, Felicity Rae-Welsh, Amelia Richardson, Daisy Romanek, Isla Scott-Dagleish, Zoe Soonawalla, Kitty Spurgeon, Emma Trowbridge, Jessica Warren, Katie Waugh, Zara Wyatt



Girls Under 18



Boys Under 18

Another excellent season for the Boys Under 18s where we finished unbeaten in the ECB 3-Day championship and reached the quarter-finals in both the 50 over plate and the T20 competition. Unfortunately, we fell to defeat against Dorset in the 50 over plate quarter-final, and put in an uncharacteristic display in the T20 eliminator game, but that did not detract from what was a very good season overall with many stand-out performances.

The weather was (eventually) far better than the 2023 season, allowing us to play all 12 days in the three-day championship, where we picked up excellent victories against Devon and Norfolk and high-scoring draws against Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.

Working with a small squad of players after a number of injuries and unavailability during the season, our young side, mostly made up of under 17s, performed admirably in pre-season, winning all of our warm-up games, before topping our T20 group with four wins out of four and two wash-outs, securing our place in the eliminator.

Rory Nicholson bowled well throughout the season, finishing with 22 wickets, while left-arm spinners Dexter Ainley and Sam Leslie also took more than 20 wickets each during the season across all three formats.

With the bat, we saw five centuries during the season, all of these in the three-day championship. Arthur Hanson, playing up as an Under 16 in the Under 18 competition, led the way with three centuries in four games, with Gaaj Ganagabalan scoring tons against Berkshire at Didcot and Buckinghamshire at Winchmore Hill. Five terrific innings. It would be remiss not to mention Ethan Barksfield, however, who fell agonisingly short of centuries in two games, but was extremely consistent throughout the season, finishing as our leading run-scorer with 670 runs across all three formats. There was also a magical innings from Henry Macdonald in the away 50 over game to Devon. Although it wasn't a century, Henry's 69 in just 32 balls as we set about chasing an imposing target of 244, was a joy to watch.

Henry, Rory, Gaaj, Chris Hofen and Ajmal Safi now move on from the pathway as they have reached the age where the next stop is second team and hopefully first team cricket. It stands us in very good stead for 2025 that the majority of this season's team will have potentially the opportunity to go again next year, and finishing just one point behind Cheshire in the championship makes for very exciting times ahead.

A special mention must go to Jack Veal, who captained the side this year. It is always challenging for a younger player to captain a side with players who are a year above, but Jack did superbly, built confidence and learned during the season. He conducted himself magnificently, and one of the most pleasing aspects for Darryl and I was the constant praise from umpires and opposition for the tremendous spirit in which Oxfordshire go about their cricket. None more so than when we travelled to Winchmore Hill in Buckinghamshire, when the club contacted us by email in the days following the game to give very high praise indeed for the conduct, spirit and good nature of our team. This is so important to us. While of course, we enjoy winning, it should never be "win at all costs" and remaining humble, polite and professional is something to be extremely proud of.

On behalf of myself, Darryl, Duncan, who stepped in while Darryl was recuperating from a knee operation, and also to each and every player and all the parents, a huge thank you for the season.

We hope you all winter well, and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Boys Under 18 Squad - 2024

Dexter Ainley, Ethan Barksfield, Rayaan Dogar, Jacob Eaton, Gaajuran Ganagabalan, Christopher Hofen, Jake Jackson, Samora Leslie, Henry Macdonald, Rory Nicholson, Conor Rogan, Ajmal Safi, Alfie Smethurst, Joseph Sparkes, Jack Sparrow, Jack Veal, Oliver Veal, Henry Welch, Archie Wild



Boys Under 18

Disability Cricket

Another year of growth and development for Oxfordshire Disability Cricket with a fifth Hub, delivering Table Cricket, opening in Witney to go along with our existing Hubs in Oxford, Abingdon, Bicester and Witney which enable children and young adults to reach their full potential through cricket.

Along with the expansion of our Lords Taverners Funded Hub Programme we have also achieved and surpassed the number of SEND Schools and Colleges that the ECB targeted us to deliver softball and table cricket to in 2024. This was made possible by the appointment of a new Community Coach, Charlotte Jennings, who has worked hard to ensure that we met all of the targets we were given by these two fantastic organisations. A very popular addition to our programme who has really endeared herself to parents, grandparents, carers and our young people. For the third year running Abingdon College were the winners of the Oxfordshire Disability Table Cricket Competition held at Bicester & North Oxford Cricket Club and went forward to represent the county at the Regional Final at The Stoke Mandeville Stadium. Unfortunately they didn't progress to the National Final at Lords but were, as always, a credit to their college and the county. On the cricket side of the programme the increase in participants at the four Hubs, delivering softball and hardball cricket, has enabled us to enlarge our programme of matches and festivals with other counties. This year has seen us join up with our friends from Gloucestershire, Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Cricket East for a series of competitions that have been so enjoyable and we have really seen the progress that our children and young adults have made in terms of cricket but also in life skills.

All of this would not have been possible without funding from The Lords Taverners and The ECB but also the support that we receive from Abingdon Vale Cricket Club, Bicester & North Oxford Cricket Club and Horspath Cricket Club during the summer months and Abingdon College, The Park Sports Centre Wheatley, Bicester Leisure Centre and The ICE Centre(Inclusive Care & Education) Witney during the winter. Thanks also go to our two Volunteer Coaches Chris Cordell and Lucy Hunter who help at our Abingdon and Bicester sessions respectively. Two great people who bring so much to our programme.

We look upon everyone associated with Oxfordshire Disability Cricket as part of a family and this is so true as it has brought so many people together to talk about and share problems and experiences. This is so important and something that you can't put a value on but through these relationships we have regular social get togethers throughout the year and thanks to one of these parents, Lou Parker, who opens up her house and garden (complete with wicket) to us several times a year. Everyone from all of the Hubs are invited and they are very, very popular. Another part of the programme is the award to The Oxfordshire Disability Cricketer of the Year. This year's deserved recipient has been with us since the beginning. A lovely young man who rarely misses a session and who is a joy to work with.

I couldn't end this report without honouring and paying tribute to one of Oxfordshire Disability Cricket's greatest supporters who sadly passed away earlier this year. Max Eason totally embraced all that we do for our children and young adults and would always welcome us to the Tuesday sessions at Horspath Cricket Club. He went out of his way to ensure that we had full use of the facilities and it allowed our players to experience and see what a 'real' cricket club was like. I didn't know what we would do without him but everyone at the club has gone out of their way to make sure that Max's legacy continued. We are so grateful to them but a special thank you to Robbie Eason and David Ward for their help and understanding, Max would be so proud of them. RIP Old Friend.

Richard Giles
Head of Oxfordshire Disability Cricket



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