



UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL CRICKET CLUB

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Welcome to the first UBCC newsletter for the 2012-2013 – your termly update on all things cricket related at the University of Bristol!

Over the summer, the newly formed committee of 8 has been working hard to ensure that this year builds on the fantastic work started by Luke Smith during the 2011-2012 season. Sponsorship deals have been reaffirmed, facility time secured, partnerships formed and plenty of fresh ideas for the coming year implemented. Furthermore, with an incredibly healthy intake of Freshers who have a superb appetite to not only be involved in the playing side of the club, but also on the social scene, the 2012-2013 season certainly looks very promising!

Within this newsletter, you'll find plenty of updates from each part of the club as well as pointers to the upcoming events which you might be interested in attending.

We hope that you enjoy reading the newsletter and that you and your families have had a lovely holiday break.

The UBCC Committee 2012-2013

UBCC ANNUAL DINNER

We would like to warmly invite every Alumni, KPMG employees, SEH & UBU staff and current club members to the UBCC Annual Dinner on Friday 8th March 2013. After what was a fantastic event last year, we will be holding this Black Tie event at the Square Club on Berkeley Square. £30 a ticket for a 3 course meal, ½ bottle of wine and inter-course entertainment! Formal invitation will be emailed out shortly. We look forward to seeing many of you there!



INDOOR CRICKET

The University of Bristol Cricket Club has triumphed in its opening two rounds of fixtures in the British Universities and Colleges (BUCS) Indoor Championship. Bristol claimed four wins out of a possible five, securing victories against: Bath, Plymouth, Exeter 2nds, and Gloucestershire 1sts. The only loss was at the hands of a very strong Exeter 1st team, where Bristol came up short in a closely contested, hard fought game which could have gone either way.

The BUCS Indoor Championship is an opportunity for some of the University of Bristol's strongest cricketers to play competitively throughout the winter. Fixtures began on Saturday 27th October with Bristol scheduled to play Bath and Plymouth. Bristol began their campaign with an imperious and commanding 10 run victory against arch-rivals Bath University. The notable performance came from Bristol's ex-professional cricketer, Michael Beard, who bowled three very tight and controlled overs for 18 runs, capping off a good all round display of bowling by the Bristol team. The second scheduled game, against Plymouth, was cancelled due to Plymouth's failure to arrive at the venue. Bristol took the victory by default, however, following such a dominant display in their first game, it is inconceivable that Bristol would have done anything but win the game.



Bristol entered the second round of fixtures on Saturday 17th November high on confidence. The first game saw Bristol face a strong Exeter 2nd team. Exeter posted a score of 117 for 3, a target Bristol had to chase down in their 10 overs. Bristol batted magnificently throughout (apart from an embarrassing moment for the tailender, Daniel Possee, when he ran into his fellow batting partner, fell to the floor, and ended up being run-out!) and Michael Beard and Nigel Jacob scored 36 and 47 respectively. However, with 12 balls remaining of the Bristol innings they were down to their last batsman, Nigel Jacob, and a number of runs were still needed to secure victory. Nigel was skill and composure personified as he guided Bristol towards the Exeter total; he achieved a Bristol victory off the penultimate ball of the game, smashing a six back over the bowler's head. A truly tremendous Bristol win. After this scintillating performance Bristol should have been in a good frame of mind to take on the Exeter 1st team, their main challengers in the league. However, following a dropped catch early in Exeter's inning and a poor batting performance, Bristol slumped to a defeat by 14 runs. Fortunately, Bristol rose from the ashes and produced a fantastic all-round performance in their final match of the round against the Gloucestershire 1st team. Bristol's bowlers restricted Gloucestershire to a low score of 84 for 3, and then the batters knocked the runs off with 2.4 overs to spare. It was the performance of the round.

Bristol are left occupying second place in their league with the final round of fixtures to be played on Saturday 2nd February. If Bristol can claim wins over the University of the West of England and Bournemouth then they have the opportunity to finish as the best runner-up in the BUCS Indoor Championship.

Social Report – Autumn Term 2012

Stoke Bishop was the venue for start of the Freshers' Social 2012 and with over 50 returning members and Freshers' in attendance – a far cry from the 10 that made it out in 2010 - it was sure to be an exciting start to the year's socials. A swift walk to Alterego, the batsmen fought back hard in the second annual Boat Race to take a convincing victory and overturn a disappointing defeat to the bowlers in 2011. Attendance maintained constant throughout the term, with some attending every Wednesday, and we've averaged 25-30 on official social days. We maintained our record for being the best dressed club at the first SCORE with a strong effort in 'The Simpsons' theme. Special mention goes to Michael Beard for his effort with Marge (see photo below). On the penultimate Wednesday we had the Christmas SCORE where a Christmas themed curry with 32 of us was followed by an extremely rowdy bus journey to Motion. Top night. Finally we had the inaugural Mini Golf/Pub golf tournament. The Green Jacket, after a blistering 36 at Jungle Rumble (Jungle course), was awarded to Jack Williams. We then had a massive pub crawl from Cabot Circus to Whiteladies Road where everyone thankfully made the club (just!). Many have said that this was the best social UBCC has had, and they aren't lying. Really strong effort from the lads this term -long may it continue before the serious stuff starts. Finally, our thanks go to Alterego for putting up with us every Wednesday!



Alumni Fixture – Friday 14th June 2013

The annual fixture between the Alumni and the University will be played on Friday 14th June. Starting at 12pm, the likely format will be 40 overs per side with a tea taken in between innings. An email will be sent shortly inviting you to play in this fixture. Luke Smith, Club Captain 2011-2012, will be captaining and organising the Alumni side so should you have any questions/would like to play in the fixture then please email Luke at luke.d.s.smith@gmail.com stating whether you bat/bowl/keep or do a bit of everything. Hopefully the weather will hold this year!!



FINAL WORD

It's already turning out to be a successful year for UBCC. Our KPMG sponsorship was re-signed for a second year, an additional 20 sessions of winter facility time were secured from the University, a partnership has been formed with the Indian Ocean Curry House and we've been working hard alongside Globe Sports to further their positive influence in University sport whilst maintaining our bespoke MKK kit.

We've had unprecedented numbers of Freshers and returning members at training sessions as well as extremely healthy numbers at every social. Fingers crossed this can be maintained throughout the new term!

We hope that you've enjoyed reading this newsletter and hopefully we'll be seeing you at our Annual Dinner in a few months!!

UBCC COMMITTEE 2012-2013