



UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL CRICKET CLUB

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Welcome to the second instalment of the UBCC newsletter for the 2013-2014 season – your termly update on all things cricket related at the University of Bristol!

Training is now well under way in anticipation of what is shaping up to be one of the most exciting seasons yet for the club. With a real chance of promotion for all 3 teams, coach Andy Stovold and the squads are working hard over the winter to make this ambition a reality.

Within this newsletter, there will be updates on what has gone on in the past couple of months, as well as details of an exciting fixture programme and a few other features.

We hope that you enjoy reading the newsletter, if anyone has any news they wish to contribute regarding cricket at Bristol then please get in touch!

The UBCC Committee 2013-2014

2013-14 Committee:

Club Captain: Dan Brown, Vice-Club Captain: Mike Beard, Treasurer: James Scott, Social Sec: Richie Straughan, Match Sec: Tim Saxon, Alumni Sec: Tom Francis, Sponsorship Sec: Jamie Klapper, Website Sec: Jack Williams, Intramural Football Sec: Ross McAdam



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INDOOR CRICKET SUCCESS

In the last round of the indoor competition, Bristol 1sts and 2nds tasted success, with the 1s winning their remaining 2 fixtures and the 2s finishing strongly winning 3 of their remaining 4 games. As a result, the 1s finished second behind an unbeaten Exeter side and the 2s finished a respectable fifth out of 9 in their first season in the competition, notably ahead of several university 1s sides.

As a result, it is likely that the 1st team will make it through to the semi-finals as a best runner-up for the second successive year. These are to be held in Southampton on Saturday 8th March.

A highlight was the mammoth victory over Southampton 1s. Bristol scored 159-4 in their 10 overs, with 3 players retiring, in fact both openers Jamie Klapper and Dan Brown retiring inside the first 3 overs. In reply, Bristol bowled out Southampton for 68 in 8 overs to complete the most comprehensive victory of the tournament, wickets shared between Mike Beard, Ruaidhri Smith, Jack Williams and James Scott.

The 2s most notable performance also came against Southampton 1s. Bristol made 133 in their 10 overs, before bowling Southampton out for 78. Fresher Cameron Pitt, whose dad is an alumnus of the cricket club, starred on the day for the 2s, contributing with both bat and ball in the majority of the games.

Squads:

1sts: Mike Beard (c), Jamie Klapper (wk), Dan Brown, Ruaidhri Smith, James Scott, Jack Williams, Will Gratton

2nds: Mike Thompson (c), Matt Williams (wk), Richie Straughan, Nick Rigg, Cam Pitt, Ross McAdam, Dan Possee

Social Report – December 2013 – March 2014

Socials have been coming thick and fast since November. The highlight before Christmas was the Christmas curry at the Indian Ocean on Cotham Hill attended by 30 members followed by SCORE at the O2 Academy. (see picture below).

We also arranged an Ashes social to coincide with the 1st test at Brisbane, which proved eventful despite the results England suffered!

Since Christmas, socials at Rileys have been weekly and well attended, the highlight of this term so far being the plus one social, where all members brought their 'better half' for the evening.



Annual Dinner – Saturday 15th March

Everyone should now have received an email regarding this year's annual dinner. Following last year's success, the 2014 dinner will once again be held at the Square Club in Clifton, with a 7pm start and a black tie dress code, more than likely followed by a night out in Lounge! We currently have 5 alumni attending, and if you would like to come it isn't too late. Tickets cost £30 so if interested then send an email to club captain Dan Brown at db0367.2010@my.bristol.ac.uk asap!

Full 2014 Fixture List

Fixtures are now out for the summer, and as well as the BUCS inter-university competition, UBCC has also arranged fixtures against Gloucestershire and Worcestershire Academies, Gloucester Gypsies and the MCC as well as numerous local clubs and schools, meaning all 3 teams will have plenty of matches.

1st XI:

Sunday 20th April: Frocester CC (A)
Monday 21st April: Radley College (A)
Tuesday 22nd April: Exeter Uni 1s (A)
Friday 25th April: Gloucs Academy (H)
Saturday 26th April: Bristol CC (A)
Wednesday 30th April: Surrey Uni 1s (H)
Wednesday 7th May: Southampton Uni 1s (A)
Sunday 11th May: Cardiff Met Uni 1s (H)
Wednesday 14th May: Aberystwyth Uni 1s (H)
Sunday 18th May: Oxford Uni 1s (A)
Wednesday 28th May: Bath Uni 1s (A)
Sunday 1st June: UWE 1s Varsity (A)
Thursday 5th June: Worcs Academy (H)
Friday 6th June: Alumni (H)
Tuesday 10th June: Gloucs Gypsies (H)
Wednesday 11th June: MCC (H)
Friday 13th June: 1983 Alumni (H)

2nd XI:

Sunday 20th April: Shirehampton CC (A)
Tuesday 22nd April: Exeter Uni 2s (A)
Thursday 24th April: Cheltenham College (A)
Saturday 26th April: Cheltenham CC (A)
Wednesday 7th May: Southampton Uni 2s (A)
Wednesday 14th May: Bath Uni 2s (H)
Wednesday 21st May: Bournemouth Uni 2s (A)

Wednesday 28th May: Exeter Uni 2s (H)

Sunday 1st June: UWE 2s Varsity (A)

Wednesday 4th June: Plymouth Uni 1s (A)

3rd XI:

Tuesday 29th April: Thornbury CC (H)
Wednesday 7th May: Aberystwyth Uni 2s (H)
Thursday 8th May: Shirehampton CC (A)
Wednesday 14th May: RAC 1s (A)
Wednesday 21st May: Swansea Uni 2s (A)
More matches to be arranged for Sundays.



Alumni Fixture – Friday 6th June 2014

After the success of last year's fixture, the annual match between the Alumni and the University will be played on Friday 6th June 2014.

We are planning on extending the match this year into the evening with a curry after the match and VIP in a club on the Triangle – most likely to be Lounge! You should have received an email from me earlier in the month about this.

If you want to play, please contact Luke Smith as he is organizing the alumni team. His email is luke.d.s.smith@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIP

UBCC are always on the lookout for sponsors, no matter how small this is, whether this is a logo on our website, an advertisement in our annual fixture booklet which gets distributed all around Bristol, or something more substantial. If you or your company is interested in sponsoring us, please contact club captain Dan Brown to discuss at db0367.2010@my.bristol.ac.uk.

Meet the skipper – Mike Beard

The committee thought that as many alumni will no longer know any of the players currently playing for UBCC that it would be a good idea to do an interview with one of the players in each issue of the newsletter so you get to know some of us a bit better! So here goes:

Name: Mike Beard

Nicknames: Beardy

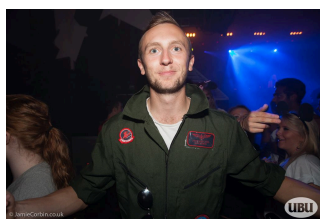
Year at Bristol: 3 of 4

Studying: Maths

Role: 1st XI Captain, Vice-Club Captain

Teams: Frocester CC, Oxfordshire CCC, University of Bristol CC

Past Teams: Gloucestershire CCC, Thame CC, England Age Groups (edit – although it's likely that half the world know this anyway)



Playing Style: Left-Hand Batsman, Left Hand Fast Medium

Favourite cricketing moment: Bowling at Lords

Favourite UBCC moment: Will Peet squaring up to Southampton's opening batter and repeatedly kicking the floor in disgust

Favourite UBCC player: Mike Thompson, obviously

Other past-times: Intramural Football Legend; Telling strangers I have played professional cricket; Winding up Ross McAdam

Favourite Club in Bristol: undoubtedly Thekla on a Saturday

Most likely to do on a social: Not buy a round all night; Throw some outrageous shapes

Most famous contact in phone book: Matt Paine

Interesting fact: having to resort to online dating (edit - Tinder) in order to get a girlfriend

UBCC Tour 2014 – Barbados

After successful tours in 2012 to Cambridge and in 2013 to Amsterdam, 2014 will see 17 UBCC members touring the sunny island of Barbados for 10 nights in June.

Organized by Gullivers, the touring party will be staying on the south coast of the island and playing 5 fixtures against local opposition, as well as taking time to out to explore the island's beaches and nightlife! It promises to be exceptional!

A notable recent development is the potential for a game and/or training session at the University of the West Indies in Barbados due to a contact of Simon Hinks and Andy Stovold.

A Final Word

The club has now been training since October and all 3 squads are competing well. Some extra training sessions have been going on for the 1st XI at the County Ground on Monday mornings as they up their preparation in the search for promotion. In addition, we have had some sessions run by ex-England bowler Mike Smith as well as recent Gloucestershire player Paul Muchall, on top of the outstanding amount of time that current coach Andy Stovold puts in.

By the time of the next edition, we will be well into the season. Let's hope for fair weather and a good start!

Get in touch about the annual dinner and make a note of the alumni fixture if they are of interest.

UBCC Committee 2013/14

Next edition: May 2014

