



UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL CRICKET CLUB

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

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

Matches have begun, and with the weather picking up, the Bristol teams have started very well, with the 1st and 2nd teams both currently sitting joint top of their respective tables.

Within this newsletter, there will be updates on what has gone on in the past couple of months, as well as details of what is lined up for cricket week 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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LOSS IN DECIDING GAME OF SEMI-FINALS

Bristol got through to the semi-finals of the national competition in Southampton but unfortunately lost in their deciding game to the University of Kent, a team including Kent player Adam Ball.

After finishing best runner-up after their sole loss to Exeter, Bristol were drawn in a group with the University of Herefordshire, the University of Portsmouth and the University of Kent. Convincing wins against the first two teams meant a showdown with Kent for a place in the national finals at Edgbaston.

Kent were initially cruising, but a flurry of wickets in the last 2 overs (captain Mike Beard taking an unprecedented quadruple wicket maiden) meant that Kent were bowled out for a score of 87 in their 10 overs, a target that Bristol were confident of chasing down. However, Bristol fell agonizingly short, eventually being bowled out for 84 with Jack Williams the last man to go. It must be said that this was a great effort from the team, whose only two losses in the competition came to the eventual winners and runners-up (Exeter and Kent respectively).

Team (L-R, Back Row: Jamie Klapper, Jack Williams, Mike Beard, Front Row: Ruaidhri Smith, Dan Brown, James Scott)



Focus Sport re-application

The cricket club is currently a focus sport at the university and all clubs are being asked to re-apply to become a 'performance sport'. Benefits of a performance sport include amongst other things extra fitness training, access to university facilities as well as the employment of a 1st XI coach, and extra financial support from Sport and Health.

The cricket club have put forward their plans for the next few seasons as part of this process of re-application and there are some potentially very exciting ideas. The introduction of a 4th XI into BUCS is an extremely viable prospect given the number of members (73 – 2013/14) and, if the 1st XI get promoted into Premier A, there is talk of extra training sessions and a potential move away from Coombe Dingle to a club ground with a better wicket. We will know more in the coming weeks but these are exciting times for the cricket club that could impact upon cricket at Bristol for the coming decades!



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Annual Dinner Success

The annual dinner was a great success with over 50 current and past members enjoying a 3 course meal and plenty of wine at the Square Club in Clifton. Highlights were a slightly drunken speech from current club captain Dan Brown, mainly thanking everyone for coming, and a former club captain having to be forcibly removed by the Lounge bouncers!

All in all a great night was had by everyone and we hope to keep attracting as many alumni as possible back in future years!

Update on Matches

With pre-season being a washout, the teams have been performing magnificently in BUCS so far this season.

The 1st XI have convincingly won their first 3 games, beating Surrey, Southampton and Aberystwyth by more than 130 runs each. Nigel Jacob has been the pick of the batting, notching up scores of 88 and 100* (at the Dingle incredibly!) as Bristol have passed 250 in their two home games so far. The bowling has also been excellent, with skipper Mike Beard picking up plenty of wickets as is the spin attack of Jack Williams and James Scott. The toughest test of the season comes on Sunday 18th May against Oxford, however, with current Glamorgan player Ruaidhri Smith now available for all of Bristol's remaining fixtures, this leaves us confident of picking up the 3 wins required to finish top of the league and reach the Premier A play-off game for the second season in succession.

Remaining BUCS Fixtures:

Sunday 18th May: Oxford 1st XI (A)

Wednesday 28th May: Bath 1st XI (A)

Wednesday 4th June: Cardiff Met 1st XI (H)

The 2nd XI have won 3 and lost 1, the loss coming in a close game with Plymouth 1st XI. Bristol are joint top along with Bath 2nds and Plymouth, and it's all to play for with one game to go as promotion could well come down to which team has the better run rate. Plymouth are currently just ahead, so if the 2s can turn over Bournemouth 2nds in their remaining fixture, there is every chance that promotion could result.

The star for the 2nd XI so far has been former Harrow boy Hector Whitrow, who has smashed scores of 42, 82 and 45* (the latter being off about 15 balls) to see off Exeter 4ths, Southampton 2nds and Bath 2nds.

Remaining BUCS fixtures:

Wednesday 21st May: Bournemouth 2nd XI (A)

The 3rds had a very convincing win against Aberystwyth 2nd XI, bowling them out for 60 before knocking it off for 2, before coming unstuck in a bizarre game against RAC 1st XI, in which RAC only provided one umpire (a member of staff at the college) and forced Bristol to play a 30 over game! The committee and the union are looking into this so hopefully Bristol should get the points.

Remaining fixtures:

Wednesday 21st May: Swansea 2nd XI (A)

The freshers XI have been mostly undone by the rain, only managing to play one fixture against Old Bristolians Westbury.

All match reports can be read on the website, well worth a read over a lunch break in my opinion!



Alumni Fixture set for Friday 6th June 2014

With the weather improving day by day, the alumni fixture should hopefully be a great day.

The game is a 1pm start, 50 overs a side, and there will be a curry post-match followed by a trip to Lounge.

Any issues or if you are looking to play, please get hold of Luke Smith asap on 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 incoming CC – James Scott

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: James Scott

Nicknames: Scotty, Iguana, Buzz

Year at Bristol: 2 of 3

Studying: History

Role: 1st XI Vice Captain, Incoming Club Captain

Teams: Welling CC, Hertfordshire CCC, University of Bristol CC



Playing Style: Left-Hand Batsman, Right Arm Off Spin

Favourite cricketing moment: Ricky Ponting's innings at Old Trafford 2005 "one of the great rearguards"

Favourite UBCC player: Fergus Black

Other past-times: Regaling inane facts about flightless birds, rugby and relentless sporting spectatorship

Favourite Club in Bristol: Lounge

Most likely to do on a social: Request a Taylor Swift song

Most famous contact in phone book: Owais Shah

Interesting fact: have 3 brothers, all of whom are better at cricket than me.

AGM results

The AGM took place post-training on Monday 12th May and was well attended. The committee decided that, due to the size of the club now, an extra social secretary should be added to take some of the pressure off the one social secretary.

Club Captain: James Scott

Vice Club Captain: Richie Straughan

Treasurer: Jamie Klapper

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Sponsorship Secretary: Tom Murrell

Match Secretary: Lewis Wilkins

Intramural Secretary: Ed Henderson-Howat

Website Secretary: Karan Soni

Intramural Football Secretary: Hector Whitrow

Cricket Week + other news

Cricket week is from 9th June to the 13th June and it looks to be a good one:

9th June: trip to Taunton to watch Somerset v Sussex

10th June: Gloucs Gypsies (H), Cricket v Hockey 20/20 (evening), Pub Golf

11th June: MCC (H), AU Dinner

12th June: UBCC Annual Golf Day (North v South)

13th June: 1983 Alumni (H)

In other news, it looks like Rileys will not be the social venue for 2014/15. A change of management has led to a change in style and what they are offering is no longer beneficial. Discussions are already in place with several other establishments (most notably the White Harte on Park Row) so look out for updates on twitter and facebook!

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