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Jayne Haines

CHAIR REPORT



What a difference a year makes....

I am delighted to share my thoughts on year 2 as Chair of Berkshire Cricket. By any measure Berkshire Cricket continues to punch above its weight - let me share with you how we have demonstrated our success.

We want to provide access to cricket in Berkshire to everyone who wants to play. Our year in numbers: over 70% of junior clubs have a girls section which is increasing year on year; 24 Berkshire clubs have a women's team; over 1,500 junior matches were scheduled; 8 girls in our extra provision group and 7 boys in their equivalent; over 30 people involved in our disability cricket hubs; 83 schools supported by delivering cricket in curriculum time; 221 coaches trained to support their clubs; 17 volunteers on average per

club (national average of 14 – we are more engaged in cricket in Berkshire!); and, reassuringly, 90% of all our clubs are working towards ECB Safe Hands Management System compliance, ensuring that every experience in club cricket is a safe one.

Importantly, this has produced some great outcomes – players from our pathway continue to progress their England careers, including Lauren Bell and Shoaib Bashir. Naavya Sharma (Berkshire 2016) and James Isbell (Berkshire 2018) were selected for the recent England u19 tour to South Africa. Congratulations also to Naavya for getting his pro contract from Middlesex and also to both Poppy Tulloch & Mia Rogers for signing their first pro deals.

At Berkshire Cricket we have an unwavering belief in inclusion, equality and equity. We have published our action plan and our intention is to drive beyond representation. We are working with everyone who plays, works or volunteers in cricket to establish a positive and welcoming environment. Our ultimate aim is to create a culture where everyone can participate, feels they belong and can be involved as much or as little as they are able.

The Board's role is to enable the Berkshire Cricket staff team to deliver all of the above and more year on year. From an administrative perspective, the Executive and the Board have been busy ensuring that we provide the best support to all our stakeholders and

that the Charity is managed efficiently and effectively. Our 9 Trustees attended 4 Board meetings and 1 strategy day across the year; I attended 6 ECB meetings and together we have set out our strategy for the next 10 years.

It continues to be a challenging time in cricket as we try to balance all that is great about the game, its history, and the people whilst modernising, rethinking, honouring and challenging the past. This year, despite our consistent success, we were disappointed not to be considered for a Tier 2 team in the new women's competition. We have reflected on this and it has enabled us to reframe who Berkshire Cricket will be in the future and how we as a Board can drive and deliver our strategy.

Our refreshed strategy continues to support our mission to deliver more cricket, to more people in more places through building Berkshire's reputation as a centre of excellence for all things cricket, delivering excellent cricket education to coaches,

officials, players and volunteers across Berkshire and beyond. We will establish new cricket revenue streams and create opportunities for competitive cricket at all levels of ability. To support our ambitions, we have started to fundraise to establish a home for Berkshire Cricket – a centre of cricketing excellence. As a charity, our objectives include diversifying our activity and income, and ensuring that cricket is available and affordable to all.

In the last financial year (ending Sept 2024) income generated by the Charity was close to £1m. Cash revenues remain healthy and gives us the opportunity to continue to invest in the recreational game across the county. I am satisfied that our arrangements are robust and effective and we will continue to explore how we can find better ways for Berkshire Cricket to bring cricket to more places and more people.

I look forward to seeing many of you in and around cricket this coming season and year.

Enjoy, Jayne





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Mark Roche

CEO REPORT



2024 once again saw increased opportunities across the game within Berkshire – in the club game, through our talent pathway, and in new community venues. The continued hard work of volunteers in the club network continues to provide thousands of children and young people with the opportunity to take part in cricket, with many progressing into the various parts of our talent pathway.

The continued growth of Womens' & Girl's cricket saw more teams taking part across the competition structure than ever before, with 3 out of 4 of our affiliated clubs offering some form of Women and/or Girls cricket. Despite our disappointment at not being successful in our bid to join the second tier of new Women's Professional Cricket structure, the accessibility of Women and Girls cricket in the county will continue to support our talent pathway.

Our talent pathway continued to develop players with potential and

support their transition into the next phase of their cricket careers, as well as developing players to represent Berkshire in the various age groups. Our work with Middlesex over the last 10 years has supported many players from Berkshire to join academies and make professional debuts, and our thanks go to them for their support in developing our pathway programme. We are excited to now be working with Hampshire Cricket as our partner across the whole pathway, which builds on our successful relationship with the Southern Vipers since their inception in 2016, and now expands to include the boys pathway.

Clubs continue to deliver an unbelievable amount of cricket through their armies of volunteers, with over 1500 youth matches scheduled across last summer for boys and girls teams, adult cricket continued to expand with new teams entering league cricket and 2025 sees the exciting expansion of the Thames Valley Cricket League to include over 100 clubs, and the South East Shires Cricket League continues to grow with nearly 70 clubs now taking part in their competitions.

Our other participation programmes also maintained their momentum, and in many cases showed increases in participation,

- ◆ a new Walking Cricket club established at Purley On Thames CC,
- ◆ Super 1s Hubs grew to now provide four centres for young people with disabilities to take part in regular practice and festivals,



- ◆ softball cricket across the county included tapeball sessions, a Womens World Cup festival, and of course the club competitions
- ◆ over 200 individuals attended coach training sessions to help support the club network

2024 also saw a personal milestone as it was 20 years since I started employment with Berkshire as their first ever Community Coach, with my first day being the MCCA Trophy win at Lords! The organisation I joined back in 2004 was leading the way in terms of delivery, both on and off the field, and I would like to think that we have maintained that standard over the years. The 2004 version of Berkshire Cricket was a lot smaller in scale and reach than the current model, and the financials were almost incomparable with our current planned turnover of just over £1 million. Throughout the last 20 years, we have looked at evolution rather than revolution, which has sometimes resulted in slower progress than may have been ideal, however, we have always worked to ensure that any changes in structure, behaviour and

governance have been for the benefit of Berkshire Cricket and Cricket within Berkshire.

This, of course, does not happen without the huge efforts of many, many people both employed and voluntary including the wide range of Board Members and Trustees who have supported the organisation over this period, and indeed before. My thanks must go to all who have worked with us for their time, effort and commitment to improving the cricket offer within the County.

So as we look to 2025, we again have great ambition to increase the availability and quality of all of our programmes, maintain the momentum in womens and disability cricket, and compete at the top level with our County teams. This of course requires continual growth in our resources, both financial and in people, and my ask is that if there is anybody or business who would like to join us in our work to grow the game and bring it to as many people as possible, please get in touch – as Tesco say, every little helps.

15 YEAR FLASHBACK

BERKSHIRE 2010 T20

2025 marks the 15 year anniversary of the Berkshire Women's 1st XI lifting the national T20 title. A Berkshire team which featured England legend Claire Taylor, current England Captain Heather Knight, England World Cup winner turned commentator Isa Guha plus a host of other familiar names and faces!

We caught up with both Claire Taylor and the then head coach and current pathway coach Nick Denning to remind us of their memories of the triumph . . .

Nick: What was it like coaching such a team of talented players in the pre professional era?

It was really exciting to be able to lead a team of cricketers with such a potentially high ceiling.

Along with Isa Guha, Claire Taylor and Heather Knight, we had players who either were on England Academy programs or were on their way to being selected. Players like Lissy Macleod (now at Essex), Daisy Gardner and Alex Rogers all had such natural

talent and if they were in the system now at the ages they were then would surely have gone on to have really long careers in the game.

Did you expect to progress so far at the start of the season?

I'm not sure what our expectations were to be honest. We always knew that if we were able to get our full team out we could compete with the likes of Kent and Yorkshire. For the following two years or so after this one we were consistently in the final so



we knew we had potential. As is the way with T20 cricket, you just have to hope that you can get a foothold in the game early on and maintain that momentum.

What's was the outstanding memory from the run to the final and the final itself?

Probably a comedy moment where Lissy was batting with Tails in the final (I think it was against Kent) and back in those days the boundary sizes hadn't been adjusted so they were huge. Tails was known for being super fit and with Lissy just being a youngster at the time, any time the ball didn't reach the fence there was always a 3 on for Tails. In one over they had run so many 3s at one point Tails was lapping Lissy whose face was just getting redder and redder.

After we'd finished we were in the changing room where one of our stalwarts, Jude Turner, announced that she'd be finishing with Berkshire at the end of that season which gave us another reason to celebrate. One of the things I love about coaching in the women's game is that while we get to celebrate winning, and it is important we do that, celebrating people and their contributions is seen as just as important. Afterall, where would sport be if it wasn't for the people that make it?

I also remember the sense of surprise from the crowd and other teams at the presentation that we'd won. Two of the other 3 teams were Kent and Yorkshire who consisted of many of the England team at the time between them, everyone thought that it would have been one of those two teams that won it. It was a proud

moment for the girls. I know that they had long believed that they could compete with the 'best' counties on the circuit and on that day, my word they did.

Claire Taylor who played a leading role in the path to the final and success on the day had these memories of the successful finale:

"2010 was a great year for the domestic teams that I played in, winning the T20 cup with Berkshire and winning the Club competition with Reading. The standard of cricket was high with plenty of England players at the T20 Finals day which featured the top four counties in the ODI competition that year.

After a busy summer with England, it was great to come back to play with Berkshire. You're among friends and for me, coming to the end of my career, I enjoyed being surrounded by players that I'd been part of their development journey. Lissy MacLeod and I shared a good partnership in that final and she's someone that I'd mentored from a young age and of course our captain Isa Guha who I'd been playing with since she was 12.

Some might say that we were underdogs that day but we had a great mix of England players, experienced county players and up and coming youngsters. We all believed in ourselves and the whole team contributed to our victories. They are always the most satisfactory wins!"

Here's hoping for more success for our Women's 1st XI as the T20 national 'FA CUP' style format returns as part of the new professional women's structure in 2025 . . .



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MENS 1ST XI REVIEW

It's seems strange to be writing my last season review. After 13 years, this is how I saw our final one together...

It was a summer where in reality we lost one meaningful game of cricket all season. And boy did we lose it! On a difficult afternoon at Alderley Edge we were completely outplayed by a Cheshire side that dominated from start to finish meaning we lost a 50 over semi final for the first time in my tenure having won the previous 8. It also meant that we wouldn't be returning to Wormsley for the first time in 7 years. It was important we celebrated that run and didn't dwell too long on the defeat.

To get to the semi final we had hard fought victories against Devon, Oxfordshire and Cornwall in the group stage and Dorset in the quarter final. To beat Cornwall in Cornwall ended a coaching hoodoo I'm glad to have put to bed!! My 8th visit to the West Country had finally brought me my first victory against our Cornish friends on the road! I didn't finish the 50 over competition how I would have liked, but ended with 6 victories including 4 back to back titles. Wormsley will forever be a very special place for me.

The T20 campaign continued to show signs of our progress in the competition. We qualified from our group in top position meaning a home tie in the newly created super 12 format of the competition. That day at Slough couldn't have gone any better with two convincing victories against Shropshire

and Cornwall. We were off to finals day for the second time in two years for a repeat semi final with Staffordshire.

Two attempts to play finals day were washed away in May and September which meant the trophy was null and void for the summer. It closed a T20 career of just the one victory in 2018. A competition we didn't concur to the same degree as the trophy and the championship but one we did all we could do this year to win it for the first time in 6 years. Ultimately the English weather defeated all four teams!

Our championship campaign started dramatically with a last minute win against Devon on our first visit to Instow in 16 years! That was backed up with a dominating but incredibly hard working victory against Cornwall at Wargrave before an epic win against our trophy nemesis Cheshire at Nantwich. This left us needing to avoid defeat in our final division 1 game with Oxon to make it to the grand final. We managed that in tough circumstances as we walked away from a swelteringly hot Falkland with what in the end was a high scoring draw. We would return to Dartmouth West Bromwich to look to regain the championship title against Staffordshire.

We dominated the final for large portions but as with the T20 finals days, the weather beat both sides and we had to settle for a shared trophy after 4 days of hard work. To share it with Staffordshire looking back as I do now, reflects the position of the

two counties, in my eyes the two best in the country. It brought down the curtain on my championship campaign with a record of 6 titles (one shared) to go alongside the 6 western division titles. In the main the championship remained our bread and butter and I'm glad to walk away with that trophy in our cabinet.

In all 2024 can be looked at as yet another successful summer. On its completion I wasn't to know it would be my last, but looking back I'm pretty content with how it ended. To walk away with 13 trophies in 13 years I can actually reflect on now with immense pride and disbelief! We won four

doubles and went seven consecutive seasons winning a trophy. In the 13 years we became the most successful national county in its long and celebrated history, and we did it with our own.

In the winter of 2012 I was tasked with the job of creating first class cricketers and with producing a successful home grown 1st XI. The side that took the field on my final day had 9 of the 11 who first walked through the door at the cricket centre as 9 year olds. And we drove away with the trophy. We've helped 31 players go on to first class academies and 12 players sign professional contracts. Recently both



Shoaib Bashir and Jafer Chohan have gone on to play for England. I can walk away proud of all of that and confident I left the county in a better place than I found it with an incredible squad of players for the next coach to work with. Over to them now.

There are so many thank you's! To Mark Allum and Danny Hall who in the first instance chose me to take the county forward in September 2012, thank you for giving me this opportunity. To Mark Roche who has led the county throughout my time in charge and most impressively through the covid period, thank you for putting up with me. To my managers/chairmans, Jefferson Jones, Roy New, Eric Davison and Mark Simmons, thank you for all your support. To Neal Robinson who most recently has led the performance side of the county, you're doing an incredible job and the county is lucky to have you. To my scorers Sue Jones and Carl Kneale, thank you.

To the most important people I had alongside me. To Richard Logan you began all this as my first pro. I'll never forget that. To Stewart Davison, you turned us into machines. When I struggled the most in the job you were there. What we are now, owes much to you and your legacy lives on. To Pesty, I kept you alive and you kept me alive. Both remarkable efforts! You'll be the greatest NCCA player of all time. No one can tell me otherwise.

To my captains, Jimmy, Rich and Dan, I congratulate you all. All completely different and all equally successful. Jimmy you started it all and set the platform for all the success. Rich you looked after it for a year and delivered immediately. Lincs you took us and me to another level and I know you'll

continue to do so. Most will never understand you, I'm proud that I do.

To my players, thank you. There's been so many and you've all I hope been proud to call yourself Stags. That means something special to us all. Thanks lads.

Finally to all the supporters that have travelled up and down the country through my time in charge, it made such a difference to us. Mum and dad particularly. To Claire and Jack, thanks for your love and support and for putting up with me, I know that hasn't been easy. All we achieved was made easier by you.

33 years I've been with Berkshire, I'm just popping off to continue to champion NCCA players and to help put my club back together again. Once I've done that, I'm sure I'll be back one day. For now, the very best of luck to my county moving forward.

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WOMENS 1ST XI

Early season preparations started with warm up games against Exeter University before the game at Middlesex was lost to the weather. The 50 over competition began with a comfortable 8 wicket win against Bucks, having dismissed them for 191, which included 2 wickets for Mary Briscoe (u16) on debut. The run chase saw Mia Rogers (60) and Poppy Tulloch (84) set a new, record 1st wicket partnership putting on 166 runs, beating the record previously held by England Captain Heather Knight. The next fixture saw us travel to Northants. Another strong bowling performance saw us bowl the opposition out for 133. Following a steady start to the run chase, reaching 40 without loss, several quick wickets fell leaving the side 80-6. However, the 7th wicket partnership which saw Ceski Clarke (38*) and Poppy Camplin on debut (16*) come together to guide the team to the finish line. What would end up being our final 50 over fixture of the season, saw Hertfordshire travel to Finchampstead CC. The team would once again bowl first and dismissed Herts for 157, with Ceski Clarke returning figures of 3/10. However, on this occasion the side were unable to chase the score and were dismissed by Herts for 78. The two Hertfordshire spinners Ella Phillips and Bex Tyson doing the damage. Our final fixture saw Huntingdonshire concede, which meant the side ended the season finishing 3rd.

The T20 competition didn't get off to the greatest start, losing to Sussex by 5 wickets before the 2nd T20 vs Bucks

on the day would be washed out. Next saw a trip to Middlesex where we would face the hosts as well as Essex. The team came agonisingly close in both games, losing by 2 wickets in the final over to Essex before falling 11 runs short against Middlesex. Shayna Chikhlia picked up 6 wickets across the two games including 4/16. The next round of T20 fixtures saw a trip to Surrey along with Suffolk. First up was Suffolk and having won the toss elected to field. Suffolk were then dismissed off the last ball for 94 with Poppy Tulloch & Lily Bowlby picked up 3 wickets a piece. It was then another challenging chase, but the team got over the line with 1 wicket and 2 balls to spare.

The highlight of the season came at Surrey when the young side proved how resilient and strong willed, they have become, successfully winning a thrilling low scoring game.

Having lost the toss, Berkshire were invited to bat first and would post 98/6 (20) contributions from Cesca Sweet (23) and Lily Bowlby (23). An excellent powerplay with the ball from Poppy Tulloch (3/12) and Molly Bulteel (1/8) meant Surrey were reduced to 20/5. More tight bowling and regular wickets out of the powerplay meant Surrey were dismissed for 83, to leave Berkshire with a 15-run win. Our final outing of the season saw T20s against Kent & Hertfordshire at Cookham Dean. Kent batted first in game 1 and posted 135/4 (20). A strong run chase from the top order led us to a 6 wicket win with 5 balls to spare, with runs for Ariana Dowse (47), Ash Muttitt (34*)



and Poppy Tulloch (21). The final game of the season saw a 2nd fixture of the season against Herts. Having won the toss Herts went on to post 179/6 (20), which would provide a tough test for our batting unit that had progressed game by game in the T20 competition. Unfortunately, 179 would end up being out of reach but the team did put on their best batting display of the competition ending on 156/8 with runs from Izzy Storrar (41) and Poppy Tulloch (39). While it ended in defeat, it showed the progress the batting unit had made across the season, dealing far better with the Hertfordshire spinners compared to earlier in the season. This meant a mid-table finish for the team in the T20 format, finishing in 5th place.

Poppy Tulloch finished the leading run scorer, with 276 runs across 10 innings, as well as being the joint leading wicket taker shared with Shayna Chikhliia having taken 16 wickets each.

Debuts from Mary Briscoe, Poppy Camplin and Lily Bowlby meant we were able to once again show how strong our pathway has become,

developing players not only for our senior side but also players that are going on to play professional cricket. Francesca Sweet also made her debut, having previously represented Sussex.

As the landscape of senior women's cricket changes and we move to the new professional set up Berkshire continue to develop players, and we are proud to see how well Ava Lee performed in her first season as a professional with Southern Vipers. After gaining a place on the Vipers Academy last year and performing well in regional and second team cricket Poppy Tulloch has now been awarded a pro contract with Hampshire. Mia Rogers, having made her 50th appearance for Berkshire in 2024, has been awarded a contact at Durham. Ariana Dowse who represented the county over the past several season, signed a new professional contract with the newly formed Essex team. Several other players are now looking forward to taking opportunities with other Tier 2 sides and we wish everyone the very best for their future.

Tom Jackson





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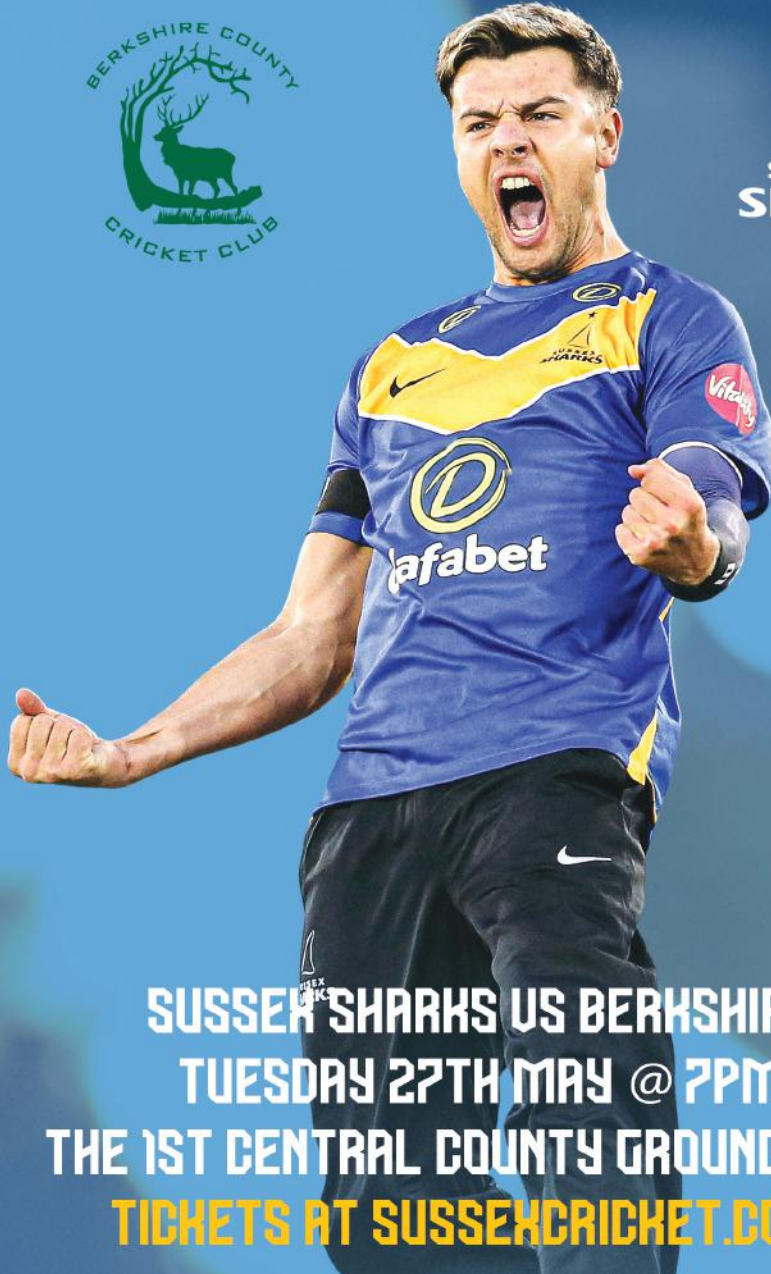


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TOM LAMBERT

As Tom Lambert moves on to pastures new in 2025 we caught up with his '3 Captains' James Morris, Richard Morris and Dan Lincoln who shared the past 13 seasons with him bringing great success and memories, Firstly James Morris . . .

When I think about Lambo's career as 1st XI Head Coach, there are a few defining characteristics that set him apart in my view:

1. **Winning.** Sometimes we can almost be apologetic about wanting to win but I always clicked well with Lambo because we understood together how important winning was, not just in terms of trophies but in terms of providing proof that our way works. It made young players stand up and think 'I want a piece of that.'
2. **Attention to detail.** No stone was ever left unturned. Whether that be the reasoning behind a selection, research of the opposition or ground etc.
3. **Respect.** He was respectful of every player/green blazer/supporter and



that meant he was respected back.

4. Relentless. His hunger and energy to do more, to focus on the next crop, to enjoy the European challenge never seemed to dwindle.
5. Work hard/play hard- there are child-like qualities to the way he sees the game. 'Have fun and express yourself' takes a lot of the pressure away from you as a player. We often found that new additions to the changing room felt like they belonged very quickly as a result

Our relationships as captain and coach was superb.

He had full trust in me to run the team on the pitch as I saw fit. He prepared us and I led us. It meant everything was always very clear and whether a game went well or not (it usually did!), we were able to sleep well at night knowing we'd done all we could. We made very special memories together over a long period of time and I know I speak for the a large portion of those core players when I say that Lambo was the main reason for that."

Richard Morris stepped in to lead the team for a period and was a key player across much of Berkshires successful summers, here he speaks on Tom's role in supporting him on that journey . . .

'Back in 2013, I was considering my options and whether I wanted to continue playing cricket at all, let alone at a competitive level. I then got a call from Lambo, who told me he'd taken notice of my performances in the Southern League, and saw me as an important piece of his Berkshire team. We had a fantastic decade together, owing in large part to the dedication

and skill of Lambo in crafting a team of excellent cricketers and personalities. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and fulfilling experience, driven by Lambo who made us all proud to represent Berkshire.

Dan Lincoln who took over as captain in 2022 and will lead the Men's 1st XI again in 2025 had the following to say on his relationship with Tom over the 2 years they worked as coach and captain . . .

What Lambo has achieved as 20x title and trophy winning coach is nothing short of miraculous but for me that's not his greatest achievement in a Berkshire shirt in my mind.

For Tom from afar, to be able to unite and mould teams year on year appears a seamless task.

However, once you have sat alongside the man for countless hours every single year, you only then, begin to understand the sheer passion and intelligence that he possesses as a coach, a mentor, a leader, a human being and as a Berkshire patriot.

These qualities in the man have had huge impacts on everyone that has passed through his changing room.

Whether that be England internationals like Jafer Chohan and Shoaib Bashir or the countless lads that have stepped into first class cricket under his watchful guidance, to the harmonious dressing room vibe that is always delicately nurtured on a daily, weekly, monthly, yearly basis that allows this fruitful pathway to continue reaching new heights on behalf of NCCA cricket in the very conservative, soundless and confident manner that embodies the man himself.

The amount of time and energy Tom and I have spent and put in together over the last three and a half years has been nothing but a privilege for me, (including the 14 phone calls a day in the summer contemplating and mulling over selections)

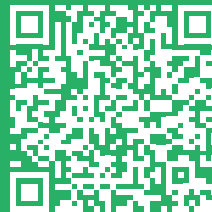
Thankfully this isn't the end of mine and Lambo's time working alongside each other and nor will it be for a big portion of the lads in the dressing room.

For those Green blazers, VP's and Berkshire fans, I do not imagine it'll be long before you will notice Berkshires greatest pacing round the boundary rope supporting the lads in green.

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Euan Woods batting for Berkshire on the third day of the Durant Cricket National Counties Championship Final against Staffordshire at West Bromwich Dartmouth Cricket Club on September 3rd, 2024.

Many of the photographs you'll see across this handbook and featuring on the Berkshire Cricket Social Media Accounts and Website throughout the season are kindly provided by the brilliantly talented Roger Byrne - Roger has a website with a vast bank of cricket images from across the country featuring many more Berkshire players in action from the last few seasons so we'd encourage you to check it out! Thanks again Roger for your fantastic images and support of Berkshire Cricket.

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CLUBS REVIEW

The senior 2024 season came to a thrilling finale with Henley pipping Finchampstead to take the **Mens Home Counties Premier League** title by just 1 point. Henley's 41 run victory over Finchampstead saw them crowned champions for the first time since 2019.

The Women's Home Counties Premier League was won by Moreton Mavericks with Berkshire's highest finishing side Falkland who came just short of retaining their title having to settle for third position. In Division 2 South Slough were Champions and will look forward to a greater challenge in 2025.

The Thames Valley League was won by Falkland who return to the Home Counties Division 2 for the first time since 2014 other notable Berkshire winners of TVCL leagues were Finchampstead 2nd XI who won Division 3A, Emmbrook & Bearwood 1st XI who won Division 4A and Maidenhead & Bray 2nd XI who won division 4B.

The Bracknell United 2nd XI were the highest Berkshire finishers in the **Berkshire, Chilterns & Mid Bucks League** securing a second place finish with Farley Hill 1st XI claiming the **Berkshire Premier League Title**.

The inaugural **Berkshire Women's Softball Leagues** were won by Crowthorne and Crownwood who took home the Division 1 crown, Reading Lions secured the Division 2 title with their second string taking out the Division 3 title.

The Berkshire Blast saw Falkland beat Slough to the top spot, whilst in **The South East Shires Cricket League** which continued its year on year expansion in 2024, with 8 full Divisions and a total of 74 teams, a large proportion of them from Berkshire. In fact, in the Premier Division, there were very nearly Berkshire champions as Slough Warriors and Kinara narrowly missed out on the big prize to High Wycombe Gymkhana. However, there were Berkshire successes elsewhere in the league, as West Reading 1st XI won Division 2 and Strictly Family won Division 4A. This autumn, a league Representative XI will once again embark on an overseas tour, this time to the UAE.

In midweek Cricket **The Serious Cricket Downs League** was won by Falkland, the Bracknell Midweek League saw Finchampstead just pipping Wokingham to the title and Hurst were winners of the **Reading Midweek Cricket League**.

In junior cricket 2024 saw all the Berkshire Cricket delivered competitions amalgamated under the Berkshire Cricket Competitions banner. The club youth competitions entries grew too 450 teams across mixed & girls-only competitions ranging from U9s through to U19s. Our highest level of club cricket known as 'Blast' competitions see's each competition culminate in a finals day. In the County Cup competitions (which acts as qualification for the national ECB competition) Slough CC retained

the U15s crown while Wokingham CC won the U13s competition.

WINNERS:

U19s Blast – Finchampstead CC

U17s Blast – Cookham Dean CC

U15s Blast – Sonning CC

U13s Blast – Valley End CC

U11s Blast – Slough CC

U15 County Cup – Slough CC

U13 County Cup – Wokingham CC

FUNDING

£76,000 worth of funding was invested through the County Grant Fund in 2024 bringing the running total to £300,000 since September 2021. The fund has now supported 42 projects to create more welcoming environments, provide enhanced facilities or tackle climate change.

WOMEN & GIRLS CRICKET

The Women & Girls Club game continued to thrive in 2024 with 92 Girls-only teams entered competitions including a 46% increase in the number of hardball teams. 2024 also saw a major revamp in our Women's Softball Competition which moved from an occasional festival format to a more regular set of league fixtures.

WSB Div 1 Winner – Slough CC

WSB Div 2 Winner – Binfield CC

WSB Div 3 Winner – Reading Lions CC

U19 Blast – Slough CC

U15 Blast – Slough CC

U13 Blast – Slough CC

U11 Blast – Slough CC

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SCHOOLS AND STREET CRICKET

Chance to Shine in schools brings free cricket to state schools, giving thousands of children in Berkshire their first experience of playing the game.

One child in particular, who attends James Elliman Primary in Slough, epitomises everything Chance to Shine are all about.

Jacob, a student in Year 3, had his first experience of cricket through a six-week whole school programme back in December 2023. Jacob was a child who typically didn't fully engage in sport or his PE lessons, but the Berkshire Cricket coaches delivering the CTS programme had a huge impact on him.

At the end of the six weeks of cricket delivery at James Elliman Primary, Jacob asked his grandma for a cricket set for Christmas and now Jacob is an avid cricket fan, looking to join a cricket club for the 2025 season.

Jacob's story is one that both us at Berkshire Cricket and Chance to Shine is extremely proud of. We were fortunate enough to follow up with Jacob in December 2024 and hosted a leadership morning through CTS at James Elliman, with a camera crew attending the session to capture as one of their case studies.

The camera crew captured School's

Manager, Ally Darlow, getting 40 children from the school playing cricket and showing them the skills to run their own games within the school.

This is just one of the offers that Chance to Shine has for schools, and their complete offer can see schools receive up to 36 hours of cricket delivery from one of our coaches, ranging from a standard six-week programme where all aspects of the game are taught, alongside several life skills such as resilience, empathy and teamwork.

Schools can also opt for Teacher CPD, a leadership programme for children and one-off cricket Engagement Days. Schools across the county can take up the Chance to Shine offer, and in the 2023/24 academic year we delivered 1253 hours of cricket in Primary schools across 65 schools, putting cricket in front of 7206 children.

Whilst Primary School delivery is the main body of what Chance to Shine provides, we also have an impact in Secondary Schools, offering Girl's Leadership programmes. In 23/24 we visited 13 state secondaries for a total of 347 hours, delivering to 995 girls. We're now looking to go above and beyond these figures during the 2024/25 academic year.

The impact of our work in school's



can be seen when looking at the feedback we get from teachers in schools. Feedback forms sent out after our programmes saw teachers rate us 9.1/10 on how likely they'd be to rebook Berkshire Cricket coaches back to their schools and saw teacher's confidence in delivering cricket go from 5.6/10 to 8.4/10 from the start to the end of our programmes.

Our work in schools is directly linked to the National Programmes we run. Whilst All Stars and Dynamos cricket is synonymous with the club game, it's also something we offer over the course of the summer holidays, in the form of Intros sessions, and in schools as after school clubs.

Over the summer holidays we run All Stars and Dynamos Intros sessions out of six locations across the county,

with 360 children signing up for six weeks of free coaching and receiving a personalised T-shirt.

A further 168 children signed up for free Dynamos afterschool clubs, with one of our Berkshire coaches staying on after an afternoon of curriculum coaching in a school to deliver Dynamos sessions that parents can sign their children up to for free.

In 2025 we've now increased the number of bursary places available, so more children in Berkshire can play more cricket in more places. This year we're able to improve on last year's total of 527 children experiencing national programmes for free as we have 594 bursaries, with room for that number to grow even further.

In addition our Chance to Shine Street projects continue to flourish with

National success in 2024 - The Slough Girls Chance to Shine Street team were crowned national U14 National Champions at this weeks National Finals at Nottingham University.

The Street teams participating were: Leicester, Bolton, Thornhill ,Slough, Derby, Worcester & East London

The number of girls playing at street clubs has tripled since 2018 and this event was the biggest to date with more than 150 girls competing.

After a thrilling morning of back-to-back matches, the Slough Un 14s girls made it through to the finals against Thornhill.

Slough batted first and put on a score of 52 for 2 in 6 overs, a couple of early wickets in the first 2 overs steered the game in the right direction for the Slough street team which secured them the win in the end!

The player of the tournament was Habiba Arslan from Slough. Habiba was one of the first participants who joined street cricket when the programme was launched in 2018. Habiba is now a part of the U15 County Age Group squad and has already been invited to take up additional training opportunities with our Extra Provision Group

Chance to Shine Street Cricket Clubs typically running every week, all year-round, the clubs give young people the opportunity to develop their cricket and life skills, whilst also taking part in informal matches.

The clubs run after school or on weekends, they are completely free, players don't need to bring any equipment and can wear whatever they like. The sessions run in sports

halls, youth clubs, parks, places of worship and community centres. Most clubs are open to all genders, but in some locations, we run girls only sessions.

Young people are given ownership of sessions so each club looks different – whether they want to progress their skills, or just want to have a fun time with their friends, our coaches will look to accommodate it, no matter the age or ability.



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30 YEAR FLASHBACK

SURREY V BERKSHIRE NATWEST TROPHY

27th June 1995 at The Oval



The old 60 over format matches were the highlight of a Minor County summer in the 80s and 90s. The opportunity to play against first-class counties in a national competition was always a keenly anticipated event and Berkshire's visit to the Oval in 1995 was one such occasion; amateur players pitting their skills against a side containing many test players on a test match ground.

The bare facts of the day were that Berkshire won the toss, elected to bat and were bowled out for 148, eventually losing the match by 9 wkts just before tea. Naturally, this was not part of the plan. The day had promised so much and, despite the result, it proved a memorable day on

and off the field.

The night before the game the team assembled at a hotel near Canary Wharf, had dinner and then a team meeting to confirm our approach for the following day. Players' minds were very much on the 'big game'. Across London, in the Lord's dressing room, Surrey captain, Alec Stewart, had been celebrating a memorable and very satisfying England test victory over the West Indies. As he made his way home that night, his mind couldn't have been further from his date with Berkshire the following morning!

In today's world, travelling across London by car is a challenge but one assisted somewhat by SatNav or Google maps. In 1995, without such assistance and with inexperienced 'navigators' in the passenger seat, the London traffic was too much for some. All arrived, eventually, including the opening batsman and opening bowler pairing who had set off for the Kensington Oval rather than the Kennington Oval!

Making your way into the pavilion, up to the dressing rooms and out onto the field of a test arena is a cricketing treat. Taking in the atmosphere whilst warming up eases the nerves and settles players in to what is home for the day. In bright sunshine we began our innings with confidence. We batted first with good intention.

Aftab Habib was in the form of his life; form that saw him signed for Leicestershire a couple of months

later and subsequently into the test arena. Gary Loveday, was also in prime form and on his way to becoming Berkshire's all-time leading run scorer. They were a formidable opening pair.

Julian Wood's career with Hampshire was only just behind him. He was familiar with these bowlers and this level of cricket. Early on he pulled Joey Benjamin for two cracking boundaries – vintage Woody! He was, in his own words, 'feeling bullet proof' before he became the first of Alec Stewart's six catches behind the wicket.

Simon Myles was in his first season with Berkshire. The year before he had scored 72 on this same ground, against the same opposition, in the same competition for Staffordshire. He felt at home on the Oval wicket and was relishing his return.

Then, in what seemed like a flash, all four were gone. Aftab and Myles were lbw and Wood caught behind off the Aussie test bowler, Carl Rackemann and England's Joey Benjamin. No disgrace in that, just bitterly disappointing. Loveday then became a first ever victim for a 17 year old Alex Tudor, making his debut for Surrey (what a good quiz question that would be). At 34 for 4 our backs were against the wall. Sadly, we never recovered and only an entertaining last wicket stand between Rob Pitcher and Darren Foster got us anywhere near the 150 mark.

It was then just a question of how quickly Surrey would knock the runs off, which they duly did in 25 overs for the loss of one wicket. Game over around tea time.

For a Minor County side (as we were then) to succeed in such a contest

they had to have an outstanding day and hope that the first-class side had a poor one. The Berkshire players had agreed that the best way to win the game was to bat first, work hard to get a decent score and then hope for early wickets and pressure the pro players. To a man we felt that giving Surrey first use of a flat wicket on a sunny day for 60 overs would not be conducive to success!

The eventual result and early finish did not sit well with many. The team was obviously very disappointed. We had approached the game in the right way, but were really only guilty of not showing up with the bat; we had a plan but, on the day, were not good enough to put that plan into practice.

When the draw for the 1995 competition was made the pairing of Surrey with Berkshire seemed an appropriate tribute to the great Peter May who had sadly died just before the New Year. Peter was born in Reading and attended Crosfields School before playing for Reading CC whilst at Charterhouse. There was, therefore, a true Berkshire connection with one of England's finest.

Some felt that this game should have been a celebration of May's life across the two counties, but we also had to remember that we were playing in a competitive match. There were varying views at the early finish – some unhappy with being denied a proper day's cricket, but others happy to use the early evening sunshine for a few beers by the Thames.

We were always tremendously well supported with travelling spectators for these games and this day at the Oval was one of the best. Vocal in

support for much of the day our crowd also offered advice on bowling changes as the game slipped away. The players were always grateful to Berkshire club folk who joined us on the road and even today we occasionally bump into people who were there and remind us how they paid good money to watch us play! Today, 30 years on, this is an opportunity to say 'thank you' to all who took a day off work to share a special cricketing day with us in the

years that these games were possible.

Footnote: In the depths of the 1995 winter, when meeting the chairman for a review of the summer, the captain arrived to discover that the great Denis Compton was a frequent drinking partner of the chairman. Denis remembered our day at the Oval very clearly and left the captain in no doubt as to the error of his ways in choosing to bat first!

Mark Simmons



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WALKING CRICKET

With 3 well established clubs all regularly taking part, Berkshire Cricket is looking for more clubs to join Walking Cricket this summer.

Aimed at those aged 55+, Walking Cricket is a fantastic way for people to improve their physical and mental wellbeing whilst enjoying the social environment the game is played in. Falkland, Holyport and Purely on Thames CC have all started Walking Cricket in the last couple of years and seen a rapid rise in popularity amongst their local community. Each club meets weekly to practice their skills and have regular social meetings to help meet new people. The clubs have also played fixtures against each other and more clubs would allow for Berkshire Cricket to run a league in the near future.

All these clubs have benefited greatly from having more volunteers at the

club. Walking Cricket members have helped complete numerous jobs for their club at times when other club members may be working. Another benefit of Walking Cricket is that no experience is required for people looking to join. There are a number of different ways individuals can get involved with the game (player, umpire, scorer, social member).

Berkshire Cricket strongly encourages every club to explore Walking Cricket. The cost to set up is minimal but can be a great way for clubs to diversify their offer and gain new members.

To get involved and find out more please don't hesitate in getting in touch with our very own Chris Baker chris.baker@berkshirecricket.org.



SENIORS CRICKET

SENIORS CRICKET REPORT 2024

2024 proved another successful season for senior's cricket in Berkshire. The section continues to provide diverse, inclusive midweek cricket opportunities for all seniors (aged 49+) who wish to continue playing competitive, but enjoyable cricket.

To remain competitive, we are always on the lookout for newly qualified players to reinvigorate our squads, so if you are still playing Saturday league cricket, but looking for a new challenge, this could be for you.

We thank all the clubs who generously make their grounds available to us, and we continue to strive to be excellent and convivial guests.

If any player or official would like more details or any club would like to host any of our (thirsty) teams, please contact our new secretary Bill Green on bill.green6222@gmail.com.

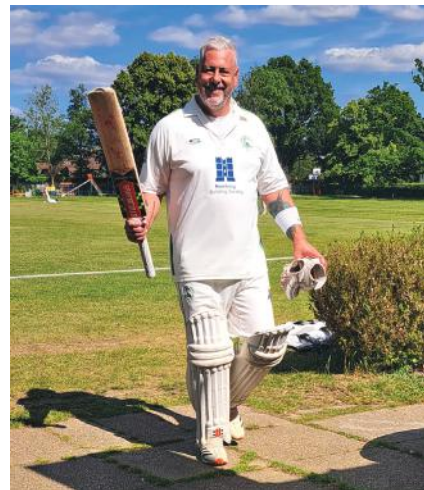
We run a full programme of indoor winter nets, followed by preseason outdoor nets, trial matches and friendlies in April and May – weather permitting.

THE 50+ 1ST XI again reached the knockout stages of the national ECB competition. In the last 16 we rather disappointingly failed to beat a strong Wales side, when victory seemed within our grasp. After a successful decade of captaincy Gary Loveday will be stepping down from the role. The popular all rounder Duncan Johnson, pictured leaving the field after scoring a century last season against Surrey,

will be taking over the reins for 2025.

THE 50+ 2ND XI were unlucky in the Plate quarter final, losing the replay when well set in the original match before weather intervened. Sean Taylor continued to captain the side with aplomb and Upendra Deshpande proved to be the star all-rounder.

THE 50+ 3RD XI plan to play a number



of friendly fixtures in 2025 allowing for all abilities to be represented.

THE 60+ 1ST XI played in an experimental SE Midlands Division in 2024. This proved just as competitive as the previous SE Division. The side ultimately lost to Yorkshire Ridings in the Semi Final of the Bowl competition. Gerry Bacon topped the batting stats and had an excellent season behind the stumps. Richard West's bowling (and admin) skills will be sadly missed as he moves away to Cheshire. John Bates, who has been an able deputy to Jim Warren, will be

taking over the captaincy of the side for 2025, as they return to the strong SE division.

THE 60+ 2ND XI also lost in their Bowl semi final to Middlesex. Captained again by Geoff Young, who led the batting averages, with David Brown contributing 13 wickets at 23 with the ball, the SE 2nd team division will once more provide stiff competition for this side in the coming season.

THE 60+ 3RD XI, continue to be by the indefatigable Mike Walton, struggled with availability, but will again look to hold down their place in the league. With greater numbers in 2025 we hope to see this side get considerably stronger.

THE 70+ 1ST XI had a new look and feel to it in 2024, following the ending of our relationship with Bucks. Partnering with our friends in Oxfordshire, the side reached the Vase semi final before

losing to Sussex. After a few weather related teething problems the side had a very enjoyable first year and look forward to more successes in 2025. 2nd team cricket will also be available for those in this age group not selected for the combined first team.

Senior's cricket continues to grow in both strength and numbers at a county and national/international level, allowing the many players who have contributed so much to the grassroots running of their clubs to continue playing the game we all love. Greater recognition of this and support from the ECB would be much appreciated.

I would like to add my personal thanks to all who have made contributions, large or small, which have helped in the smooth running of BSC, and wish everyone all the best for the 2025 season.

Andrew Davis – Section Chair



A promotional graphic for Berkshire Cricket. It features a central logo with a red cricket ball and three stumps, with the text "Berkshire Cricket" below it. The background is a collage of various cricket-related photos, including players in action, group photos, and award presentations. At the bottom, there is a call to action: "JOIN US NOW" with a play button icon, followed by "BECOME A FRIEND OF BERKSHIRE CRICKET" and the website "www.berkshirecricket.org". Below this is the hashtag "#FOBC" and a QR code.

WOMENS SOFTBALL & WORLD CUP

Last year, on September 22nd, Berkshire Cricket hosted the inaugural Women's Softball Cricket World Cup, a truly special event that celebrated the vibrant cultures within the women's softball community in Berkshire. Led by Michelle Jeyarajah, the Women and Girls Development Officer, the tournament featured teams representing Italy, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Australia, the West Indies, South Africa, and England. More than just a competition, this event was a heartfelt community celebration, fostering friendships and promoting cultural exchange.

The day was filled with resilience, camaraderie, and unity as players shared traditional food and drinks from their home countries. It was a powerful reminder of how sport can transcend borders and bring together people from diverse backgrounds.

Due to its overwhelming success and the call for more, we are thrilled to announce that the Women's Softball Cricket World Cup is returning this year on the 22nd of June at Crowthorne and Crownwood cricket club. Save the date – you won't want to miss it!

Details on how to sign up will be announced in our newsletter and social media closer to the time!

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DISABILITY CRICKET

Berkshire Cricket is a proud host of Lords Taverners Super 1's Cricket. Since October 2022, we have had over 50 participants join us at our weekly hubs in various locations around the county. There are now opportunities in West Berkshire, Reading, Maidenhead, Slough and Wokingham for young people with a disability to play Cricket regularly, and these weekly sessions provide an inclusive environment for our participants to improve their cricketing skills and develop key life skills.

Our annual Disability Cricket Festival held at Holyport Cricket Club has continued to be a huge success with the number of teams and participants growing each year. Our relationships with neighbouring counties such as Buckinghamshire and Surrey have been strengthened greatly through the festivals. These partnerships have provided increased opportunities for

our participants to compete in other festivals throughout the year.

Our schools offer continues to run all year round, with more schools taking part in both the soft ball and table cricket programme. In July 2024 we hosted our first ever special schools cricket event at Wokingham CC and this saw 7 schools join us for an amazing day of cricket.

CURRENT SUPER 1'S HUBS

MONDAY – Wokingham @Wokingham Leisure Centre 5-6pm

TUESDAY – Holyport @ St Pirans School 6-7pm (Summer Sundays 9-10am @Holyport CC)

WEDNESDAY – East Reading @ Bulmershe Leisure Centre 5-6pm

OTHER

Falkland CC Disability – Tuesdays 4-5.15pm @ Newbury College



BOYS PATHWAY



The 2024 season was another strong one for the Boys Pathway with plenty of cricket played from U10 to U18 ages. Our U10-11 players enjoyed an internal programme throughout the summer focusing on developing their game play skills in an environment which poses more challenge than their club and school cricket, whilst also allowing them to grow at their own pace with the support of our coaching team. The U12-13 age groups experienced County Age Group cricket against other Counties and we built on last year's introduction of regional teams to re-establish a District Cricket programme. This match play programme complimented the CAG cricket and gave both County and Development players the chance to compete

and develop under the guidance of our team. We also introduced bio banded match play at this age range, where players competed in a day of matches where they were selected in accordance to where they are in their physical maturation rather than their biological age, giving our coaching team a chance to compare the players without physicality playing a dominant role. The U14, U16, U18 sides took part in the ECB Competitions with some impressive performances spread across the season. The U16's came just short of qualifying for the National Quarter Finals, with good wins against Hampshire, Gloucestershire, as well as others. The U18 side reached the National Counties T20 final for the 3rd year in a row, and for the first time came up short to an impressive Devon side having won the competition in 2022 and 2023.

Notable performances were Ben Norrington and Rishit Pandey in the U13's hitting their first centuries, Lashvein Srisanker as an U15 hitting a match winning 114 against Hampshire U16's, and across our U18 season Avi Pasikanti, Jake Lawson, Charlie Hunt and Tejas Akavarapu all registered triple figures. With the ball we had seven 5 wicket hauls across the pathway season with Owen Bowles claiming two of these, and one each for Tom Wellings, Nilesh Bhandari, Finn Mercer, Thomas Williams and Girish Radhakrishnan.

We maintained our recent tradition of supplying players for the U15 Bunbury

Festival with Tom Wellings (Theale and Tilehurst) and Freddie Corbett (Cookham Dean) representing the South and West Squad. Tom was unfortunately injured as an U14 when he was due to attend the festival the previous year but both him and Freddie enjoyed a great week. We continued to see Berkshire pathway players represented in the Young Lions programme with Nilesh Bhandari, James Isbell and Navya Sharma all involved during the summer. Navya Sharma was also awarded with a rookie contract at Middlesex after an impressive summer.

As always there are many people that make the summer programme possible and a huge thanks goes out to James Woodford, Hammad Ali, Euan Woods, Mark Guest, Lee Collett, Matt Walmsley, Elvis Da Costa, Toby Greatwood, Mike Smith, Jon Stewart, Lewis Sharp and all the coaches who inspired our cricketers with huge energy and dedication. Another big thanks to all those players, parents, coaches, administrators, clubs, groundsman, umpires, scorers, etc, etc that help to make our programme flourish.

I wanted to make the final and biggest thank you of all to Tom Lambert. At the end of the season, we didn't know this would be Tom's final summer with the County but Tom has moved onto new challenges. Tom's impact on the Boys Pathway has been immeasurable over the last 13 years, from starting as the Performance Manager creating

the foundations that we now see throughout the programme, to more recently leading the U18, 2nd XI and 1st XI programmes as well as the Seam Bowling provision across the Pathway. Berkshire Cricket will forever be grateful to Tom for all his efforts.

Neal Robinson



GIRLS PATHWAY

The girls pathway had another hugely successful season in 2024, following up what was a brilliant 2023. Our U11s & U13s squad played in a combination of internal match play as well as fixtures against other local counties with over 70 players involved across these age groups.

Our U15s side participate in an ECB 40 over competition that see's us play eight 40 over matches against Dorset, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire and Buckinghamshire. The team continued to impress with the ball, bowling the opposition out in every match, except one. The team also played in five T20 double header friendlies which saw them win all their fixtures. The team's batting performances really stood out in T20 cricket.

Our U18s team played in ECB competitions in both a 50 over and T20 competition which saw them competing in a league to qualify for national knockout stages. In the 50 over competition, the team finished runners up in a group with Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Wales & Devon. The team also finished runners up in the T20 group which saw them qualify for the knockout stages. This led to a trip up north to Lancashire, where the team lost to the eventual winners. An amazing effort by the team which in the most part will still be U18s in 2025.

Eight current pathway players represented the 1st XI in 2024 with Poppy Camplin (U17), Lily Bowlby (U15)

and Mary Briscoe (U16) all making their 1st team debuts. Berkshire once again have a strong representation on the Vipers Emerging Player (EPP) and Academy programmes for 2024/25. Shristi Patil, Phebe Salter and Molly Bulteel all gained places for the first time on the 2024/25 Academy cohort. Izzy Storrar, Poppy Camplin, Kat Collie and Mary Briscoe all retained their places on the EPP and were joined by Emma MacEwen, Lily Bowlby, Tanvi Ravikumar and Naaz Asif Iqbal.

Tom Jackson





MENS FIXTURES

NCCA 50 OVER TROPHY

4th May	Oxfordshire (a) @ Wormsley Estate
5th May	Cornwall (h) @ Slough CC
11th May	Buckinghamshire (h) @ Falkland CC
18th May	Devon (a) @ Blundells School
27th July	T20 Finals Day

NCCA T20 COMPETITION

25th May	Oxfordshire (a) @ Challow & Childrey CC
15th June	Wales (h) @ Slough CC
29th June	Buckinghamshire (a) @ Chesham CC
6th July	Bedfordshire (h) @ Wargrave CC
26th May	T20 Finals Day @ Taunton

NCCA CHAMPIONSHIP

20th July	Devon (h) @ Wargrave CC
27th July	Cornwall (a) @ Truro CC
10th August	Herefordshire (h) @ Falkland CC
17th August	Oxfordshire (a) @ Thame Town CC

OTHER FIXTURES

27th April	Wiltshire (h) @ Thatcham CC – Marlborough Cup (50 Over)
27th May	Sussex (a) @ The 1st Central County Ground – 'The Showcase' (t20)



WOMENS FIXTURES

METRO BANK ONE DAY CUP - LEAGUE 3

20th April	Devon (a) @ Budleigh Salterton
27th April	Hertfordshire (a) @ Tring Park
1st June	Wiltshire (h) @ Sulhamstead & Ufton CC
10th August	Cheshire (a) @ Warrington Sports Ground
24th August	Staffordshire (a) @ Milford Hall CC
7th September	Cambridgeshire (h) @ Binfield CC
14th September	Buckinghamshire (h) @ Slough CC
21st September	50 Over Finals Day

VITALITY BLAST - LEAGUE 3

15th June	Devon (h) @ Wokingham CC
29th June	Hertfordshire (h) @ Wokingham CC
13th July	Wiltshire (a) @ Marlborough College
27th July	T20 Finals Day

VITALITY T20 WOMEN'S COUNTY CUP

5th May	Cornwall (a) @ Wadebridge CC
10th May	Round 2 (h) @ TBC
17th May	Round 3 (a) @ TBC
24th May	Quarter Final (h) @ TBC
26th May	T20 Finals Day @ Taunton



BERKSHIRE CRICKET OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Berkshire Cricket Officials Association (BCOA) is committed to the development and support of Umpires and Scorers in Berkshire.

Umpires and Scorers who officiate for their own Club in the County and who wish to develop and progress through the League structure, can look to BCOA for training in their chosen discipline. In the run-up to a new season and at times during the season as well, BCOA's Education Team runs a series of CPD courses with the aim of improving the skills of umpires as they progress to becoming a panel umpire in the Berkshire, Thames Valley or Home Counties Leagues and perhaps even going all the way to the National League and beyond. The BCOA programmes also help umpires to be the best they can be for their Club should they not wish to progress to a league panel.

BCOA fully supports and implements the ECB ACO training programme leading to the Officials Pathway and many of the training and mentoring initiatives developed by BCOA have been adopted by our National body.

BCOA meets regularly throughout the year, usually on the second Monday of each month and at Wokingham CC. Our programmes include Laws Training, quizzes, debates on the things that go on during the playing season, and social get-togethers. We often have a guest speaker joining us

and in recent years we have welcomed Neil Bainton, Ian Gould and John Barclay amongst others. Our meetings provide an opportunity for cricket

officials within the County to discuss all aspects of the game and share their experiences with their colleagues. Annual Membership of the Association is only £10 and our Monthly Meetings are free.

Contact details for all the Officers of BCOA can be found on the BCOA website at www.berkscoa.co.uk Why don't you come along to one of our meetings which are free to BCOA Members – the dates of which appear on our website – to see what we have to offer? I look forward to seeing you.

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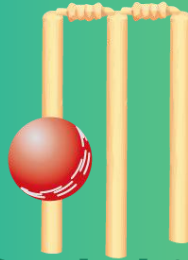
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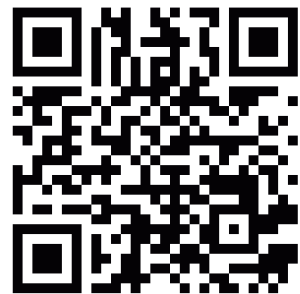
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