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“The Scoop”

February bulletin from Herefordshire Cricket

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Welcome to the February edition of The Scoop!

Hello everyone and welcome to the first edition of 2025. Hoping the festive period allowed you some rest and relaxation with your nearest and dearest we now set sail on the new cricket year. It would be true to say that Herefordshire Cricket is moving to a new era in many ways and rapidly.

Many of you will have heard or read that over the recent period we have been recruiting new staff to support Cricket in the County. In particular we have been searching for a Cricket Performance Manager (Boys). Cricket Development Officer (Women's and Girls Cricket) and a National Counties Head Coach to work with the men's first team. Adverts closed in early January with interviews held in late Jan with the following appointments made –

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Introducing Ed McCabe NEW Cricket Performance Manager (boys)



Ed comes with a wealth of experience having been part of the Warwickshire Cricket programmes for some 24 years. An ECB Level 3 Coach with numerous responsibilities over many years in their pathway programme in the boys and girls game and in senior management positions at Edgbaston. Ed is also an ECB Coach Developer having run numerous coaching courses and has a wealth of experience of planning programmes, managing teams and coaching teams, as well as working with parents and players. Ed is a member of Ombersley Cricket Club where he coaches at club junior level and brings experience of junior club cricket that he will be able to weave into the programmes at HCL. We welcome Ed and hope that his time with us is happy and fruitful.

Introducing Kate Brazier

(Women and Girls')



Kate has previously worked with Herefordshire Cricket on several development programmes and projects in schools and across the women's and girls' programme. She currently plays her Cricket in and for Shropshire and is a member of Ludlow CC. An ECB Level 2 coach Kate has coached across several genres in Herefordshire Cricket and for someone relatively young in years has extensive experience in the female game and is immersed and invested in Club Cricket. We look forward to her starting and wish her the best of luck – please reach out to her once she has her feet under the table.

Club Cricket

Annual Awards 28th March



Our Annual Awards take place on Friday 28th March at the Hereford Football Club.

Nominations are now OPEN and are welcome from far and wide.

Vote for awards such as:

School of the Year, Outstanding Services to Cricket, Official of the Year, Community Club and the Safe Hands award amongst many others. The more votes the better, so please share with friends, family club volunteers and members.

[CLICK HERE](#) to nominate now!

GET SET WEEKEND 5th and 6th April

The ECB are encouraging all clubs to run a “Get Set Weekend” to get their facilities ready for the start of the 2025 cricket season.

The Get Set Weekend, powered by The Cricket Collective, has for many years been a pre-season focal point for clubs up and down the country and is taking place on **5 & 6 April 2025**. It is a brilliant opportunity for clubs to set themselves up for a successful season ahead. In 2024, over 1,600 clubs and 33,000 people got involved across England and Wales, supporting their clubs and local communities.

This year, ECB want to encourage clubs to place a focus not only on getting their facilities and equipment ready, but also on inspiring and celebrating their people, be it

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All Stars and Dynamos



With the priority window for All Stars and Dynamos Cricket rapidly approaching, please start uploading your All Stars and Dynamos courses for May, and the summer holiday period as soon as possible. Please also ensure that your courses are set up to be visible on the search results so that parents and guardians are finding the best location for their children. Here is our guide on how to upload courses.

[Course Upload Guide](#)

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Community Cricket



Our next HCL cricket camp is nearly upon us and we are offering cricket coaching to all children between the ages of 7 and 13. The fun starts at 9am on each day with pick up at 3pm from the school car park. Any ability is welcome, and we will be catering for beginners all the way through to county star players in our differentiated activities.

If you would like to book onto this event or share it with others, please use the poster above. The QR code will take you to the simple booking form.

Once again, we are partnering with GB Liners to deliver this cricket camp, so a huge thank you to them for their continued support for our offers of cricket to our young people. For more information on our sponsor please visit www.gbliners.com

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Our partnership with the MCC is proving to be a great success. We are now halfway through our ten-week programme. We have 19 regular participants in the sessions which are aimed at cricketers from state schools in the county. The MCCF midlands manager Andy Hibberd came to join us last week and gave us this encouraging feedback. **“...lots of variety with plenty of game-based activities in which you created a great learning environment. Planning wise, top of the class regionally – keep up that great work”**. We are excited to see how far we can take this fantastic group of young men as they work hard to go further in cricket.

Women's and Girls' Cricket

NEW Herefordshire Women's X1

Women's Open Trials

Herefordshire Cricket are preparing for an exciting summer of cricket in the top level of Tier 3 of the new Women's County Domestic structure. Our successful player pathway has resulted in players progressing within the new structure and therefore we are holding 3 open observation sessions for prospective new Women's squad players.

have an ambition to play and be involved in Herefordshire Women's success and tradition as a dedicated County in Women's cricket.

The sessions are on:

Thursday February 27th 630-830pm at Whitecross School

Thursday March 27th 630-830pm at Whitecross School and finally

Sunday March 30th 1-3pm at Hereford Cathedral School

Players can attend one two or all 3 trials to give themselves best chance of selection.

Please register for the trials by clicking on the link below. If there are any questions then please contact [**Richard Cox**](#)

Women's Indoor League



The graphic features a dark blue background with a grid of white stars of varying sizes. At the top is the Herefordshire Cricket logo. Below it is the text 'HEREFORDSHIRE CRICKET WOMENS INDOOR LEAGUE' and 'LEAGUE TABLE'. The table itself has a white header row with columns for 'POS', 'CLUB', 'PL', 'W', 'D', 'L', 'BONUS', and 'PTS'. The data is as follows:

POS	CLUB	PL	W	D	L	BONUS	PTS
1	KINGTON COMETS	8	6	0	2	48	78
2	GOODRICH PANTHERS	8	4	0	4	48	68
3	BROCKHAMPTON LADIES	8	5	0	3	40	65
4	BARTESTREE & LUGWARDINE LADIES	8	1	0	7	40	45

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Our second women's indoor league has so far been extremely competitive with closely fought matches being mixed in with a huge amount of laughter, camaraderie and music. The teams have all shown great improvement since the inaugural event in 2024. After 4 weeks current champions Kington are looking favourites to take the title again, but with other teams beginning to win more games and also collecting bonus points, this years league could go down to the wire!

The league, although competitive, is very much focused on fun first and is open to all ages and abilities. For more information on how you can take part contact [**Pete Gale**](#)



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