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## Monthly bulletin from Herefordshire Cricket

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### **In this Newsletter .....**

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Herefordshire 1st X1 2023 Season Review

Hello Everyone

Welcome to the first post-season newsletter with what has an autumnal feel about things already. Firstly, many congrats to Wormelow, Kington and Moccas Cricket Clubs, the respective winners of the GB Liners Marches League Divisions (in the WCCL) for 2023. For those clubs who had just missed out or had a tricky season with availability, injuries, and weather (the 3sureties of Club Cricket) let's hope you can re-group and go again next season. There are a number of end-of-season meetings for

This month we have started the Intro with Club Cricket given the intended importance of it to all things Cricket in Herefordshire. There are several upcoming events that require all our engagement –

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## Cricket Education

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### Core Coach

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Whether you want to help out at your local club or aspire to coach at a higher level there is a cricket coach course for you. Our next course is the Core Coach Course :

Sunday 12th November, 19th November, 26th November and 3rd December.

- To find out if this course is right for you, [click here](#) or **BOOK HERE**

Although there is a cost to these courses there are bursary funds available which covers the following groups:-

- **Potential coaches/coaches that are female.**
- **Potential coaches/coaches from ethnically diverse communities**

If anyone within your club wishes to apply for one of the bursary funds above then please ask them to follow this link and read all about it before applying for their place - [New Bursaries Announced | Herefordshire Cricket](#)

If you are not eligible to apply for a bursary then please contact [Kirsty Sockett](#) or for details on how Herefordshire Cricket Ltd can reduce the cost of your course if you are coaching in the county by up to 50%.

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## Community Cricket

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# Chance To Shine Cricket in Full Swing

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Our chance to shine cricket programmes have kicked off this term in Staunton-on-Wye, Much Birch, Wigmore and Kington Primary. Our coaches support school staff to deliver cricket sessions once a week for a six-week period and aim to develop the all-round skills of the children they work with, whilst improving the confidence of school staff to deliver sessions independently.

The sessions are specifically designed for the different ages and abilities of the children and make sure that, whether it's the very first time they have picked up a bat and a ball or if they play regularly at their local club, everyone learns and improves during the lesson. The sessions ensure that children are achieving the skills they

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Please contact [Pete Gale](#) for more information about schools cricket.

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## Disability Cricket @Point 4 Hereford

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This week sees a great moment for Herefordshire Cricket as we take the reins of the fabulous Super 1s Cricket Programme. The programme is a nationwide cricket project that enables us to work with Herefordshire children that have significant disabilities, thanks to the generous funding from The Lords Taverners. We have partnered with the RNC and Point 4 to ensure that this amazing club can continue. We must thank our friends at Worcestershire Cricket for all their hard work over the last 12 months in supporting our players in Herefordshire and being a huge help in setting up this hub.

Please contact [Pete Gale](#) for more information about Disability cricket.

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## Club Corner

# Women's and Girls Development

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## Women and Girls Season Reviews

On 2nd October we welcomed parents' of our county age group girls to Pentland Gardens. The meeting was very positive overall with plenty of useful discussion and sharing of thoughts and ideas helping us to move forward together. Thank you to everyone that attended and to all of those that contributed to a useful and worthwhile event. This will be followed by a clubs women and girls meeting on Monday 9th October 6.30pm at Pentland Gardens. This meeting is about our exciting new Women's Softball Indoor League which starts in January. Clubs attending so far are Bartestree & Lugwardine, Ross on Wye, Dales, Brockhampton and Kington. If your

## Player focus: Holly Brookes-Owen

We are delighted to hear that one of our brightest young stars has begun the Edgbaston Cricket Education Programme in Birmingham. Holly (pic above) has represented Herefordshire since U11s and has also played cricket for Worcestershire, Herefordshire Women and now plays men's cricket at Bartestree and Lugwardine CC. Holly has already started coaching after completing her All-Stars activator training and will complete her foundation coaching certificate as part of her course.

For women and girls cricket contact [Pete Gale](#)

# Junior Cricket HCL "100" Cup Competition

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This season we launched the **NEW "100" Cup Competition** at U11's, U13's and U15's coinciding with the National Competition.

After two initial knock out rounds, two semi-finals and a final were played at Brockhampton CC.

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Burghill Tillington and Weobley (BT&W) V Luctonians  
U11 Final BT&W v Eastnor with **BT&W winning the cup**

U13 semis were between - Bromyard V Eastnor and Wormelow V BT&W  
U13 Final Wormelow V Eastnor with **Eastnor winning the cup**

U15 semis were between - Wormelow V Kington and Kington V Colwall  
U15 Final Wormelow V Colwall with **Wormelow winning the cup**

Thank you to Brockhampton CC for hosting.

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## Eastnor CC and Friends Raise Funds for the Injured Jockeys Charity

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CHARITIES are set to benefit by more than £2,000 after a celebrity cricket match involving former Worcestershire cricketers, National Hunt Jockeys and trainers, and local club cricketers.

Although the 20-overs-a-side match was played out in almost continuous rain at Eastnor, the generosity of those present ensured that the afternoon was far from a wash-out for the Injured Jockeys Fund, with £2,100 raised to date. This comfortably passes the £1,700 raised by a similar event last year.

And that already impressive total may rise still higher as there is on-line bidding still available for some items on Brightwells website.

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## National Counties

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## Herefordshire 1st X1 Review of 2023



*Ben Chapman-Lilley*



*James Rudge*



*Roshan Venkatamaran*

HEREFORDSHIRE'S rain-ravaged season ended in disappointment with the county side relegated back to NCCA Western Division 2 after a two-season stay in the top flight. While defeat in the final match against Devon at Sidmouth sealed the county's fate, it was the final day of the three-day clash against Berkshire at Eastnor which ultimately proved crucial. After dominating proceedings for the first two days, Herefordshire lost their grip on the game on the final morning when Berkshire were allowed to get away to set a victory target of 206. This proved well beyond the home side who were shot out for 76 after a disappointing batting display. Herefordshire had also been in the game throughout against Oxfordshire in their other home game, but regular interruptions by rain prevented a conclusive result. Matters had been even worse against Cheshire when all three days of the match at Alderley Edge were washed out, allowing not even a single ball to be bowled.

Notwithstanding the disappointments of the red ball campaign, there were some notable highlights with Ben Chapman-Lilley scoring 260 runs at an average of 65.00 with two 50's and one century and James Rudge the leading wicket-taker with 13 wickets at 19.00, which included a 10 wicket haul against Berkshire. In the all-rounder category, Roshan Venkatamaran took 12 wickets at 32.75 and averaged 37.66 with the bat. The full list of Championship averages can be found [here](#).



games – two against Devon at Sandford and two at home to Wiltshire at Eastnor – were abandoned without any play possible. The season had begun with two defeats to Dorset at Sherborne School where the visitors failed to get to grips with a strong spin attack. But on a much improved day against Cornwall, where after a first-match defeat, Herefordshire beat the side which went on to head the group, showing what might have been.

It was a similar story of falling just short in the 50-over competition where defeat against Cumbria at Brockhampton by just a single wicket from the final ball of the game was to prove crucial. A comprehensive defeat by Northumberland at Jesmond gave little indication of what was to follow when wins over Lincolnshire at Brockhampton and over Oxfordshire at Great and Little Tew would have brought quarter-final qualification had that Cumbria result gone the other way.

While we already know our Championship opponents for next year –rivalries will be rekindled over three days with Wales, Shropshire, Wiltshire and Dorset – indications are that the groups for the T20 and 50-overcompetitions will be redrawn. All will be revealed before the end of the year!

Sincere thanks to Richard Prime for this season's review and for his match previews and reports throughout the season



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