



HENSHALLS SCCL NEWSLETTER

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Quatt claim Aarons Senior Slam trophy

Quatt cruised to victory in this year's Shropshire Cricket League Aarons Legal Senior Slam thanks to some tight bowling and explosive batting.

They took on Sentinel in the final at Wem CC, winners of the trophy two years ago.

After winning the toss and deciding to bat first, the Shrewsbury-based side got off to a fast start with Jamie Wear hitting a rapid 23 off just ten balls with a 6 and four boundaries.

But the Sentinel men were left to rue a number of their batsmen getting starts without going on to make a big score as they were restricted to 137-8 from their 20 overs.

Mal Serplet made 24, Tom Matthews 23 and skipper Ed Ashlin 26, but wickets fell at regular intervals as Jonathan Edwards, Criag Jones, Ryan Wheldon and James Ralph all claimed two apiece.

Sentinel picked up an early wicket in the reply through Alex Johnson, but Ralph and Dan Plank then put on 75 in quick time before Plank was caught off spinner Dom Bradburne for 37 off just 26 balls. But there was no stopping Man-of-the-Match Ralph who smashed 78 off 42 balls including 12 boundaries and a 6 to steer his side to victory with more than five overs to spare.

Earlier Quatt had seen off Madeley in the semi-final after winning the toss and putting the opposition in to bat and quickly reducing them to 54-8.

Daniel Bowdler (20) and skipper Martin Boyle (28 not out) combined to add some respectability to the total with a 39-run ninth wicket partnership, but Madeley were still dismissed for 100 with two overs of their allocation remaining.

Terry Cowburn led the way with the ball, claiming 4-24 from his four overs, while Wheldon chipped in with 3-15 and Jones 2-16.

That total proved nowhere near enough with Ralph hitting 39 off 27 balls before he was bowled by Gavin Jones, while Dan Plank hit 47 off just 31 as Quatt claimed the win in the 11th



Quatt celebrate with the Aarons Senior Slam trophy after their victory on Finals Day at Wem CC



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over. In the first semi-final of the day, Sentinel had also enjoyed an easy win against Pontesbury after putting their opponents in to bat and dismissing them for 79.

Matthew Hartshorn top scored with 20, but left-arm quick Johnson was the chief destroyer claiming 4-16, supported by Joe Yapp (2-16) and George Cheshire (2-14). There was a wicket apiece for Bradburne and Andy Harrison. In reply, Wear hit 30 and Steve Gray 25 before they were dismissed by Sam Morris and Tom Duddleston respectively, but Sentinel reached their target for the loss of just two wickets in the 12th over to reach the final.

A League spokesman said: "Congratulations to Quatt on their victory. Thank you to Aarons Solicitors for their support of the competition and to Wem CC and all the umpires who stood on a great day of cricket."



Quatt's James Ralph receives the Aarons Man-of-the-Match award from Richard Barge



Semi-finalists Madeley and Pontesbury line up for the camera ahead of their appearances at the SCCL Aarons Senior Slam Finals Day

Great shots from Senior Slam finals day



Quatt skipper Craig Jones receives the trophy from Richard Barge, Partner at Aarons Solicitors



Umpire Kevin Smith, Sentinel skippers Ed Ashlin Craig Jones from Quatt and umpire Pip Barber



James Ralph goes on the attack for Quatt



Pontesbury's Owen Morris keeps an eye on the ball



The pink balls used for Senior Slam finals day



The Sentinel boys head out onto the field





Tom guides Monty to Junior Slam crown

Montgomery produced a dominant display to claim the Aarons Junior Slam trophy with victory over Hodnet, Peplow & Tibberton.

Tom Corfield hit an unbeaten 42 as Monty reached their victory target in the 16th over after restricting their opponents to 109-8 in the final at Bomere Heath CC.

Hodnet won the toss and chose to bat first, but literally ran into trouble as their first three batsmen were run out.

Richard Barge top scored with 20, but the Monty bowlers took a wicket apiece with Aaron Ruff-Cock leading the way with 1-12 off his four overs including a wicket maiden.

In the reply, Corfield anchored the innings 42 off 46 balls while Andrew Barker hit 23 and Iuan Griffiths 22 as Monty reached their victory target for the loss of three wickets – two of them to run out.

Monty qualified for the final with victory over Ellesmere, while Hodent, Peplow & Tibberton beat Shifnal III in their semi-final.

A League spokesman said: "Congratulations to Montgomery on their victory in the final, and to Tom Corfield on his Man-of-the-Match performance."

"Special thanks to Aaron & Partners Solicitors for their support of our knockout competitions this season, it is much appreciated."

"And thanks to Bomere Heath for hosting the Junior Slam final and the umpires on the day."



Montgomery opener Tom Corfield receives the Junior Slam Man-of-the-Match award for his unbeaten 42 in the final





Runs and wickets in the race to the line

With the Henshalls County Cricket League season past the half-way point, there have been some great individual performances up and down the divisions.

In the Premier League, Wem's overseas star Rishav Das is leading the way with the bat, averaging nearly 90, to help his side's push for the title, while Ludlow's Joe Williams is leading the way with the ball.

In Division One, Allsoctt Heath's prolific opening batsman Carl Starling is once again amongst the runs with 655 at an average of more than 70, while Wroxeter and Uppington's Simon Jones is the top wicket taker in the league with 42.

Hinstock's Harvey Wakefield is the top run scorer in the league in Division Three with 864 at an incredible average of 144 while Scott Furber's first half of the season with Much Wenlock sees him as the top wicket-taker with 29, although with his move to Quatt for the second half of the season, that accolade is now up for grabs.

Bridgnorth 3rd's youngster Niall McAdam is the leading the way with the bat in Division Four, while League newboys Column have the top wicket-taker in Jon Yardley.

Lewis Rollason is the leading the way with the bat in the top division of the 2nd IX competition as his Worfield side push for the title, while Sentinel's Pete Ezard's experience with the ball sees him take the honours in the bowling stakes with 23 wickets.

Madeley 2nd XI's Chris Hodson is enjoying a good season with the bat in Division Two, notching up 408 runs, while Ian Slater's left armers have bagged him 22 wickets for Willey 2nd XI.

Alberbury's Steve Cowie leads the way

Top Run Scorers up to Week 13

Division	Name	Team	Runs	Average
Premier	Rishav Das	Wem 1st XI	699	87.38
1	Carl Starling	Allsoctt Heath 1st XI	655	72.78
2	Avi Mathur	Church Aston	507	84.5
3	Harvey Wakefield	Hinstock	864	144
4	Niall McAdam	Bridgnorth 3rd XI	344	84
D1 - 2nd	Lewis Rollason	Worfield 2nd XI	434	54.25
D2 - 2nd	Chris Hodson	Madeley 2nd XI	408	68
D3 - 2nd	Steve Cowie	Alberbury 2nd XI	589	58.9
Sunday 1	Dan Parry	Cound 3rd XI	639	91.29
Sunday 2	Tom Griffin	Whitchurch 3rd XI	296	49.33

Leading Wicket Takers up to Week 13

Division	Name	Team	Wickets	Average
Premier	Joe Williams	Ludlow 1st XI	30	13.47
1	Simon Jones	Wroxeter and Uppington	42	8.64
2	Ashley Thomas	Ellesmere 1st XI	34	8.41
3	Scott Furber	Much Wenlock 1st XI	29	10.48
4	Jon Yardley	Column	18	17.06
D1 - 2nd	Peter Ezard	Sentinel 2nd XI	23	10.39
D2 - 2nd	Ian Slater	Willey 2nd XI	22	13.23
D3 - 2nd	Daniel Lewis-Lakelin	Pontesbury 2nd XI	23	12.7
Sunday 1	Abdul Khan	Newport 3rd XI	18	15.83
Sunday 2	Ian Hartley	Madeley 4th XI	12	8.67

with the bat in Division Three of the 2nd XI competition with nearly 600 runs, while Pontesbury's Daniel Lewis-Lakelin is the leading bowler in the division with 23 victims.

In Sunday Division One, Cound's Dan Parry leads the way with the bat after smashing four centuries on his way to over 600 runs at an average of over 90, while Newport's Adbul Khan is the leading wicket taker.

In Sunday Division Two, Whitchurch's Tom Griffin leads the way with the bat, while Madeley's Ian Hartley has bagged the most wickets.

But with nearly half a season still to play, the battle to be the top run-scorer and wicket-taker in each division is still up for grabs ahead of the big end of season awards night.

So there's still time for you, or someone from your club, to get on the honours board and help your side in their bid to claim a league title.





That's out! Action from the Henshalls SCCL clash between Newtown and Ludlow this season



Eyes on the ball at Llanidloes v Guilsfield

Royal honour for Knockin & Kinnerley



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
The MBE for volunteer groups

Knockin & Kinnerley CC – a club at the heart of its community in Shropshire – hosted a Women's Softball Cricket Festival this summer

Knockin & Kinnerley have become one of only a handful of clubs across the country to receive the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

The award is the highest honour given to volunteer groups, and Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League members Knockin & Kinnerley were one of seven groups across Shropshire to receive the coveted honour this year.

The news was revealed in the London Gazette, and the club will receive their special award from the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire, Sir Algernon Heber-Percy, later in the summer.

Two committee members had a great day out at Buckingham Palace for a Royal Garden Party.

The citation said Knockin & Kinnerley was a club 'where members are truly inclusive in fostering teamwork, respect, discipline,

sportsmanship and enjoyment, the rural club is committed to supporting people of all ages, genders, abilities and those with disabilities'.

Chairman Barrie Hawkin said: "We are honoured and delighted to receive this award.

"We are based in a rural community where the chances for locals to get together are limited, and the club provides a base where all sorts of people, young and old, can come together and play together."

Cricket Shropshire Chairman Keith Higgins said: "Congratulations to all at Knockin & Kinnerley on being given this prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

"It is a recognition for all the hard work the volunteers there put into making it the heartbeat of the local community."

The club has no paid staff and is reliant on volunteer support. It has seen its membership grow by 240 per cent since 2010, drawing adults and children from a wide area.

It now has 212 playing members aged

between 5 and 69, runs four weekend and two mid-week teams, age group sides at U15s, U13s and U11s level together with a girls U11s side.

There is a hive of activity at the club which was founded in 1862 and has a new pavilion which was opened in 2011 with regular junior training nights.

One of the most recent developments has been the launch of a representative Ladies' team which has competed at Women's Softball Cricket festivals in Shropshire this summer – including one hosted by the club.

The Presentation Evening for the award will be held at the club on Friday, August 24, from 6pm with a number of special events planned on the night.





A double taste of the action from the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League clash between Welshpool and Alberbury in Division One

Scott and Connor in outstanding form

There have been some outstanding individual performances in the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League this season.

This has led to some big debates among the members of the Player of the Month Awards committee! The winner for April/May was **Scott Furber** for his performances for Division Three side Much Wenlock.

Following his close season move from Broseley, Scott made a stunning start to the season taking 21 wickets at 9.52 and scoring 296 runs at an average of 99 with four half centuries.

The awards committee were asked to decide between Furber and the other short-listed player, Simon Jones of Wroxeter. Jones, who has led from the front at the Division One side, can consider himself very unlucky having taken an incredible 30 wickets at an average of 6.

It was a narrow 3-2 vote that decided in favour of Scott, who has now moved to Quatt, in what were two of the most outstanding monthly performances we have had in recent years.

The Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League player of the month for June is **Connor Glendinning** of Division Three side Chelmarsh.

A regular award winner in recent times, he had an outstanding month scoring 457 league runs in five innings at an average of 152.33, with two centuries. The five-man awards panel was again split with the other short-listed player Matty Cliffe of Beacon, who took 16 wickets at an average of 5.75 picking up two votes.

Chairman Jamie Dowley said: "Once again the player of the month is from Division Three and it's interesting to note that the three leading run scorers in the league all play in this division, proving once again that some of the best players are to be found outside the top level."

Connor received his award from League committee member Tom Lea, who said: "It was an honour to present the award to Connor and an even bigger honour to claim his prized wicket later in the day. Not many have done that this season!" Lea is a bowler for Iscoyd and Fenns Bank who defeated Chelmarsh by 45 runs in their mid-table Division 3 clash.



Player of the month award winners Connor Glendinning receiving his award from Tom Lea from Iscoyd & Fenns Bank, and (inset) Scott Furber.





A couple of shots from Bishop's Castle's Division Three clash with Hodnet, Peplow & Tibberton in the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League

Premier League dates for 2019 season

The dates for the Premier League season in 2019 have been agreed by the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League's Management Committee.

This has been done as part of the big reorganisation which is taking place following the decision to restructure the Birmingham & District Cricket League from next year.

That will see the Birmingham League reduced to just two divisions.

It has been agreed that the 2019 Shropshire Premier League season will begin on Saturday, April 27, with the final games being played on Saturday, September 7.

Henshalls SCCL secretary Brian Kitson said: "This is earlier than previous seasons to allow

the Premier Division champions to play in the proposed play-offs for the Birmingham League which will be played on the following two weekends."

This also means that Premier Division fixtures will be played on the following Bank Holiday Mondays.

- **Spring Bank Holiday Monday May 27**
- **Summer Bank Holiday Monday August 26**

The champions from the four feeder Leagues will be involved in round robin play-offs to decidewho will get the two promotion places available in the Birmingham League"

A decision on the dates for the other divisions in Shropshire has yet to be made as more work needs to be done for the reorganisation.

The reserve teams of all Birmingham League

clubs are coming back into the Shropshire structure, and the decision has been made to revert to a 'linear' model with no reserve (or 2nd XI) divisions. This means a final decision on how many divisions there will be in the Shropshire League, and which clubs will play where, can only be made once this season is finished.

Clubs will also be given a chance to say how many teams they wish to enter into the League next season. This follows issues this year where a number of clubs have either withdrawn teams or seen sides removed as a result of conceding five fixtures during the year.

● All clubs in the League should now have received a survey which will be used to help shape the future of recreational cricket in Shropshire.

Please can clubs consult members and return by September 19.



Church Stretton taking on Much Wenlock in the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League

JUNIOR FINALS

The date for the Henshalls Shropshire County Cricket League Junior Finals day has now been agreed. It will take place at Shelton CC in Shrewsbury on Sunday, September 9. For more information contact the League's Junior Organiser Darrell Corfield via email: Darrell.Corfield@icloud.com.

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