

Welcome to the Henshalls SCCL Newsletter 2016 Mid-Season Edition

As we reach the mid point part of the season it is good to see the league tables taking shape and of course let us come up with who we think will win the respective divisions.

The Premier Division sees Sentinel and Wem leading the way, pushing for promotion to the Birmingham League, followed by 3rd place Quatt and 4th placed Ludlow. At the bottom a fight is taking place between Forton, Bomere Heath and Shelton – There is clearly still lots to play for!

Meanwhile in Division One, former Premier Division clubs, Market Drayton and Newtown are hitting form at the right time heading the table above Knockin and Kinnerley and Cound.



2016 Premier League Captains with League Chairman - Gordon Smith



2016 SCCL Lynx Senior Slam T20 – Sentinel Champions!



2016 SCCL Lynx Senior Slam T20 Champions – Sentinel CC

Sentinel won the Lynx Trussed Rafter Senior Slam with a hard-fought 30 run win over last year's runners-up Wem at Madeley CC. Asked to bat first, Sentinel's powerful batting line-up struggled early on with semi-final heroes Dave Laird and Jamie Wear both dismissed cheaply but a pair of 33s from this seasons new signings Joe Yapp and Tom Matthews, added to a quick 20no at the end of the innings from Mal Serplet, pushed the Shrewsbury sides score up to 119-7 from their 20 overs, a total that looked to be considerably under-par after scores earlier in the day. For Wem, South African quick Kerwin Mungroo was almost unplayable with 3-9 from his 4 overs, while Jim Astley's 2-21 helped to keep the Sentinel innings in check.



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In reply, Wem's innings never really got going as Laird ripped through their top order, dismissing Steve Blenkinsop, Martyn Davies and Josh Gough on his way to figures of 3-8 from his 3 over spell. Mungroo (14) and Tom Astley (24) tried to get the innings back on track but wickets continued to fall at regular intervals and despite an entertaining cameo of 19no. from Jim Astley, including one huge 6, Wem subsided to 89 all out in the 15th over, Yapp, Wear and Alex Johnson all taking 2 wickets each.



2016 SCCL Lynx Senior Slam T20 Winning Sentinel Captain – Ed Ashlin



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Kerwin Mungroo bowling earlier in the season at Ludlow CC

Wem's Mungroo was awarded the man of the match award for his first innings spell.

While Martyn Davies won the Champagne Moment award for a stunning catch on the wide midwicket boundary in Wem's semi-final win over Broseley.

Earlier in the day, both semi-finals were one-sided affairs as Sentinel beat Frankton by 9 wickets, chasing down the north Shropshire sides 142-7 as Laird smashed 77no and Wear 51 to win with 4 overs to spare. This was despite Michael Eckard's earlier knock of 87, including 8 sixes, as Frankton doubled their score in the last 5 overs of the innings. In the second semi-final, Wem comfortably saw off Broseley by 6 wickets, Gavin Jones top scoring for Broseley with 25 – before 'that' catch from Davies - in their score of 95 all out. In reply, 24 from Mungroo coupled with contributions all down the Wem batting line-up was enough to see them home with just under 3 overs to spare.

The League would like to thank umpires Colin Wetherley-Mein, Mike Cliffe and Peter Smith as well as all the members at Madeley CC for their tremendous hospitality.



2016 SCCL Lynx Junior Slam T20 – Willey Champions!

Willey won the 2016 Junior Slam, defeating Harcourt by 5 wickets in the final played at Wem.

Asked to bat first, Harcourt racked up what looked like a competitive 153-4 from their 20 overs, Darren Evason top scoring with 50 while Steve Jones hammered an unbeaten 42, including 2 sixes, and opener Martin Jones contributed 20. Graham Ball was the pick of the Willey bowlers, returning 2-15 from his 4-over spell.



Willey CC – 2016 SCCL Lynx Junior Slam T20 Champions



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In reply, Willey got off to a great start, putting on 55 for the first wicket inside 8 overs. Nathan Garbett continued the innings' impetus as he rode his luck with a number of dropped catches to bludgeon 65 off only 35 balls, including 10 fours and two sixes, and despite 2-21 from Mike Jones, a slightly more sedate 25 from Ball was enough to see Willey claim the trophy with 11 balls to spare.

Junior Slam organiser Jamie Dowley commented 'Once again the Junior Slam proved a great success with 24 clubs entering. With four different semi-finalists from last year it shows that the competition is wide open and all the teams that enter have the chance of winning the trophy'.

The League would like to thank the umpires Kevin Smith & Alan Kynaston and Wem CC for hosting the final.



Willey CC – Home of the 2016 SCCL Lynx Junior Slam T20 Winners



SCCL Highlights of the Season so far

Correct as of Week 13 (including T20 Slam Competitions)

•Highest Score all Divisions

1. Gurjeet Saini 167* Chelmarsh vs **Church Aston**
2. Johnathan Mitchell 164* **Whittington** vs Much Wenlock 2nd XI
3. Matt Morris 161* Pontesbury 2nd XI vs **Bomere Heath 2nd XI**

•Best Bowling Figures all Divisions

1. Todd Cornehl 9/11 **Church Stretton** vs Shrewsbury 3rd XI
2. Peter Lee 8/11 Iscoyd 1st XI vs **Church Stretton**
3. Steve Griffiths 8/12 **Shelton 2nd XI** vs Ellesmere 2nd XI

•Most Wickets all Divisions

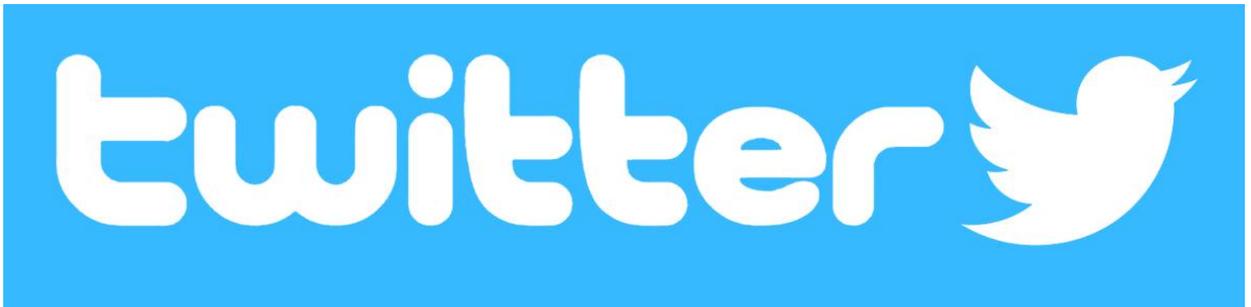
1. Kerwin Mungroo **Wem 1st XI** 44 Wickets at 7.77 Runs
2. Michael Eckard **Frankton 1st XI** 42 Wickets at 10.43 Runs
3. Nick Maegraith **Beacon 1st XI** 39 Wickets @ 7.38 Runs

•Most Wicket Keeping Victims all Divisions

- Joint 1st = Chris Jones **St Georges 1st XI** and Shaun Rigby **Madeley 1st XI** 17 victims (based on 16 catches and 1 stumping)

•Most Fielding Victims all Divisions

- Michael Eckard **Frankton 1st XI** 14 Victims (based on 13 catches and 1 run out)



Twitter up and Tweeting

You may recall that in the previous newsletter we mentioned that the league are looking into setting up a Twitter account. We are pleased to announce that we are now active on Twitter and would encourage all clubs to follow us to keep up to date with what is happening throughout the league. Furthermore if clubs can tag the league when results and fixtures are announced on their Twitter pages we can then create a more open social media outlet.

Please search for @ShropCCLeague or search Shropshire County Cricket League in the Twitter Search Bar.



Sentinel 1st XI vs Ludlow 1st XI 2016 (Premier)



Church Stretton vs Shrewsbury 3rd XI 2016 (Div 2)



Player of the month award

April/May - The League Awards Committee has been busy evaluating early season form. The award for April/May went to Steve Williams of Prees CC who racked up 373 runs in the first 6 games at a mind-boggling average of 177.5 with a top score of 105no. Steve also took 10 wickets at 13.6. Market Drayton 2nd XI bowler Steve Wickstead was the runner up with 20 wickets at 5.7, including two five-wicket returns.



June - June's award was won by Richard Dyer of Broseley 2nds. In just 4 games he took 19 wickets at just 3 runs each including both a 7 and 8 wicket haul. Awards Chair Jamie Dowley said 'it was a tough month to adjudicate with several stand out performers including Matthew Cohen of Wem, Gurjeet Saini of Church Aston and Jonathan Mitchell of Whittington, all of whom scored heavily, but Richard's outstanding figures with the ball swung the decision in his favour'.



Small Grants Fund

The League's Small Grants Fund is now closed after it reached its expenditure limit of £6000. Facilities Chair Adam Phillips said 'We are really pleased with the success of the fund over the last 18 months - in partnership with the Shropshire Cricket Board we have managed to help 17 different clubs with funding for a variety of projects from new pavilions to net facilities to upgrading rollers and mowers. We are hopeful that we can re-open the scheme for a second round of funding in the near future and will keep clubs updated on progress.'



Quatt 1st XI vs Shelton 1st XI 2016 (Premier)



Items for 2017 Yearbook

The League is still looking for clubs to contribute articles and pictures for the 2017 Yearbook. Any information and accompanying photos about President's or charity days, new facilities, pavilion renovations, high scores, 10-fers or other unusual occurrences would be gratefully received so if you have any ideas or content that you think might be of interest please contact the chair of the Yearbook Sub-Committee Adam Phillips adamp@timberframe.co.uk

Appeal for Spare or Unwanted Cricket Equipment

The League has received an email from Paul Gibbon who is looking for second hand or discarded cricket equipment of any kind to ship to Germany. Paul runs a cricket club in Cologne and says that Germany has been overwhelmed with Afghan, Pakistani and Bangladeshi refugees who want to play cricket. The growth in clubs is exponential – they just haven't got enough kit.

If any of our clubs can help, please contact Paul directly at paulgibbon@yahoo.de

League Urges Vigilance after Machinery Thefts

FIVE SCCL clubs have had break-ins and machinery stolen over the last few months. Clubs are reminded to ensure that pavilions and storage sheds are secure and alarmed where appropriate, all equipment is stored securely and that insurance cover is up-to-date and adequate to replace any machinery in case of theft.



SCCL Age Group Representative Teams for 2017

The League is considering the possibility of organising either an U18s or U21s representative team (or possibly both!) to play games in 2017, possibly against the other Birmingham League feeder leagues. The League would be looking for clubs to nominate possible players in each age group. If anyone would like to help with this or has any ideas on how this can be run successfully, please contact Adam Phillips adamp@timberframe.co.uk



Scenic Shot of Millichope Park – Home of Corvedale Cricket Club (1st XI Division 3 and 2nd XI Reserve Division 3)



National Cricket Playing Survey 2016

Have your say and influence the future of your cricket by taking part in this year's [National Cricket Playing Survey](#).

The 2016 survey is now open and is the shortest ever – a 'pulse-check' taking less than 10 minutes. You can give feedback on your satisfaction with the game, the effectiveness of any changes you've experienced, and your thoughts on how your club cricket should continue to change.

By taking the survey, you will also have the chance to win a £250 voucher for the ECB online shop, which stocks all the latest playing equipment.

This year, the Shropshire County Cricket League has selected specific questions to ask our players, to make the survey as relevant as possible to you and your teammates.

Whether you're a first team regular, or play the odd Sunday friendly game, this is your chance to make your views heard and get the cricket you want.

Take the survey at: www.ecb.co.uk/survey



THE NATIONAL CRICKET PLAYING SURVEY 2016

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Bowler's Restrictions – All Divisions

All clubs and captains should be aware by now that the wording contained in the Yearbook under SCCL Rules & Guidelines 2016 in Sections 20.2, 20.3 & 20.4 in respect of Bowling Regulations is incorrect. This was reported to all attendees at the Captains' Meeting & the attached amendment containing the correct Rules was distributed to each team at that meeting.

However it does appear that this amendment has not filtered down to all team captains so the League would be grateful if all clubs could ensure that their team captains are aware of the correct ruling to avoid any further confusion. Please see below for the correct ruling.

20.2 Bowler's Restrictions – Premier & Division One

20.2.1 No Bowler may bowl more than **30%** of the available overs in any innings up to a maximum of **15** overs per bowler (but see clause 20.3, below for Premier Division involving Win/Lose format games).

20.2.2 If on resumption of play after an interruption a bowler has already exceeded the new maximum number of overs, he shall not be allowed to bowl again, other than to complete an unfinished over. Prior to the resumption, the umpires shall advise captains and scorers of the maximum number of overs available per bowler (see tables in Appendix E).

20.2.3 In the event of a bowler being incapacitated or suspended and being unable to complete an over, the remaining balls will be bowled by another bowler, provided that bowler did not bowl the previous over or part thereof. Such part of an over shall count as a full over in so far as each bowler's limit is concerned.

20.2.4 In the event of a contravention of this clause or of Clause 20.3.1, the Results Co-ordinator shall award and deduct points, having regard to the match situation.

20.3 Bowler's Restrictions – Premier Division

20.3.1 In the Win/Lose format of the game, no bowler will be permitted to bowl more than 1/5 of the overs to be bowled. In the event of an interruption in play, the provisions of clause 20.2.2 will apply.

20.4 Bowler's Restrictions – Lower Divisions

20.4.1 In all divisions except the Premier and Division One, teams must use at least **five** bowlers in their allotted overs, all of whom must bowl a minimum of **four** overs each; alternatively, the overs of any bowler may be shared with a 6th, 7th or 8th bowler, provided that the aggregate of overs bowled by these players is at least 4, and provided that no one bowls more than 15 overs.

Future Newsletters

The newsletter is produced by the IT, Social Media and Publication Sub-Committee of the Henshalls SCCL Committee. So if you do have any news, information or photos that you wish to share with the league and member clubs. Then please send any information to;

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We hope you enjoy reading the newsletters and embrace the new website and social media outlets that have been developed, see <http://www.shropshirecricketleague.co.uk/> for more information.



Albrighton 1st XI vs Broseley 1st XI 2016 (Premier)