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## President's Report

Way back in April, it was my pleasure to award life membership ties to Colin Barthorpe and Brian Foxall for their outstanding commitment to the county for a number of years. Many thanks to you both and I look forward to your company, as supporters, in the future.

On the cricket front, we were rewarded with a fantastic summer and consequently some very exhilarating cricket. Maybe I'm old fashioned, but the Twenty20 competition did not seem to catch on for our supporters, something for the MCCA to perhaps look into.

In the 50 over knockout competition, we reached the semi-final where we lost to our old adversary Cheshire, who went forward to defeat Devon in the final. A special mention to Mike Barnard as his bowling in all the matches was outstanding and his unavailability in the Championship became more apparent as the season progressed.

The big one, of course, is the Championship and once again we proved that our squad is one of the best on the circuit. We played six, won four, drew one and lost one. In most seasons, this record would be enough to clinch the title but not this time.

That honour went to Berkshire who inflicted our only defeat during the campaign. One significant theme during the summer was the camaraderie between the players with only 16 used out of a squad of 20 plus.

County caps were awarded to Steve Leach, our captain, who as usual led from the front, and to Ross Aucott, a home grown player, whose consistency is beyond reproach. Well done to you both.

Behind the scenes, the committee, fronted by Toby Shaw, continue to keep the show on the road. Our hospitality day at Wrekin College was, as usual, a great success, generating valuable funds for both local charities and the club. Thank you, Headmaster, for the use of your facilities and your hospitality.

Throughout the summer, Bryan Jones and Ian Roe must be congratulated for their commitment to the pre-match workouts, always well organised and also good to watch. Steve Leach will again lead the team in 2019 and I firmly believe my next report will be one of "AT LAST!!".

The President's lunch took place on Sunday, March 24 at the Castle Hotel, Tern Hill.

Finally, a sincere thank you to all our supporters. We are the envy of most clubs and we always have 30 or so 'regulars' for our away fixtures. I do know that the captain and his team really appreciate your presence and long may it continue.

**Bill Bromley, President**



*Bill Bromley, centre, with Colin Barthorpe, left, and Brian Foxall both made life members of Shropshire CC at the start of last season*

# Berkshire v Shropshire

## UNICORNS T20 GROUP MATCH

Sunday, May 6th 2018 at Wargrave CC

### Match 1

Berkshire CCC won by 75 runs

Berkshire 2 points

Shropshire 0 points

#### **Berkshire**

A. Rishton c Whitney b Ibbotson	46
C. Peploe st Gregory b Whitney	41
R. Morris st Gregory b Whitney	9
D. Lincoln c Ali b Wyatt	67
E. Woods not out	17
S. Davison+ not out	0
J. Morris	
B. Gilmour	
T. Nugent	
E. Bamber	
O. Birts	
Extras 5b 3lb 7w 6nb	21
Total (4 wickets, 20 overs)	201
Fall of the Wickets	
80 91 127 197	

#### **Shropshire**

W. Parton* b Birts	15
O. Ali c Nugent b Bamber	0
A. Kerzeeze c Morris b Gilmour	69
R. Aucott st Davison b Woods	3
S. Gregory+ hit wicket b Woods	0
J. Edwards c Woods b Birts	0
S. Whitney st Davison b Woods	9
T. Ibbotson not out	16
M. Barnard b Bamber	0
A. Wyatt not out	1
G. Sandhu	
Extras 0b 1lb 12w 0nb	13
Total (8 wickets, 20 overs)	126
Fall of the Wickets	
8 45 48 49 51 81 121 125	

### Bowling

A. Kerzeeze	2	0	22	0	T. Nugent	2	0	19	0
G. Sandhu	4	0	46	0	E. Bamber	4	0	34	2
M. Barnard	3	0	28	0	O. Birts	4	0	13	2
S. Whitney	4	0	21	2	E. Woods	4	0	31	3
T. Ibbotson	3	0	21	1	C. Peploe	4	0	10	0
A. Wyatt	4	0	55	1	B. Gilmour	2	0	18	1

### Match 2

Berkshire CCC won by 7 wickets

Berkshire 2 points

Shropshire 0 points

#### **Shropshire**

W. Parton* c Lincoln b Peploe	20
O. Ali c Bamber b Birts	18
A. Kerzeeze b Peploe	23
R. Aucott c Woods b Ali Akbar Raj	31
D. Laird lbw b Ali Akbar Raj	0
S. Gregory+ c Birts b Gilmour	25
J. Edwards lbw b Peploe	1
S. Whitney not out	3
T. Ibbotson not out	2
M. Barnard	
A. Wyatt	
G. Sandhu	

#### **Berkshire**

A. Rishton b Ibbotson	51
C. Peploe st Gregory b Kerzeeze	36
R. Morris not out	15
D. Lincoln st Gregory b Whitney	3
E. Woods not out	17
J. Morris*	
B. Gilmour	
S. Davison+	
E. Bamber	
O. Birts	
Ali Akbar Raj	

Extras 0b 2lb 2w 0nb	4	Extras 1b 5lb 2w 0nb	8
Total (7 wickets, 20 overs)	127	Total (3 wickets, 13.1 overs)	130
Fall of the Wickets		Fall of the Wickets	
38 40 85 89 96 101 127		69 90 103	

### **Bowling**

E. Woods	4	0	24	0	M. Barnard	2	0	22	0
E. Bamber	3	0	34	0	G. Sandhu	1	0	13	0
O. Birts	4	0	31	1	A. Kervezee	2	0	24	1
C. Peploe	4	0	17	3	S. Whitney	4	0	27	1
Ali Akbar Raj	4	0	18	2	T. Ibbotson	3.1	0	31	1
B. Gilmour	1	0	1	1	J. Edwards	1	0	7	0

Shropshire's first group fixtures in the new Twenty20 competition for Minor Counties clubs ended in defeat at the hands of a strong Berkshire side in the Wargrave sunshine.

It always promised to be a tough opening assignment for the county against a Berkshire team which completed the double the previous season by winning both the Unicorns Championship and one-day Trophy.

Berkshire won the day's first match by 75 runs and the second encounter by seven wickets.

Berkshire, invited to bat first in the opener, rattled up 201-4 with Dan Lincoln, whose 50 came off 31 balls, leading the way with 67 after the home innings was given solid foundations by openers Andy Rishton (46) and Chris Peploe (41).

Bridgnorth spinner Sam Whitney, who took 2-21 from his four overs, eventually broke the partnership with the first wicket falling with the score on 80, when wicketkeeper Simon Gregory stumped Peploe.

There was also a wicket apiece for Shrewsbury's Tyler Ibbotson and Shifnal's Alex Wyatt.

Alexei Kervezee shone as Shropshire, in reply, ended short of their target, closing on 126-8.

Kervezee struck an entertaining 69 from just 29 balls, hitting four sixes and five fours in the process, with Euan Woods, who claimed 3-31, the pick of the home attack.

Shropshire opted to bat in the second match which followed in the afternoon and totalled 127-7 from their 20 overs.

Captain Will Parton, who hit 20 from nine balls, and Omar Ali, first man out for 18, quickly put on 38.

Ross Aucott (31), Gregory (25) and Kervezee (23) also weighed in, with Berkshire spinner Peploe taking 3-17.

Berkshire then responded with 130-3, completing their chase in the 14th over. Openers Rishton (51) and Peploe (36) once more kept the scoreboard ticking over, with the wickets shared between Kervezee, Ibbotson and Whitney..

**Umpires:** A. Harris & R. Hampshire

**Scorers:** C. Kneale & S. Mears



*Will Parton captained Shropshire for the first time in the opening T20 group matches against Berkshire at Wargrave*