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# Women's and Girls' Club Competitions



## **VITALITY WOMEN'S CLUB T20**

The Vitality Women's Club T20 Finals were held at Kibworth Cricket Club in Leicestershire at the start of August with both the Cup and Plate Finals taking place on the same day.

Bridgwater CC (Somerset) won the Cup competition with a 17 run victory over Sessay CC (Yorkshire). Emily Geach (36 from 38 balls) and Josie Cherson (27 not out from 35 balls) held together the Bridgwater innings as they made 110-9 from their 20 overs. Despite Ophelia Watson hitting 33 not out off 42 balls for Sessay, a good all-round bowling performance including Georgia Tulip (2-14 from 4 overs) and Tilly Bond (2-15 from 4 overs) lead the Somerset side to the title.

The Plate Final was something of a local derby as Mildenhall CC (Suffolk) took on Thriplow CC (Cambridgeshire) and it was Thriplow that eased to victory by 9 wickets. After being asked to bat first, Mildenhall struggled to get partnerships

going thanks to some tight Thriplow bowling, with Lara Neild (2-10 from 3 overs) the pick of the bowlers as Mildenhall reached 96-8. In reply opener Isabella Routledge struck an unbeaten 58 from 48 balls, supported by Chaaya Malik's 21 not out, saw Thriplow home with 15 balls to spare.



#### LADY TAVERNERS GIRLS CLUB T20

The Lady Taverners Girls U13 & U15 Club T20 Finals were back at their familiar home of Neston Cricket Club in Cheshire in mid-August which the finals played over two days.

Day one saw the U13 Finals taking place and it was Porthill Park CC (Staffordshire) that came out on top after two exciting matches. The morning semi final saw them take on South Wilts CC (Wiltshire) and after amassing an impressive 139-4 from their 20 overs, with Matilda Gater top scoring with 73, they then dismissed South Wilts for 51, Melisha Tennakoon taking 4-21. The final was a high-scoring spectacle with Porthill Park playing against Richmond CC (Middlesex), who had beaten Leyland CC (Lancashire) in their semi final. It was the turn of captain Lauren Kenvyn to

impress with the bat as she hit an unbeaten 105 from 66 balls as Porthill Park reached 175-4. In reply Richmond chased well, but Kenvyn took 2-17 from her 4 overs to check the reply and Richmond ended 32 runs short on 143-5, Neharika Shenai top scoring with 32.

Porthill Park then made it a double as their U15 side also took the title the following day. They took on Hursley Park CC (Hampshire) in that final enjoying a 6 wicket win with a familiar face in the runs again. Fresh from her U13 success, Lauren Kenvyn scored 24 not out and combined with Amy Griffiths (44 not out from 29 balls) as Porthill Park reached their target in the 13<sup>th</sup> over. They had earlier bowled Hursley Park out for 99, with another U13 winner Melisha Tennakoon taking 2-4. Both had come through the morning semi finals with Hursley Park beating South Northumberland CC (Northumberland) by 65 runs, Mia Clark (68 not out from 62 balls) and Caitlin Chissell (60 from 36 balls) impressing and Porthill Park beating Tunbridge Wells CC (Kent) by 27 runs in a high-scoring match, Griffiths again in the runs for Porthill Park (86 not out from 56 balls) and captain Jemima Spence hitting 83 from just 48 balls for Tunbridge Wells.

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### **ROYAL LONDON CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Royal London Club Championship Final was held in September with Bath CC (Somerset) taking the title for the first time in their history at Wormsley Cricket Ground.

On the back of some impressive performances in the competition this season, Bath came into the final confident of not repeating the three previous final defeats, the last one which was against their opposition in 2021, Sandiacre Town CC

(Derbyshire). Bath chose to bat first and despite losing two early wickets, Sam Young (78 from 81 balls), Brad Porteous (34 from 66 balls) and Jack Scrivens (34 not out from 25 balls) helped them to 220-8 from their 40 overs with Matthew Newbold the pick of the Sandiacre Town bowlers taking 3-63. Sandiacre Town in reply struggled and only two players reached double figures. Scott McNeill's unbeaten 75 from 84 balls was impressive but he ran out of partners as the Derbyshire side were dismissed for 139 with four of the Bath bowling attack taking two wickets each.



#### **VITALITY CLUB T20**

The Vitality Club T20 Cup and Plate Finals were held at Northamptonshire CCC on Sunday.

The Plate Final, a competition being held for the first time this season aimed at non-ECB Premier Leagues, saw Quatt CC (Shropshire) taking on Pershore CC (Worcestershire) and it was Pershore that had two individual standout performances which saw them to victory. Batting first, Pershore reached 169-3 from their 20 overs with Mike Green stranded on 99 not out at the end. It was then the turn of Andrew Hill who dismissed the top six Quatt batters to finish with figures of 6-13 from his 4 overs as Quatt were all out for 86 meaning Pershore winning the Plate by 83 runs.

In the Cup Final, Tunbridge Wells CC (Kent) played Barnard Castle CC (Durham) with both clubs winning their Regional Finals in August by 9 wickets. Barnard Castle chose to bat first but found themselves 43-4 after some excellent bowling. Karl Carver (55 not out from 49 balls) supported by Finn Usher (22 from 26 balls) and James Clarkson (17 not out from 10 balls) then combined to help Barnard Castle to a total of 125-5. Tunbridge Wells also lost early wickets but it was Alex Williams who kept the scoreboard ticking over (53 not out from 44 balls) and some late hitting by Matthew Barker (35 not out from 20 balls) that saw Tunbridge Wells home (128-5) to win by 5 wickets and 9 balls to spare.



### VITALITY U13/U15 CLUB T20

The U13 and U15 Club T20 Finals were back at Rugby School in August and saw wins for Esher CC (Surrey) and Knowle & Dorridge CC (Warwickshire).

Esher produced an excellent all-round performance to win the U13 Final by 10 wickets, overcoming New Rover CC (Yorkshire). New Rover were dismissed for 78 as Tom Price (3-10), Alfie Webb (2-12) and Felix Le Vesconte (2-19) did the damage from their 4 overs each. Noah Luxman (32 not out from 49 balls) and Richie Page (31 not out from 31 balls) helped the Surrey side home with more than five overs remaining.

The U15 Final had Knowle & Dorridge taking on Exeter CC (Devon) and after choosing to bat first, Exeter scored 125-3 from their 20 overs with Seb Linnitt top scoring with an unbeaten 50 from 47 balls (with batters having to retire at 50 in this competition). It was a good target set and while Knowle & Dorridge were always just ahead of the required run rate it was a close finish. Hamza Shaikh retired on 50

from 48 balls but it was Joshua Reynolds (23 not out from 16 balls) and Amir Khan (21 not out from 26 balls) that saw them home with 3 balls remaining.

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