

East Scotland Cricket Update

May 2013



Welcome

Welcome everyone to the East Scotland Cricket Update for May 2013. Hopefully this monthly update will highlight some of the cricket related happenings in Edinburgh, the Lothians and Borders. If you have any questions about the information contained in here or wish to get something included in future editions please contact the East Region Participation Manager Ian Sandbrook on the details below:

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Club News

The new TOP Club criteria and PDFs have been distributed to clubs and are also available on the Cricket Scotland website, under the `Get Involved` section.

If you have any questions regarding TOP Club or you wish to set up an initial meeting to become active on the program please contact me directly

The club cricket season is now underway for most clubs and to the relief of everyone the weather has been very kind so far. With the fixtures coming thick and fast we wish all teams the best for the season!

Summer Squad

As many of you will be aware the Summer Squad Coaching Program is now well underway in all areas. In fact, many of the projects have been running since the start of the year and the work done by the coaches and clubs in our local schools has been fantastic.

The projects are aimed at getting direct investment into our clubs and schools to help build the profile of cricket and also attract new cricketers into our clubs. If your club is interested in being involved in this in the future please contact me to discuss the possibilities.

Currently there are the following projects in our region that are funded by partnerships between Cricket Scotland, Local Authorities and clubs:

- 2 x City of Edinburgh projects managed by Gordon Drummond and involving 7 clubs
- Borders Junior Development Group project that's being delivered by STK Coaching and involving 6 clubs



Above: ASDA Kwik Cricket Primary Schools Finals at Doo`cot Park, Perth. Let`s hope that our school teams from the East can have success at the finals in June this year

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- East Lothian project covering 5 clubs with Nicola Wilson as the Development Officer
- West Lothian project covering 3 clubs with Toby Hardwick as the Development Officer
- Mid-Lothian/Penicuik CC project

This has been a fantastic development for cricket in the region and to have targeted support in areas like East Lothian and West Lothian is extremely encouraging. If your club requires any support please contact the relevant Development Officer in your region or contact Ian Sandbrook directly and we will be happy to assist you.

Kwik Cricket Festivals

Below is a list of upcoming Kwik Cricket Festivals in the East. Please make sure you contact the relevant club should you wish to enter:

- 24th May – Livingston Schools Festival, Livingston CC
- 2nd June – Grange CC
- 4th June – East Lothian Schools Festival, Meadowmill
- 5th June – Edinburgh Primary Schools Festival, Cavalry Park
- 7th June – Linlithgow Schools Festival, West Lothian CCC
- 9th June – Livingston CC
- 16th June – SMRH CC
- 23rd June – West Lothian CCC
- 30th June – Watsonians CC
- 4th August – SMRH CC, U9s
- 18th August – Penicuik CC
- 1st September – Carlton CC

Facilities

We're pleased to say that the Edinburgh City Council have installed 5 new artificial pitches in the city. The new pitches are as follows: 2 pitches at the Gyle, 2 pitches at Cavalry Park, and 1 at Campbell Park. New facilities are always appreciated so thank you to the council for their investment in our game.

Key Regional Development Officers

Borders

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East Region Participation Manager

Ian Sandbrook – iansandbrook@cricketscotland.com

Upcoming Coaching Courses

- Edinburgh ICC Introduction to Coaching Course – Sunday 9th June, venue and time TBC. This course is open to any interested coach, parent or volunteer and is perfect for those starting their involvement with cricket coaching. To register please contact Ian Sandbrook
- North Berwick/Gullane Parent's Course – North Berwick Rugby Club, 6.30pm, 13th May. Please contact Nicola Wilson if you want to attend
- Livingston/Fauldhouse CC Kwik Cricket Managers Course, 22nd May
- Safeguarding & Protecting Children Courses – Broughton HS, 6-9pm, 10th May and Forrester HS, 6-9pm, 16th May
- First Aid for Sport Coaches – 22nd and 23rd May, 6-9pm, Meadowbank
- A Guide to Mentoring Sports Coaches – 21st May, 6-9pm, Meggatland

To attend any of the child protection, mentoring or first aid courses please contact Coaching Edinburgh or visit their website –

www.coachingedinburgh.co.uk

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Women's and Girls Cricket

Cricket Scotland will be holding a Girl's Kwik Cricket Day on August 25th at Doo`cot Park in Perth. For more information please email Kari Carswell – karicarswell@cricketscotland.com

There are two upcoming girl's kwik cricket festivals with Carlton CC hosting on May 19th and Loretto School on June 8th.

These will complement the successful day held at Hawick & Wilton CC last month where over 35 girls attended the festival in miserable conditions!

The Women's National League also starts on May 12th and we wish our teams all the best for what's a continually improving competition. Again, if you're interested in finding out more about this competition please contact Kari Carswell

Funding Opportunities

ESCA have launched a new Youth Cricket Grant Scheme for clubs to access funding for the start up or enhancement of junior cricket.

ESCA are committed to helping foster the development of the junior game in the region and they believe this fund can help remove some of the barriers to clubs running a junior section. For more information on how to apply and the criteria please go to the ESCA website – www.eastleague.org.uk

Sported

Sported is a charity set up after the Olympics that aim to support clubs in delivering positive outcomes through sport. This could be a worthwhile funding stream for many clubs and for more information follow the link below:

<http://www.sported.org.uk/>

For more information contact Scotland Manager John Heraghty – J.Heraghty@sported.org.uk



Above: Gordon in action with his Sports Academy boys

City of Edinburgh Council Sports Academy

The City of Edinburgh **Sports Academy** (please click the link for more information) is a training and support programme designed to assist talented pupils reach their sporting potential. The cricket academy currently has 26 cricketers of which some are playing at international and regional level. There are two groups; a development group and a performance group. There is also a developing potential group set up for primary 6/7 pupils who have shown talent and a keen interest in the sport. This group acts as a feeder for the Sports Academy 'Development Group'.

This is a fantastic cricket opportunity for our best young cricketers at State Schools and is overseen by Scotland International Gordon Drummond. Please follow the link above for more info or contact Gordon Drummond.

Lothian schools squads

The City of Edinburgh Council also runs 3 cricket teams at u13, u15 and u17 age groups. The players are selected from state schools city wide and play matches against independent schools in Edinburgh and other local authorities. For more information regarding these squads please contact Gordon Drummond

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Cricket in the Community

A highlight of this monthly update will be the `Cricket in the Community` section which will highlight some of the fantastic grassroots cricket projects being delivered by committed volunteers in our region. I hope that these stories will provide some best practice examples for all clubs and get everyone thinking about how they can improve what they do and have more of an impact in the community for the long term health of their club.

This month`s case study is of Hawick & Wilton CC and their outstanding Schools Kwik Cricket Competition. Their story and how they went about setting up this superb competition is attached with this email and on the ESCA website, and I highly recommend reading it.

Congratulations to Allan Moffat and the volunteers at Hawick & Wilton CC on a fantastic job and keep up the good work!

Should you know of a great cricket project happening at your club or school that you think is worthy of being shared with the wider cricket community please contact me.

Regards

Ian Sandbrook

Upcoming Scotland Fixtures in Edinburgh

We`ve got a great summer of cricket ahead and some outstanding fixtures down at the Grange for local cricket lovers to get down and enjoy. For more information on any of these games and how to get tickets go to the Cricket Scotland website – www.cricketscotland.com

Sunday May 12 th – Saltires v Essex	YB40	Grange
Sunday May 26 th – Saltires v Derbyshire	YB40	Grange
Monday May 27 th – Saltires v Surrey	YB40	Grange
Friday May 17 th – Scotland v Pakistan	ODI	Grange
Sunday May 19 th – Scotland v Pakistan	ODI	Grange
June 7-10 th – Scotland v Australia A	First Class	Grange