

CORNWALL CRICKET BOARD INDOOR SIX-A-SIDE LEAGUE

2011-12

Saints are indoor champions ... just!

Results County Division, Semi- Finals: Chacewater 93-5, St Stephen 79 – Chacewater won by 14 runs; Redruth 104, St Erme 77 – Redruth won by 27 runs; Final: Redruth 143-5, Chacewater 88-2 – Redruth won by 55 runs

Premier Division, Semi-Finals: St Austell 171-3, Camborne 43 – St Austell won by 128 runs; Falmouth 1 86, Allstars 88-2 – Allstars won by 4 wickets; Final: St Austell 96-5, Allstars 83 – St Austell won by 13 runs.

There was a thrilling finish to the indoor cricket season at the Cornwall Cricket Centre on Sunday evening, as unbeaten favourites St Austell saw off a very dangerous Allstars by 13 runs. Captain Rob Harrison, marooned as the last 'live' batsman, was caught at the wicket by debutant Taylor Williams from the first ball of the final over. The East Cornwall side began the match in their usual confident style, thirty runs coming from the first two overs, but run outs caused them plenty of trouble and Scott Barrott was left high and dry with just 62 on the board. Allstars were in fine form, sharp in the field and up for the challenge against the team which had beaten them twice in the regular season. However, Barrott kept his head and saw out the second half of the innings on his own for what turned out to be a match-winning 40 not out. Gary Bone contributed 23 before being caught behind, one of Matt Rowe's two victims. Faced with defending just 96, the Saints bowled economically to stay in the game, whilst Harrison (23) and Neil Callender (24) kept the score moving for Allstars. Barrott took 2 wickets for 14 runs as 75-3 became 83 all out and the Saints could celebrate what seemed an unlikely victory on more than one occasion during the match.

St Austell had posted another of their huge totals in the semi-final and skittled out a shell-shocked Camborne for just 43, Simon Ellison taking 3-19. He also made 16, but was the only batsmen not to make a retirement score of 25 or over, as his brother Matt (35*), brothers Mike (34) and Gary Bone (27), Taylor Williams (31*) and Scott Barrott (26*) feasted on the Camborne attack. Falmouth started the second semi-final well, but skipper Adrian Noott and George Popperwell were then run out in quick order. Ed Farley made 27 and Liam Hoban 20 in their disappointing 86 all out. Allstars coasted to victory by 4 wickets, with Joe Crane (27*) and Chris Hunkin (25*) both scoring freely.

Earlier, in the County Division, Chacewater began the day with a 14-run victory over St Stephen, after posting a modest 93, of which James Holt scored 42. Kyle Willmott and Chris Harris both passed 20 for St Stephen, but wickets fell at regular intervals, two being caught by Bob Claydon behind the wicket. In the second semi-final, Harry Bolland completed a fine all-round performance, taking 3 wickets for 5 runs and scoring 30 with the bat, as Redruth wrapped up a 27-run win over St Erme, for whom Simon Cole also made 30.

Redruth claimed the 'County' title, with a rather straightforward dismantling of Chacewater, who could only make 88 for 2 in the final when facing a rather daunting 143 for 5. Neil Ivamy (32), Nigel Hambly (30*) and Harry Bolland (25) were all in the runs. James Holt, 26 not out, ensured respectability for the losing team. All four finalists received a set of medals and Cricket Centre Manager Mark Mitchell thanked them as representatives of all of the competing teams for the excellent spirit displayed throughout the six months of the Indoor League. Clubs will receive notification and entry forms for the new season, which begins in October, near the end of the summer season.