

# **CORNWALL YOUTH CRICKET LEAGUE**

## **Secretary's Report 2012**

Congratulations are due to many of the CYCL clubs who raced to get a high number of their fixtures completed in July and early August, as the dreadful weather relented ever so slightly! The CYCL website ([www.cornwallycl.play-cricket.com](http://www.cornwallycl.play-cricket.com)) has seen much greater use and 94 teams, representing 38 clubs, have seen regular action in the twelve District Leagues. Several clubs have played Under 9 'friendly' fixtures and the first Under 13 Girls' competition was played as part of the Cornwall Youth Cricket Festival. This tournament featured seven teams and was won by St Erme. Improvements are still there to be made, but the League is in generally good health and providing much-needed competitive cricket for boys, and girls, below representative level.

The National Cup rounds were completed, with Troon winning the U13s and going out to the Devon winners in the next round. Paul CC were triumphant at U15 and beat the Devon champions, but lost at the SW Regional Finals. Miraculously, in a year of such poor weather, we were able to stage the Finals Day as scheduled on August 26<sup>th</sup>, at Grampound Road. At the end of their successful Cricket Week, members of the host club worked beyond the call of duty to produce playable pitches and excellent hospitality for the eight visiting teams. They were rewarded, almost, with an exciting last-over finish from their own Grampound Road Under 15 side, who just failed to overhaul Troon's 134 for 4, ending on 132-8, going down by the photo-finish margin of just two runs. This was easily the best game of the day and two batsmen contributed greatly to it, Troon's Tristan Hearle and Charlie Hoskings for Grampound Road, each scoring 65 runs. After electing to bowl first, 'The Road' never really settled with the ball, though J Mingo took 2 for 25. Their batting response was positive, though, and an opening partnership of 55 (C Dalby 21) saw them off to a solid start. After 15 overs there were just 32 runs required, 9 wickets remaining and Butler and Hoskings were in full flow. However, there was a fighting response from Troon which saw wickets tumble and they held their nerve to clinch a very tight victory. This completed a hugely impressive season for the Treslothan Road boys, with a 100% record in the League and a win over the strong Paul outfit in the semi-final.

In their league campaign, Grampound Road raced to four straight wins and a walkover (versus Lanhydrock). There followed a low-scoring semi-final, in which visitors Menheniot-Looe bowled Grampound Road out for a paltry 70 (C Dalby 33) but, in a tense tussle, Menheniot-Looe were restricted to just 58 runs, M Tregunna returning figures of 4 overs, 3 for 1! Troon's Under 13 team completed the double for the club and, indeed, a double for themselves, as they defeated the same opposition, St Minver, whom they had beaten in the Cornwall final of the ECB national knockout competition. The north coast club could only manage 88 runs in their innings and this proved to be no real challenge for Troon's attacking batting line-up, who raced to victory in just 11.2 overs, captain Chris Gibson's steady hand seeing them home. The team completed an unbeaten season against Cornish sides, winning the Duchy League and then defeating Paul in the county semi-final: Troon 146-3 (Sturgess 32, Gibson 30, D Caddy 25), Paul 114-3 (K Jackson 32, J Paull 26, C Gibson 2-12). St Minver also enjoyed a great season, consisting of nine wins (league and cup) and two losses, both in the finals. Three games were also lost to the weather, which was disappointing.

In the Under 11 competition, Truro and Menheniot-Looe both defeated their opponents, Helston and Wadebridge respectively, by 14 runs in their semi-final matches. The final saw Truro put Menheniot-Looe into bat and they applied pressure with some excellent bowling from Travis Woolston and James Evans, backed up in the field by Ross Woolcock. Menheniot scored briskly, with a lovely cameo from Leo Shipley, but Charlie Kent and Sam Wyatt took 2 wickets each as the batting side finished on a disappointing 244. Truro's reply started in disastrous fashion as Oliver Allsop took 2 early wickets. Travis Woolston and Joseph Phillips pulled things back a little, before Leo Shipley destroyed Truro's third pairing with an emphatic triple wicket maiden. However, the batting powerhouse of Charlie Kent and Sam Wyatt finally proved too strong, as they took control of the match to steer Truro to 265 for 8 and victory by 21 runs.

In their regular season, Menheniot-Looe U11s won the Tamar League, managing to play all but one conceded match. They scored a maximum 16 points, 4 points clear of nearest rivals Calstock. Truro U11s enjoyed an untroubled Duchy League run in 2012, winning all their matches by relatively large margins, despite rotating the team to give opportunities for younger players. Top bowling performances of the season were 5 for 10 against Perranporth by Charlie Standen, 4 for 4 by Charlie Kent against St Gluvias and 4 for 7 by 7 year-old Murray Wyatt against Ladock. Captain Sam Wyatt led with the bat, achieving an impressive average of 183.

## RESULTS

**Under 15 Final**      **Troon** 134-4 (Tristan Hearle 65\*), Grampound Road 132-8 (Charlie Hoskings 65)  
Troon won by 2 runs

**Under 13 Final** St Minver 88-8 (Owen Arthur 24, Jamie Goldsworthy 2-11, Will Eva 2-15, T Sturgess 2-20) **Troon** 89-2 (Jamie Goldsworthy 29, Chris Gibson 28\*) Troon won by 8 wickets

**Under 11**      Semi-Finals:      **Truro** 261, beat Helston 247 (Sam Fisher 2 wickets), by 14 runs

**Menheniot-Looe** 300, beat Wadebridge 286 (Sophie McKenzie 37\*, James Markey 2 wickets, Beth Harris 2 wickets), by 14 runs

Final Menheniot-Looe 244 (Leo Shipley 27\*, Charlie Kent 2 wickets, Sam Wyatt 2 wickets)  
**Truro** 265 (Leo Shipley 4-7, Oliver Allsop 2 wickets) Truro won by 21 runs