

U15s win district and go with U13s to county

U15 XI BEAT TETBURY TO TAKE DISTRICT TITLE

**Poulton 138 for 3,
Tetbury 128 for 6**

As the senior sides continue to struggle in the new leagues the junior section, continues its supreme success.

Cirencester Park enjoyed a top quality District Cup final between two competitive teams who provided high standard cricket and entertainment all the way through the match.

Winning the toss and batting first Poulton made an impressive start with openers Tom Groombridge (26) and Sam Young putting on over 44 runs in the first 5 overs. Two quick wickets from Tetbury and the tempo of scoring eased. Yet Liam James (25*) and Aiden Kelly's (37*) partnership of 67 changed the game in the final ten overs in favour of Poulton and a good score of 138 for 3 was achieved in their 20 overs.

With Tetbury needing 7 runs an over for victory Tetbury opener Ollie Jones (35) set to work in style and pushed the score to over 50 runs from the first 6 overs. However his patience was telling when he was caught by wicket keeper Garin Eldred chasing a wide ball.

Poulton began to feel that had the upper-hand but a stolid partnership from Ryan Leather (29) and Josh Hoare (27) were strengthening Tetbury hopes which took them to an exciting final three overs.

Danny Bridgeman was called to bowl the final over with victory still uncertain he bowled a wide to start. Recovering, he then bowled a hat trick with great Poulton fielding support and victory was assured.

Poulton now face Stroud Under 15s in the County quarter final.

U13 LOSE TO MALMESBURY IN DIS- TRICT FINAL

**Malmesbury 155 for 5; Poulton
100 for 9**

Another visit to Cirencester Park for a Poulton junior cricket team District Cup final and this time against a very strong and mature Malmesbury Under 13 team.

Winning the toss and deciding to bat, Malmesbury batsmen scored freely against some variable Poulton

bowling, but backed up by a strong fielding performance.

Week's best batting

Sun XI James Graham	87
Sun XI Mark Allen	65*
1st XI Siddiq Khan	65

Week's best bowling

1st XI Andre Duffus	4/17
2nd XI Rich Mendum	3/36
2nd XI Matt Genever	3/51

TEAM NEWS FOR JUNE 22

First XI v Apperley (A) 1400.

Will Bathurst (c), Siddiq Khan, Tom Groombridge, Rob Hill, Sam Denning, Luke Armitage, Mark Higginson, Andy James, Mark Wright, Andre Duffus, A N Other

Meet 1230 at Greasy Joes

Second XI v Woodpeckers 2nd XI (H) 1400.

Matt Genever (c), Mark Allan, Mark Gardiner, Keith Denning, Jody Lawrence, Joe Hammond, Andy Farmer, Ian Musty, Liam James, Joe Gardiner, Craig Musty

Meet 1315 at Englands

Sunday XI

No Game

STOP PRESS:

Dinner and Dance Tickets

This the the last week to get tickets - June 25 is the cut off for tables - after which you will be too late to attend the best night out the cricket club can offer!

There are only three tables left, so even now there is no guarantee that you will be able to come!

Rosanna will be setting everything up on Friday, please come to help so that she is not laying tables by herself!

If you can't help Friday, there will still be more to do on Saturday morning. We will be there from 10am clearing away the remains of the best party Poulton has ever had, so come and help then if you can't beforehand!!

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Whitehead (43), Gaunt (35) and an impressive W Nicholson (58) made excellent contributions to an impressive score of 154 for 5 after 20 overs.

When Poulton took to the bat, Nicholson took dismissed the two Poulton openers and at the end of the seventh over, Poulton were 4 wickets down for 32 runs with an uphill task facing them.

Kelly (24), Barnes (15) and Hall (15) contributed to a respectable score of 100 for 9 but Congratulations to Malmesbury who win the District Cup.

Despite the loss, Poulton Under 13s move forward, with their Under 15s to the Gloucestershire County Cup quarter final to play Lydney Under 13s on Sunday 21st June

FIRST XI SUFFER ANNOYING FROCESTER DEFEAT

The First XI Welcomed Frocester 3rd XI back to Englands for a game that might turn into the one that got away for the year.

Frocester won the toss and chose to bat on yet another belter of a Poulton wicket with the sun again beating down.

In the absence of Luke Armitage and Andy James, Mark and Joe Gardiner stepped up to the plate with Gardiner senior bowling extremely well from the bottom end.

Frocester's Batsmen set off at quite a rate and at one stage looked like setting a total well over 200.

However Richard Young, Mark Gardiner and Andre Duffus (4/17) then got amongst the batsmen picking up wickets and restricting the scoring rate, pinning Frocester back to 197.

In reply openers, Higgo and Siddiq struggled to find similar momentum to the visitors but did not surrender their wickets either.

As the run rate increased though wickets started to fall with a degree of regularity with only Siddiq resisting

occasionally smashing massive sixes as he progressed to 65.

It was not enough however and faced with a requirement of nine an over at the end, the Poulton batting faltered and then crumbled to all out and a ... run loss.

SUNDAY XI PLAY FIRST GAME AND CRUISE TO MYSTERY VICTORY

A very strong Sunday side travelled to the DW Dunn "mystery game" which eventually ended up in Lydiard Millicent.

Winning the toss, Dave Dunn thankfully chose to bat and Will Bathurst started the innings like he'd seen a 20/20 international, banging 4's all over the ground before he got a ball that turned more off the pitch than anything Warne managed.

Denning's early departure though brought the mercurial James Graham to the wicket for his 1st knock of the season, taking his time to get in he saw Musty & Genever come and go but with the emergence of Sparky Allen the two battered the ball to all parts of the ground both getting excellent half centuries, James just missing out of a ton looking slightly shattered on being bowled for 87.

Mark Allen & Mark Gardiner finished off the 40 over innings getting the score to 252/6.

In reply Harbajhan Musty chinaman bemused the early batsman, but WB,s stunning catch off Josh White, followed by further stunning catches from Matt Genever and WB again made progress hard for the home team,

When Matt Genever came on to give the home side a chance they fell for his long hops and third pitch yorkers, crumbling to being all out for just over a 100 to end an excellent game played in good spirit, with great weather and topped off with a couple of stops for some well earned cider on the way home.

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Poulton u17s (150 ao) lost to Cheltenham (151/7)

The Under 17 season got under way last weekend with a well fought contest between Poulton and Cheltenham.

Poulton batted first and early wickets falling meant that pressure was quickly on the middle order.

Mark Croucher (20) and Joe Hammond (26) having made nervy starts soon established stability in the Poulton innings and with a final flourish from Luke Armitage (15 not out) and Joe Gardiner (13) a total of 150 all out was reached.

Poulton were probably 30 runs short of what was needed, but some great bowling and fielding kept Poulton in the game right up to the finish. A special innings from Cooke (45 not out) saw Cheltenham home to victory by 3 wickets in the 34th over.

Poulton U13s 94/5 bt Kempford 88

Another exciting game of cricket for the Under 13s at Poulton. Batting first, Poulton led by a patient and opportunistic batting performance by opener Max Sandilands (28) put on 94 for 5. Excellent early bowling from Poulton's Beckett and Armitage; and a spectacular catch from Tom Hayes put Kempford batsmen well on the back foot. However, Johnson (30) stuck to the task and hauled Kempford to within 8 runs from the last 2 overs. Again Beckett (3 for 7) and Armitage (2 for 10) didn't panic, bowled straight and gave away just 4 runs in the last two overs to secure victory. Poulton won by 5 runs.

Bourton Vale u11s v Poulton

Poulton started shakily by losing openers Higginson and Carruthers before reaching double figures.

Doyle (17), James (18) and Pitt (19) kept the scoreboard moving against consistent Bourton Vale bowling and after 16 overs the innings closed on 74 - 7.

James, Pitt and Lloyd bowled well to take one wicket each, and after 8 overs Bourton Vale were only on 10 - 3. However, O'Driscoll and Davies began to score more freely moving the Bourton Vale score on to 71 - 4 at the start of the final over.

Higginson bowled the final over and remarkably took two wickets for no runs from the first five balls. Bourton Vale were faced with needing four to win from the final ball of the game. Higginson sportingly bowled a wide (two runs) from which Bourton Vale scrambled a bye to tie the game. A fair result between two enthusiastic teams.

Cirencester U15s (120/5) beat Poulton (119/5) Wickets

This was a close friendly that had the match winner in doubt until the final over and gave both teams a great opportunity to test out new bowlers and batsmen in competitive play.

Poulton opened with Purvis hitting 50 in a partnership of 72 runs with

O'Leary who as Captain also took 3 catches.

Walker and Herbert were very positive new bowlers for Poulton and Vice Captain White impressed in the field.

Cirencester and Poulton were both pleased at stretching their big squads. Smith of Cirencester hit 50 giving his team mates a great platform to build from and win.



KIT NIGHT JUNE 24 6pm at the Pavilion

As part of our partnership with MGM sports, the company will be holding a kit night at the pavilion on June 24th.

There will be a selection of Bats, Helmets, Pads, Gloves, England and Gloucestershire kit.

Please come along and support the club!

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would like to invite you to the second

"Not a Cricket Ball"

Friday 3rd July 2009

Grad School (who played before) will be coming back to ensure the evening goes as well as last time!

Book a table of 10 or join another table **but hurry as this is nearly sold out** Reservations on a 'first paid' basis. Dress code Not formal but white.

7.30 pm: Pimms Reception

8pm: 3 course meal to include pig / lamb roast

Carriages at 12.30 am

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