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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I reach my 60th year of membership, perhaps now is the time to reminisce a little. How and why do cricketers become Sou'Westers - being introduced by a school friend, pupil or master, a university colleague, a fellow club cricketer, playing against the club, second or third generation or, in my case, going to watch them whilst on holiday at Westward Ho! and spotting my schoolmaster in charge of cricket, Tim Alexander, at first slip.

There have, of course, been many changes over those 60 years in length and timings of tours, a variety of school and pub accommodation, the numbers of tourists, format of the cricket from time/declaration games to overs games and now the compromise of hybrid, inclusion of two day games to a preponderance these days of half day games, while total Sou'Wester runs scored have risen remarkably – in the 1967 twelve day tour we won 7 games scoring 1360 runs while in the latest also twelve day tour we won 8 games scoring 2863 runs - have the wickets improved, are our batsmen better, the opposition bowlers worse or are we converted Bazball fans? We have played a variety of clubs over the years throughout Devon, Somerset, and Dorset, and even 1 or 2 in Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Berkshire. There are just three clubs who have remained on the fixture list throughout the 60 years, namely Bridgetown, North Devon and Sidmouth.

Another ever changing aspect of the club is the list of playing members. Of course 'playing' is very much a misnomer for many of us, but each year new names appear, thereby ensuring that the club continues to thrive. All these, together with the lists of Vice Presidents, Honorary Life Members, Non-Playing and Overseas Members, have created and experienced the camaraderie, excitement and satisfaction of Sou'Wester cricket and long may it continue as we approach our Centenary in 2030.

Martin Oliver

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

What a sumptuous year 2024 proved to be, with a fantastic western tour and a "warm up" weekend in Norfolk. Both are excellently reported elsewhere.

Whilst the weather was against us in Norfolk, it relented sufficiently for us to enjoy a good weekend of cricket and fun. Two good wins with games played in the best of spirits. The opposition will certainly rally and we have just confirmed a repeat for late June 2025.

The Western tour was full of good cricket and incident. 8 wins, 3 draws and a loss tells a story and Peter George's prose brings it all back to life.

For me the highlights of the year included Charlie Everett's hundred at Castle Acre, Harry Kennedy at last breaking his Sou'westers century duck (and then following with 2 good 90s) and a cracking game to start the tour at Morebath. Also Flatt and Sunter's batting, which was at times sublime. Freddie Bucknell and Henry Parker's bowling led the way and the wickets. I gather Alec Sprague's innings at Taunton Deane was a masterpiece.

But again Sidmouth, as is so often the case, produced the real drama together with some very high quality cricket. Above all it was an amazing game of declaration cricket, an aspect which seemed to go unnoticed by several of the participants. Suffice to say Freddie Bucknell's opening spell was of the highest class. He was unlucky not to take a hat full of very good wickets.

Loyton was again a fantastic base for the early part of the tour. The Carruthers Cup, for all round contribution (by youth) on tour, was awarded to Harry Kennedy for performances in 2023. The inaugural award of the Loyton trophy, for a specific moment or performance on tour, went to George Oliver for his bowling in 2023 at Morebath.

As for meetings, the committee recognises the importance of these and that as many members as possible attend and contribute. As the AGM is not a decision taking occasion - decisions were delegated to the management committee some years ago - the function of any gatherings should be less formal and more reporting/consultative/social.

We intend therefore that there should be two informal meetings each year, one in March (in London) and one on the West Country tour. This will enable both London based members and those living in the west to attend more easily and participate.

The London gathering is provisionally arranged for **Thursday 20th March at The Perseverance, London WC1N 3NB**. The "Western" meeting is planned to be at 8pm on Tuesday 29th July at Loyton (with pizza afterwards). Please try to attend one or both.

The details of a tour to Sri Lanka over Easter 2026 are being finalised and will be circulated very shortly. We are booked in to tour Menorca in Spring 2027.

A big thank you to all the committee, particularly our President, Martin, who presides with supreme skill, our umpires (Mark Williams and Christopher Dean leading from the front), our scorers (Marion of course for a scorebook that is the envy of all), our scribes (Peter George and Philip Oliver) and everyone helping to make this the most remarkable club it is.

Finally, I have to report the sad death of Chris Carruthers. He was a colossus of this club and there is an obituary elsewhere in the yearbook. He was also my house master at Fettes and brought me on tour with the Sou'westers in 1981, my final year at school. I am grateful to him for quite a number of things but the greatest of all was that introduction. His presence lives on through the Carruthers Cup, awarded each year to the young cricketer who contributes most on the western Tour.

Jonathan Kennedy

Christopher Hew Carruthers

Captain 1974-1985; President 1999-2005; died 14 October 2024, aged 84.

Chris was proud of achieving one of the last 'fourths' at Oxford before they were abolished, thus confirming that he had not spent too much of his student time in the lecture halls at the expense of the playing fields. He joined the staff of Framlingham College in 1966, where he taught Latin and coached rugby, hockey and cricket before moving to Fettes College in Edinburgh in 1973, where he was a housemaster and later left teaching to take over as bursar. He had a long association with Grange CC, where he was President from 1976 to 1982 and 1st XI Captain in 1983. He was Chair of the Scottish Cricket Union from 1991 to 1996 and President of Cricket Scotland in 2002-03.

A stray but interesting fact gleaned by Marion from hours of scoring with him on tour is that he was a junior show jumping champion on a horse called Benjamin, no doubt encouraged by his mother, world famous as a designer of Olympic show jumping courses. There must be so much more about Chris that we will never know.

Chris first played for the club in Cambridge in 1970, at the invitation of Paddy and Julian Heazell, and later that season, in a way that was typical of him, waited nervously outside the Seaton pavilion, unsure as to whether or not the AGM would promote him from candidate to member. Within four years he was Captain, a role he fulfilled for 12 years with dedication, controlled passion and notable unselfishness.

As a cricketer he was a sound left-handed batsman with Brian Close's attitude to quick bowling, a medium pace bowler with, over the years, a run-up of evolving idiosyncraticity, a cover fielder surprisingly light on his feet for a man of increasing girth, and a safe pair of hands, which were not found wanting when, in a vain attempt to embarrass a wicket keeper not ready to resume duty at 2.10 pm, he kept wicket at Sidmouth for a few overs without gloves or pads. He is one of only 10 Sou'Westers to have done the Double for the club, taking 100 wickets and scoring 1,000 runs, and his 53 catches makes him the equal 6th highest outfield catcher in the club's history.

He was ever ready to delegate responsibility for captaincy on the field, and uncritical of the result if things then went wrong - notably in 1976, the year of the drought. As the tour progressed this became known as the year of the DABS ("declare and be stuffed"), as a series of Sou'Wester skippers "kept opponents in the game" all too successfully.

One of his major contributions was to bring on tour in 1981 a teenager from Fettes called Jonathan Kennedy, who 4 decades later began skippering the club in the best Carruthers' tradition.

Chris last played for the club in 1986, after which he continued to make the long journey, driving from Scotland at high speed to the south west where he continued to be a dedicated supporter of the club, often to be found in the scoreboard, and writing the tour reports in his own inimitable style. In 1996, the club awarded him the Bruce Hart Memorial Trophy for his

outstanding service, and in 1999 he became the club's 7th President, a post he served with distinction until 2005. In the winter months back in Scotland he maintained the club's playing statistics and made fair copies of scorebooks.

In 2013, his own account of the tour wrote of its final match 'there was early drama at Falkland; neither the scorer nor the scorebook appeared, and both were missing for three days, stuck in lonely isolation in Yeovil hospital, less than well, without telephone or relevant numbers'. We were mighty relieved to hear from him a few days later when he had made it back north of the border.

His final appearance in the west was in 2016, when he had become increasingly less mobile. The final paragraph of his tour report included these poignant, self-effacing words: 'So another tour ends. This is, I'm afraid, not up to what I see as par for a report. My own feebleness made me a rather self-conscious passenger, and though I was omnipresent it all seemed a bit remote. I have now shot my bolt and will enjoy future tours through the yearbook. Memories will be of those lovely grounds and pubs and of course of the company. It has been a serious privilege to have been allowed along since 1970. Thank you for having me'.

We did not see Chris again but fond memories of him remain: the only man on tour known to have pulled a muscle whilst combing his hair, bending sideways to look in a Prep School height mirror at Sparkford and then trying to straighten his neck; his encounters in the Sidmouth pavilion trying to electronically change the scoreboard on the other side of the ground; when in his run-up to bowl he ground to a complete standstill, scuffing the ground with his own version of the 'yips'; but above all, his laconic sense of humour, his obvious enjoyment of the Sou'westers and the cricket we play and the huge contribution which he made to the club. Oh, and it really is true that, spotting that Jacky Kingdom, landlady of the George, had hired a particularly bonny barmaid, he was moved to say " Please allow me through - I wish to engage her in a little light badinage ".

Mike Barford

Christopher Dean

NORFOLK TOUR – 2024

Just as cricket evolves, so do the Sou'Westers. New fixtures, a new ground, a new pub and a new 'window': June 2024 saw the initiation of what all involved hope will be an annual event - the Norfolk mini-tour. We played and won two good games at beautiful Castle Acre cricket club and in every sense prepared well for the Western tour.

We assembled at the hospitable George & Dragon pub on Friday evening, tallied the plentiful recent marriage engagements among the membership and made the short walk to the Pig Shed Motel confident that the indifferent weather would not prevent play against West Norfolk CC the following day.

It was, as is often the case on a Sou'Wester tour, a family affair. Three Kennedys, three Stantons for WNCC and a Parker apiece - our opposition was led by Edmund Parker, who was the pick of the eight bowlers who attempted to stem the flow after Matt Sunter (73) and Harry Kennedy put on a century opening stand. The former was fluent in reaching a half-century containing just one single, but was one of three wickets to fall with the score on 101.

Showers facilitated a lengthy lunch break: no bad thing, as we were treated to a delicious spread by Deborah and team, a local keg of ale and rosé from farther afield. The Sou'Wester summer felt properly underway. Further familiarity came in the form of a Will Oakes (48) counter-attack and a late unbeaten cameo from Sam Kennedy, although extras being third top scorer in our 289-9 rather told the story of a bowling attack that struggled to exert control.

Despite the rain there was plenty of time for a decisive result and a solid West Norfolk start of 59-2 suggested a tight finish was possible. A typically impactful spell from Charlie Everett (4-16) not only dispelled that notion, but also prevented a contest between the Parker brothers - although Henry claimed three other wickets to wrap up the WNCC innings for 125 inside 25 overs.

This early finish provided ample time for a BBQ at the Kennedy residence that overlooks the ground, where the culinary task force again excelled itself, especially as we were driven inside by the elements. It didn't feel much like mid-June, but with such a support network the Sou'Westers can always look on the sunny side.

The weather - which had accounted for much of the local league programme - improved on Sunday for an afternoon fixture against Castle Acre CC. A hybrid overs format with a draw possible was agreed upon, with the elder two Kennedys lining up for the hosts. With neither being part of a fluent half-century opening stand, the tourists sensed a tough assignment lay ahead.

However, Harry Chatfeild-Roberts got reward for an accurate opening spell with a perfect nip-backer and we were able to turn the screw through the wicket-to-wicket medium pace of Simon Eastham and Harry 'Jesus' Gillingwater, the latter claiming club best figures of 4-26. The last three wickets yielded 60 runs to somewhat resurrect the innings and set us 170 in 48 overs.

The result was thereafter little in doubt, as Everett announced himself to be 'in the mood'. Off the mark first ball with a crunching cover drive to the rope, he struck 15 more boundary fours and four sixes on his way to 101. Saturday's duck seemed a long time ago; the beauty of cricket! The scoreboard read 124 when he was third out, allowing Sunter and Henry Bletsoe to ease us home in just the 31st over.

A successful and enjoyable mini-tour that owed much to the efforts of the Kennedy family and the hospitality of Castle Acre CC. The club is clearly suited to cricket in June and we arrive in the west country with appetites whetted.

Philip Oliver

Norfolk, Tour Results

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v North Norfolk Sat June 15th

Sou' Westers 289-9 dec
North Norfolk 125 all out

Won by 164 runs

M.Sunter 73, W. Oakes 48
C.Everett 4-16, H.Parker 3-51

v Castle Acre Sun June 16th

Castle Acre 169 all out
Sou' Westers 170 for 3

Won by 7 wkts

H.Gillingwater 4-26, H.Chatfeild-Roberts 2-17
C.Everett 101, M.Sunter 30*

WESTERN TOUR 2024

You will recall that the 2023 tour was overwhelmingly cold and damp. The weather, which was dry during playing hours throughout, and warm and sunny in parts, was only one contrasting aspect of 2024. In what was undoubtedly a vintage tour, the contrasts were there in many other ways too.

In fact, things did not start well, when an injury to Sam Kennedy the weekend beforehand ruled him out for the duration. In addition, Freddie Bucknell was suffering with intermittent back trouble and could not bowl at all in some matches, so our already rather variable attack seemed thin at times. However, those that were left stepped forward magnificently to fill the gaps, and we were generally as successful on the field as we were socially off it.

We started, as usual in recent years, with two successive days at Morebath.

The Loyton Oddballs gave a physical demonstration of their Oddity by sporting an assortment of brightly coloured shirts rather than the traditional uniform white. We responded by ditching, whether by agreement, conscious policy, coincidence or forgetfulness, the practice of retiring at 50 in this match and Harry Kennedy took full advantage in an excellent 116 n. o., matched for much of the time by Rich Godfrey with 95. We came off after 39 overs in this so-called 80 over 'hybrid' match, and almost came unstuck because of an outstanding new Oddball. Mr Macdonald, batting at number 3, struck the ball hard and gracefully to all parts in his 119, before succumbing to the wiles of Captain (J.) Kennedy, whose 4-52 (including Young Macdonald) really was the key to our victory; but it was a narrow one, by only 20 runs in a combined total of 500.

For some reason, retiring at 50-ish was back in vogue the next day for another hybrid against Morebath, with a return for the retiree permitted if necessary. Naturally, Umpire Williams was not present to witness this tampering with the Laws! When we batted, Angus Spratling, Charlie Everett and Will Oakes all reached the threshold in an imposing total of 256 accumulated in the face of the efforts of 10 bowlers. We witnessed the second coming of Mr Cook (72 n/o.) under this arrangement when Morebath batted, but ultimately achieved a comfortable victory despite that.

More contrasts with last year were apparent early on at Blundells. The square and outfield were both dry and clearly plenty of cricket had been played; most significantly, a backbone had appeared among the opposition which had been noticeably absent in 2023. We were well and deservedly beaten, but it is also fair to say that luck went against us in two specific instances which increased the margin of the defeat. The first ball of the day was an overhead bouncer 'no ball'. The second was only marginally lower but deemed fair, and Charlie Everett was caught having a swat! A little later, James Flatt was brilliantly run out when there seemed no immediate danger at first. While these and other misfortunes were taking place at the other end, Harry Kennedy played another outstanding innings of 92, out of only 160 while he was at the

wicket. We did not really compete in the field and were beaten in 30 overs. It's a funny game, cricket; this match was an exact mirror image of last year's!

And, of course, one reason why it's a funny game is the character of the participants. The star of the day was not one of the players – no, not even Harry – but the Blundells umpire, a blue-shirted Australian passing his winter on an umpiring holiday in England. He was long and lean, moved very quickly into position (some might call it running), stood extremely deep at square leg, and signalled four with the widest possible sweep of his arm, like a Music Hall fisherman indicating the size of his catch. The Fount declared him 'skittish', which is a most appropriate description, and one which has never seemed applicable to an umpire till now. At the other end was another contrast, in the shape of the distinctly unskittish Umpire Williams.

Yet another reversal of last year took place at Westward Ho! where the comprehensive defeat last year became comprehensive victory this. We hit 280 off our 40 overs with Matt Sunter leading the way (103 retired) and James Flatt and Charlie Everett following with fifties. The limitations of a fixed 40-over match were shown when Westward Ho! were reduced to 45-5 after 11 overs and the rest of the match rather lost any purpose (Henry Parker and Max Clarke both claiming 3 wickets). There was, however, one moment for the true cricket enthusiast when Mr Stone, entering the fray at number nine, changed boots with the outgoing batsman on his way to the wicket. Bats, helmets, gloves, yes, but not boots – till now!

There was a much more dramatic match at Sidmouth the next day in which the bare scores, in a wonderful old-fashioned draw, were Sidmouth 311 a/o: Sou'westers 310-7. The early stages did not show signs of such a run feast. However, the fall of the second wicket brought in Luke Beaufort who turned Will Bucknell's 1-7 from two overs into 1-41 after three. If he had stayed to the end, there would have been a record score, but he was dismissed on 72 (from only 22 balls – a strike rate of no less than 327.27!) by a wonder caught and bowled from James Flatt. Nevertheless, the runs kept coming, all our bowlers suffered with the exception of Freddie Bucknell (1-13 off 7 at the more restrained start of the innings) and there was relief all round when the innings finally ended at a mere 311. Overtaking such a total was challenging, but we made an excellent start with an opening partnership of 164 between Harry Kennedy, prolonging a wonderful run of form with another 98, and Guy Bucknell, with 60. Matt Sunter at 3 led the continuing effort but for much of the time it looked as though we would fall some way short. Naturally, wickets were falling in the hectic chase, and we really didn't want to lose to our worthy opponents of almost 100 years, did we?

The one genuinely successful bowler of the day, George Addey (5-70 off 15 overs), bowled the last over to Matt Sunter and with two balls left, we still needed 12 to win with 7 down. Regular readers will recall that there are now very tall nets all along the sea boundary at Sidmouth, together with a local regulation penalising 6 hitting over them. Matt overcame this brilliantly with a switch hit 6 to the shorter pavilion boundary on the penultimate ball. Forewarned, Mr Addey's last ball was too wide for a repeat (but not wide enough to be called). It also beat the wicket keeper and went for 4 byes. So, not a victory for either side, not a tie, but a tight, honourable, exciting draw – a result to ponder for those present who had only ever played limited over cricket, one hopes!

At Kilve the next day, there was another impressive and totally dominant innings, this time from James Flatt, who opened the batting and eventually retired on 157, out of a total up to that point of 222. Charlie Everett contributed 59 and we finished on 277-3. In reply Kilve were going well at 166-4 but suffered a rapid collapse to 191 all out, in which one memorable element was a dramatic direct hit run out by Alec Sprague. As always, the welcome at Kilve was warm, the hospitality excellent and the post-match experience particularly enjoyable.



Then came another contrast with last year when the one atypical encounter had been a rather dull, high-scoring draw with Old Tauntonians in which their opener had run up 195 out of a total of 359 all out. It seemed we might be in for a repeat this year when the score was 16 after only eleven balls, but he fell to the twelfth (well caught by Everett at gully off Clarke) and the innings rather meandered thereafter to 160 all out. The Chairman led the way again with 3-38 off 11 overs. We had a mediocre start and a poor middle, being 65-5 at the lowest point, but Will Bucknell and Harry Kennedy (again) turned it round with an unbroken partnership of 98 and we won reasonably comfortably in the end.

As a result, our match finished early while just along the road Somerset were playing Lancashire in a partially floodlit 50-over game which had started late (2pm), and at least six Sou'westers took themselves along to watch the second (Somerset) innings. The special attraction was that two genuine Sou'westers (George and Josh Thomas, the sons of another, Paul), and a past guest Sou'wester (James Rew) were in the Somerset side. It was entirely appropriate in the circumstances that George scored his maiden Somerset century to mark the occasion. It was a proper innings too, with a patient start recovering from wickets lost at the other end, a watchful but fruitful middle and a dominant, victorious conclusion. There were Sou'wester selfies to celebrate at the end. The next day, George Thomas was the first

Sou'wester to make it to the national press since Jeremy Cartland fifty years ago (younger readers, please Google).



The middle Saturday of the tour is important for balance and continuity; it requires opponents not involved in League cricket and the alternative cricket available to serious Sou'westers also means that we sometimes struggle to find eleven ourselves. In all these circumstances, Chulmleigh is the ideal fixture with a lovely ground, a friendly and traditionally minded set of opponents and the now established social pattern afterwards of the equally traditional Old Court House followed by the Chulmleigh Tandoori. So, if you are reading this as a rusty, part-retired or slightly disconnected Sou'wester who nevertheless still wants to be part of the Club, please make yourself available for the middle Saturday next year. There won't be too much pressure to perform, and you really will enjoy it.

As it was, our struggle for a full team this year led to what is believed to be the first instance of a female Sou'wester taking the field in a competitive match. If you know differently and your granny turned out in extremis in 1938, please inform The Junta as soon as possible.

It was, of course, Cecily Oliver who struck this blow for equality. She was not required to bat in our innings of 210 (James Flatt and Harry Chatfield-Roberts 50 apiece, retired) but did bowl at the death when a young man of similar vintage was hanging on for the draw (which he achieved at 171-9). It gave the contest a special flavour at the end – the word 'charming', which is not found in many cricket reports, would not be inappropriate. Anyway, this was both truly a landmark contest and a highly sociable occasion!



For two consecutive weeks while we were in the area, the West Somerset local press contained coverage of Bridgetown's original and sensitive development plans for a rear extension to their famous thatched pavilion. The surprising aspect of this for many modern Sou'westers was that it was reported as being in celebration of the club's 100th anniversary. In other words, Bridgetown is only six years older than the Sou'westers themselves and not the ancient institution it has always seemed to be for visitors like us.

There is still tradition, though; it was good to find a genuine young Matravers, as well as three Sizars and two Crosses in the Bridgetown team. Dan Cross clearly followed the self-deprecating verbal traditions of Somerset, too – having just fielded a fierce off-drive which kicked up at his head as he did so, he mused “My whole life flashed before my eyes – really boring!” Those names and that sort of humour are, of course, much more important than the fact that we won the match: 183-7 (Harry Kennedy 67 more runs) to 169 all out (Mark Meyer-Webb a critical 5-11 in less than 5 overs). In the course of proceedings, however, Our Leader unfortunately suffered what looked like a very nasty injury when bowling. It is a mark of the character of the man that not only did he wait to do so until the last ball of his seventh (very economical) over but also until the last innings in which he appeared before heading east after the match. Such dedication merits swift recovery!

The next day, without Chairman Kennedy and his acolytes, we found beautiful North Devon cloudy with a strong wind off the sea, and by the time we finished there was truly an early touch of autumn in the air. When we batted first in another 80 over ‘hybrid’, we got off to a flying start which held us in good stead later in the match. Justin Williams (68) and James Flatt (69) were the leading contributors to our 262-9. The reply was dominated by the North Devon Overseas Pro, batting at 3, who encouraged and supported a succession of younger players at

the other end and contributed 110 to the final total of 224-8. In all honesty, it must be said that we helped him to do so, because we spurned several chances during his innings when taking any one of them would probably have brought victory too!

Taunton Deane was very much Alec Sprague's match. In contrast to the good start at Instow the day before, he went in at 45-5 in the eleventh over and departed at 242-7 in the twenty sixth. Of the 197 scored while he was at the wicket, 145 came from his bat and the next highest score was Will Silk's 15 n. o. Understanding and appreciative Captain (Guy) Bucknell did not require him to open the attack after that effort, but eight others shared the bowling (and seven of them took a wicket) as we eased home quite comfortably in the end.

Then, seemingly in a flash, it was the last match at Tiverton Heathcoat aka Sampford Peverell. For the second time on the tour, we faced 10 opposition bowlers in one innings while accumulating 229, a total built on a solid opening partnership of 118 between Will Bucknell (59) and Mark Meyer-Webb (45), with another major contribution (46) from Toby Silk at 3. When we bowled the wickets were spread around culminating in George Oliver's caught and bowled, a wicket for Ludo Spratling, and George bowling out No.11 in the last over to win the game by 10 runs.

So, overall, yes, it was indeed a "vintage tour". The wonderful people who orchestrated it all were the same they have been for many years, but the young men of a few years back are turning into the mature regulars of today and taking their share of backroom activity. Meanwhile there is a new generation coming up on the inside and beginning to find its feet on the field. It has always been thus, of course. Oh, don't we all love it!

Peter George

Western Tour Results

WON 8

LOST 1

DRAWN 3

v Loyton Oddballs Sou'Westers Loyton Oddballs	Sat July 27 260 for 3 dec 240 all out	Won by 20 runs H.Kennedy 116*, R.Godfrey 95 J.Kennedy 4-52, H.Parker 2-16
v Morebath Sou'Westers Morebath	Sun July 28 256 for 2 dec 163 all out	Won by 93 runs A.Spratling 59*, C.Everett 51* C.Everett 4-25, F.Bucknell 3-23
v O.Blundellians Sou'Westers O.Blundellians	Mon July 29 182 all out 184 for 2	Lost by 8 wkts H.Kennedy 92
v Westward Ho! Sou'Westers Westward Ho!	Tue July 30 280 for 3 dec 152 all out	Won by 128 runs M.Sunter 103*, C.Everett 63*, J.Flatt 55 M.Clarke 3-26, H.Parker 3-25
v Sidmouth Sidmouth Sou'Westers	Wed July 31 311 all out 310 for 7	Match Drawn J.Kennedy 3-78, H.Parker 3-75 H.Kennedy 98, M.Sunter 83*
v Kilve Sou'Westers Kilve	Thu Aug 1 277 for 3 dec 191 all out	Won by 86 runs J.Flatt 157*, C.Everett 59 W.Bucknell 3-48, M.Clarke 2-15, H.Parker 2-59
v O.Tauntonians O. Tauntonians Sou'Westers	Fri Aug 2 160 all out 163 for 5	Won by 5 wkts J.Kennedy 3-38, H.Chatfeild-Roberts 2-36 H.Kennedy 43*, W.Bucknell 40*
v Chulmleigh Sou'Westers Chulmleigh	Sat Aug 3 210 for 2 dec 171 for-9	Match Drawn H.Chatfeild-Roberts 54*, J.Flatt 50* J.Kennedy 2-24
v Bridgetown Sou'Westers Bridgetown	Sun Aug 4 183 for 7 dec 169 all out	Won by 14 runs H.Kennedy 67, P.Offord 36 M Meyer-Webb 5-11
v North Devon Sou'Westers North Devon	Mon Aug 5 262 for 5 224 for 8	Match Drawn (40 overs) J.Flatt 69, J.Williams 68 A.Spratling 2-26, F.Bucknell 2-12
v Taunton Deane Sou'Westers Taunton Deane	Tue Aug 6 251 for 9 157 all out	Won by 94 runs A Sprague 145 W.Bucknell 3-7, F.Bucknell 2-22
v Tiverton Heathcoat Sou'Westers Tiverton Heathcoat	Wed Aug 7 229 for 9 dec 219 all out	Won by 10 runs W.Bucknell 59, T.Silk 46 M Meyer-Webb 2-23, G.Oliver 2-18

AVERAGES 2024

BATTING (2 Inns)	Inns	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Ave	Ct/St
M.Sunter	6	4	321	103*	160.50	2
H.Kennedy	7	3	468	116*	117.00	3
J.Flatt	10	4	397	157*	66.17	3
C.Everett	7	2	283	101*	56.60	4
H.Chatfeild-Roberts	5	3	102	54*	51.00	6
S.Kennedy	4	2	87	44	43.50	
M.Meyer-Webb	3	1	84	46	42.00	
G.Oliver	5	3	82	26*	41.00	2
W.Oakes	8	2	182	50*	30.33	7
A.Spratling	4	1	82	59*	27.33	1
T.Silk	2	0	53	46	26.50	
W.Bucknell	6	1	132	59	26.40	3
P.Offord	3	0	78	36	26.00	2/2
G.Bucknell	3	0	77	60	25.67	1
J.Williams	3	0	77	68	25.67	1/1
P.Oliver	6	0	102	47	17.00	5
F.Bucknell	5	1	53	25	13.25	2
F.Fordham	3	0	26	14	8.67	
H.Parker	5	1	34	18	8.50	5

Also batted: H.Bletsoe 15, 21* M.Clarke 0, 0 S.Eastham 26 (1ct) R.Godfrey 95 (2ct)
 J.Kennedy 2*, 7, 4* (2ct) S.Kennedy 31* W.Offord 2*, 7* W.Silk 15*, 1
 A.Sprague 145 (2ct) L.Spratling 2,2 (3ct) W.Tomkins 4

BOWLING (10 overs)	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts	Ave
F.Bucknell	26	3	70	8	8.75
M.Meyer-Webb	21.3	3	86	9	9.56
C.Everett	17.3	2	106	9	11.78
A.Spratling	30	6	106	6	17.67
H.Parker	59.3	9	307	16	19.19
J.Kennedy	47.5	2	250	13	19.23
S.Eastham	10	0	40	2	20.00
M.Clarke	30	5	146	7	20.86
W.Bucknell	32	5	223	9	24.78
G.Oliver	19	1	124	5	24.80
S.Kennedy	12.3	0	76	3	25.33
H.Kennedy	13.1	2	59	2	29.50
A.Sprague	12	0	60	2	30.00
W.Offord	10	1	63	2	31.50
H.Chatfeild-Roberts	53	9	231	7	33.00
W.Silk	17	1	70	2	35.00
G.Bucknell	18	3	107	3	35.67
J.Flatt	32	1	196	5	39.20
L.Spratling	11	0	86	2	43.00

Also bowled: H.Gillingwater 9-2-26-4, F.Fordham 1-0-7-0 , R.Godfrey 4.2-1-16-2, W.Oakes 7-0-24-2
C.Oliver 2-0-3-0, P.Oliver 4-0-33-0, T.Silk 1-0-4-1, M.Sunter 1-0-7-0

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DATE	VERSUS	VENUE	TIME
Saturday 26th July	Loyton Oddballs CC	Morebath	2pm
Sunday 27th July	Morebath CC	Morebath	2pm
Monday 28th July	Old Blundellians	Tiverton	12noon
Tuesday 29th July	Kilve CC	Kilve	11am
Wednesday 30th July	Sidmouth CC	Sidmouth	11am
Thursday 31st July	Taunton Deane CC	Taunton Deane CC	1.30pm
Friday 1st August	Old Tauntonians	Taunton School	11.30am
Saturday 2nd August	Chulmleigh CC	Chulmleigh	1.30pm
Sunday 3rd August	Bridgetown CC	Bridgetown	2pm
Monday 4th August	North Devon CC	Instow	2pm
Tuesday 5th August	Thorverton CC	Thorverton	1.30pm
Wednesday 6th August	Tiverton Heathcoat CC	Sampford Peverell	1.30pm

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