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# SOMERSET OFFICIALS

1891 - 2026

| Year      | President                            |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| 1891-1915 | Hon. Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane, B.T. |
| 1916-1922 | H.E. Murray Anderdon                 |
| 1923      | A.E. Newton                          |
| 1924      | The Marquis of Bath, KG              |
| 1925      | Lt-Col. Sir Dennis F. Boles, B.T.    |
| 1926      | Col. H.M. Ridley                     |
| 1927      | Rev. Preb. A.P. Wickham              |
| 1928      | Col. H.M. Ridley                     |
| 1929      | L.C.H. Palairet                      |
| 1930      | V.T. Hill                            |
| 1931-1932 | Major A.G. Barrett                   |
| 1933      | Lt-Col. W.O. Gibbs                   |
| 1934-1935 | Lt-Col. Sir Dennis Boles, B.T.       |
| 1936      | The Duke of Somerset                 |
| 1937-1946 | R.C.N. Palairet                      |
| 1946-1949 | J. Daniell                           |
| 1950-1953 | Major G.E. Longrigg                  |
| 1954-1960 | The Bishop of Bath & Wells           |
| 1961      | J.C. White                           |
| 1962-1965 | W.T. Greswell                        |
| 1966-1967 | Lord Hylton                          |
| 1968-1971 | E.F. Longrigg                        |
| 1971-1976 | R.V. Showering                       |
| 1976-1991 | C.R.M. Atkinson                      |
| 1991-1996 | J. Luff                              |
| 1996-2003 | M.F. Hill                            |
| 2004-2015 | R. C. Kerlake                        |
| 2016-2019 | R. Parsons                           |
| 2019-2022 | B. C. Rose                           |
| 2022 -    | Sir Peter Wanless                    |

| Year       | Chair                |
|------------|----------------------|
| 1952-1953  | Major G.E. Longrigg  |
| 1954-1959  | A.H. Southwood       |
| 1960-1969  | E.F. Longrigg        |
| 1969-1971  | Lt-Col. G.C.G. Grey  |
| 1972-1973  | C.R.M. Atkinson      |
| 1974-1976  | H.W. Hoskins         |
| 1977-1978  | L.G. Creed           |
| 1979       | R.C. Kerlake         |
| 1979-1982  | J.M. Jeffrey         |
| 1983-1987  | M.F. Hill            |
| 1987-1988  | A.J. Gardner         |
| 1988-2002  | R. Parsons           |
| 2003-2007  | C.G. Clarke          |
| 2008-2017  | A.J. Nash            |
| 2018-2019  | CFB Clarke/ RD Brice |
| 2020- 2022 | G Baird              |
| 2022 -     | Sir Michael Barber   |

*Until 1952 the President of the club also acted as Chairman*

| Year      | Secretary                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 1913-1919 | R. Brooks-King                |
| 1920-1922 | S.M.J. Woods                  |
| 1923-1931 | A.F. Davey                    |
| 1932-1936 | J. Daniell                    |
| 1937-1949 | Brig. E.H. Lancaster          |
| 1950      | N.J.C. Daniell                |
| 1950-1955 | Air Vice-Marshall M.L. Taylor |
| 1955-1969 | R. Robinson                   |
| 1970-1975 | A.K. James                    |
| 1975-1979 | R.G. Stevens                  |
| 1979-1982 | D.G. Seward                   |
| 1982-1988 | A.S. Brown                    |

| Year      | Chief Executive |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 1988-2005 | P.W. Anderson   |
| 2005-2011 | R. Gould        |
| 2011-2017 | G.W. Lavender   |
| 2017-2018 | L.A. Cooper     |
| 2018-2019 | A.J. Cornish    |
| 2020-2024 | G.M. Hollins    |
| 2024-     | J.Cox           |

## Somerset CCC Captains 1882-2020

| Year      | Captain   |
|-----------|---|
| 1882-1884 | S.C. Newton   |
| 1885      | E. Sainsbury  |
| 1891-1893 | H.T. Hewett   |
| 1894-1906 | S.M.J. Woods  |
| 1907      | L.C.H. Palairet   |
| 1908-1912 | J. Daniell  |
| 1913-1914 | E.S.M. Poyntz   |
| 1919-1926 | J. Daniell  |
| 1927-1931 | J.C. White  |
| 1932-1937 | R.A. Ingle  |
| 1938-1946 | E.F. Longrigg   |
| 1947      | R.J.O. Meyer  |
| 1948      | N.S. Mitchell-Innes,<br>G.E.S. Woodhouse<br>J.W. Seamer |
| 1949      | G.E.S. Woodhouse  |
| 1950-1952 | S.S. Rogers   |
| 1953-1954 | B.G. Brocklehurst                                       |
| 1955      | G.G. Tordoff  |
| 1956-1959 | M.F. Tremlett   |
| 1960-1964 | H.W. Stephenson   |
| 1965-1967 | C.R.M. Atkinson   |
| 1968      | R.C. Kerlake  |
| 1969-1971 | B.A. Langford   |
| 1972-1977 | D.B. Close  |
| 1978-1983 | B.C. Rose   |

|             |                           |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| 1984-1985   | IT. Botham                |
| 1986-1988   | P.M. Roebuck              |
| Aug 88-89   | V.J. Marks                |
| 1990-1993   | C.J. Tavare               |
| 1994-1996   | A.N. Hayhurst             |
| 1997-1998   | P.D. Bowler               |
| 1999-2002   | J. Cox                    |
| 2003-2004   | M. Burns                  |
| 2005        | G.C. Smith/I.D. Blackwell |
| 2006        | I.D. Blackwell            |
| 2007-2009   | J.L. Langer               |
| 2010-2015   | M.E.Trescothick           |
| 2016        | C.J.L. Rogers             |
| 2017 - 2023 | T.B. Abell                |
| 2024 -      | L. Gregory                |

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## EDITOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The 2025 season was one that will be long remembered by all followers of the County and inside the pages of this book you will find a round up of all the cricketing action that has taken place in Somerset.

The Club's sesquicentennial was certainly history making and saw Somerset fielding a fully professional women's team for the first time ever and the men landing the Vitality Blast Trophy for the second time in three years after taking us all on a breathtaking ride.

Somerset have now contested more T20 Finals than any other county and have lifted the trophy on three occasions, something they share with Leicestershire and Hampshire

After a disappointing start to the season in the county championship Somerset were in contention for that elusive title up until the last round of matches, while once again a predominantly young side did well in the Metro Bank One Day Cup reaching the semi final stages.

The action out on the field has been recounted here thanks to the generosity of all of the contributors, from both the professional and recreational game who have freely given their time and articles, and the photographers who have allowed their images to be reproduced.

Thanks must go to all of those who have been involved in anyway in helping this publication come to fruition. Especially all of the playing and non playing staff from Somerset CCC, the Somerset Cricket Foundation, Polly Rhodes and Kevin Mitchell the first and second team scorers.

I would like to say a very special thank you to Polly who over many years has supplied first team match reports and statistics for this almanac, and wish her a happy retirement.

Once again Peter Lane has been an invaluable help updating the player profiles and records, supplying some of the reports and assisting in proof reading as well as providing helpful advice.

All of this has once again been brought to life on the pages thanks to the clever lay outs and designs of Alan Binding. Kian Jones, who was spending time at the Club as an intern, was also a great help with the proofing.

I hope you all enjoy the 2025-26 SCCC Almanac as much as I have putting it all together and I'm looking forward to more success in the upcoming season.

**Richard Walsh**

# MY HEART IS IN SOMERSET

BY SIR PETER WANLESS, PRESIDENT OF SOMERSET CCC



SIR PETER WANLESS

**This was the season in which I finally retired the line “my job is in London, my house is in Kent and my heart is in Somerset.” At last all three are aligned! My family are happily installed only 10 minutes from the Cooper Associates County Ground. It was a relocation achieved just in time, because in 2026 we have no fixtures at all in the Capital. Instead, we will be restricted to beating Surrey twice in Taunton.**

Back in April, however, I was still in South East England, more conveniently located than most of you to attend Somerset Women’s inaugural first class fixture against our Surrey rivals. Liberated from full-time work I could nip across to Beckenham without difficulty. It was a cold and dreary day, weather wise, and after a lengthy rain delay the stars of Surrey compiled an imposing 243 off 33 overs. It was tough going. I was so cold I almost bought a Surrey bobble hat to protect my wind-chilled ears. But resilience was the order of the day and sometimes we must suffer for our loyalty to the Somerset dragon. And then, despite being well behind the game, up stepped Amanda Jade Wellington (Wello) to hit every one of her first six balls to the boundary. Fran Wilson

finished the job. The details are preserved forever on my handwritten scorecard (now defrosted) in the wonderful Somerset Cricket Museum. An historic day when very few of us can say “I was there.” I am fortunate to have been one of them.

My family moved house to Somerset in mid-August, just in time to celebrate the Club’s 150th anniversary. And what a special occasion it was for all those who made it across to Sidmouth for the celebratory

game in the town where SCCC was founded. Seeing Hildreth and Trego rolling back the years was quite something. Our Chief Executive Jamie Cox showed he still had it, with a six and a caught and bowled he couldn’t get out of the way of. Well done and huge thanks to Richard Brice and all at Sidmouth Cricket Club. To cap it all, I won a signed bat in the raffle, now on display at our new home. A sign of good fortune for the final part of the season?



HILDRETH & TREGO

FRAN WILSON & AJ WELLINGTON

SEAN V THE BEARS



Attention turned to the climax of the 2025 Men’s Vitality Blast competition. As President there are often hosting duties to perform and our Quarter Final game against the “Bears” saw me looking after a dozen dignitaries from Birmingham – forming a tiny enclave of unbridled enthusiasm for their team at the end of the Long Room, within a ground otherwise packed with thousands of Somerset fans. Warwickshire host T20 Finals day at Edgbaston year after year, but for each of the last four seasons their Bears have fallen one step short of attending their own party. In every one of those four years, Somerset have won our quarter final and qualified for what my guests consider to be their big occasion.

My attempts at small talk were not landing well (“Why are you

voting to reduce the number of T20 games? Why do you want to remove our London-based fixtures? Look at the atmosphere we generate for games like this. Why is your place so empty so often?)

But their confidence was high. And they had every right to feel that way when after 10 overs the Bears had smashed a record number of boundaries. With Somerset regularly losing wickets in pursuit of 190, we looked out of it. My visiting dignitaries were far from dignified in their enthusiastic celebration of an apparently inevitable win. I found myself stranded within the only jolly part of the ground. Could someone do a “Wello”?

You know what happened next. Sean Dickson’s remarkable knock stunned my guests into silence, barely capable of

believing what they had seen. And we were off to their party once again. We chased down a record high score to win a Final and we all enjoyed, I’m sure, the crucial role played by Will Smeed to get us over the line.

In 2026 we seem to be playing Warwickshire almost every other week. I’m nervous as to whether their dignitaries will want to see me again after my undiplomatic quarter final celebrations. I will do my best to behave better.

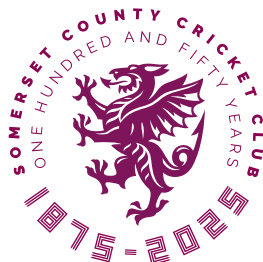
Winter well and see you in and around Taunton this coming season. All that’s really missing from an idyllic life in Somerset now is the presence of the County Championship trophy.

## A MEMORABLE SEASON

BY LORD BARBER, CHAIR,  
SOMERSET COUNTY CRICKET CLUB



The weather was lovely in 2025 (mostly) and for Somerset it was a truly memorable season for at least four reasons.



1. We celebrated our 150th anniversary – all those memories of some trophies (and even more near misses) over those years. All the passion. All the faith. But the current team wanted the season to be remembered for different reasons too. They wanted to make history. To add to the glorious story – and they did.

2. We won the T-20 Blast with a brilliant run to an historic victory in the Final in September. In the Quarter-final it felt as if we were losing to Warwickshire from start to finish until, in a sensational last over, we scored the 19 runs required – a wide and a memorable single from Craig Overton left Sean Dickson – incredibly and magnificently – to do the rest. In the Semi-final, after TKC had set up a challenging total, the crucial moment came when our captain, Lewis Gregory (always a man for a crucial moment) dismissed Liam Livingstone. And in the Final, Will Smeed took us to the brink of victory with a wonderful 94. As Lewis strode out following Smeed's dismissal I said to the person next to me, "There is no-one I'd rather see coming in at this moment" and with those two sixes that took us to victory he showed why. It is easy to forget that Hampshire had just scored the highest ever Finals Day total, until with those mighty blows we exceeded it.

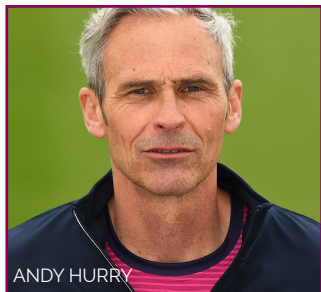
3. It was our first season as a Tier One women's county – there were some memorable performances, such as that brilliant win over Surrey on a cold April day in Beckenham, and a steady sense of improvement through the season. As I said at the end of season Awards Dinner, it took the Men 104 years to win their first trophy; I think the women will comfortably beat that record!

4. We, Somerset, played a leading role in the national discussion with the other counties and the ECB about the future of the summer schedule of fixtures. We strongly opposed an initially almost unanimous push for less cricket overall. We said we were open to imaginative thinking; that we would be open to Better, especially if it involved more four-day cricket in high summer, but we would never vote merely for less. We repeatedly pointed out, "We are a county that likes to play cricket." Our members and fans love watching – on the Livestream if they can't make it to Taunton – and our players love playing. What better way is there to spend a summer's day? In the end, despite all of our consistent opposition, the Counties, voted to reduce the Blast group stage from 14 games to 12. But on the County Championship we won the argument; enough Counties came with us in the end to save the 14-match programme.

Now for the next 150 years, perhaps with less heartbreak and more trophies? Perhaps. And just possibly that first ever County Championship trophy? *You never know.*

# A YEAR OF GROWTH, RESILIENCE, AND OPPORTUNITY

ANDY HURRY REFLECTS ON 2025



**What an extraordinary year 2025 has been, a journey filled with challenges, triumphs, and unforgettable moments. It has**

**been a privilege to witness and support the inaugural season of our women's programme as a Tier One professional side, alongside celebrating yet another trophy for our men's team.**

From the women's very first game against Surrey, and what a dramatic conclusion that was, to their final 50-over clash with Warwickshire. That last game, in particular, showcased an incredible all-round team performance under

immense pressure. It was a true reflection of the passion, commitment, and growth that has underpinned the women's programme since its inception in November 2024.

On the men's side, we continue to punch above our weight and remain firmly at the top flight of domestic cricket. While we entered 2025 with the ambition to win, as we do every year, the journey was filled with unforgettable moments that will stay with us.

SOMERSET WOMEN'S FIRST GAME V SURREY



In the 50-over competition, our squad blended experience, emerging talent, and Academy prospects gaining invaluable exposure. Reaching the knockout stages was a testament not only to leadership but also to the depth of talent flowing through our system.

And then there was T20 cricket, wow. After dominating in 2023, this year's competition tested us. At times, we were stretched to the limit, but individuals rose to the occasion with match-winning performances, backed by an unwavering team spirit.

From the group stages to the final, being at the heart of those moments was a privilege, a reminder of why we love this game and the connection it creates with our community.

Reflecting on my years with Somerset, the recent successes shine brightly, yet memories of 2001 and 2019 remain vivid moments when resilience and belief turned adversity into triumph. That spirit continues to define us.

Behind every success story

are people whose efforts often go unseen. Our players work tirelessly, driven by a hunger to improve. Our coaching, sports science, and medical teams, led brilliantly by Jason Kerr, one of the finest head coaches in the country, set standards that inspire excellence. The Pathway staff and the next generation of players embody ambition and commitment, ensuring Somerset's future remains bright.

Of course, growth brings challenges. With an abundance of talent, not everyone can feature regularly, and sometimes opportunities arise elsewhere. While these decisions are tough, they reflect the strength of our system and the aspirations of those who dream of playing for Somerset. Looking ahead, the women's team has laid a strong foundation. There were games in 2025 where victory was within reach, and those experiences will fuel our drive to become even more competitive. Our goal is clear: to reach knockout stages, become an even more

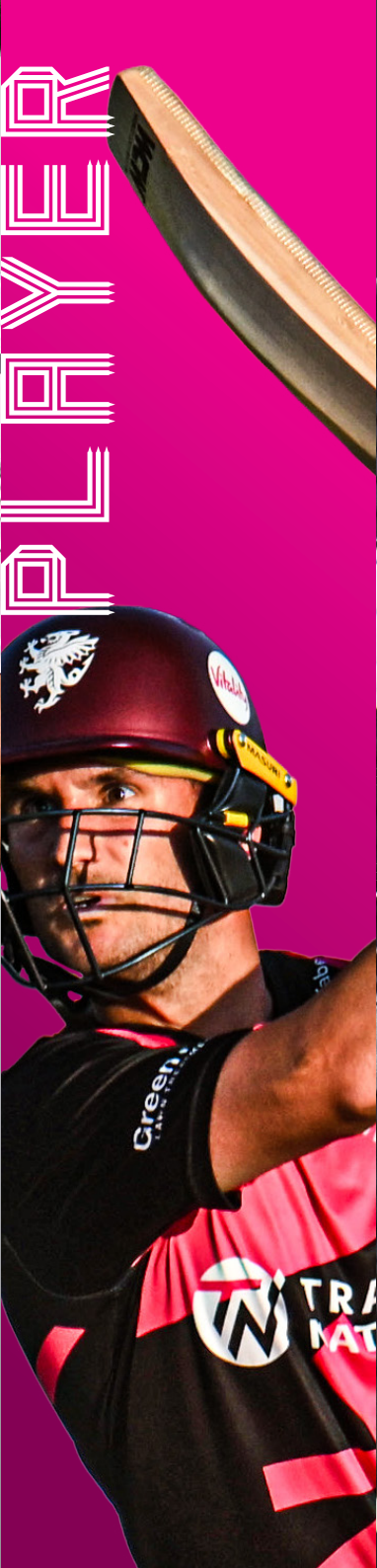
competitive outfit, and aspire to win silverware.

The South West loves its sport, and the bond between our players, staff, and supporters is powerful. People want to see our teams succeed, witness individuals make an impact, and follow their journeys from local talent to international stars. This connection inspires the next generation, and that is something truly special.

As we turn to 2026, our men's ambition is bold: to win domestic competitions. The Championship remains our Holy Grail, the dream that gets us out of bed every morning. In white-ball cricket, we have the talent and strength, however we cannot be complacent.

To achieve our goals, we must be an even stronger version of ourselves moving forward.

Across our teams, the hunger remains strong, the drive is unwavering, and the opportunities ahead are ours to embrace.



**LEWIS GREGORY**  
CAPTAIN

**Lewis GREGORY**

*Born Plymouth Devon  
24th May, 1992*

*Right-handed batter, right-arm  
medium fast bowler*

*Squad No 24*

*Cap 2015*

T20 Captain 2018 -2021 & 2023 -  
continuing. Lewis led Somerset to  
the Trophy in both 2023 & 2025.

First Class Captain 2024 -  
continuing.

Devon 2008 - 2010.

Graduated through the  
Somerset Academy and  
awarded a Somerset contract  
in 2010.

England U19s 2009 and Captain  
to Sri Lanka in 2011.

Somerset List 'A' debut versus  
Pakistan in 2010 taking 4/49.

1st Class and T20 debuts 2011.  
MCC 2017.

Lewis was called up to both the  
England ODI and Test squads  
in 2015 and 2019, each against  
Ireland but he didn't play on  
either occasion.

T20Is 9 (2019 - 2021).

ODIs 3 (2021).

England Lions Captain 2020.

In his career Lewis has scored  
over 7500 runs in all formats  
for Somerset and taken over  
600 wickets. He is the leading  
Somerset wicket taker in the  
T20 Vitality Blast.

In 2025 Lewis received the  
Men's Player of the season and  
the Men's Supporters' Player of  
the season awards.

He captained Trent Rockets  
to The Hundred Trophy in

2022 and he has, also, played  
franchise cricket around the  
World.

**SOMERSET CAREER RECORD**

**BATTING AND FIELDING**

**FIRST CLASS--**

**M 135 INNS 197 NO 24 RUNS 4559 HS 137  
AVG 26.35 100x4 50x23 CT 95**

**LIST 'A':-**

**M 65 INNS 47 NO 5 RUNS 1052 HS 105no AVG  
25.04 100x1 50x7 CT 23**

**T20:-**

**M 160 INNS 123 NO 33 RUNS 1977 HS 62 AVG  
21.96 100x-- 50x9 CT 70**

**BOWLING**

**FIRST CLASS--**

**OVRs 3078 M 652 RUNS 10268 WKTS 386 BBI  
7/84 AVG 26.60 5WI 15 10WM 3**

**LIST 'A':-**

**OVRs 404.1 M 10 RUNS 2479 WKTS 89 BBI  
4/23 AVG 27.85 4WI 1**

**T20:-**

**OVRs 448.3 M 2 RUNS 3947 WKTS 165 BBI  
5/24 AVG 23.92 4WI 1**





**TOM ABELL**

**Thomas Benjamin ABELL**

Born Taunton, 5th March, 1994

Right-handed batter, right-arm medium bowler

Squad No 28

Cap 2018

Captain 2017-2023.

T20 Captain 2017-2022.

Tom played through the Somerset Age Groups before graduating from the Somerset Academy.

2nd XI debut, 2010.

2nd XI Player of the Year, 2013.

1st Class debut 2014, scoring 95 v Warwickshire at Taunton.

List 'A' debut, 2015.

T20 debut 2016.

Appointed Club Captain in 2017 and he became the first Academy Player to be given the honour.

Tom led his team to their first Trophy in 14 years when they won the RLODC at Lord's in 2019.

1000 runs in a season (2) - 2022 & 2025.

In 2024 Tom led his team to the successful last day run chase versus Warwickshire at Taunton when he scored 152\*, his highest score at that time.

He surpassed it this season when he scored 156 against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge, sharing a record 4th wicket County Partnership of 313 with James Rew.

Tom has also represented MCC, England Lions and various Franchise teams around



the World, together with the Birmingham Phoenix & Welsh Fire in The Hundred.

**SOMERSET CAREER RECORD**

**BATTING & FIELDING.**

**FIRST CLASS:-**

M 138 INNS 244 NO 24 RUNS 8249 HS 156  
AVG 37.49 100x20 50x41 CT 108

**LIST 'A':-**

M 25 INNS 21 NO 1 RUNS 636 HS 106 AVG  
31.80 100x1 50x1 CT 7.

**T20:-**

M 112 INNS 103 NO 23 RUNS 2562 HS 101no  
AVG 32.02 100x1 50x13 CT 76

**BOWLING**

**FIRST CLASS:-**

OVRs 534.5 M 114 RUNS 1904 WKTS 60 BBI 4/39  
AVG 31.73

**LIST 'A':-**

OVRs 6 M -- RUNS 26 WKTS 2 BBI 2/19 AVG  
13.00

**T20:-**

OVRs 3.2 M -- RUNS 37 WKTS -- BBI 0/7  
AVG --



**JAKE BALL**

**Jacob Timothy (Jake) BALL**

Born Mansfield Nottinghamshire 14th March, 1991

Right-handed batter, right-arm medium fast bowler

Squad No 14

Jake joined Somerset from Nottinghamshire in the winter of 2023/24 and he has recently signed a one year contract extension until October 2026.

Test Matches 4 (2016-2017/18).

ODI's 18 (2016/17-2018).

T20's 2 (2018).

Jake has also played in the Australian Big Bash and represented Welsh Fire in The Hundred.

In his two seasons with Somerset Jake has played in 35 matches across the three formats, taking 54 wickets with a best of 5/62 in the County Championship match versus Durham at Emirates Riverside in 2024.

**SOMERSET CAREER RECORD**

**BATTING & FIELDING.**

**FIRST CLASS:-**

M 9 INNS 11 NO 4 RUNS 82 HS 29 AVG 11.71

**LIST 'A':-**

M 8 INNS 1 NO 1 RUNS -- HS 0no AVG  
-- CT 1

**T20:-**

M 18 INNS 3 NO -- RUNS 8 HS 8 AVG 2.66  
CT 7

**BOWLING**

**FIRST CLASS:-**

OVRs 193 M 31 RUNS 687 WKTS 20 BBI 5/62  
AVG 34.35 5WI 1

**LIST 'A':-**

OVRs 76.3 M 5 RUNS 383 WKTS 14 BBI 4/34  
AVG 45.16 4WI 1

**T20:-**

OVRs 63 M -- RUNS 547 WKTS 20 BBI 2/9  
AVG 27.35.





**TOM  
BANTON**

### Thomas BANTON

*Born Chiltern, Buckinghamshire  
14th November, 1998*

*Right-handed batter,  
Wicketkeeper*

*Squad No 18*

*Cap 2025*

ODI's 7 (2020 - 2025).

T20s 24 (2019 - 2025).

Tom joined the Somerset Academy in 2015.

Somerset 2nd XI debut, 2016.

T20 debut 2017.

1st Class & List 'A' debuts 2018.

An excellent 2019 season saw Tom win:-

Somerset's White Ball Player of the Year.

PCA Young Cricketer of the Year.

Cricket Writer's Club Young Player of the Year Awards.

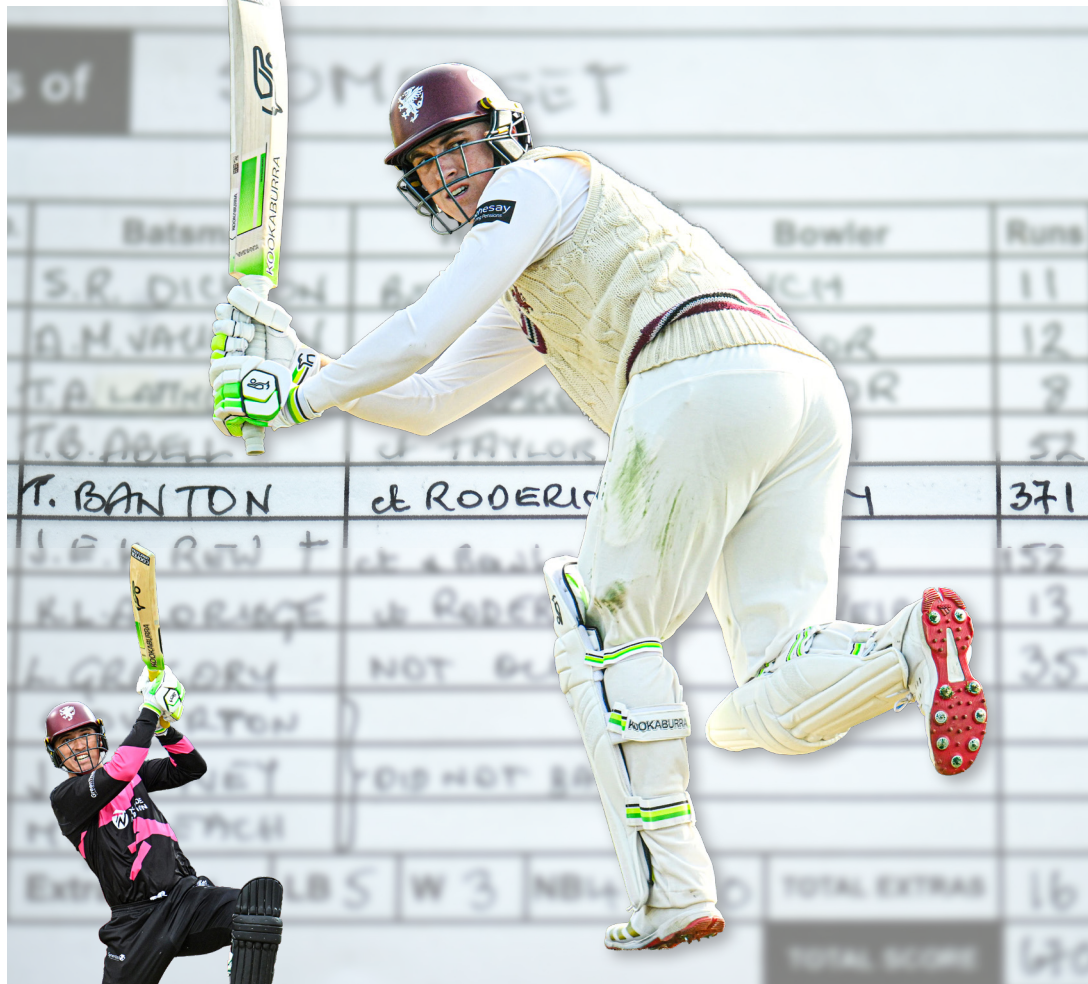
In 2021 Tom scored a brilliant century in the T20 Blast fixture versus Kent at Canterbury and shared a record Somerset unbeaten 1st wicket partnership of 169 with Devon Conway to secure a 10 wicket victory.

Tom scored his maiden First Class Century in 2022 versus Essex at Chelmsford.

Having played mainly T20 cricket in 2023, Tom reinvented his red ball game in 2024 scoring two centuries and he played heroically in the second innings against Surrey on, virtually one leg, to help secure a famous victory.

2024 ended with Tom winning:-

The Supporter's Player of the Year.



The White Ball Player of the Year and...

The Player of the Season Awards.

2025 couldn't have commenced any better for Tom when, in the first Championship match of the season, versus Worcestershire at Taunton, he scored Somerset's record score (371) beating Justin Langer's 342 against Surrey at Guildford in 2006. He shared a record Somerset 5th wicket

partnership of 371 with James Rew.

Unfortunately, Tom's form didn't continue and he only scored another 318 runs in a further nine 1st class matches.

Tom did get recalled to the England White Ball squad and he toured New Zealand for the T20 and ODI series in October 2025.

### SOMERSET CAREER RECORD

#### BATTING AND FIELDING

##### FIRST CLASS:-

**M 52 INNS 84 NO 4 RUNS 2758 HS 371 AVG 34.47 100x4 50x14 CT 29**

##### LIST 'A':-

**M 18 INNS 17 NO -- RUNS 524 HS 112 AVG 30.82 100x2 50x3 CT 14 ST 1**

##### T20:-

**M 84 INNS 82 NO 6 RUNS 2375 HS 107no AVG 31.25 100x2 50x15 CT 50 ST 7**

#### BOWLING

##### FIRST CLASS:-

**OVRs 11 M 4 RUNS 24 WKTS --**



**SHOAIB  
BASHIR**

### Shoaib BASHIR

*Born Chertsey, Surrey 13th  
October, 2003*

*Right-handed batter, right-arm  
off spinner*

*Squad No 13*

Somerset 2nd XI debut in 2022 when he played two matches, taking nine wickets with a best of 5/44 versus Warwickshire.

Shoaib made his First Class, List 'A' & T20 debuts in 2023.

In 2023 and 2024 he played in a total of 23 matches for Somerset but he didn't feature in 2025.

Shoaib has had two loan spells, one with Worcestershire in 2024 and the other with Glamorgan in 2025.

Tests 19 (2024-25).

Awarded a one year ECB Central Contract from October 2025 to September 2026.

Selected in the Ashes Party to tour Australia, 2025-26.

### SOMERSET CAREER RECORD

#### BATTING AND FIELDING

##### FIRST CLASS:-

**M 10 INNS 15 NO 6 RUNS 85 HS 44no AVG 9.44 CT 3**

##### LIST 'A':-

**M 8 INNS 4 NO 2 RUNS 10 HS 7 AVG 5.00 CT 7**

##### T20:-

**M 5 DID NOT BAT**

#### BOWLING

##### FIRST CLASS:-

**OVRs 316 M 72 RUNS 1047 WKTS 14 BBI 3/67 AVG 74.78**

##### LIST 'A':-

**OVRs 53.1 M 1 RUNS 344 WKTS 3 BBI 1/46 AVG 114.66**

##### T20:-

**OVRs 11 M -- RUNS 94 WKTS 4 BBI 3/26 AVG 23.50**





**LEWIS  
GOLDSWORTHY**

**Lewis Peter GOLDSWORTHY**

*Born Truro Cornwall  
8th January, 2001*

*Right-handed batter, left-arm  
spin bowler*

*Squad No 44*

Lewis joined the Somerset Academy in 2016.

Somerset 2nd XI debut 2017.

Cornwall 2017 - 2019.

England U19s 2018 - 2019.

Somerset T20 debut 2020.

Somerset First Class and List 'A' debuts 2021 when he received the Somerset Young Player of the Year Award.

Lewis's most successful First Class season to date has been 2022 when he scored over 500 runs, including his maiden century. He, also, scored his first List 'A' century in this season.

In the last three seasons Lewis has only played in ten First Class matches but he has registered two further centuries.

Lewis had a good 2024 Metro Bank One Day Cup campaign and he scored a career best 115\* in the semi final versus Leicestershire to help his team to reach the final.

In the 2025 T20 competition Lewis took 13 wickets with a best of 4/13.

Lewis is contracted until October 2026.

**SOMERSET CAREER RECORD**

**BATTING AND FIELDING.**

**FIRST CLASS:-**

**M 30 INNS 47 NO 3 RUNS 1383 HS 130 AVG 31.43 100x3 50x5 CT 10**

**LIST 'A':-**

**M 41 INNS 40 NO 4 RUNS 1571 HS 115no AVG 41.63 100x2 50x9 CT 11**

**T20:-**

**M 42 INNS 22 NO 6 RUNS 324 HS 48 AVG 20.25 CT 11**

**BOWLING**

**FIRST CLASS:-**

**OVRs 94 M 15 RUNS 331 WKTS 5 BBI 2/73 AVG 66.20**

**LIST 'A':-**

**OVRs 195.3 M 3 RUNS 1084 WKTS 24 BBI 4/44 AVG 45.16 4WI 1**

**T20:-**

**OVRs 106 M -- RUNS 860  
WKTS 36  
BBI 4/13  
AVG 23.88  
4WI 1**



**JOE  
HEYWOOD**

**Joseph Patrick (Joe)  
HEYWOOD**

*Born Bath, Somerset 27th  
October, 2006*

*Right-handed batter, right-arm  
medium fast bowler*

*Squad No 11*

Joe joined the Somerset Pathway in 2021.

Somerset 2nd XI debut 2023.

Somerset List 'A' debut 2024 versus Hampshire.

England U19s 2024 - 2025.

Joe didn't make any 1st XI appearances in 2025.

He plays his club cricket for Bath in the WEPL.

**SOMERSET CAREER RECORD**

**LIST 'A':-**

**BATTING AND FIELDING.**

**M 1 INNS 1 NO 1 RUNS 1  
HS 1NO**

**BOWLING**

**LIST 'A':-**

**OVRs 1 M 0 RUNS 20 W 0 BBI 0/20**



**FINN  
HILL**

**Finlay James HILL**

*Born Exeter, Devon 21st June, 2006*

*Right-handed batter, right-arm  
medium bowler*

*Squad No 10*

Fin learnt his cricket at Exeter Cricket Club and he made his 1st XI debut there in July, 2021.

He joined the Somerset Academy in September of that year.

Somerset 2nd XI debut 2022.

Somerset List 'A' debut 2023 versus Durham at Gosforth.

Fin spent the 2024/25 winter in Australia playing for Eastern Suburbs.

In 2025 Fin played in seven List 'A' matches, scoring 131 runs with two half centuries.

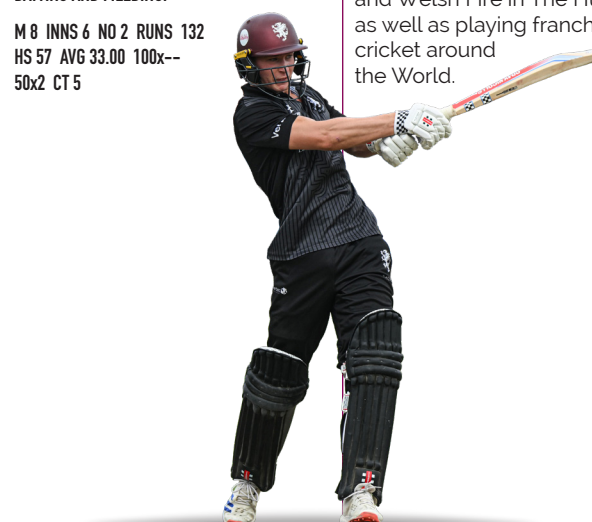
He is contracted until the end of the 2026 season and is yet to make either his First Class or T20 debuts.

**SOMERSET CAREER RECORD**

**LIST 'A':-**

**BATTING AND FIELDING.**

**M 8 INNS 6 NO 2 RUNS 132  
HS 57 AVG 33.00 100x--  
50x2 CT 5**



**TOM  
KOHLER-  
CADMORE**

**Tom KOHLER-CADMORE**

*Born Chatham, Kent 19th  
August 1994*

*Right-handed batter,  
off-break bowler,  
occasional  
wicket-keeper*

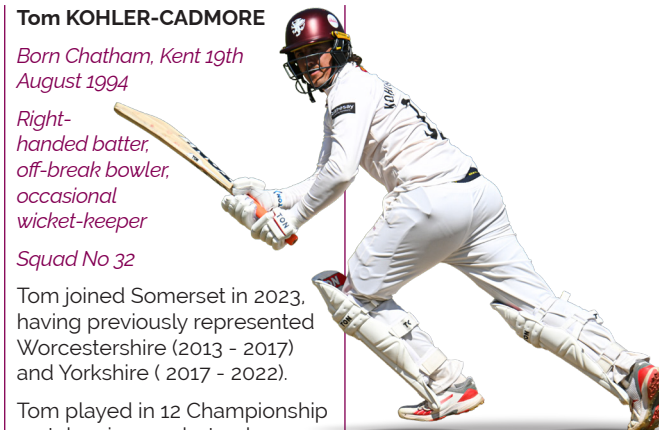
*Squad No 32*

Tom joined Somerset in 2023, having previously represented Worcestershire (2013 - 2017) and Yorkshire (2017 - 2022).

Tom played in 12 Championship matches in 2023 but only a total of 11 over the last two seasons as a result of his IPL commitments. He has scored 1404 runs with three centuries.

Tom has been an ever present in the T20 team, scoring a further 1400 + runs with eight half centuries. He will be remembered for his stunning catch in the 2023 Blast final to clinch the Trophy.

He has represented Northern Superchargers, Trent Rockets and Welsh Fire in The Hundred as well as playing franchise cricket around the World.



**SOMERSET CAREER RECORD**

**BATTING AND FIELDING.**

**FIRST CLASS:-**

**M 23 INNS 39 NO 2 RUNS 1404 HS 147\* AVG 37.94 100x3 50x6 CT 13**

**T20:-**

**M 50 INNS 50 NO 5 RUNS 1432 HS 90 AVG 31.82 100x-- 50x8 CT 28 ST 2**





**TOM LAMMONBY**

**Thomas Alexander LAMMONBY**

*Born Exeter, Devon  
2nd June, 2000*

*Left-handed batter, left-arm  
medium bowler*

*Squad No 15*

*Cap 2025*

Tom played through the Somerset Age Groups before joining the Somerset Academy in 2015.

Somerset 2nd XI debut 2015.

Devon 2016- 2018.

England U19s 2018-2019.

Somerset T20 debut 2019.

Somerset 1st Class debut 2020. It was a memorable season for Tom as he took his maiden First Class wicket and scored his first century on the same day versus Gloucestershire, then he became the youngest Somerset Player to 'carry his bat' (107no) against Worcestershire before finishing the truncated season with a third century against Essex in the Bob Willis Trophy Final at Lord's.

His success resulted in Tom being named in the Green King team of the season.

2021 saw Tom have a moderate season but he scored a spectacular 90 from 36 balls in the T20 Blast fixture versus Gloucestershire at Taunton.

Tom has been an ever present in the Championship team over the last four seasons, the most successful being 2024, when he scored 941 runs with one century and five half centuries.

2025 saw Tom make his List 'A' debut and he scored 390 runs with two centuries and he took

15 wickets with a best of 5/20.

Tom has played for Manchester Originals & Oval Invincibles in 'The Hundred' and he, also, represented Hobart Hurricanes in the Big Bash in 2021-22.

**SOMERSET CAREER RECORD**

**BATTING AND FIELDING**

**FIRST CLASS:-**

**M 75 INNS 132 NO 9 RUNS 3944 HS 133 AVG 32.06 100x9 50x16 CT 50**

**LIST 'A':-**

**M 10 INNS 10 NO -- RUNS 390 HS 102 AVG 39.00 100x2 50x1 CT 5**

**T20:-**

**M 59 INNS 49 NO 8 RUNS 858 HS 90 AVG 20.92 100x-- 50x1 CT 33**

**BOWLING**

**FIRST CLASS:-**

**OVRs 215.2 M 36 RUNS 771 WKTS 14 BBI 3/26 AVG 55.07**

**LIST 'A':-**

**OVRs 57.5 M 6 RUNS 290 WKTS 15 BBI 5/20 AVG 19.33 4WI 1**

**T20:-**

**OVRs 49 M 2 RUNS 452 WKTS 14 BBI 2/32 AVG 32.28**



**JT LANGRIDGE**

**James Thomas (J.T.) LANGRIDGE**

*Born Plymouth, Devon 3rd  
November, 2005*

*Left-handed batter, left-arm  
medium fast bowler*

*Squad No 26*

JT joined the Somerset Academy in 2022.

Somerset 2nd XI debut 2022.

Somerset 'List' A debut 2023.

England U19s 2023.

Injury prevented JT making any appearances in 2024 but he played in four List 'A' matches in 2025.

JT is yet to make his First Class and T20 debuts.

Contracted until October 2028.

**SOMERSET CAREER RECORD**

**BATTING AND FIELDING**

**LIST 'A':-**

**M 7 INNS 3 NO 2 RUNS 17 HS 11\* AVG 17.00 CT1**

**BOWLING**

**LIST 'A':-**

**OVRs 41 M -- RUNS 309 WKTS 7 BBI 2/32 AVG 44.14**





**JACK  
LEACH**

### Matthew Jack LEACH

*Born Taunton, Somerset 22nd June, 1991*

*Left-handed batter, Slow left-arm bowler*

*Squad No 17*

*Cap 2017*

Tests 39 (2018- 2024) 142 wickets.

ECB one year Central contract 2024-2025.

Jack graduated from the Somerset Academy in 2010.

Cardiff MCCU 2012.

Dorset 2011.

Somerset First Class & List 'A' debuts 2012.

MCC 2017.

Somerset T20 debut 2021.

2017-18 England Lions and in February 2018 Jack took 8/110 against West Indies 'A'.

This performance saw him promoted to the full England squad and he made his Test debut in March 2018 against New Zealand.

Jack will always be remembered for his famous 1\* in his last wicket partnership with Ben Stokes in the 2019 Headingley Test to see England to a famous victory.

He, also, made his highest Test and First Class score to date (92) against Ireland at Lord's when he opened the batting as a night watchman.



**RILEY  
MEREDITH**

### Riley MEREDITH

*Born Hobart, Tasmania 21st June, 1996*

*Right-handed batter, right-arm fast bowler*

*Squad No 12*

T20s Australia 6 (2020/21- 2024).

OD1s Australia 1 (2021).

Riley joined Somerset as an overseas player for both 2024 and 2025. In his first season he played in twelve T20 Blast matches, taking 14 wickets, with a best of 4/12. He, also, played in three Metro Bank ODC matches, taking 6 wickets with a best of 4/27. Last season Riley played in 14 T20 matches and he took 28 wickets.

He has signed to return for the 2026 T20 Blast campaign.

In his Somerset career to date Jack has taken 427 wickets across the three formats. He has taken in excess of 50 First Class wickets in a season on three occasions with a best of 68 in 2016.

Contracted to October 2028.

#### SOMERSET CAREER RECORD

##### BATTING AND FIELDING

##### FIRST CLASS:-

**M 115 INNS 147 NO 41 RUNS 1547 HS 66  
AVG 14.59 100x-- 50x2 CT 44**

##### LIST 'A':-

**M 32 INNS 9 NO 3 RUNS 60 HS 18  
AVG 10.00 CT 21.**

##### T20:-

**M 9 INNS 2 NO 1 RUNS 8 HS 8\* AVG 8.00 CT 4**

##### BOWLING

##### FIRST CLASS:-

**OVRS 3545.1 M 932 RUNS 9070 WKTS 371  
BBI 8/85 AVG 24.44 5WI 26 10WM 4**

##### LIST 'A':-

**OVRS 273.3 M 10 RUNS 1243 WKTS 42  
BBI 6/26 AVG 29.59 4WI 1**

##### T20:-

**OVRS 30 M -- RUNS 250 WKTS 14  
BBI 3/28 AVG 17.85**



Riley has represented Hobart Hurricanes in the Australian Big Bash, Punjab Kings in the IPL, as well as London Spirit and Trent Rockets in "The Hundred".

#### SOMERSET CAREER RECORD

##### BATTING AND FIELDING

##### LIST 'A':-

**M 3 DID NOT BAT**

##### T20:-

**M 26 INNS 5 NO 3 RUNS 11 HS 6\* AVG 5.50  
CT 4**

##### BOWLING

##### LIST 'A':-

**Ovrs 25 M 1 RUNS 128 WKTS 6 BBI 4/27 AVG  
21.33 4WI 1**

##### T20:-

**OVRS 95 M 1 RUNS 776 WKTS 42 BBI 4/12  
AVG 18.47 4WI 1**





**ALFIE OGBORNE**

**Alfred Richard James OGBORNE**

*Born Yeovil, Somerset  
15th July, 2003*

*Squad No 3*

Alfie progressed through the Somerset Age Groups and he became part of the Club's Emerging Player Programme before joining the Potential Player Programme in 2020.

Somerset 2nd XI debut 2021.

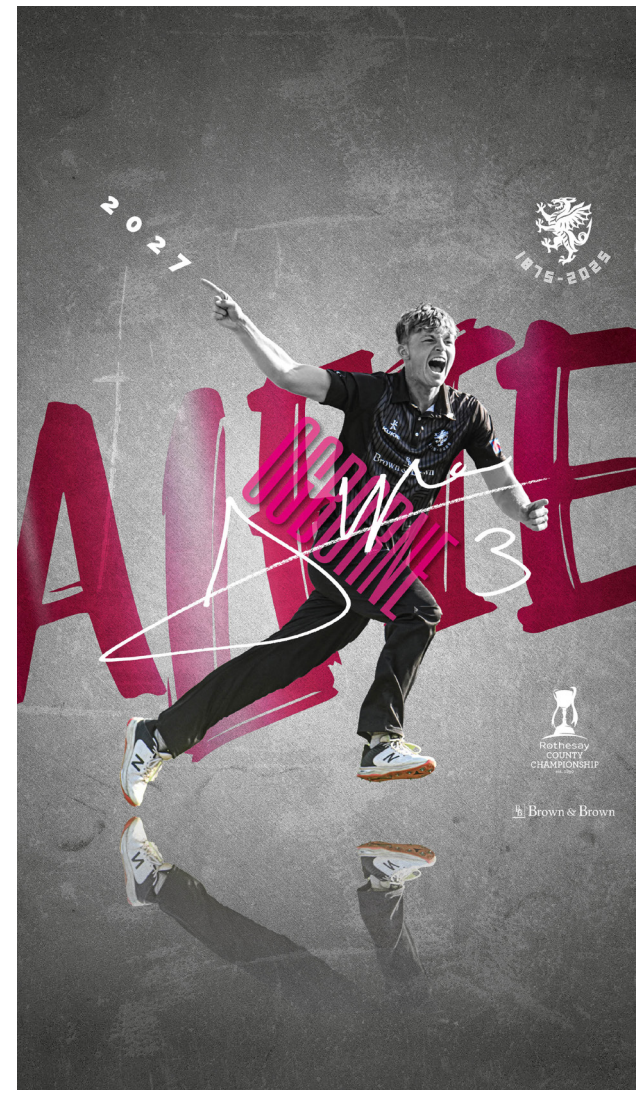
As a result of impressive performances for the 2nd XI in 2022, Alfie was selected in the squad for the National Counties fixtures versus Cornwall and Devon.

List 'A' Debut v Durham, August, 2022.

1st Class debut v Hampshire July, 2023.

Kent, on loan 2024 & 2025.

So far Alfie has mainly played in List 'A' cricket and he has taken 22 wickets, with a best of 5/41.



**SOMERSET CAREER RECORD**

**BATTING AND FIELDING**

**FIRST CLASS:-**

**M 3 INNS 4 NO 1 RUNS 10 HS 6 AVG 3.33 CT 1**

**LIST 'A':-**

**M17 INNS 7 NO 3 RUNS 89 HS 30\* AVG 22.25 CT 7**

**BOWLING**

**FIRST CLASS:-**

**OVRs 61 M 10 RUNS 213 WKTS 6 BBI 2/56 AVG 35.50**

**LIST 'A':-**

**OVRs 130.3 M 7 RUNS 719 WKTS 22 BBI 5/41 AVG 32.68 4WI 1**



**CRAIG OVERTON**

**Craig OVERTON**

*Born Barnstaple, Devon  
10th April, 1994*

*Squad No 7*

*Cap 2016*

Vice Captain 2024 to date.

Craig progressed through the Devon Age Groups before joining the Somerset Academy.

Devon 2010 - 2011.

England U19's 2011 - 2012.

Somerset 1st Class and List 'A' debuts 2012.

England Lions to Australia 2012 - 2013.

Craig was called up for the ODI series in 2015 but he wasn't selected to play. He was then involved in the ECB Performance Programme the following winter.

MCC 2017.

Tests 8 (2017/18 - 2021/22).

ODIs 7 (2018 - 2022).

Craig enjoyed three successful seasons (2020 - 2022) when he took 108 first class wickets.

In 2021 Craig won the County Championship Player of the season award and he was, also, included in the PCA team of the season.

Craig has now taken over 600 wickets for Somerset in all formats plus 235 catches, of which 22 were taken in the 2023 T20 Blast winning season, a Somerset record.

He has also represented Southern Brave in 'The Hundred' and Sunrisers Eastern Cape in the SA20.

Contracted to the end of the 2028 season.

**SOMERSET CAREER RECORD**

**BATTING AND FIELDING**

**FIRST CLASS:-**

**M 135 INNS 193 NO 30 RUNS 3826 HS 138\* AVG 23.47 100X1 50X19 CT 133**

**LIST 'A':-**

**M 46 INNS 35 NO 12 RUNS 560 HS 66\* AVG 24.34 100X-- 50X1 CT 21**

**T20:-**

**M107 INNS 54 NO 23 RUNS 493 HS 42 AVG 15.90 CT 81**

**BOWLING**

**FIRST CLASS:-**

**OVRs 3774.5 M 900 RUNS 11104 WKTS 463 BBI 7/57 AVG 23.98 5WI 19 10WM 1**

**LIST 'A':-**

**OVRs 360.5 M 20 RUNS 1948 WKTS 72 BBI 5/18 AVG 27.05 4WI 1**

**T20:-**

**OVRs 348.1 M 7 RUNS 2948 WKTS 102 BBI 4/25 AVG 28.90**





**MIGAEL  
PRETORIUS**

### Migael PRETORIUS

*Born Vereeniging, Gauteng,  
South Africa 25th March, 1995*

*Squad No 27*

*Right-handed batter, right-arm  
fast bowler*

Migael joined Somerset for the first part of the 2024 season and he, then, returned for 2025. He has now extended it for 2026.

He has, so far, played in 16 first class matches, scoring 550 runs with five half centuries and he has taken 52 wickets, with a best of 5/64. He has, also, played in one List 'A' match and four T20 Blast fixtures.

He has represented various teams in his native S.Africa.

#### SOMERSET CAREER RECORD

##### BATTING AND FIELDING

###### FIRST CLASS:-

**M 16 INNS 23 NO 3 RUNS 550 HS 95\* AVG 27.50 100x-- 50x5 CT 1**

###### LIST'A:-

**M 1 DID NOT BAT CT 1**

###### T20:-

**M 4 INNS 2 NO 1 RUNS 14 HS 12\* AVG 14.00 CT 1**

##### BOWLING

###### FIRST CLASS:

**OVRS 448 M 65 RUNS 1609 WKTS 52 BBI 5/64 AVG 30.94 5WI 2**

###### LIST'A:-

**OVRS 10 M -- RUNS 51 WKTS -- BBI 0/51 AVG --**

###### T20:-

**OVRS 11.5 M -- RUNS 102 WKTS 6 BBI 3/27 AVG 17.00**



**JAMES  
REW**

### James Edward Kenneth REW

*Born Lambeth, London 12th  
January, 2004*

*Squad No 55*

*Left-handed batter,  
Wicketkeeper*

*Cap 2025*

Somerset 2nd XI debut 2019.

First Class debut July 2021 for a County Select XI v the Indian Tourists.

List 'A' debut August 2021

Under 19 World Cup in the Caribbean 2022.

Somerset 1st Class debut July 2022 when James scored a half century and he followed it up with his maiden century in the next fixture against Essex at Chelmsford.

There followed a successful Royal London ODC campaign when he scored 307 runs, including his first List 'A' century.

1000 first class runs in a season (2) 2023 & 2025.

His 2023 success brought James 4 Awards as follows:-

Young Player of the Year.

Supporter's Player of the Season

County Championship Player of the Season.

Somerset Player of the Season.

T20 Blast debut 2022.

Voted Young Cricketer of the Year 2023.

James's continuing consistent form saw him, in May 2025 become the youngest English Cricketer since Dennis Compton in 1939 to score ten First Class centuries.

James was called up to the England Test squad for the one off Test against Zimbabwe in May 2025 but he didn't play.

Captained Somerset in the MetroBank Cup in 2025.

England Lions Tour to Australia November/December 2025.

#### SOMERSET CAREER RECORD

##### BATTING AND FIELDING

###### FIRST CLASS:-

**M 49 INNS 81 NO 10 RUNS 3202 HS 221 AVG 45.09 100X11 50X11 CT 138 ST5**

###### LIST'A:-

**M 38 INNS 38 NO 6 RUNS 1474 HS 114 AVG 46.06 100x3 50x9 CT 47**

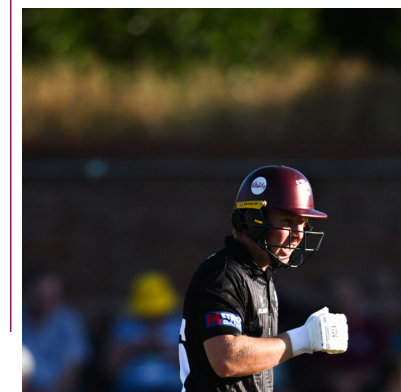
###### T20:-

**M 7 INNS 7 NO 1 RUNS 166 HS 62\* AVG 27.66 100x-- 50x1 CT 1**

##### BOWLING

###### FIRST CLASS:-

**OVRS 1 M -- RUNS 1 BBI 0/1 AVG --**





**THOMAS  
REW**

### Thomas Henry Sidney REW

*Born Lambeth, London 29th November, 2007*

*Squad No 45*

*Right-handed batter,  
Wicketkeeper*

Thomas joined the Somerset Academy in 2023.

Captained Somerset 2nd XI in 2025.

T20 debut May 2025.

Thomas was selected in a County Select XI v Zimbabwe and he scored 103 from 107 balls in the second innings.

In June 2025, playing against India U19s Thomas scored the fastest ever one day century for England U19s off just 73 balls.

List 'A' debut July, 2025 for the PCC XI v Pakistan Shaheens.

Somerset List 'A' debut the following month.

Selected for the England Lions Tour to Australia alongside his brother in November/ December 2025.

First Class debut December 2025 for England Lions v Australia 'A'.

Awaiting Somerset First Class debut.

Voted Somerset's Young Player of 2025.

#### SOMERSET CAREER RECORD

##### BATTING AND FIELDING

LIST'A:-

**M 10 INNS 9 NO 2 RUNS 308 HS 84\* AVG 44.00 100x-- 50x2 CT 6**

T20:-

**M 3 INNS 2 NO 1 RUNS 18 HS 17\* AVG 18.00 CT 2**



**KIAN  
ROBERTS**

### Kian James T ROBERTS

*Born Truro, Cornwall 25th September, 2006*

*Squad No 21*

*Right-handed batter, right-arm medium bowler*

Kian is a product of the Cornwall Pathway. He then joined the EPP Programme before graduating on to the Somerset Academy.

Somerset 2nd XI debut 2025.

His form resulted in selection for the Metro Bank ODC squad and he made his debut v Lancashire in August, 2025.

Awaiting First Class and T20 debuts.

Kian is contracted for the 2026 season.

#### SOMERSET CAREER RECORD

##### BATTING AND FIELDING

LIST'A:-

**M 2 INNS 2 NO 1 RUNS 40 HS 29 AVG 40.00 CT 1**

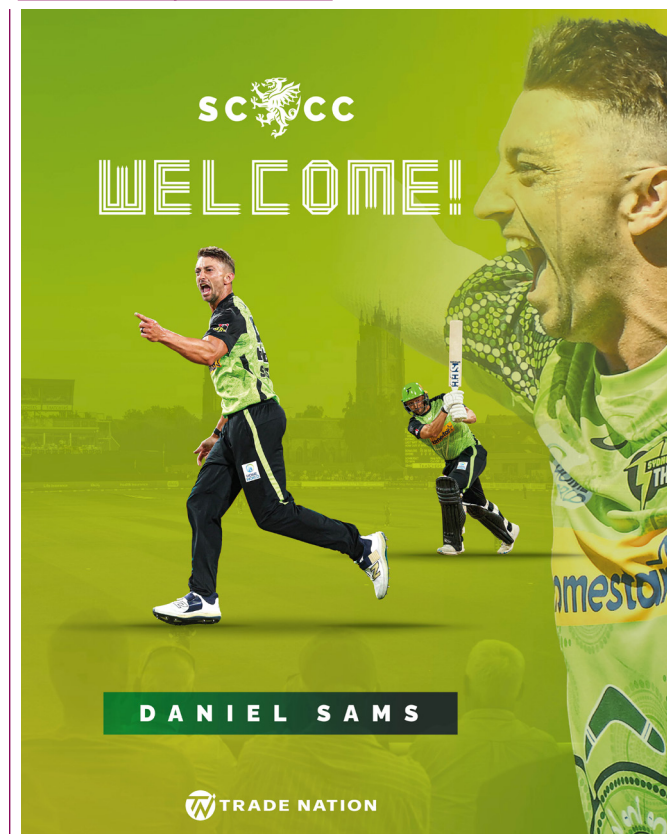
##### BOWLING

LIST'A:-

**OVRS 9 M -- RUNS 47 WKTS 1 BBI 1/28 AVG 47.00.**



**DANIEL  
SAMS**



### Daniel Richard SAMS

*Born Milperra, NSW, Australia 27th October, 1992*

*Right-handed batter, left-arm fast medium bowler.*

Daniel has signed a Vitality T20 Blast contract for the duration of the 2026 campaign.

He represented Australia in 10 T20Is between 2020-21 and 2022-23. He has played in Franchise cricket around the world, totalling 206 matches in which he has taken 250 wickets with a best of 5/30. He has also scored over 2170 runs with a

highest score of 98 n.o.

Daniel has played T20 cricket in this country for both Essex and Nottinghamshire and, in 2023, he was voted the Vitality Blast MVP when he scored 419 runs and took 25 wickets for Essex in the season that they finished runners-up to Somerset.





**JOSH SHAW**

### Joshua SHAW

*Born Wakefield, Yorkshire  
3rd January 1996*

*Right-handed batter, right-arm  
medium fast bowler*

Yorkshire 2015-2019.

Loan spells with Gloucestershire  
2016 and 2017/18.

To date Josh has taken over  
230 wickets across the three  
formats.

He has joined Somerset on a  
three year multi format contract.



**WILL SMEED**

### William Conrad Francis SMEED

*Born Cambridge, Cambridgeshire  
26th October, 2001*

*Squad No. 23*

*Right-handed batter, right-arm  
off break bowler*

Somerset 2nd XI debut 2017.

Will missed a large part of the  
2020 season as a result of an  
injury sustained while playing  
for England U19s. However,  
he made his T20 debut and, in  
his second game, he scored  
82 against Gloucestershire at  
Taunton.

Will has become an explosive  
T20 opening batter and he has  
amassed over 2250 runs in the  
format, including seventeen half  
centuries.

Will scored 620 runs in the  
2025 Vitality Blast title winning  
season, including a superb 94  
off 58 balls in the final.

Will has also played for  
Birmingham Phoenix in 'The  
Hundred' and became the  
first player to score a century  
(103no from 50 balls) in the  
competition.

He also plays for franchise  
teams around the World.

Will has now signed a multi  
format contract until the end of  
the 2028 season.

#### SOMERSET CAREER RECORD

##### BATTING AND FIELDING

T20:-

**M 81 INNS 80 NO 4 RUNS 2289  
HS 98 AVG 30.11 100x-- 50x17 CT 37.**



**JAMES THEEDOM**

### James M THEEDOM

*Born Exeter, Devon  
5th March, 2007*

*Left-handed batter, right-arm  
medium bowler*

James worked his way through  
the Devon Pathway before  
joining the Somerset Academy  
in 2023.

Somerset 2nd XI debut 2024.

List 'A' debut v Yorkshire at York  
2025.

James has signed a contract  
until the end of the 2027 season.

He plays his club cricket for  
Sandford in the Devon League.

#### SOMERSET CAREER RECORD

##### BATTING AND FIELDING

LIST A:-

**M 2 DID NOT BAT CT 1**

##### BOWLING

LIST A:-

**OVR 7 M -- RUNS 51 WKTS 1 BBI 1/32 AVG  
51.00**



**JOSH THOMAS**

### Joshua Frederick THOMAS

*Born Taunton, Somerset  
11th January, 2005*

*Squad No 8*

*Left-handed batter, Slow left-  
arm bowler*

Josh played through the  
Somerset Age Groups and  
graduated from the Academy  
in 2023 when he signed his first  
professional contract.

Somerset 2nd XI debut 2021.

List 'A' debut 2022

First Class debut as an injury  
replacement versus Hampshire  
at Taunton in September 2025.  
Josh made his full debut in the  
following match v Essex at  
Chelmsford, scoring 86 in the  
first innings.

#### SOMERSET CAREER RECORD

##### BATTING AND FIELDING

FIRST CLASS:-

**M 2 INNS 2 NO -- RUNS 125 HS 86 AVG 62.50  
100x-- 50x1 CT 3**

List 'A':-

**M 25 INNS 20 NO 6 RUNS 332 HS 54\* AVG  
23.71 100x-- 50x2 CT 4**

##### BOWLING

LIST A:-

**OVR 44 M -- RUNS 279 WKTS 6 BBI 3/40  
AVG 46.50**





**ARCHIE  
VAUGHAN**

### Archie Matthew VAUGHAN

*Born Sheffield, South Yorkshire  
9th December, 2005*

*Squad No 66*

*Right-handed batter, right-arm  
off break bowler*

Archie attended Millfield School and he played for Somerset at U15 level through to U18s.

He came through the Somerset Academy and in the spring of 2024 he signed a two and a half year contract with Somerset. He has subsequently extended his contract until the end of the 2028 season.

Young Lions Invitational XI v England U19s-June 2024.

Somerset LIST'A' debut v Kent at Taunton, July 2024

Somerset First Class debut v Durham at Taunton, August 2024.

In his second first class match, also at Taunton, Archie enjoyed a 'Man of the Match' performance when he took eleven wickets in the epic victory against Surrey.

Appointed Captain of the England U19s for their tour of S.Africa in early 2025.

In 2025 Archie played in every First Class and List'A' match and he scored his first century (109) in the Metro Bank ODC fixture v Northamptonshire at Taunton.

Archie is spending the 2025-2026 winter playing grade cricket in Australia for Mosman.

Archie is awaiting his T20 debut.

### SOMERSET CAREER RECORD

#### BATTING AND FIELDING

##### FIRST CLASS:-

**M 18 INNS 31 NO 5 RUNS 625 HS 80 AVG 42.03 100x-- 50x2 CT 8**

##### LIST A:-

**M 17 INNS 14 NO 3 RUNS 469 HS 109\* AVG 42.63 100x1 50x2 CT 7**

#### BOWLING

##### FIRST CLASS:-

**OVRS 414 M 96 RUNS 1135 WKTS 35 BBI 6/96 AVG 32.42 5WI 3 10WM 1**

##### LIST A:-

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## VALETES

### Kasey Luke ALDRIDGE

Born Bristol 24th December, 2000

Right-handed batter, right-arm medium fast bowler.

Kasey joined the Somerset Academy in 2018 and made his Second XI debut in 2019. His First Class and List A debuts followed in 2021.

Kasey played in 69 matches across the three formats, scoring over 1300 runs with two centuries and claiming 118 wickets.

Kasey has joined Durham on a three year contract.

### Joshua Henry DAVEY

Born Aberdeen, Scotland 3rd August, 1990

Right-handed batter, right-arm medium fast bowler.

Cap 2021

Between 2015 and 2025 Josh represented Somerset in 161 matches across the three formats, scoring over 1900 runs and taking over 300 wickets.

Josh has, also, represented Scotland in 33 ODIs and 31 T20s.

Josh went on loan to Leicestershire in 2023 and he has joined them on a three year contract.

### Sean Robert DICKSON

Born Johannesburg, South Africa nd September, 1991.

Right-handed batter, right-arm medium bowler.

Sean joined Somerset in 2023 on a three year contract as a top order batter. In 22 first class matches he scored 694 runs with five half centuries.

Sean had more success in One Day cricket. He succeeded Ben Green as captain of the 50 over team in 2023 and the following season he led them to the final when they lost a rain shortened match to Glamorgan.

Sean was an integral member of Somerset's T20 Trophy winning teams in both 2023 and 2025.

He has signed a three year contract with Glamorgan.

### Benjamin George Frederick GREEN

Born Exeter, Devon 28th September, 1997

Right-handed batter, right-arm medium bowler.

Somerset 2nd XI debut 2014, T20 debut 2016, First Class and List 'A' debuts

Somerset First Class and List'A' debuts 2018. One Day Cup Captain 2021-2022.

In 17 first class matches Ben scored 509 runs with a best of 54 and claimed 12 wickets at 33.58.

He played a starring role in the T20 Blast winning season in 2023, taking 30 wickets.

Ben went on loan to Leicestershire and he has now joined them, permanently, on a three year contract.

### Matthew James HENRY

Born Christchurch, New Zealand 14th December, 1991

Right-handed batter, right-arm fast medium bowler.

Cap 2023

Matthew joined Somerset for part of the 2023 season and he returned for the 2025 T20 Blast campaign.

During his two stints with the club Matthew played in 10 First Class matches, scoring 228 runs with one half century and he took 46 wickets He was a key member of theT20 winning teams in 2023 & 2025.

### Andrew Robert Issac UMEED

Born Glasgow, Scotland 19th April, 1996

Right-handed batter, right-arm leg break bowler.

Somerset First Class and List 'A' debuts 2022.

In 2023 Metro Bank One Day Cup campaign, he scored 613 runs with three centuries, and a further 447 in 2024.

Andrew featured in 17 first class matches, scoring 611 runs with two half centuries.

### Roelof Erasmus VAN der MERWE

Born Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa 31st December, 1984.

Right-handed batter, left-arm slow bowler

Cap 2018.

Roelof made his Somerset debut in 2010 and he made his highest T20 score in his second match versus Kent at Tunbridge Wells and rejoined the County in 2016 on a multi format contract.

He played in 28 first class matches, scoring 748 runs with a best of 102\* and claimed 65 wickets at 25.73.

Roelof was an all action cricketer, a hard hitting batter, a good slow left-arm bowler and a brilliant fielder.

## VIEW FROM THE COMMENTARY BOX

BY ANTHONY GIBSON

**The view from our commentary box at the Cooper Associates County Ground is, without question, the finest in the land. And in writing that, I am thinking not just of the magnificent Quantock backdrop, but of much of the cricket that we have been able to enjoy in a season that was more than worthy of Somerset County Cricket Club's sesquicentennial year.**

My mind goes first to that gloriously sunny April day when Tom Banton pulled a full toss from Kashif Ali viciously through mid-wicket for the boundary that took him to 343, and so past Justin Langer's record for the highest individual score in Somerset's history. It was an innings of fluent, wristy elegance which confirmed beyond all possible doubt Tom Banton's re-emergence as an all-format batsman of the highest class. Yes, it was hugely frustrating that a combination of a benign pitch and – credit where it's due – doughty Worcestershire batting denied Somerset the win, but the memories of Banton's innings will long outlast those of the outcome of the game.

Now, let us cast our minds forward some five months, to the evening of September 6th, with the usually raucous Vitality Blast crowd stunned into near silence, as Somerset fall further and further behind the rate required to chase down the Bears' 190. Gregory and Green go in the 18th over. At 158/6 with just 12 balls left and 33 still needed, all seems lost. But that is to reckon without a certain Sean Dickson. Fired – as we later discovered – by his

indignation at not being offered a new contract, he took the game – and the Bears – by the scruff of the neck. The shot that he picked up off his boots for a six into the Andy Caddick Pavilion was a staggering blow. His next one, into the Family Stand, was sheer, brutal power. A scorching four down the ground and a scrambled single and the job was done – to a huge roar. Quite brilliant. It may 'only' have been in a 20 over game, but that was an innings that will also long be remembered.



SEAN DICKSON



TOM BANTON 343

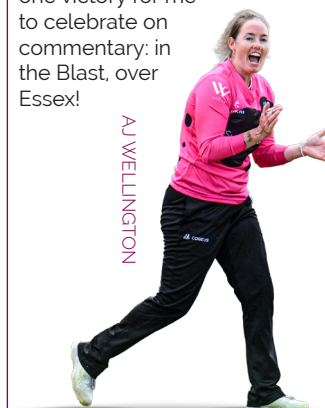
I think as well of what proved to be the turning point in Somerset's County Championship season, when James Rew took control of what had seemed a doomed run-chase against Essex – 78/5 and another 247 still needed – and led the side home, with strong and intelligent support from Lewis Gregory and Craig Overton. That too was an innings of the highest class, played when it mattered most. "It's VE day in Taunton", I declared at the end. "Victory over Essex day!".

But the Somerset cricketer who probably occupied more commentary time than any other over the course of the season was, of course, Taunton's joint-favourite son (with Tom Abell), the seemingly inexhaustible Jack Leach. In seven home Championship games, he bowled no fewer than 323.5 overs – 46 overs per game – including 107 maidens, for 41 wickets at 14.68 runs apiece, and, with the exception of the Durham game, on pitches that got flatter as the matches went on. No other spin bowler comes close to his record for the season and, in the opinion of this and many other commentators, no other English spinner comes close to him, full stop.



JACK LEACH

One new feature – for me at least – was the chance to commentate on some women's cricket, and very enjoyable it was too. In the absence of both Heather Knight and Dani Gibson for most of the season, Somerset Women found it tough going in their first season as a professional outfit. But we saw enough from the likes of Amanda Jade Wellington, Beth Odgers, Alex Griffiths and Fran Wilson, plus emerging talents including Mollie Robbins and Erin Vukusic, to be sure that Somerset Women will be a force to be reckoned with when they're back to full strength. And there was at least one victory for me to celebrate on commentary: in the Blast, over Essex!



AJ WELLINGTON



ALEX GRIFFITHS

MOLLIE ROBBINS

Since 2013, the ECB has been subsidising the BBC to provide county cricket commentaries online and on Sports Extra, but it wasn't until the end of March, just days before the season, that a new four year contract was confirmed. Three cheers for that, except that the qualifying stages of the One Day Cup were not included in the deal. So although I did get to watch a couple of Somerset's earlier games, I didn't get to commentate until the quarter-final against Gloucestershire. But I saw more than enough to be hugely impressed by the way in which precocious youth and seasoned experience combined to great effect. Tom Lammonby was outstanding with ball as well as bat and Archie Vaughan made what surely be the first of many centuries in senior cricket in the win over a strong Northants outfit.

But if the campaign is remembered for one thing it will be the first flowering of the fraternal partnership which will surely be at the heart of Somerset cricket for years to come, as the Rew brothers combined to superb effect, the audacity of Thomas complementing perfectly the solidity of James, whose captaincy, I should add, was pretty much flawless.

*Anthony Gibson is the BBC's senior commentator on Somerset cricket.*

I am conscious that I have so far mentioned Lewis Gregory only in passing. But although you might not think so from looking at his figures, he has been at the very heart of Somerset's success: shrewd, pragmatic, hugely respected by his players and with the coolest of heads under pressure, he has become one of the county's great captains. The way in which he finished the job in the final of the Blast may have been his most spectacular moment, but the bowling he produced on the last morning of the season at Chelmsford, as he strained every one of his doubtless

aching sinews in a brilliant, cruelly unlucky last-ditch spell, showed that here is a cricketer for the hard yards as well as for flashes of brilliance. Long may his body allow him to continue.

So what sort of a season did Somerset have, in the final analysis? It is a question I have been asked many times since the end of September, and my answer has always been the same: one of their very best. To finish third in the County Championship, equal third in the One Day Cup and to win the Blast for the second time in three years was a superb

performance, especially given that injury meant Matt Henry missed the first two months of the season. In 2025, Somerset were arguably the most successful all-round team in the country.

My thanks, as ever, go to Somerset County Cricket Club's players, coaches and staff for their help and co-operation from first to last. It has been a real pleasure, as well as a great privilege, to have been able to talk our BBC listeners through what has been an outstanding season.

COOL HEAD LEWIS



COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP THIRD



ONE-DAY CUP THIRD



## THE REWS HAVE ARRIVED

MUCH TO THE DELIGHT OF SOMERSET CCC AND SAM DALLING

**A cricketing pair rarely a positive. As an achievement, it has left many a batter scarlet faced. But then sometimes there are the good pairs, the glorious ones, causes for celebration. Take James and Thomas Rew, for example: it is impossible now to think of one sibling without the other.**



JAMES

THOMAS

That has been the case for several summers, which, when you properly consider it, is somewhat odd. Sure, both are, at the time of typing, with the England Lions in Australia. However, as recently as mid 2025, James was dutifully notching first-class hundred after first-class hundred, while Thomas was yet to sit a meaningful exam, let alone play professional cricket.

And yet they were inextricably linked even before Thomas' 1st XI debut. Not just because of their mutual blood, but because of their sporting talent. Talk about pressure, eh? The whole cricketing world - or at least the universe that exists in the west country, which is basically the same thing! - assumed Thomas would bat long and prosper before he'd even qualified for a National Insurance number.

However, for those fortunate enough to have witnessed each of them bat in person, it is

immediately obvious why the noise has rapidly loudened. It is plainly clear why the duo's Taunton St. Andrews teammate anointed them the GOAT (Greatest of all time) and Baby GOAT respectively.

Somerset have a little history with cricketing brothers. There are the Tregos, Peter and Sam. The former is - as painful as it is to admit as a commentary colleague - a club legend, and the latter on the staff briefly. The same can be said about the Parsons, Keith and Kevin, and the Turners, Rob and Simon. John and Simon Francis were both imported in the noughties; while ticking further back you'll find the Palmers, the late Ken and Roy. To date, the most successful though, are the Overtons, with the pair sharing 42 England caps and counting.

Could they be surpassed by the Rews? It seems likely.

It was up in Chester-le-Street that they were first glimpsed

together. Sort of. Thomas had just signed a summer deal, while James was with the England Test squad ahead of the Zimbabwe game at Trent Bridge.

Ultimately, James was released so travelled north to play for Somerset, but, having taken a blow to the finger batting, Thomas had the gloves in the second innings. He looked like a child in his stockier big brother's shirt but kept very tidily indeed.

What a relief for parents Chris and Debbie, eh? Whereas usually they split their time they were able to enjoy a joint trip. Then came the 50-over competition, during which both brothers flourished. Because of the age gap, they had rarely played together before that tournament, but Somerset will hope that, in a decade or two's time, they will have stepped onto a cricket field in unison hundreds of times.



James will only just have turned 22 by the time the 2026 summer rolls around. He has 11 first-class hundreds already, having made headlines in May 2025 for being youngest since Denis Compton to notch ten of them in red-ball cricket. Quite good company that, right?

James is generational talent and yet eyes seem to have switched to Thomas, who spent a decent chunk of last summer skippering England Under-19s. During that time, he racked up their quickest ever white ball century (131 from 89 balls against India).

His winter with the Lions came about despite not yet having made his first-class debut. What Thomas did do, though, was reach 50 against an England attack operating at near full tilt in what was their only pre-Ashes warm-up, leading to his selection in the opening game of the Lions tour.

There is something remarkable about his temperament, the



ease in which he has adapted to professional cricket. He is like a river that remains undisturbed despite a cannon ball or three being dropped into it. Following his unbeaten 84 against Durham in the One Day Cup, Scott Borthwick of the opposition described Thomas as the best youngster he had set eyes upon. Borthwick has seen a few.

Much has already been written about James, and there is much more to come.

There is a danger of getting too hyped up, of heaping too much pressure on young shoulders, but the sense is that both can cope. There is a humility to the pair and an apparent ability to block it all out. They still live at home with their parents and are just enjoying life with their mates. That aforesaid life happens to be within the confines of professional sport is neither here nor there to them. Somerset are lucky to have them. Long may it continue.



## SOMERSET V ESSEX THE TURNING POINT OF THE 2025 SEASON IS RECOUNTED

BY STEPHEN LAMB

**At the outset the circumstances didn't seem too favourable, as Somerset went in to their fifth Championship match of the summer still searching for their first win. Despite Tom Banton's record-breaking 371 in the one previous game at Taunton, they'd been tantalisingly unable to force victory against Worcestershire. Then two defeats out of the three away games that followed, well beaten by Sussex at Hove and Surrey at the Oval. So they began May second from bottom in division one, facing a full-strength Essex team, fourth in the table with a game in hand.**

On a pitch green enough to make it hard to distinguish from the rest of the square, Lewis Gregory might well have been praying more fervently than usual for the coin to land the right way up. It did so and Essex were duly inserted. Insofar as they were bowled out within the day for 206 the plan worked reasonably well, with the tidy Migaël Pretorius and Jack Leach, on a pitch offering occasional sharp turn and bounce, sharing the bulk of the wickets. But by midway through day two it was looking a pretty handy total, after Somerset had surrendered a lead of 61, with Simon Harmer their chief tormentor and 27 from nightwatchman Josh Davey providing their highest individual score.

LEWIS GREGORY



A classy century from Jordan Cox was instrumental in setting the hosts a target of 321 – by a distance the highest total of the match – to achieve their first Championship victory of the summer.

The chase didn't start well, with openers Andy Umeed and Archie Vaughan soon dismissed to leave them teetering on 8 for two in the seventh over. Two of the three Toms – Lammonby and Abell – effected a limited recovery but their departures, followed by that of Tom Banton, reduced Somerset to 78 for five, an Essex win apparently theirs for the taking.

James Rew now played an innings spanning the third and fourth days which he was to describe later as the best of his career so far. With characteristically robust support from his skipper he added 101 for the sixth wicket, Gregory hitting eight boundaries against an increasingly wayward Essex attack, before being bowled off the inside edge by the Sri Lankan, Kasun Rajitha,

for 57 shortly before stumps. By then Rew had also reached a half century, so Somerset began the final day on 216 for six, another 105 still needed.

The vice-captain now provided Rew with as staunch support as the skipper had offered the previous day. Craig Overton showed admirable restraint and application - he reached 27 without hitting a boundary - as Rew continued to flourish, executing an array of admirable boundaries all around the ground on the way to his 10th first-class century. He'd hit 18 in all before he was eventually dismissed for 116 – the seventh-wicket partnership having realised 133 - and by then his team was within just nine runs of a remarkable comeback win.

Overton soon put the matter beyond doubt by driving Harmer straight for six to secure a three-wicket triumph, which he duly celebrated with a fist pump in the direction of a jubilant Somerset balcony.

CRAIG OVERTON



JAMES REW

"I would have to say that was my best innings," Rew said afterwards. "I have always said I wanted to make a big score in a run chase, and that was the case today. Lewis Gregory last night and Craig Overton today played brilliantly. Lewis was out unluckily, but for Craig still to be there at the end was fantastic. It was a really big win for us after a tough couple of weeks." Overton added: "It was probably the most important innings I have played for Somerset. Beating Essex is

always special because we've had some ding-dong battles with them over the years. The win could be massive in turning our season around. It hasn't been the start we wanted, but we can now look forward with confidence to moving up the table."

Prophetic words. A home win against Sussex followed a fortnight later, preceding away and home victories over Durham. From the perils of second to bottom, Somerset progressed steadily up the

division one table, eventually completing the season in third place.

*Stephen Lamb is a journalist and broadcaster who has commented on cricket since 1985*

## SOMERSET DEPARTEES

SAYS VIC MARKS



1. KASEY ALDRIDGE

2. SONNY BAKER

3. GEORGE BARTLETT

4. DOM BESS

5. JOS BUTTLER

6. EDDIE BYROM

7. JOSH DAVEY



8. SEAN DICKSON

9. NATHAN GILCHRIST

10. BEN GREEN

11. ADAM HOSE

12. NED LEONARD

13. JAMIE OVERTON

14. GEORGE THOMAS

**Somerset bade farewell to four gifted cricketers in September, all of whom have made very significant contributions over the last few years. Three of them were offered fresh contracts but declined to take them up.**

This feels like it should be a source of alarm though I'm not sure this is justified. Kasey Aldridge, Josh Davey and Ben Green opted to move counties not because they were disillusioned with the set-up at Taunton but because they wanted to play regular first team cricket in all formats, a perfectly admirable aspiration, and they sensed that this was more likely

to happen elsewhere. We will miss them and it's sad to see them go but their ambitions are easy to understand.

A more positive observation is that the club has been producing more young players than they can sustain in their squad. This is a tribute to the work of the Academy, which is currently overseen by Matt Drakeley and his team. I've concocted a list, in alphabetical order, which may not be comprehensive, of former Somerset cricketers playing elsewhere. It forms a squad of fourteen, from which we could form a very handy side. It reads: 1 Aldridge, 2 Baker, 3 Bartlett,

4 Bess, 5 Buttler, 6 Byrom, 7 Davey, 8 Dickson, 9 Gilchrist, 10 Green, 11 Hose, 12 Leonard, 13 Overton J and 14 Thomas G.

Of that fourteen, all except Davey, Dickson and Hose came through the Academy. This is the lifeblood of any club and in recent times Somerset have managed to aid the development of some fine local cricketers (now we all recognise that "local" cricketers include those not only from Somerset, but also from Devon and Cornwall - and no doubt, any from Dorset would be welcome too.)

Several of the departures have been regretted but the increasing number of comings and goings is now part of the modern game. When I began life as a professional cricketer - all too long ago - it was rare for players to change clubs. When they did it was usually because of serious differences of opinion. But the landscape has changed. Now players and their agents are constantly assessing what suits them, which may mean moving clubs.

The fear for counties, which do not have a Hundred franchise, is that the best players will increasingly gravitate towards those that do possess one in

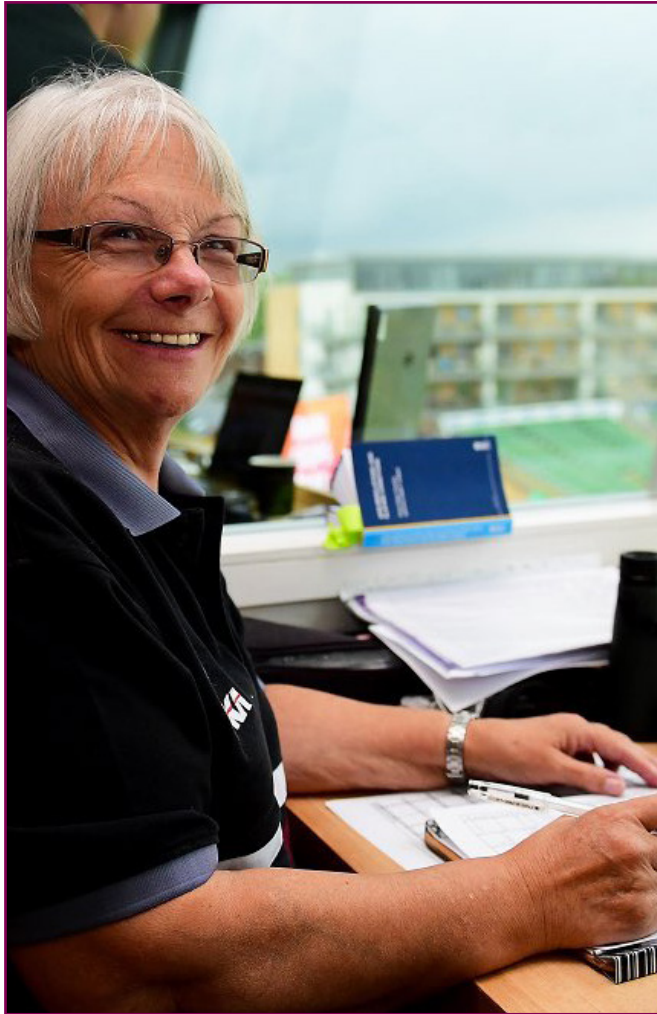
the expectation of increased salaries and the enhanced possibility of a lucrative Hundred contract.

At Taunton we try to combat that by being good employers and by constantly challenging for trophies each year. To do this successfully it is imperative that we keep producing our own players. So Matt and his team need all our support.

If players choose to seek further opportunities elsewhere, so be it. That is the way of the world. Moreover, I think it's fair to say that those on the list above are all guaranteed the warmest of welcomes whenever they return to Taunton..



*Vic Marks writes about cricket in The Guardian and is a member of the BBC Test Match Special team as well as commenting regularly on the Somerset Live Stream.*



**At the end of the 2025 season Polly Rhodes retired from her duties as the Somerset First XI scorer bringing to an end her long association with the Club.**

Polly first became involved with Somerset when she scored for the Under 17s in 2006 and two years later stepped up to become the Second XI scorer.

When long serving Gerry Stickley retired at the end of the 2018 season Polly took over the role of First XI scorer and has carried on ever since.

Polly was keen on cricket when she was at school but soon discovered that she was better with the pen than the bat, so took up scoring.



When her son played cricket she scored for his Colts XI and from there she was encouraged to become a qualified scorer, learning from none other than Bill Frindall, the legendary Test Match Special scorer.

When Polly scored for Somerset against Worcestershire at New Road alongside Sue Drinkwater

in May 2019 it was the first time that two women had officiated in a Championship match.

In her former life Polly taught home economics and needlework and two years ago during the winter she turned her hand to making a new Somerset CCC flag, the one that now flies from the flagpole alongside the Andy Caddick Pavilion.

During her time as Somerset First XI scorer Polly has also scored for England at international level as well as for WEPL Premier League sides Bath and Taunton St Andrews.

Polly will be greatly missed by all involved, both at Somerset and around the county circuit and everyone would like to wish her a long and happy

retirement.

To mark the occasion Polly was presented with a bouquet of flowers by the whole of the Somerset staff.

# BANTON'S 371 RECORD BREAKING

BY RICHARD LATHAM

**In the opening match of the season Tom Banton scored 371 for Somerset against Worcestershire breaking Justin Langer's 342 against Surrey in 2006 to set a new county record.**

**Richard Latham caught up with Tom after the summer ended to discover more about his incredible record breaking innings.**

## INNINGS

*It was the first Championship match of the season. Was there anything in your pre-season form to suggest that you would mark it with a big score?*

I wouldn't say there was anything to suggest I was going to make a big score. Cricket is a funny game and I would just say I had come off a good winter and found form from white ball cricket. I had a busy winter with franchise and England cricket, so my pre-season was very quiet as I had some time off before the busy English summer.

*You went in with Somerset 39 for three on day one in reply to Worcestershire's 154 so both sets of bowlers had been on top. Do you recall what you and Tom Abell made of the pitch and were most concerned with at that point?*

To be honest, it felt like such a long time ago, I can't really remember too much. With it being the first game of the season, the wickets are normally more favoured towards the seam bowlers. We spoke about just trying to build a partnership and get through to the end of play without losing another wicket.

*By the close of the first day you had made 84 not out. Was it the case that you felt in prime form from the start?*

I felt good from the start as I managed to get a few early boundaries away.

I quickly realised the wicket was only going to get better, so I thought if I got through till the close of play, there would be a good chance to get a big lead on day 2. In red ball cricket, there is always a ball with your name on. I tried to be pro active and put the bowlers off their length quickly.

*You then batted throughout day two, sharing the highest ever Somerset fifth-wicket stand of 371 with James Rew. What do you remember about that partnership?*

To be very honest, the whole day went by very quickly. We just tried to bat for as long as possible.

We quickly realised the wicket had got very good for batting. I remember getting to 200 and James came down to me and said we can do something very special here. We went for the final bonus batting point, then just carried on batting normally.





You moved to your fourth first class hundred and then past your previous best score of 133. What were your feelings at that point?

I didn't think too much of it. I just wanted to bat for as long as possible and try and win the game for Somerset. It's obviously nice contributing to team wins. Red ball cricket has been something I've worked really hard on the last couple of years, so to be able to make a big score was really satisfying.

Your maiden double hundred came from 241 balls, with 33 fours. Did it occur to you then that you were playing well enough to make it a triple?

I knew the wicket was very good for batting. The sun was out and Worcester had been fielding for a long time. I thought I may not get this chance ever again so let's try and make the most of it. I felt I applied pressure when I needed too, then soaked it up when they bowled well. I'm always going to try and score runs as I feel that's when I'm at my best.



When did you start thinking about eclipsing Justin Langer's highest ever individual score for Somerset? You actually went past it with a boundary off the penultimate ball of the final over of day two. Do you recall your feelings seeing the ball cross the rope?

Alfie Ogborne was doing 12th man that day. I remember him running out to me and telling me about the record. I didn't really have much idea what the record was. I had never batted for that long in my life, so the body was slowly getting tired and sore. I was batting with Lewis Gregory and thought I'm going for the record tonight and luckily it came off.

When the ball crossed the rope, it was a very emotional moment for me. I feel I have been written off by a lot of people throughout my career so to be able to prove to people that I could do

it was very satisfying. I got into the changing room at the close of play and had a little tear in my eye as I couldn't believe what I had achieved. Never in a million years did I think that would be possible!! The boys and the fans were going crazy when it did happen. I'll always remember that moment when the ball crossed the line for the rest of my life.

Were you able to celebrate that evening, knowing you had to continue your innings the next morning?

Whenever someone in the team has a career best, we normally have a drink together as a team to celebrate. We all went to the Ring of Bells for a drink and some food. The family and I went home and probably had about six Peronis before we went to bed. I remember sitting on the sofa speaking to my Dad and not quite realising what had just happened. I don't think either of us could believe it; it was a very emotional moment. My Dad said to me that something like this will probably never happen again so let's enjoy it!

You ended up striking 56 fours and two sixes in a 403-ball innings. Do any particular shots or other moments stand out in your memory?

I would say the six to beat the record was probably my favourite shot. I thought I hit it straight to the fielder but luckily I just managed to get it over him. Everyone joked about only hitting two sixes throughout the whole innings.

How does it feel to have recorded the fifth highest score in County Championship history behind Brian Lara (501 not out), Archie MacLaren (424), Sam Northeast (410 not out) and Graeme Hick (405)?

It feels very weird to be honest. Never did I think it would be possible to do something like this. With some hard work and belief, it's crazy to what someone can achieve. I'm very lucky at Somerset to have the backing from my teammates, coaches and fans. It still doesn't feel real that its happened.

*Richard Latham reports on Somerset for local papers throughout the South West and is Managing Director of Bristol & West News Agency. He is also a member of the ECB reporting team.*

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| <b>BANTON</b>                  | <b>SOMERSET</b>                    | <b>GREGORY</b>          |              |
| <b>371</b> <sub>402</sub>      | <b>670 / 7</b>                     | <b>35</b> <sub>43</sub> |              |
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| <b>Current Partnership</b> 109 |                                    | 25.3 - 1 - 121 - 1      |              |
| <b>Overs</b> 149.3             | <b>Over rate</b> 6                 | <b>FINCH</b>            |              |
| <b>Remain</b> 91               | <b>Extras</b> 16                   | 21 - 1 - 104 - 2        |              |
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# SOMERSET IN 2025

BY LEWIS GREGORY

Winning the Vitality Blast in 2025 has to be the highlight of any season and two wins in three years with another final in between just shows that in the last few summers our white ball cricket has been phenomenal.

We gave a pretty dominant display in the T20 and only lost three games across the campaign which is incredible consistency in a short format of the game.

Winning trophies is hard to do so to win at Edgbaston again was a massive highlight for us and hopefully we are building a team and a squad who knows how to win.

We had another pretty good year in red ball cricket. Again we got off to a difficult start and after the first few games if you had said that we would finish in third place people wouldn't have believed you. However I think that in the middle period and in September the guys really found their feet and got a bit of momentum going into the back end of the season.

There was a lot of good cricket and good performances throughout the summer, but also some things that we can tidy up on for next year.



SEAN DICKSON



JAMES REW

The T20 quarter final against Warwickshire was the stand out memory for me and I thought that we were dead and buried. However then Dicko (Sean Dickson) went out and played the innings he did in a pressure situation of a knock out game. That was the best that I've seen in a game of cricket that I have been playing in.

The Finals Day at Edgbaston is the best one to be involved with as a county cricketer - and it never disappoints.

We came through some tough moments throughout the summer and no more so than in the knock out games - TKC's (Tom Kohler Cadmore) innings in the semi got us up to a slightly above par score and then the way that we bowled was outstanding. Then Smeedy's knock in the final in a pressure situation chasing the highest total there has ever been in the Blast Final made it a special day.

We are so lucky and we are incredibly well supported. We sell out nearly all our home T20 games and teams don't like coming to Taunton to play as they know that we are very successful on our home ground and we are very well supported. It's a tough place to play because we are a very strong T20 outfit plus the fans get behind us which I think shows in the way that we go about our game.

Something that we seem to do really well is put ourselves in tough positions but we come good in the end. Even in the championship game against Essex at home, that was the turning point of the red ball

season, chasing 327 in the fourth innings looked like a lot of runs when we were 78 for 5.

James Rew then played a brilliant innings along with Craig Overton who got 50 odd not out to get us over the line.

It was a pretty good campaign - and if you gave us that April block back we would take it and we would play better and who knows then you're probably in the hunt. This is something that we are going to have to look at for 2026 and how we can start our red ball campaign better and try to get ahead of the curve.

We know that as soon as our wickets start assisting the spinners through the middle and back end of the season that we have got the best spinner in the country by far and we are going to be a handful, so if we can start slightly better hopefully we will be there or thereabouts again.

When I was asked to takeover the captaincy a couple of years ago I'd had a few years doing the T20 and was a bit unsure about it. However I knew we had a bunch of guys who could get us into a place where we could compete in all formats

I've been lucky enough to have some very talented cricketers to help me captain and that's not going to change next year which is really exciting - we have got a squad who can compete across all formats and hopefully we can do that and lift some more trophies in 2026.



## CHAMPIONSHIP

### PLAYER STATS

NR = No result  
**Bat (b)** = Bat (bonus)  
**Bowl (b)** = Bowl (bonus)  
**Ded** = Deductions

#### ROTSEY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES

##### Division One 2025

| Team            | M         | W        | L        | D        | NR       | Bat       | Bowl      | Ded      | Points     |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Nottinghamshire | 14        | 7        | 1        | 6        | 0        | 32        | 34        | 2        | 224        |
| Surrey          | 14        | 5        | 1        | 8        | 0        | 30        | 34        | 0        | 208        |
| <b>Somerset</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>181</b> |
| Sussex          | 14        | 4        | 4        | 6        | 0        | 20        | 40        | 0        | 172        |
| Warwickshire    | 14        | 3        | 2        | 9        | 0        | 21        | 31        | 0        | 172        |
| Essex           | 14        | 3        | 3        | 8        | 0        | 27        | 33        | 0        | 172        |
| Yorkshire       | 14        | 4        | 4        | 6        | 0        | 21        | 36        | 1        | 168        |
| Hampshire       | 14        | 2        | 3        | 9        | 0        | 12        | 37        | 8        | 145        |
| Durham          | 14        | 2        | 6        | 6        | 0        | 30        | 34        | 0        | 144        |
| Worcestershire  | 14        | 1        | 8        | 5        | 0        | 12        | 39        | 4        | 103        |

##### Notes – deductions as follows:

1. Nottinghamshire – 2 for slow over rate.
2. Somerset – 4 for breach of pitch regulations & 1 for slow over rate v Hants (away).
3. Yorkshire – 1 for slow over rate.
4. Hampshire – 8 for breach of pitch regulations.
5. Worcestershire – 4 for slow over rate

##### Format of teams played by Somerset:

Somerset played 7 home matches & 7 away matches  
 Teams played twice: Durham; Essex; Hampshire; Nottinghamshire; & Sussex.  
 Teams played once: (home) Worcestershire; Yorkshire; (away) Surrey; Warwickshire.

##### Division Two 2025

| Team             | M  | W | L | D | NR | Bat | Bowl | Ded | Points |
|------------------|----|---|---|---|----|-----|------|-----|--------|
| Leicestershire   | 14 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 0  | 46  | 35   | 0   | 241    |
| Glamorgan        | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 0  | 32  | 34   | 1   | 193    |
| Derbyshire       | 14 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 0  | 32  | 36   | 0   | 188    |
| Middlesex        | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 0  | 26  | 36   | 0   | 182    |
| Lancashire       | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 0  | 26  | 37   | 0   | 175    |
| Gloucestershire  | 14 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 0  | 35  | 37   | 2   | 166    |
| Northamptonshire | 14 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 0  | 27  | 36   | 0   | 143    |
| Kent             | 14 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 0  | 18  | 30   | 14  | 114    |

##### Notes – Deductions as follows:

6. Glamorgan – 1 for slow over rate.
7. Gloucestershire – 2 for slow over rate.
8. Kent – 8 for receiving 4 fixed penalties in one season & 8 for slow over rate.

Leicestershire & Glamorgan move up to Division One in 2026  
 Worcestershire & Durham move down to Division Two.

NR = No result  
**Bat (b)** = Bat (bonus)  
**Bowl (b)** = Bowl (bonus)  
**Ded** = Deductions

### 2025 Championship Batting Averages

| Batter           | Mts | Inns | NO | Runs | HS   | Avg   | SR     | 100s | 50s | Ct               | St |
|------------------|-----|------|----|------|------|-------|--------|------|-----|------------------|----|
| JF Thomas        | 2   | 2    | 0  | 125  | 86   | 62.50 | 65.10  | 0    | 1   | 3                |    |
| LP Goldsworthy   | 3   | 4    | 0  | 206  | 100  | 51.50 | 43.28  | 1    | 1   | 1                |    |
| TB Abell         | 13  | 23   | 3  | 1022 | 156  | 51.10 | 50.07  | 3    | 5   | 12               |    |
| T Kohler-Cadmore | 6   | 10   | 1  | 436  | 147* | 48.44 | 74.40  | 2    | 1   | 3                |    |
| JEK Rew          | 14  | 24   | 1  | 1053 | 166  | 45.78 | 60.66  | 3    | 5   | 37+              | 1  |
| T Banton         | 10  | 17   | 2  | 669  | 371  | 44.60 | 64.95  | 1    | 1   | 3                |    |
| BGF Green        | 2   | 2    | 1  | 41   | 33*  | 41.00 | 85.42  | 0    | 0   | 1 <sup>(a)</sup> |    |
| L Gregory        | 11  | 16   | 4  | 470  | 89*  | 39.17 | 58.17  | 0    | 4   | 12               |    |
| C Overton        | 11  | 13   | 4  | 312  | 60   | 34.67 | 61.78  | 0    | 3   | 19               |    |
| TA Lammonby      | 14  | 25   | 1  | 810  | 133  | 33.75 | 56.60  | 2    | 3   | 6                |    |
| K Aldridge       | 8   | 11   | 1  | 280  | 180  | 28.00 | 51.76  | 1    | 0   | 8                |    |
| MJ Henry         | 4   | 5    | 2  | 79   | 41*  | 26.33 | 100.00 | 0    | 0   | 0                |    |
| M Pretorius      | 8   | 12   | 2  | 226  | 59   | 22.60 | 95.36  | 0    | 2   | 0                |    |
| AM Vaughan       | 14  | 23   | 4  | 389  | 80   | 20.47 | 48.81  | 0    | 1   | 7                |    |
| JD Davey         | 10  | 15   | 0  | 294  | 64   | 19.60 | 47.57  | 0    | 1   | 4                |    |
| S Dickson        | 5   | 8    | 2  | 111  | 77*  | 18.50 | 35.92  | 0    | 1   | 1                |    |
| JT Ball          | 3   | 4    | 1  | 39   | 24   | 13.00 | 54.93  | 0    | 0   | 0                |    |
| MJ Leach         | 14  | 14   | 4  | 114  | 30   | 11.40 | 43.18  | 0    | 0   | 7                |    |
| ARI Umeed        | 2   | 3    | 0  | 34   | 20   | 11.33 | 44.74  | 0    | 0   | 2                |    |
| ARJ Ogborne      | 1   | 1    | 0  | 6    | 6    | 6.00  | 12.50  | 0    | 0   | 1 <sup>(a)</sup> |    |
| THS Rew          | 0   |      |    |      |      |       |        |      |     | 2 <sup>(c)</sup> |    |

Footnote <sup>(a)</sup>: Green's & Ogborne's catches were each as substitutes.

Footnote <sup>(b)</sup>: One of Davey's 4 catches was as a substitute and not the 10 matches which he played.

Footnote <sup>(c)</sup>: T. Rew took 2 catches as a substitute wicket-keeper – but played no match.

NB: All of these 'extra' catches above will not appear in official tables.

### 2025 Championship Bowling Averages

| Bowler         | Ovrs  | Mdns | Runs | Wkts | Ave   | Econ | SR    | BBI  | BBM   | 5WI | 10M |
|----------------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-----|-----|
| BGF Green      | 6     | 0    | 37   | 2    | 18.50 | 6.17 | 18.00 | 2-37 | 2-37  | 0   | 0   |
| MJ Leach       | 491   | 126  | 1185 | 52   | 22.79 | 2.41 | 56.65 | 7-69 | 9-109 | 3   | 0   |
| M Pretorius    | 211.2 | 34   | 703  | 29   | 24.24 | 3.33 | 43.72 | 5-64 | 6-60  | 1   | 0   |
| C Overton      | 294.2 | 64   | 838  | 33   | 25.39 | 2.85 | 53.52 | 6-23 | 6-45  | 2   | 0   |
| MJ Henry       | 123   | 21   | 439  | 14   | 31.36 | 3.57 | 52.71 | 4-60 | 7-111 | 0   | 0   |
| JH Davey       | 177.2 | 26   | 630  | 19   | 33.16 | 3.55 | 56.00 | 3-34 | 4-82  | 0   | 0   |
| JT Ball        | 51.1  | 7    | 189  | 5    | 37.80 | 3.69 | 61.40 | 3-76 | 3-76  | 0   | 0   |
| L Gregory      | 174.3 | 25   | 649  | 17   | 38.18 | 3.72 | 61.59 | 4-90 | 4-118 | 0   | 0   |
| KL Aldridge    | 132.1 | 20   | 528  | 13   | 40.62 | 3.99 | 61.00 | 5-36 | 7-100 | 1   | 0   |
| AM Vaughan     | 286.2 | 59   | 833  | 20   | 41.65 | 2.91 | 85.90 | 6-96 | 9-175 | 1   | 0   |
| ARJ Ogborne    | 19    | 1    | 92   | 2    | 46.00 | 4.84 | 57.00 | 2-92 | 2-92  | 0   | 0   |
| TA Lammonby    | 40    | 7    | 141  | 3    | 47.00 | 3.53 | 80.00 | 3-26 | 3-26  | 0   | 0   |
| T Banton       | 4     | 1    | 8    | 0    |       | 2-00 |       | 0-8  | 0-8   | 0   | 0   |
| LP Goldsworthy | 10    | 2    | 25   | 0    |       | 2.50 |       | 0-4  | 0-25  | 0   | 0   |

### SOMERSET v WORCESTERSHIRE - 4th-7th April, 2025 - Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.

Somerset won the toss and decided to field.

Somerset (16pts) drew with Worcestershire (9 pts)

Gareth Roderick and Jake Libby gave the visitors a solid start with an opening partnership of 70. Roderick continued to bat fluently and the visitor's hundred came up in the 26th over.

The introduction of Kasey Aldridge into the attack changed things and wickets started to fall regularly with Worcestershire losing their last nine wickets for 52 runs and being dismissed inside 46 overs. Aldridge with five wickets and Craig Overton with three were the chief destroyers.

Somerset's reply got off to a shaky start when they lost three wickets for 39 runs before Tom Abell and Tom Banton began to steady the ship. They put on 100 for the fourth wicket before Abell was out. James Rew joined Banton and they put on a Somerset record for the fifth wicket (371). Banton continued on and he eclipsed Justin Langer's highest Somerset individual score of 342, made against Surrey at Guildford in 2006. On his dismissal Somerset declared with a lead of 516 runs.

Worcestershire needed to bat for more than five sessions to save the match and it wasn't made any easier when they slipped to 116 for four. A partnership of 158 then followed between Adam Hose and Brett D'Oliveira which gave them some hope. The latter completed his century and dogged defence from Matthew Waite, together with stout resistance from the tailenders, saw Worcestershire to an heroic draw and it left Somerset hugely frustrated.

Worcestershire 154 all out (45.3 overs) G.H.Roderick 58, K.L.Aldridge 5-36 and 485 for 9 (200 overs) B.L.D'Oliveira 121, M.J.Waite 87 n.o., A.J.Hose 82, Kashif Ali 51.

Somerset 670 for 7 Dec (149.4 overs) T. Banton 371, J.E.K.Rew 152, T.B Abell 52.

Umpires: M.J.Saggers & P.R.Pollard  
 Match Referee: D.A.Cosker  
 Scorers: L.M.Rhodes & S.M.Drinkwater.

### SUSSEX v SOMERSET - 11th-14th April, 2025 1st Central County Ground, Hove.

Sussex won the toss and decided to bat.

Sussex (20 pts) beat Somerset (3 pts) by 260 runs.

Sussex lost an early wicket before Daniel Hughes and Tom Clark put on 103 for the second wicket. The hosts then lost six wickets for 59 runs in 17 overs before their captain, John Simpson led a recovery and they gained a batting point.

Somerset lost Archie Vaughan early before Sean Dickson and Tom Lammonby took the total to 40. Six wickets then fell for 39 runs, four to Fynn Hudson-Prentice before an eighth wicket partnership of 110 between James Rew and Lewis Gregory led a partial recovery. Sean Hunt then finished off the tail and ended with career best figures of 5 for 48.

Sussex began their second innings with a 93 run lead and the openers, Daniel Hughes and Tom Haines increased it with a 184 run partnership before Hughes was out for 91. Haines went on to score a fine century and the runs kept flowing on a pitch that had flattened out. John Simpson completed the second century of the innings as Sussex batted Somerset out of the match.

Set a mammoth 595 to win, Somerset again struggled against Hunt who took the first four wickets. However, a spirited resistance led by Tom Abell and an eighth wicket partnership of 82 between Lewis Gregory and Migael Pretorius made Sussex fight for their first division one victory in ten years.

Sussex 294 all out (74.4 overs) and 501 for 7 dec (131 overs) T.J.Haines 141, J.A.Simpson 110 n.o.

Somerset 201 all out (46 overs) J.E.K.Rew 80 n.o. S.F.Hunt 5 for 48. and 334 all out (99.3 overs) T.B.Abell 96 M.Pretorius 59 L.Gregory 56.

Umpires: R.White & J.A.Middlebrook  
 Match Referee: Mike Smith  
 Scorers: G.J.Irwin & L.M.Rhodes.

### HAMPSHIRE v SOMERSET - 18th-21st April, 2025 - Utilita Bowl, Southampton.

Hampshire won the toss and decided to field.

Hampshire (13pts) drew with Somerset (11 pts)

Rain was the winner on the first day but not before Somerset had lost six wickets for 94 runs by lunch with three falling just before the interval for 11 runs.

Lewis Gregory's abdominal injury meant that James Rew captained Somerset and he became the County's youngest ever skipper.

The second day started half an hour late and the Hampshire bowlers continued to make inroads with Somerset reduced to 136 for 9 before Migael Pretorius and Alfie Ogborne put on a partnership of 48 for the last wicket. Brad Wheal and James Fuller both claimed four wickets.

Batting conditions were easier when Hampshire commenced their innings but they lost both openers cheaply before Nick Gubbins shared partnerships of 80 with Tom Prest and 125 with Liam Dawson. When both Gubbins and Dawson were out within thirteen runs of each other the remaining Hampshire batters fell for the addition of 80 runs with Pretorius taking five wickets and Tom Lammonby three.

Somerset faced a deficit of 152 and Sean Dickson in partnership with Archie Vaughan, had little trouble against the Hampshire attack, with Dickson reaching his fourth half century for Somerset. Rain seriously interrupted the final day and Abell and Dickson shared an unbroken stand of 56.

With so much time lost to the weather it was no surprise when hands were shaken on a draw at 5.00pm.

Somerset 184 all out (54 overs) and 163 for 2 (61.3 overs) S.R.Dickson 77 n.o.

Hampshire 336 all out (93 overs) N.R.T.Gubbins 82, L.A.Dawson 72, M.Pretorius 5 for 64.

Umpires: M.Burns & D.J.Millns  
Match Referee: Alec Swann  
Scorers: F.C.Newnham & L.M.Rhodes.



MIGAEEL PRETORIUS 5 FOR 64

### SURREY v SOMERSET - 25th-28th April, 2025 - The Kia Oval, London.

Surrey won the toss and decided to field.

Surrey (22 pts) beat Somerset (4pts) by 8 wickets.

Somerset fought back against Surrey's high class seam attack to edge the first day. Tom Lammonby made 76 but from 146 for 2 they fell to 187 for 7. Skipper Lewis Gregory then led a fight back by the tail enders as 96 more runs were added for the last three wickets. Jordan Clark bowled excellently and deserved his five wickets.

Rory Burns, who was one of four half centuries, and Dom Sibley put on 129 for the opening Surrey wicket before Jamie Smith and Dan Lawrence both completed half centuries as the hosts secured a first innings lead of 84 runs. Lewis Gregory took 3 for 46.

Somerset collapsed in their second innings against the pace of Dan Worrall and Clark, who each took three wickets. Only an eighth wicket partnership of 79 between Gregory and Migael Pretorius held up the inevitable.

Surrey, set 36 to win, reached their target with eight wickets and over a day to spare.

Somerset 283 all out (95.1 overs) T.A.Lammonby 76, L.Gregory 62, J.Clark 5 for 68 and 119 all out (35.5 overs) M Pretorius 54.

Surrey 367 all out (108.1 overs) R.J.Burns 76, J.L.Smith 58, D.W.Lawrence 55 n.o., D.P.Sibley 53 and 36 for 2 (5.2 overs).

Umpires: R.J.Bailey & R.J.Warren.  
Match Referee: Steve Davis.  
Scorers: Debbie Beesley & L.M.Rhodes

### SOMERSET v ESSEX - 2nd-5th May, 2025 - Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.

Somerset won the toss and decided to field.

Somerset (19 pts) beat Essex (3 pts) by 3 wickets.

Essex, having been put into bat, made a solid start and reached lunch on 81 for 2. The afternoon session was altogether different with five wickets falling, three to Jack Leach, in quick succession. Noah Thain and Sam Cook then shared a 43 run partnership before the Somerset seamers finished off the innings.

Somerset lost Archie Vaughan early and they looked to rebuild through a partnership of 46 between Andy Umeed and Josh Davey before wickets began to tumble at regular intervals with Simon Harmer taking four.

Batting again, 61 runs to the good Essex built on their lead thanks to a fine century from Jordan Cox who shared partnerships of 61 and 89 with Matt Critchley and Michael Pepper respectively. Cox retired injured after he reached his century and then the last five wickets fell for seven runs. Jack Leach and Migael Pretorius each took three wickets.

Set 321 for victory Somerset collapsed to 78 for 5 before James Rew, who scored his tenth first class century, shared partnerships of 101 with Lewis Gregory and a match winning one of 133 with Craig Overton to take his team to an unlikely, but memorable victory. Simon Harmer toiled away and was rewarded with a further four wickets.

Essex 206 all out (88.2 overs) and 259 all out (78.4 overs) J.M.Cox 103 ret'd n.o.

Somerset 145 all out (46.3 overs) and 325 for 7 (93.4 overs) J.E.K.Rew 116, L.Gregory 57, C.Overton 53 n.o.

Umpires: N.J.Long & B.J.Debenham.  
Match Referee: P.Whitticase.  
Scorers L.M.Rhodes & P.Parkinson.



JAMES REW & CRAIG OVERTON

**SOMERSET v SUSSEX** 16th - 19th May, 2025  
Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.

Sussex won the toss and decided to field.

Somerset (21pts) beat Sussex (3 pts) by 5 wickets.

Somerset were indebted to half centuries from Tom Lammonby and Archie Vaughan (a career best) batting down the order after a tricky start to the season. James Rew and Tom Abell also reached the forties. The Sussex bowlers found some assistance from the pitch and they kept a tight reign on the scoring rate with Nathan McAndrew claiming 4 for 71.

Somerset, with Craig Overton taking both three wickets and three slip catches and Migaél Pretorius, also, taking three wickets bowled the visitors out for 152 to gain a first innings lead of 186 and enforce the follow-on.

The Sussex openers, Daniel Hughes and Tom Haines put on a century partnership before they were both out and Sussex lost four wickets for 27 runs, three to Jack Leach.

On the third morning Sussex lost two more early wickets before their captain, John Simpson, made sure that Somerset would have to bat again by sharing partnerships of 66 and 78 with James Coles and Fynn Hudson-Prentice respectively. Simpson then shared a last wicket stand of 44 with Ollie Robinson before the latter fell to Jack Leach who finished with 4 for 51.

Somerset needed 150 to win and they got off to a jittery start. Both openers, Lewis Gregory and Josh Davey survived slip catches, the former's luckily off a no ball. Two wickets did fall cheaply before Gregory was joined by Tom Abell and they put together a stand of 68 for the fourth wicket. Gregory stayed firm and took his team to victory, having played a true captain's innings.

Somerset 338 all out (105.1 overs) A.M

Vaughan 80, T.A.Lammonby 60 and 150 for 5 (39.2 overs) L.Gregory 89 n.o.

Sussex 152 all out (46.2 overs) and f/o 335 all out (97.2 overs) J.A.Simpson 82 n.o., T.J.Haines 50.

Umpires: M.Burns & T.Lungley.  
Match Referee: S.Hinks.  
Scorers: L.M.Rhodes & G.J.Irwin.

**DURHAM v SOMERSET** 23rd-26th May, 2025  
Banks Homes Riverside, Chester-le-Street.

Durham won the toss and decided to bat.

Somerset (19 pts) beat Durham (4 pts) by 7 wickets.

Durham got off to the worst possible start when their captain, Alex Lees was dismissed first ball by Matt Henry who finished with four top order wickets for 60 runs. Ollie Robinson scored the only half century of the innings and Durham were thankful for a half century stand for the last wicket to give them a batting bonus point.

Somerset crumbled to the Durham seamers with debutant, Mitch Killeen, taking a five-for. Jack Leach was the only batter to reach 30. A last wicket stand of 44 boosted a meagre total. Somerset scored 109 runs in 90 minutes on the second morning but lost seven wickets in the process.

Durham's second innings maintained the pattern of the match. The Somerset seamers took all ten wickets and only Alex Lees and Ollie Robinson of the home batters passed 30.

Somerset, set 265 for victory finished the second evening on 71 for 1 needing another 194. They encountered few problems on the third day on a pitch which had seen 31 wickets fall on the previous two. Lewis Gregory fell early but Tom Lammonby, who scored a fine unbeaten century, added 55 with James Rew and an unbroken stand of 139 for the fourth wicket with Tom Abell to take Somerset to their third consecutive victory with over a day to spare.

Durham 277 all out (77 overs) O.G.Robinson 52 and 159 all out (43 overs)

Somerset 172 all out (38.4 overs) M.J.Killeen 5 for 36 and 267 for 3 (77.1 overs) T.A.Lammonby 104 n.o., T.B.Abell 73 n.o.

Umpires: R.A. Kettleborough and J.D. Middlebrook  
Match Referee: J.J. Whitaker  
Scorers: W.R. Dobson & L.M. Rhodes.

TOM ABELL 73



TOM LAMMONBY 104

### WARWICKSHIRE v SOMERSET 22nd-25th June, 2025 - Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Somerset won the toss and decided to bat.

Warwickshire (11 pts) drew with Somerset (14 pts)

Somerset promoted Josh Davey to open the innings and on a flat pitch he shared a partnership of 186 with Tom Kohler-Cadmore, who completed his 12th first class century. Tom Lammonby weighed in with an unbeaten 76. as Somerset closed the first day on 327 for 3.

Lammonby went on to complete his highest first class score but after he was out the visitors lost their last five wickets for 73 runs to the spin of Jacob Bethell and Rob Yates.

Warwickshire's reply was based around half centuries by Alex Davies, Sam Hain and Tom Latham but they only just managed to save the follow-on. Craig Overton took four wickets.

Somerset began their second innings 147 runs ahead but they found quick run scoring difficult against the Australian spinner, Corey Rocchiccioli, who took five wickets on his debut. The declaration eventually came at lunchtime on the final day with the hosts being asked to score 377 in two sessions. They didn't get off to the best start, losing two wickets early. That virtually ended any hope of a Warwickshire victory but Sam Hain and Tom Latham knuckled down to secure the draw.

Somerset 498 all out (133.3 overs) T.A.Lammonby 133, T.Kohler-Cadmore 104, J.A.Davey 64 and 229 for 8 dec (53.1 overs) J.E.K.Rew 61, C Rocchiccioli 5 for 67.

Warwickshire 351 (121.1 overs) A.L.Davies 78, S.R.Hain 78, T.W.M.Latham 65 and 161 for 4 (56 overs) S.R.Hain 68 n.o., T.W.M.Latham 52

Umpires: G.D.Lloyd & M.A.Gough  
Match Referee: M.A. Smith  
Scorers: M.D.Smith & L.M.Rhodes.



TOM KOHLER-CADMORE 104 V NOTTINGHAMSHIRE & 147 V WARWICKSHIRE

### SOMERSET v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 29th June-2nd July, 2025 - Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.

Somerset won the toss and decided to bat.

Somerset (11 pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (12pts)

Craig Overton, captaining Somerset in the absence of Lewis Gregory may have regretted his decision to bat when three wickets fell for 46 runs. James Rew and Tom Abell then dug in and put on 99 to bring Somerset back into the match. Tom Banton also scored a valuable half century and shared useful partnerships with Abell and Archie Vaughan to ensure that the hosts finished the day in a healthier position than had earlier seemed likely.

Somerset added a further 104 runs on the second morning, helped by an entertaining 41 from 29 balls by Matt Henry.

The Nottinghamshire reply was built around a career best score of 157 by Jack Haynes and a first century of the season by Ben Slater. Haynes put on 138 with Isham Kishan (77) and Lyndon James also weighed in with a half century. Jack Leach toiled away for 53.2 overs taking 6 for 121. Nottinghamshire's total was their highest made at Taunton.

Somerset's second innings followed an identical pattern to the first as they again lost three early wickets. This time Tom Kohler-Cadmore made a fine unbeaten century, sharing stands of 96 with James Rew and an unbeaten one of 114 with Tom Abell. With no chance of a positive result the players shook hands at 3.50pm.

Somerset 379 all out (119 overs) T. Banton 84, T.B.Abell 64, J.E.K. Rew 58 and 238 for 4 (75 overs) T. Kohler-Cadmore 147 n.o.

Nottinghamshire 509 all out (163.2 overs) J.A.Haynes 157, B.T.Slater 124, I.P.Kishan 77, L.W.James 66, M.J.Leach 6 for 121.

Umpires: N.J.Long & R.A.White  
Match Referee: D.A.Cosker.  
Scorers: L. M Rhodes & I.J.Smith

### SOMERSET v DURHAM 22nd-25th July, 2025.

Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.

Somerset won the toss and decided to field.

Somerset (20 pts) beat Durham (3 pts) by 5 wickets.

The start was delayed by 30 minutes and then Durham found batting challenging. Three wickets had fallen when Ollie Robinson survived a dropped catch off his second delivery and another shower then brought an early lunch. Play resumed just after 1.20pm and wickets continued to fall before Ben Raine (42) marshalled the tail and the last four wickets put on 102 runs. Craig Overton bowled excellently to finish with figures of 6 for 23 from ten overs.

Tom Kohler-Cadmore and Josh Davey put on 62 for the first wicket before Tom Lammonby crafted an excellent 89. The lower order chipped in with useful runs and a batting point was obtained. George Drissell claimed five wickets for the visitors.

Batting again Durham were soon in trouble, losing their first two wickets for one run. Emilio Gay and Neil Wagner then put on 75 for the third wicket before four more wickets fell for 16 runs. Ollie Robinson and Graham Clark then put on 40 for the seventh wicket and Ben Raine played another useful innings. Jack Leach and Archie Vaughan took all ten wickets.

Somerset were set 86 to win and, initially, they made hard work of the target but Tom Banton guided his team home with over two days to spare.

Durham 145 all out (30.1 overs) C. Overton 6 for 23 and 190 all out (58.2 overs) M.J.Leach 6 for 63.

Somerset 250 all out (49.3 overs) T.A.Lammonby 89, G.S.Drissell 5 for 59 and 89 for 5 (19.2 overs).

Umpires: I.D. Blackwell and M. J.Saggers  
Match Referee: S.G. Hinks  
Scorers: L.M.Rhodes & W.R.Dobson



CRAIG OVERTON 6 FOR 23

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SOMERSET** 29th July  
1st August, 2025. Trent Bridge, Nottingham  
Nottinghamshire won the toss and decided to field.  
Nottinghamshire (13 pts) drew with Somerset (12 pts)

Somerset had a bad start when they were two wickets down without a run on the board and another fell with the score on 25, all to Mohammad Abbas.

Things then came good for the visitors as James Rew was joined by Tom Abell and they put on a Somerset record fifth wicket partnership of 313 before Abell was out for a career best 156 just before the close on the first day. This partnership was the backbone of the Somerset innings as Craig Overton's 31 was the next highest score and the last seven wickets fell for 100 runs.

Nottinghamshire's reply was built around a double century by their captain, Haseeb Hameed, together with half centuries from Jack Haynes and Lyndon James. Unfortunately, the combination of a flat pitch and the Kookaburra ball made for attritional cricket and the home team finished with a lead of 106.

Somerset were left with a potential 85 overs minimum to negotiate and they found themselves four wickets down and still in arrears so they still had some work to do. The two Toms, Banton and Abell then joined forces and guided their team out of trouble with a fifth wicket partnership of 87 and the players then shook hands on the draw at 4.50pm.

Somerset 438 all out (132.3 overs) J.E.K.Rew 166, T.B.Abell 156 and 200 for 5 dec (66 overs) T.B.Abell 51.

Nottinghamshire 544 all out (159.2 overs) Haseeb Hameed 208, L.W.James 72, J.A.Haynes 70.

Umpires: R.J.Bailey & M.Burns  
Match Referee: S.J. Davis  
Scorers: R.Marshall & L.M.Rhodes.



JAMES REW 166

**SOMERSET v YORKSHIRE 8th** - 11th September, 2025 - Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.  
Yorkshire won the toss and decided to field.  
Somerset (14pts) drew with Yorkshire (9 pts)

Having been put into bat, Somerset lost two early wickets before Tom Kohler-Cadmore and James Rew came together and began to rebuild the innings. They put on 117 before Kohler-Cadmore was dismissed and Rew was joined by Tom Abell. Soon afterwards thunder and lightning arrived, followed by torrential rain and no further play was possible.

Rew was out early on the second day but Lewis Goldsworthy joined Abell and they put on 143 together with Abell reaching a fine century. More rain and bad light curtailed the day and it washed out most of the third day with only 10.3 overs possible.

Somerset declared during the long rain break and Yorkshire resumed their first innings on the last day on 17 for no wicket. They found batting difficult, lost wickets regularly and another rain break took more time out of the match. Adam Lyth was fighting on and he was joined by Jordan Thompson. The two put on 48 for the eighth wicket with Thompson striking an attractive half century. Both batters were dismissed and shortly afterwards the players shook hands on the inevitable draw.

Somerset 441 for 6 dec ( 127 overs) T.B.Abell 130, T.Kohler-Cadmore 76, L.P.Goldsworthy 65, J.E.K.Rew 54.

Yorkshire 134 for 9 dec (38 overs) J.A.Thompson 57

Umpires: R.J.Bailey & M.Newell  
Match Referee: S.J.Davis  
Scorers: L.M.Rhodes & J.T.Potter.



TOM ABELL 130

**SOMERSET v HAMPSHIRE** 15th - 18th September, 2025 - Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton  
Somerset won the toss and batted.  
Somerset (16 pts) drew with Hampshire (10 pts)

With no play possible on the first day Somerset elected to bat when the game started on the second morning and may have regretted that decision when they lost half their wickets for 99 runs. At this point Tom Abell was joined by Kasey Aldridge and they proceeded to put on 221 for the sixth wicket, a record against Hampshire. Aldridge went on to make a career best score in his last home match before leaving to join Durham. He then shared another partnership of 107 for the eighth wicket with Craig Overton before being run out, at which point the declaration came with maximum batting points obtained.

The Hampshire batters found scoring a lot more challenging against the spin of Jack Leach, who took a season's best 7 for 69, and Archie Vaughan with 3 for 79. Several got a start but were undone by the pair.

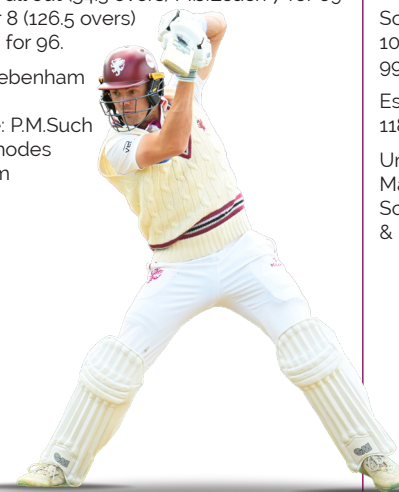
With a lead of 282, Somerset enforced the follow-on and the visitor's put up sterner resistance the second time around. No batter passed 50 with Washington Sunar top scoring with 46.

The Somerset spin twins kept wheeling away but they couldn't complete the job as Hampshire hung on for the draw.

Somerset 454 for 8 dec (103 overs) K.L.Aldridge 180, T.B.Abell 118, C.Overton 50 n.o.

Hampshire 172 all out (54.3 overs) M.J.Leach 7 for 69 and f/o 201 for 8 (126.5 overs) A.M.Vaughan 6 for 96.

Umpires: B.J.Debenham & D.J.Millns  
Match Referee: P.M.Such  
Scorers: L.M.Rhodes & F.C.Newnham



KASEY ALDRIDGE 180

**ESSEX v SOMERSET** 24th -27th September, 2025  
The Ambassador Cruise Line Ground, Chelmsford.  
Somerset won the toss and decided to bat.  
Essex (22 pts) beat Somerset (6pts) by 7 wickets.

Josh Thomas, making his full first class debut after coming on as a concussion replacement for Tom Abell the previous week against Hampshire found himself opening the batting and he made a confident 86, putting on 121 for the second wicket with Tom Lammonby. There was a first century of the season for Lewis Goldsworthy, who was last out, and there were other half centuries for James Rew and Craig Overton. Jamie Porter and Charlie Bennett, on debut, each took three wickets.

Paul Walter played the Somerset attack and he was the dominant partner in an opening stand of 277 with Dean Elgar.

The wicket appeared to change character on the third day and Craig Overton benefited by taking his second six wicket haul of the season, which included his 500th first class victim. Essex lost all ten wickets for 161 and only gained a lead of five runs, far fewer than had looked likely yesterday.

Jamie Porter (4 for 18), assisted by Charlie Bennett and Simon Harmer then ripped through the Somerset second innings with Josh Thomas again top scoring with 39. Bowled out inside 34 overs, Somerset set their hosts a mere 95 to win but bad light prevented a three day finish.

Essex endured a nervy hour on the last morning before Charlie Allison took his team to only their second victory of the season.

Somerset 433 all out (122.2 overs) L.P. Goldsworthy 100, J.F.Thomas 86, J.E.K.Rew 74, C.Overton 60 and 99 all out (33.3 overs).

Essex 438 all out (106 overs) P.I.Walter 158, D.Elgar 118, C.Overton 6 for 88 and 99 for 3 (18.1 overs).

Umpires: N.J Long & R.J.Warren  
Match Referee: W.M. Noon  
Scorers: P.Parkinson & L.M.Rhodes



LEWIS GOLDSWORTHY 100

## SEAN DICKSON-SOMERSET'S 'CLUTCH' T20 KNOCKOUT BATTER

BY HARRY EVERETT

**Saturday 6th September 2025 and another home quarter-final for Somerset in the Vitality Blast, saw them looking to draw level with Hampshire on a record 11 Finals Day appearances, whilst opponents Warwickshire were looking to end their hoodoo of four straight quarter-final defeats, depriving them from being at cricket's greatest party that they themselves host.**

At the time Somerset fans did not know Sean Dickson was leaving, though there were rumours that he was departing for pastures new.

However the quarter final against Warwickshire was to be Sean Dickson's finest final hour in front of a packed Taunton ground.

He had performed remarkably in the group stage against Middlesex on the same batting deck, but his 78 off 38 balls saw him benefit from a missed stumping and being dropped by Leus de Plooy, whereas in the quarter-final Dickson did not offer up a chance.

Warwickshire raced to 82-1 as Young Lion Rob Yates took Somerset's top wicket-taking, moustachioed talisman Riley Meredith for a boundary off every single ball of his first, Somerset's second over, was particularly impressive.

It was a surprise to see Lewis Gregory veer from the effective group stage ploy of bowling Craig Overton's four straight from the start and Meredith's the final four, and a clever move from the Bears southpaw to put so much pressure on the quickest bowler in the game,

who did not seem keen to move off his planned line and length!

The under-70mph deliveries across this match proved to have a far lower batting strike-rate than the pace on deliveries and Ben Green, as ever, proved this statistic himself with an off-cutter getting the crucial scalp of Alex Davies (71), who went far too early with his premeditated scoop shot.

Warwickshire hit 22 fours in the first 10 overs, the most ever in a professional T20 match, and it ended up being the highest score ever in the same format to not feature one single six. It was also the first completed men's T20 innings at the ground to not feature a six.

In reply, Tom Kohler-Cadmore soon broke this six drought, but only he and Tom Abell managed a six apiece before Dickson managed all six of the remaining eight sixes hit in the match. Yes, the man signed as a red ball opener, again outshining the big-bicepted Will Smeed, TKC and co!

Sean Dickson had a big hundred for Clevedon in the WEPL mid-summer but otherwise had made few contributions across the board other than these two incredible T20 knocks on this same wicket.

Going into that final over, wicketkeeper captain Alex Davies had three options, Ed Barnard for his third over, Jake Lintott for his second or Dan Mousley for his first. Now Mousley does possess a unique skill for quick yorkers from his spin-bowler's run up and has bowled final overs in many previous T20 matches, but to bowl your first over in the last



would be some ask.

Talking with Davies later that evening he said it was a 50/50 call, and the cutter options from his premier former England Lions allrounder Barnard was the understandable option he went with.

The wide first ball was an ideal start for Somerset, and Sean Dickson sensibly turned down Craig's sacrificial lamb effort to run. Next ball Overton scored the best Somerset 1\* since Jack Leach's at Headingley. Somerset's Ben Stokes – Dickson, now on strike.

A low full toss dispatched just inches over the boundary in front of the Bears dug out. Then the slot ball sent miles into the now very dark night sky.

Then a beautifully punched straight four and the winning run that should have been stopped by the specifically stationed silly mid-on for that exact purpose.

Speaking to Sean Dickson after his sign off knock at the Cooper Associates County Ground, I initially asked him if he was exhausted after that knock, his prompt reply was: "I only faced 26 balls!"

"If I had to relate this to another innings, it would have to be the semi-final at Finals Day last year."

"Batting with Abes we said 'let's win this \*\*\*\*\* game' every run we hit you could feel that passion, he's a really good partner."

"Going into that final over, needing 19, "All I said to myself was – three sixes to win this game."

Somerset's 'clutch' T20 player was of course not out in the incredible finish at a similar time just a week later, Sean Dickson signing off with another incredible knock.

Dickson barely played T20 cricket for Durham or Kent, but his final Somerset T20 stats read:

- T20 Blast matches: 41
- 1007 runs
- Average 38.73
- 6 x 50s

Knockout T20s alone:

- 9 matches
- 318 runs
- Average 63.6
- 3 x 50s
- S/R of 168.25 to top it off

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VB T20 Tables – after round robin stage of competition

**South Group**

|                   | P         | W         | T        | L        | NR       | NRR           | Pts       |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|
| 1 Surrey          | 14        | 11        | 0        | 3        | 0        | +1.249        | 44        |
| <b>2 Somerset</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>+0.788</b> | <b>44</b> |
| 3 Hampshire Hawks | 14        | 7         | 1        | 6        | 0        | +0.961        | 30        |
| 4 Kent Spitfires  | 14        | 7         | 0        | 6        | 1        | -0.266        | 30        |
| 5 Glamorgan       | 14        | 7         | 0        | 7        | 0        | -0.090        | 28        |
| 6 Sussex Sharks   | 14        | 6         | 0        | 7        | 1        | +0.121        | 26        |
| 7 Gloucestershire | 14        | 5         | 0        | 9        | 0        | -0.635        | 20        |
| 8 Middlesex       | 14        | 3         | 1        | 9        | 1        | -0.799        | 16        |
| 9 Essex           | 14        | 3         | 0        | 10       | 1        | -1.447        | 14        |

**North Group**

|                               |    |   |   |    |   |        |    |
|-------------------------------|----|---|---|----|---|--------|----|
| 1 Lancashire Lightning        | 14 | 9 | 0 | 5  | 0 | +0.386 | 36 |
| 2 Durham                      | 14 | 8 | 0 | 5  | 1 | +0.676 | 34 |
| 3 Birmingham Bears            | 14 | 8 | 0 | 6  | 0 | +0.671 | 32 |
| 4 Northamptonshire Steelbacks | 14 | 8 | 0 | 6  | 0 | +0.068 | 32 |
| 5 Worcestershire Rapids       | 14 | 7 | 0 | 7  | 0 | +0.219 | 28 |
| 6 Nottinghamshire Outlaws     | 14 | 7 | 0 | 7  | 0 | -0.492 | 28 |
| 7 Leicestershire Foxes        | 14 | 6 | 0 | 7  | 1 | -0.205 | 26 |
| 8 Yorkshire Vikings           | 14 | 5 | 0 | 9  | 0 | -0.390 | 20 |
| 9 Derbyshire Falcons          | 14 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 0 | -0.944 | 16 |

Knock-out stage of competition (no points given) 1st plays 4<sup>th</sup> & 2nd plays 3<sup>rd</sup> from tables above, hence Somerset finishing 2nd played at home to Birmingham Bears, the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team from the opposite group.

**QUARTER-FINALS**

Surrey v Northamptonshire Steelbacks won by 7 runs

Somerset won by 4 wickets v Birmingham Bears

Lancashire Lightning won by 3 wickets v Kent

Durham v Hampshire Hawks won by 26 runs

**SEMI-FINALS**

Somerset won by 23 runs v Lancashire Lightning

Northamptonshire Steelbacks v Hampshire Hawks won by 6 wickets (DLS)

**FINAL**

Somerset won by 6 wickets v Hampshire Hawks

## VITALITY BLAST

### 14 GROUP STAGE MATCHES 1-2

#### SOMERSET VBT20 BATTING AVERAGES

| Batter           | Mat | Inns | NO | Runs | HS  | Ave   | SR     | 100 | 50 | Ct    | St |
|------------------|-----|------|----|------|-----|-------|--------|-----|----|-------|----|
| SR Dickson       | 14  | 14   | 5  | 411  | 76  | 45.67 | 159.92 | 0   | 3  | 4     |    |
| WCF Smeed        | 17  | 17   | 2  | 620  | 94  | 41.33 | 144.86 | 0   | 5  | 9     |    |
| C Overton        | 15  | 5    | 4  | 37   | 16* | 37.00 | 194.74 | 0   | 0  | 17    |    |
| T Kohler-Cadmore | 17  | 17   | 0  | 557  | 90  | 32.76 | 166.77 | 0   | 3  | ***11 | 2  |
| L Gregory        | 16  | 14   | 4  | 293  | 58* | 29.30 | 170.35 | 0   | 2  | 7     |    |
| BGF Green        | 17  | 12   | 5  | 195  | 36* | 27.86 | 143.38 | 0   | 0  | 2     |    |
| TB Abell         | 16  | 16   | 4  | 317  | 51  | 26.42 | 127.31 | 0   | 1  | 10    |    |
| LP Goldsworthy   | 17  | 6    | 3  | 67   | 29* | 22.33 | 126.42 | 0   | 0  | 5     |    |
| TA Lammonby      | 5   | 5    | 0  | 103  | 36  | 20.60 | 139.19 | 0   | 0  | **4   |    |
| T Banton         | 10  | 9    | 0  | 165  | 68  | 18.33 | 134.15 | 0   | 1  | 5     | 0  |
| THS Rew          | 3   | 2    | 1  | 18   | 17* | 18.00 | 94.74  | 0   | 0  | 2     |    |
| M Pretorius      | 3   | 2    | 1  | 14   | 12* | 14.00 | 140.00 | 0   | 0  | 1     |    |
| JEK Rew          | 4   | 4    | 0  | 51   | 20  | 12.75 | 118.60 | 0   | 0  | 1     | 0  |
| MJ Henry         | 10  | 1    | 0  | 9    | 9   | 9.00  | 180.00 | 0   | 0  | 4     |    |
| RP Meredith      | 14  | 2    | 1  | 5    | 4*  | 5.00  | 100.00 | 0   | 0  | 4     |    |
| MJ Leach         | 2   | 1    | 1  | 8    | 8*  | ∞     | 100.00 | 0   | 0  | 1     |    |
| JT Ball          | 5   | 0    |    |      |     |       |        |     |    | 2     |    |
| JH Davey         | 2   | 0    |    |      |     |       |        |     |    | 1**   |    |

NB: \*\*Davey & Lammonby caught 1 & 2 respectively as substitutes. \*\*\*4 of Kohler-Cadmore's catches plus his 2 stumpings, came when he took the wicket-keeping gloves in 4 matches.

#### SOMERSET VBT20 BOWLING AVERAGES

| Bowler         | Ovs  | Mdns | Runs | Wkts | Ave   | Ec    | SR    | Best | 4W | 5W |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|----|----|
| RP Meredith    | 53   | 0    | 457  | 28   | 16.32 | 8.62  | 11.36 | 4-21 | 2  |    |
| MJ Henry       | 38   | 0    | 281  | 18   | 17.56 | 7.39  | 14.25 | 4-21 | 1  |    |
| M Pretorius    | 8.5  | 0    | 80   | 4    | 20.00 | 9.06  | 13.25 | 3-27 | 0  |    |
| MJ Leach       | 7    | 0    | 64   | 3    | 21.33 | 9.14  | 14.00 | 2-42 | 0  |    |
| BGF Green      | 55   | 0    | 490  | 20   | 24.50 | 8.91  | 16.50 | 3-30 | 0  |    |
| LP Goldsworthy | 44   | 0    | 366  | 13   | 28.15 | 8.32  | 20.31 | 4-13 | 1  |    |
| JT Ball        | 19   | 0    | 152  | 5    | 30.40 | 8.00  | 22.80 | 2-20 | 0  |    |
| L Gregory      | 50.1 | 0    | 462  | 15   | 30.80 | 9.21  | 20.07 | 2-19 | 0  |    |
| C Overton      | 50.1 | 2    | 403  | 10   | 40.30 | 8.03  | 30.10 | 2-32 | 0  |    |
| JH Davey       | 7    | 0    | 72   | 1    | 72.00 | 10.29 | 42.00 | 1-32 | 0  |    |
| TA Lammonby    | 1    | 0    | 12   | 0    |       | 12.00 |       | 0-12 |    |    |

NB: Vbt20 format in 2025 – teams were assigned to either the Northern or Southern group, playing 14 matches (6 teams twice and 2 teams once). Somerset's allocation made Middlesex (home) and Sussex (away) the teams which were played just once, the same as in 2022, 2023 & 2024. Each team had 7 home & 7 away matches. At the quarter-final stage the four games were resolved by the top four teams in each group playing. Those finishing first played opposite group's number four as a home tie; likewise, those finishing second played opposite group's number three at home. The two semi-finals & the final all being played at Edgbaston on finals day on 13th September. (NB: this will be changing for 2026. All the matches to be played by 18th July.)

#### 1. SOMERSET v SURREY 30th May, 2025

Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

Somerset (4pts) won by 5 wickets.

Somerset got their T20 Blast campaign off to a winning start before a sell out crowd at Taunton.

Surrey, having been put into bat, lost regular wickets and they were indebted to a brilliant 92 from 54 balls (6x4 7x6) by Jason Roy. The only other Surrey batter to reach double figures was their captain, Sam Curran. Somerset's bowlers performed well with their overseas stars, Matt Henry and Riley Meredith each taking three wickets.

In reply Will Smeed (35) shared stands of 45 and 44 for the first and second wickets with Tom Banton and Tom Kohler-Cadmore respectively before Tom Abell and Ben Green, in a partnership of 35, saw Somerset to victory with 13 balls to spare.

Surrey 146-9 (20 overs) J.J.Roy 92

Somerset 147-5 (17.5 overs).

Umpires M.Burns & A.C.Harris

Match Referee Mike Smith

Scorers L.M.Rhodes & Debbie Beesley.

#### 2. ESSEX EAGLES v SOMERSET 1st June, 2025

The Ambassador Cruise Line Ground, Chelmsford.

Essex Eagles won the toss and decided to bat.

Somerset (4pts) won by 8 wickets.

The Essex innings started badly and they were 36-3 at the end of the six over powerplay. Dean Elgar and Matt Critchley came together in a 83 run fourth wicket partnership with both batters scoring half centuries. The departure of Elgar saw the Eagles then lose their last six wickets for 29 runs in 35 balls. In the over after Elgar's departure, Ben Green took three wickets and Riley Meredith took 2-18.

Will Smeed and Tom Lammonby shared an opening partnership of 96 before Lammonby was out for 36 and Tom Kohler-Cadmore fell cheaply. Will Smeed then saw his team to victory with 25 balls to spare, finishing 81\* from 54 balls.

Essex Eagles 148 all out (19.1 overs) M.J.J.Critchley

54 D Elgar 50

Somerset 149-2 (15.5 overs) W.C.F.Smeed 81n.o.

Umpires B.J.Debenham & N.J.Long

Match Referee A.Swann

Scorers P.Parkinson & L.M.Rhodes.



WILL SMEED 81\*

## VITALITY BLAST

### 14 GROUP STAGE MATCHES 3-8

**3. SUSSEX SHARKS v SOMERSET** 6th June, 2025  
The 1st Central County Ground, Hove.

Somerset won the toss and decided to field.

Somerset (4pts) won by 7 wickets.

Somerset made it three wins in a row in the 2025 Vitality T20 Blast campaign with a seven wicket win over the Sussex Sharks at Hove.

Having won the toss and asked the Sharks to bat the Somerset bowlers, for the second consecutive match, restricted their hosts to 36-3 in the six over powerplay. John Simpson (58) led a spirited recovery, sharing partnerships of 63 with Tom Alsop and 41 with Tom Clark respectively. However, when these batters were dismissed the Somerset bowlers regained the initiative, Matt Henry finishing with 3-29.

In Somerset's reply Will Smeed fell in the first over but an 89 run partnership between Tom Kohler-Cadmore, who top scored, and Tom Lammonby broke the back of the chase. Two other Toms, Abell and Rew then saw their team to victory with 12 balls to spare.

Sussex Sharks 166-8 (20 overs) J.A.Simpson 58  
Somerset 169-5 (18.0 overs) T. Kohler-Cadmore 64.

Umpires M.Newell & N.J.Long  
Match Referee W.Noon  
Scorers G.J.Irwin & L.M.Rhodes.

**4. SOMERSET v MIDDLESEX** 12th June, 2025  
The Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.

Somerset won the toss and decided to field.

Somerset (4pts) won by 5 wickets.

Middlesex, having been asked to bat made the highest total by a visiting team in T20 cricket at Taunton.

Stephen Eskinasi and Kane Williamson gave the visitors a brisk start before a partnership of 131 in ten overs between Max Holden 87\* ( 47 balls- 12x4 1x6) and Ben Geddes 69 (32 balls-2x4 7x6) put the visitors in a strong position. Riley Meredith was the pick of the Somerset bowlers, taking 4-46.

Somerset's reply stuttered and they were 88-4 when Lewis Gregory joined Sean Dickson in a fifth wicket partnership of 104. With the fall of Dickson's wicket Ben Green came in to join his captain with still work to do but they took Somerset to a thrilling victory with four balls to spare.

Middlesex 229-5 (20 overs) M.D.E.Holden 87n.o.  
B.B.A.Geddes 69 R.P.Meredith 4-46.

Somerset 235-5 (19.2overs) S.R.Dickson 76 L.Gregory 58 n.o.

Umpires M.Newell & A.C.Harris  
Match Referee J.J.Swift  
Scorers L.M.Rhodes & D.K.Shelley.

**5. GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SOMERSET** 13th June, 2025  
Seat Unique Stadium, Bristol

Somerset won the toss and decided to field.

Somerset (4pts) won by 6 wickets.

Cameron Bancroft and Miles Hammond put on 54 for the first wicket before the hosts lost five wickets for 21 runs, four of them to the left-arm spin of Lewis Goldsworthy who finished with career best figures of 4-13 and the Player of the Match Award. Jack Taylor tried his best to retrieve the situation with 43 not out but he received little support.

Tom Banton fell in the first over of Somerset's reply, Will Smeed, who anchored the innings with 51 not out from 42 balls, put on partnerships of 52 with Tom Kohler-Cadmore and 44 with Sean Dickson respectively. He was then joined by his captain, Lewis Gregory and they took their team to a fifth consecutive win in this season's Vitality Blast campaign with fourteen balls to spare.

Gloucestershire 135-7 (20 overs) L.P.Goldsworthy 4-13  
Somerset 137-4 (17.4 overs) W.C.F.Smeed 51\*

Umpires M.Burns & P.R.Pollard.  
T.V.Umpire I.D.Blackwell  
Match Referee S.Hinks  
Scorers A.J.Bull & L.M.Rhodes.



LEWIS GOLDSWORTHY 4-13

**6. SOMERSET v KENT SPITFIRES** 15th June, 2025  
The Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.

Somerset won the toss and decided to field.

Kent (4pts) won by 4 runs.

Tawanda Muyeye and Daniel Bell-Drummond made a solid start to the Spitfires innings and they had taken the score to 69 by the end of the six over powerplay. Their partnership continued to flourish and it eventually ended at 158, a Kent record for the first wicket against Somerset. The Spitfires batters kept the momentum going and they finished on a challenging total. The pick of the Somerset bowlers was Riley Meredith with figures of 3-45.

Somerset set out on their victory quest with a 91 run opening partnership between Will Smeed and Tom Banton who, having been dropped on two, made 68 from 32 balls (5x4 6x6). Tom Kohler-Cadmore and Tom Abell then kept the momentum going but when they were dismissed and Lewis Gregory was out cheaply the target was thirty runs from two overs and finally nineteen from the final over but it was just out of reach.

Kent Spitfires 228-5 (20 overs) D.J.Bell-Drummond 100, T.S.Muyeye 70  
Somerset 224-6 (20 overs) T.Banton 68.

Umpires M.Burns & M. Newell  
T.V.Umpire S.Redfern. Match Referee S.Hinks  
Scorers L.M.Rhodes & A.L.Bateup.

**7. SOMERSET v HAMPSHIRE HAWKS** 19th June, 2025  
The Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.

Hampshire Hawks won the toss and decided to field.

Somerset (4pts) won by 17 runs.

Somerset suffered an early blow when Tom Banton was dismissed for 4. Will Smeed and Tom Kohler-Cadmore then put on 59 for the second wicket before the hosts slumped to 127-6 in the 14th over. The two Lewis's, Gregory and Goldsworthy then came together and they put on a record Somerset seventh wicket partnership of 82 to take their team beyond 200.

Lhuan-der-Pretorius and James Vince gave the Hawks a solid start, putting on 74 for the first wicket when Pretorius departed for 37. Vince completed his half century in the 13th over before being dismissed. Dewald Brevis tried to keep the momentum going, racing to 36 from 16 balls but 29 runs were still needed from the final over to be bowled by Lewis Gregory and he ensured the victory. Ben Green

returned figures of 3-40.

Somerset 209-7 (20 overs) W.C.F.Smeed 68  
L.Gregory 55

Hampshire Hawks 192-7 (20overs) J.M.Vince 54.  
Umpires I.D.Blackwell & P.K.Baldwin  
Match Referee Mike Smith  
Scorers L.M.Rhodes & F.C.Newnham

**8. GLAMORGAN v SOMERSET** 20th June, 2025  
Sophia Gardens, Cardiff.

Somerset won the toss and decided to field.

Somerset (4pts) won by 6 wickets.

Kiran Carlson and Will Smale gave the hosts an explosive start with Smale hitting Josh Davey's first three deliveries for boundaries. However, 30-0 from 2.1 overs soon became 49-5 from 8.3. Asa Tribe and Dan Douthwaite then came together to double the score. Once the partnership was broken the remaining Glamorgan batters offered little resistance. Riley Meredith was the pick of the Somerset bowlers, finishing with 4-21 from his four overs.

Tom Banton and Will Smeed put on 41 for the first Somerset wicket and the rest of the top order batters all contributed to a comfortable six wicket victory with 20 balls to spare.

Glamorgan 130-9 (20 overs) R.P.Meredith 4-21  
Somerset 131-4(16.4 overs).

Umpires P.K.Baldwin & Surendiran Shanmugam  
Match Referee Ian Herbert  
Scorers A.K.Hignell & L.M.Rhodes.



RILEY MEREDITH 4-21

**9. SOMERSET v GLAMORGAN** 4th July, 2025 Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.

Somerset won the toss and decided to field.

Glamorgan (4pts) won by 2 runs.

Glamorgan, having been put into bat, were indebted to half centuries from Dan Douthwaite and Colin Ingram to get them to a competitive total. The pair put on 49 runs for the sixth wicket after the visitors were struggling at 94-5 in the 12th over. Matt Henry and Lewis Goldsworthy each took two wickets.

Somerset lost regular wickets in their chase and they found themselves in some trouble at 100-5 in the 13th over. Will Smeed, who scored 72 from 49 balls, was then joined by Ben Green and the pair produced some clean hitting to reduce the target to 35 runs from the last three overs. They, together with Craig Overton, were then dismissed, the latter two by Ned Leonard who claimed five wickets against his former County. 16 runs were needed from the final over bowled by Dan Douthwaite but the target was just beyond reach.

Glamorgan 176-7 (20 overs) D.A.Douthwaite 56 C.A.Ingram 55  
Somerset 174-9 (20 overs) W.C.F.Smeed 72 E.O.Leonard 5-25.

Umpires M.Burns & B.J.Peverall  
Match Referee P.Whitticase.  
Scorers L.M.Rhodes & A.K.Hignell.



WILL SMEED

**10. HAMPSHIRE HAWKS v SOMERSET** 6th July, 2025 Utilita Bowl, Southampton

Somerset won the toss and decided to field.

Somerset (4pts) won by 4 wickets.

Somerset's bowlers kept things tight in the first eight overs before James Vince and Joe Weatherley cut loose in a partnership of 141 from 85 balls to take their team to a competitive total.

Somerset were more measured in their run chase but they lost wickets just as batters were getting set. Tom Abell and Sean Dickson then came together in a partnership worth 89 runs from 57 balls. Dickson then reached his half century from 30 balls before both batters were dismissed within five balls of each other. Tom Lammonby fell cheaply before Lewis Goldsworthy and Ben Green saw their team to victory with a ball to spare.

Hampshire Hawks 178-3 (20 overs) J.M.Vince 82 J.J.Weatherley 60 n.o.

Somerset 179-5 (19.5 overs) S.R.Dickson 52

Umpires B.J.Peverall & M.Burns  
Match Referee Sarah Bartlett  
Scorers F.C.Newnham & L.M.Rhodes.

**11. SOMERSET v ESSEX EAGLES** 8th July, 2025 Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.

Essex won the toss and decided to field.

Somerset (4pts) won by 95 runs.

Player of the Match T.Kohler-Cadmore

A brilliant half century by Tom Kohler-Cadmore propelled Somerset to a convincing victory and it, also, guaranteed them a quarter final place. He scored 90 from just 39 balls (8x4 7x6) and he shared stands of 88 and 55 with Will Smeed and Tom Abell respectively as the hosts posted a commanding total. Mohammad Amir was the only Essex bowler to escape punishment, finishing with credible figures of 3-22 from his four overs.

Somerset's International bowlers kept it tight and the visitors were never in the hunt to reach their target, being bowled out in 14.1 overs. Noah Thain top scored with 38.

Somerset 225-6 (20 overs) T.Kohler-Cadmore 90 Essex Eagles 130 all out (14.1 overs) M.J. Henry 4-21.

Umpires M.Burns & J.D.Shantry.  
T.V.Umpire P.K.Baldwin.  
Match Referee W.M.Noon  
Scorers L.M.Rhodes & P.Parkinson.

**12. KENT SPITFIRES v SOMERSET** 11th July, 2025 St Lawrence Ground Canterbury.

Somerset won the toss and decided to field.

Somerset (4pts) won by 5 wickets.

The Spitfires, having been put into bat, got off to the worst possible start when Craig Overton bowled Tawanda Muyeye with the first ball of the match. The Somerset bowlers, with Riley Meredith the pick taking 3-19 restricted their hosts, for whom Joe Denly top scored with 40, to a modest total. The Spitfire's innings was delayed for 23 minutes because of dazzling sunlight.

Somerset's reply was not straight forward and they slipped to 73-4 in the 12th over. Tom Abell (34 n.o.) and Lewis Gregory (37) added 57 for the fifth wicket before Ben Green hit a four and a single to see his team to victory and a guaranteed home quarter final.

Kent Spitfires 137-8 (20 overs).  
Somerset 138-5 (18.3 overs).

Umpires N.L. Bainton & M. Newell  
Match Referee S. Davis  
Scorers L.A.R Hart & L.M.Rhodes



TOM ABELL



CRAIG OVERTON

**13. SURREY v SOMERSET** 13th July, 2025 The Kia Oval, London.

Somerset won the toss and decided to field.

Surrey (4pts) won by 67 runs.

Will Jacks, who scored the only half century of the game, and Ryan Patel gave Surrey a flying start with an opening partnership of 62 from 6.2 overs. Jason Roy, Dan Lawrence and Chris Jordan at the end of the innings all kept the run rate going to ensure that the hosts set a challenging target. Jack Leach and Lewis Goldsworthy both took two wickets but the pick of the Somerset attack was Migael Pretorius who took 1-28 from his four overs.

Somerset lost an early wicket when Tom Lammonby was bowled by Reece Topley. Tom Kohler-Cadmore, who top scored with 38, and Will Smeed then put on 40 runs for the second wicket. The batters found run scoring difficult against a disciplined Surrey bowling unit and they lost their last eight wickets for 61 runs to end up well beaten.

Surrey 201-6 (20 overs) W.G.Jacks 57  
Somerset 134 all out (19.3 overs)

Umpires Hassan Adnan & M.Newell  
Match Referee J.J.Swift  
Scorers Debbie Beesley & L.M.Rhodes

**14. SOMERSET v GLOUCESTERSHIRE** 18th July, 2025 THE COOPER ASSOCIATES COUNTY GROUND, TAUNTON.

Somerset won the toss and decided to bat.

Somerset (4 pts) won by 16 runs.

Somerset posted a modest total after deciding to bat on a turning pitch. They lost regular wickets and Ben Green, who top scored with 38, and Craig Overton put on the highest partnership (42) of the innings. The Taylor brothers, Jack (3-19) and Matt (2-11) were the pick of the visitor's bowlers.

Gloucestershire's reply was based around a half century by D'Arcy Short who anchored the innings but he received little support from the other batters. Wickets fell regularly against tight Somerset bowling for whom Jake Ball took 2-20. When Ollie Price was the fifth wicket to fall 63 runs were required from 35 balls but the Somerset bowlers ensured that the target was beyond their visitors.

Somerset 164-7 (20 overs)  
Gloucestershire 148-8 (20 overs) D.Short 71 not out.

Umpires I.D.Blackwell & M.Newell  
Match Referee D.A.Cosker  
Scorers L.M.Rhodes & A.J.Bull

## QUARTER-FINAL

### SOMERSET v BIRMINGHAM BEARS

Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.

Bears won the toss and decided to bat.

Somerset won by 4 wickets.

Player of the Match S.R.Dickson.

The Bears made an explosive start with Rob Yates hitting 24 runs off the second over bowled by Riley Meredith and Alex Davies who scored 71 from 39 balls. They reached 82 at the end of the six over power play and 119 at the half way stage of their innings. When Davies was dismissed in the twelfth over the scoring slowed against economical bowling by Ben Green, Lewis Gregory and Lewis Goldsworthy and the Bears total finished about par for the bat friendly Taunton pitch.

The Somerset batters were more measured and at the half way stage of their reply the required run rate exceeded eleven per over. Tom Abell went to his half century before he was dismissed, soon to be followed by Lewis Gregory and Ben Green in what seemed to be a pivotal eighteenth over.

Sean Dickson had other ideas and had already reached a nineteen ball half century. The final over arrived with nineteen runs still required. Ed Barnard was the bowler and after he bowled a wide and Craig Overton took a single Dickson did the rest to take his team to finals day with a most memorable and unlikely victory.

Birmingham Bears 190-6 (20 overs) A.L.Davies 71  
Somerset 191-6 (19.5 overs) S.R.Dickson 71 n.o.  
T.B.Abell 51.

Umpires B.J.Debenham & M.J.Saggers  
T.V.Umpire N.L.Bainton  
Reserve Umpire I.D.Blackwell  
Match Referee S.Hinks  
Scorers L.M.Rhodes & M.Smith.



SEAN DICKSON

## SEMI-FINAL

### SOMERSET v LANCASHIRE LIGHTNING

13th September, 2025 EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

Lightning won the toss and decided to field.

Somerset won by 23 runs.

Player of the match Tom Kohler-Cadmores

Somerset, put into bat, reached what looked like a par score with only Tom Kohler-Cadmores being able to master the Lightning attack. Somerset lost Will Smeed early and then Tom Kohler-Cadmores and Tom Abell got the innings going with a partnership of 43 before wickets started to fall regularly. With ten balls remaining Somerset needed some impetus which Craig Overton and Migael Pretorius provided by scoring 21 from the final over.

The Lightning reply started explosively with 22 runs coming from the first eight balls and 73 being reached by the end of the six over power play. The Somerset bowlers then put the brakes on and only 20 runs were scored from the next four overs. A pivotal point in the match came when Liam Livingstone was adjudged lbw to Lewis Gregory.

Somerset's seamers tightened their grip and the required run rate increased. Michael Jones hit Migael Pretorius for two maximums to keep the Lightning interested but Somerset were able to close out victory with relentless efficiency.

Somerset 182-7 (20 overs) T.Kohler-Cadmores 81  
Lancashire Lightning 159 all out (19.5 overs)

Umpires J.D.Middlebrook & M.A.Gough  
T.V.Umpire Sue Redfern  
Reserve Umpire T.Lungley  
Match Referee Will Smith  
Scorers K.Mitchell & C.Rimmer



TOM KOHLER-CADMORE

# FINAL



JASON KERR & LEWIS GREGORY CELEBRATE

### HAMPSHIRE HAWKS v SOMERSET 13th September, 2025 EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM

Somerset won the toss and decided to field. Somerset won by 6 wickets.Player of the Match W.C.F.Smeed

Somerset successfully chased the highest victory target in a T20 final to beat Hampshire and claim a record equalling third title.

Hampshire lost their semi final hero, Chris Lynn, early but Toby Albert and James Vince took the Hawks to 83 at the end of the six over power play and shared a stand of 97 in 59 balls.

The scoring then slowed with only three boundaries being hit between the beginning of the seventh over and midway through the sixteenth. Albert upped the tempo again and Benny Howell played a useful cameo to get the Hawks to a record equalling final total.

Somerset got off to a positive start with Will Smeed and Tom Kohler-Cadmores putting on 46 runs in 4.5 overs. Three wickets then fell before Sean Dickson joined Smeed in a partnership of 88 for the fourth wicket. Smeed then fell for 94, the highest Individual score in a final, with the target in reach. Lewis Gregory came to the crease and made sure of victory by hitting 18 runs from five balls to clinch the Trophy for the second time in three seasons.

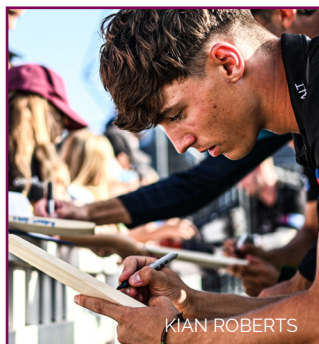
Hampshire Hawks 194-6 (20 overs) T.E.Albert 85 J.M.Vince 52 / Somerset 195-6 (19 overs) W.C.F.Smeed 94

Umpires J.A.Middlebrook & M.A.Gough / TV Umpire Sue Redfern Reserve Umpire R.A.White  
Match Referee Will Smith / Scorers F.C.Newnham & K.Mitchell

BY JAMES REW



JACK LEACH



KIAN ROBERTS



JOSH THOMAS & THOMAS REW

**In 2025 Somerset enjoyed another successful season in the Metro Bank One Day Cup competition and it was an absolute honour for me to captain the team. I had a lot of help in decision making, on and off the pitch from the senior players, like Jack Leach, Sean Dickson and Ben Green.**

I thought that we had a great competition, with a really good team spirit, and we gelled together well. We worked hard for each other in tough matches and managed to win some games away from home when it looked as if defeat was the more likely outcome. Overall, we didn't do quite as well as in 2024, the year when we reached the final, but to reach the semi final this season was a good achievement.

We had a group of young players which included some new names to the squad, such as Academy players Kian Roberts and James Theedom, and it was also really nice to have Tom Lammonby back this year to play. He performed very well for us with both bat and ball. We know just how good he is at four day cricket but I think 50 over cricket really suits the style of cricket that he likes

to play. He played quite freely at the top of the innings, but he has obviously got a great technique and temperament to play a long innings and score big runs to underpin a large team total. He was very successful with both the bat and the ball.

It was wonderful to be able to play alongside my brother, and this was the first time that we have played together for Somerset. Ever since I came on to the pro staff I've always wanted to play in the same team as Thomas. To be able to be alongside him when he made his debut was a memorable experience for us both. We had a good 100 partnership in our first game together versus Middlesex at Radlett, which was Thomas's 50 Over Cup debut, and then at home against Durham we had another long partnership, after which Thomas moved on to score 84 not out which was brilliant to see, and saw us home by 4 wickets.

Jake Ball is an international cricketer and we know what he can do to influence matches. He was one of the players who stood out and led the bowling attack for us magnificently,

in many ways he was the figurehead for us in the attack. He took the new ball and was really successful, showing his class, particularly in the Yorkshire match when he took 4-34. He always bowled wicket to wicket and never leaked many runs. It was easier for our bowlers to follow that, because if your opening bowlers start well then it's easier to come on and be economical as a first change bowler - so 'Bally' really led the attack well for us.

Josh Thomas played really well in the competition and we know how dangerous he can be with the bat, and he is a great fielder as well. It was good to see him compiling some important big scores, and being dangerous towards the end of the innings, either setting or chasing. Fin Hill was another young player who established himself in the team and performed well at critical times. He played some crucial knocks for us and scored a couple of good half centuries when we were in poor positions in the Group stage games.



JAMES CONGRATULATES TOM ON REACHING HIS CENTURY

The quarter final at home against Gloucestershire was a big game for us, especially after we had lost to them the year before in the T20 final. We know how dangerous Gloucester can be and they have some good, experienced players, so I was a little bit apprehensive ahead of that game. However, to go out and beat them in the style, a victory that was quite convincing in the end, was a great feeling for the team.

In the semi final we came up against a strong Worcestershire side playing at their home ground on quite a difficult wicket. Worcestershire coped with the conditions really well and managed to get through the tough period with the new ball. On several occasions I felt like the luck wasn't going our

way, and they managed to get a score which we thought was over par on the wicket. Then, batting, we lost wickets at the top of the order, which didn't help our cause, and when the rain came and we were several wickets down. It's tough to win when batting second from there, as the Duckwoth Lewis total becomes an extremely demanding target.

However we know that Worcestershire had a really good side and hadn't lost many players to The Hundred, and deservedly went onto win the competition. It was always going to be a challenge but we put up a strong fight and could hold our head up high that we had progressed as far as the semis.

It's wonderful for Somerset to

be producing so many home grown youngsters, and giving them opportunities early in their careers to represent the Club playing in the One Day Cup. It is a great stage for them to showcase their skills in front of very good crowds - giving them experience which is also good for the long term future of the Club.

I have loved being able to lead the team, it was a great honour for me and really enjoyable. I now feel I am so closer to all of the squad from being captain of the Somerset 2025 One Day Cup team. It was a great experience for me and I'd welcome the chance to do it again if the opportunity comes along.

# METRO BANK ONE DAY CUP

## REPORTS - MATCH BY MATCH

**Format of Competition:** Two groups of 9 play each other team in their group just once – home or away. Top team in the groups goes straight through to Semi-final. Second placed team have a play-off against the opposing group's third placed team. This then gives the four teams in the Semi-final, the winners of which go through to the Final which is played at Trent Bridge. NB The points gained were changed (4 for a win; 2 for Tied matches or for no result), to be more in line with the Women's game.

### Metro Bank One Day Cup 2025 - Group A

| Team            | P | W | T | L | NR | NRR   | Pts |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|----|-------|-----|
| Worcestershire  | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0  | +0.45 | 26  |
| Hampshire       | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0  | +0.70 | 24  |
| Gloucestershire | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0  | +0.33 | 24  |
| Essex           | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0  | +1.35 | 20  |
| Nottinghamshire | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0  | -0.58 | 14  |
| Surrey          | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0  | -1.91 | 12  |
| Leicestershire  | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0  | +0.24 | 10  |
| Derbyshire      | 8 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1  | -0.11 | 8   |
| Glamorgan       | 8 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1  | -0.94 | 6   |

### Metro Bank One Day Cup 2025 - Group B

| Team             | P | W | T | L | NR | NRR    | Pts |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|--------|-----|
| Yorkshire        | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0  | +1.907 | 28  |
| Somerset         | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0  | +0.462 | 24  |
| Middlesex        | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0  | +0.143 | 24  |
| Warwickshire     | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0  | +0.197 | 20  |
| Sussex           | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0  | -0.313 | 16  |
| Durham           | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0  | -0.753 | 12  |
| Kent             | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0  | -0.603 | 8   |
| Lancashire       | 8 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1  | -0.334 | 6   |
| Northamptonshire | 8 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1  | -0.858 | 6   |

### Play-Offs

Hampshire beat Middlesex by 42 runs

**Somerset** beat Gloucestershire by 6 wickets (81 balls left)

### Semi Finals:

Hampshire beat Yorkshire by 18 runs (DLS)

Worcestershire beat **Somerset** by 131 runs (DLS)

### Final:

Worcestershire beat Hampshire by 3 wickets (DLS method)



### 2025 Metro Bank One Day Cup Batting Averages

| Player         | Mat | Inns | NO | Runs | HS   | Ave   | SR     | 100 | 50 | Ct | St |
|----------------|-----|------|----|------|------|-------|--------|-----|----|----|----|
| JEK Rew        | 10  | 10   | 3  | 438  | 106* | 62.57 | 96.69  | 1   | 2  | 16 | 0  |
| AM Vaughan     | 10  | 10   | 1  | 397  | 109* | 44.11 | 74.48  | 1   | 2  | 6  |    |
| THS Rew        | 10  | 9    | 2  | 308  | 84*  | 44.00 | 96.25  | 0   | 2  | 6  |    |
| FJ Hill        | 7   | 5    | 2  | 131  | 57*  | 43.67 | 82.91  | 0   | 2  | 5  |    |
| ARJ Ogborne    | 5   | 2    | 1  | 42   | 30*  | 42.00 | 140.00 | 0   | 0  | 1  |    |
| TA Lammonby    | 10  | 10   | 0  | 390  | 102  | 39.00 | 84.42  | 2   | 1  | 5  |    |
| JF Thomas      | 10  | 9    | 3  | 176  | 50   | 29.33 | 94.62  | 0   | 1  | 1  |    |
| BGF Green      | 8   | 4    | 2  | 58   | 34*  | 29.00 | 92.06  | 0   | 0  | 6  |    |
| LP Goldsworthy | 10  | 10   | 0  | 262  | 63   | 26.20 | 76.38  | 0   | 1  | 2  |    |
| KJT Roberts    | 2   | 2    | 0  | 40   | 29   | 20.00 | 93.02  | 0   | 0  | 1  |    |
| KL Aldridge    | 6   | 2    | 0  | 21   | 17   | 10.50 | 110.53 | 0   | 0  | 6  |    |
| MJ Leach       | 6   | 2    | 0  | 16   | 13   | 8.00  | 80.00  | 0   | 0  | 4  |    |
| JT Ball        | 8   | 1    | 1  | 0    | 0*   |       |        | 0   | 0  | 1  |    |
| JH Davey       | 1   | 0    | 0  | 0    |      |       |        | 0   | 0  | 0  |    |
| JT Langridge   | 4   | 2    | 2  | 11   | 11*  |       | 275.00 | 0   | 0  | 1  |    |
| M Pretorius    | 0   | 0    | 0  | 0    |      |       |        | 0   | 0  | 1  |    |
| JM Theedom     | 2   | 0    | 0  | 0    |      |       |        | 0   | 0  | 1  |    |

### Metro Bank One Day Cup 2024 – Bowling Averages

| Bowler         | Ov   | M | R   | Wkt | Ave   | Eco  | SR    | BB   |
|----------------|------|---|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|------|
| TA Lammonby    | 57.5 | 6 | 290 | 15  | 19.33 | 5.01 | 23.13 | 5-20 |
| JH Davey       | 7.4  | 0 | 40  | 2   | 20.00 | 5.22 | 23.00 | 2-40 |
| BGF Green      | 74   | 6 | 382 | 16  | 23.88 | 5.16 | 27.75 | 4-52 |
| MJ Leach       | 53   | 3 | 220 | 9   | 24.44 | 4.15 | 35.33 | 3-47 |
| ARJ Ogborne    | 44   | 2 | 215 | 8   | 26.88 | 4.89 | 33.00 | 5-41 |
| JT Ball        | 76.3 | 5 | 383 | 14  | 27.36 | 5.01 | 32.79 | 4-34 |
| KL Aldridge    | 52   | 0 | 295 | 10  | 29.50 | 5.67 | 31.20 | 4-54 |
| JT Langridge   | 26   | 0 | 153 | 5   | 30.60 | 5.88 | 31.20 | 2-32 |
| KJT Roberts    | 9    | 0 | 47  | 1   | 47.00 | 5.22 | 54.00 | 1-28 |
| AM Vaughan     | 19   | 0 | 95  | 2   | 47.50 | 5.00 | 57.00 | 2-41 |
| JM Theedom     | 7    | 0 | 51  | 1   | 51.00 | 7.29 | 42.00 | 1-32 |
| LP Goldsworthy | 31   | 0 | 182 | 2   | 91.00 | 5.87 | 93.00 | 1-34 |
| M Pretorius    | 10   | 0 | 51  | 0   |       | 5.10 |       | 0-51 |



TOM LAMMONBY

### 1. Middlesex v Somerset – 6th August 2025; Brunton Ground, Radlett CC, Hertfordshire

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

**Result:** Somerset (4 points) beat Middlesex (0 points) by 6 wickets.

Middlesex struggled to build partnerships, losing a wicket every few overs. Ball and Leach took three wickets apiece. In reply, Lammonby, Vaughan and Goldsworthy all made modest totals before the Rew brothers came together to bolster the innings and forge a century partnership. By the time Thomas was out for a well made 51, the hardest work was done. James continued to play his shots and by the time he celebrated his own century, the job was done.

Middlesex 289-7 (50 overs) J. M. de Caires 71, J. L. B. Davies 64

**Somerset** 293-4 (47.3overs) J. E. K. Rew 106\*, T. H. S. Rew 51.

Umpires: R. J. Bailey & B. J. Debenham  
Referee: A. M. Smith Scorers: D. K. Shelley & K. W. Mitchell.

### 2. Somerset v Durham – 8th August 2025; Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton

Durham won the toss and batted.

**Result:** Somerset (4 points) beat Durham (0 points) by 4 wickets.

Will Rhodes was the hero of the Durham innings with a century. The next highest score was 38, Ogborne taking credit for this, having taken 5-41. Somerset started well in reply, and by the end of the first power play, Somerset had made 62/1. The Rews then provided the backbone of the innings, making 95 between them in even time, but on this occasion, it was Thomas who continued until the target was reached. During his innings of 84 not out he shared a partnership of 69 with Green from just 59 deliveries.

Rhodes was the best bowler, with 3-42.

Durham 287-9 (50 overs) W. M. H. Rhodes 100.

**Somerset** 258-4 (46.2 overs) T. H. S. Rew 84\*.

Umpires: I. D. Blackwell & A. C. Harris  
Referee: S. G. Hinks Scorers: L. M. Rhodes & K. W. Mitchell.



THOMAS REW

### 3. Somerset v Lancashire – 10th August 2025; Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton

Lancashire won the toss and batted.

**Result:** Lancashire (4 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 2 wickets.

Three half-centuries underpinned Somerset's innings. Goldsworthy with 63, Vaughan 59 and an unbeaten 57 from Hill, his first List 'A' 50. Vaughan and Goldsworthy together added 124, while Hill, with Roberts, made 66. Marcus Harris from Australia led the way for Lancashire, making 95 before a loose stroke was caught by Roberts at mid-off. Apart from George Balderson with 65, no-one else made more than 21, but it was enough to win with just 8 balls left; five of the seven Somerset bowlers chipping in with wickets.

**Somerset** 250-7 (50 overs) L. P. Goldsworthy 63, A. M. Vaughan 57, F. J. Hill 57\*.

Lancashire 254-8 (45.1 overs) M. S. Harris 95, G. P. Balderson 65.

Umpires: B. J. Peverall & M. Burns  
Referee: D. A. Cosker Scorers: L. M. Rhodes & G. L. Morgan

### 4. Yorkshire v Somerset – 14th August 2025; York CC, Clifton Park, York.

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

**Result:** Somerset (4 points) beat Yorkshire (0 points) by 6 wickets.

Somerset bowled out Yorkshire in 48.4 overs. Ball led the way including taking 2 wickets in 2 balls in the last over, to finish with 4-34, which would be his best season's bowling in this competition. Matt Revis made the best score of 85 for Yorkshire, with no-one else making more than 41. Vaughan with 95, together with, first Goldsworthy then James Rew (producing 75 and 64 respectively), held the Somerset's innings together before, Josh Thomas and James Rew saw Somerset home with only 5 balls to spare.

Yorkshire 247 all out (48.4 overs) M. L. Revis 85, J. T. Ball 9.4-1-34-4.

**Somerset** 252-4 (49.1 overs) A. M. Vaughan 95, J. E. K Rew 53\*.

Umpires: H. M. S. Adnan & P. J. Hartley  
Referee: P. M. Such Scorers: J. T Potter & L. M. Rhodes

### 5. Somerset v Warwickshire – 17th August 2025; Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton

Warwickshire won the toss and fielded.

**Result:** Warwickshire (4 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 3 wickets.

Somerset were inserted and started slowly but gathered momentum as the innings progressed. The third wicket partnership of 143 from 128 deliveries by James Rew (81) and Lammonby (100) underpinned the whole innings, to which was added the 41 runs in 29 balls by Thomas Rew, and 30\* by Ogborne. In reply Warwickshire scored steadily, with four batters making runs but being out in the 40s. It wasn't until the fall of Warwickshire's seventh wicket at 243, still needing 67 when Lintott came in, that the acceleration began. He struck the only half century in the innings in 36 deliveries and at his demise only 2 runs were needed from 8 deliveries. This was duly completed with three balls left.

**Somerset** 309-8 (50 overs) T. A. Lammonby 100, J. E. K Rew 81.

Warwickshire 310-7 (49.3 overs) J. B. Lintott 50.

Umpires: J. C. Tredwell & M. Waseem Referee: P. Whitticase Scorers: L. M. Rhodes & M. D. Smith

### 6. Sussex v Somerset – 21st August 2025; 1st Central County Ground, Hove

Sussex won the toss and fielded.

**Result:** Somerset (4 points) beat Sussex (0 points) by 6 wickets

After Somerset were asked to bat first, Sussex used seven bowlers to dismiss them. Hunt and Crocombe taking three each. Top scores for Somerset came from Fin Hill and Josh Thomas, making more than 40% of the final slightly under par total. When Sussex batted it was Tom Lammonby who ripped the heart out of the middle order with a triple wicket maiden. Opener Tear (16), Hudson-Prentice (0), and captain and prolific run-scorer Simpson (0) were all dismissed in the 11th over. After this, (with the exception of Carson, who hit seven 4s), from the 11th over onwards, only four more boundary 4s were made in the rest of the innings, as Sussex subsided to a 90-run defeat with 14 overs still to play.

**Somerset** 243 all out (47.3 overs) F. J. Hill 55, J. F. Thomas 50.

Sussex 153 all out (36 overs) T. A. Lammonby 7-3-20-5.

Umpires: R. J. Bailey & S. D. Hollingshead Referee: D. A. Cosker Scorers: G.J. Irwin & L. M. Rhodes



4. ARCHIE VAUGHAN



5. TOM LAMMONBY

JAKE BALL



### 7. Kent v Somerset – 24th August 2025; The St. Lawrence Spitfire County Ground, Canterbury

Kent won the toss and batted.

**Result:** Somerset (4 points) beat Kent (0 points) by 4 wickets.

The Denlys, nephew Jaydn and uncle Joe, combined to make 97 for the second wicket for Kent. Afterwards only Harry Finch threatened making 48 before Ben Green ran him out and Kent eventually closed on 269. Once more it was Lammonby who made his mark completing his second century in the competition. Partnerships with Lammonby of 62 & 101 firstly, Vaughan, and then Goldsworthy, laid the foundation. Reaching 170 with only two wickets down meant that only 100 runs were needed to win, which the subsequent batters reached in the forty-fifth over, to win by 4 wickets.

Kent 269-9 (50 overs) J. K. Denly 65.

**Somerset** 270-6 (44.3 overs) T. A. Lammonby 102.

Umpires: B. J. Peverall & P. Mustard Referee: J. J. Swift Scorers: L. A. R. Hart & L. M. Rhodes

### 8. Somerset v Northamptonshire – 26th August 2025; Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton

Northamptonshire won the toss and batted.

**Result:** Somerset (4 points) beat Northamptonshire (0 points) by 8 wickets (DLS).

In a match reduced to 47 overs per side by the rain only one Northamptonshire player made a half century, Tim Robinson. Kasey Aldridge, came to the fore in this match, by taking four wickets and catching a fifth, as Northamptonshire folded for 238. Needing a DLS adjusted score of 240 to win openers Vaughan and Lammonby put on 168 together. Only one more wicket was to fall as Vaughan and James Rew saw them over the line, Vaughan having made his maiden century, 109 not out.

Northamptonshire 238 all out (43.2 overs) T. B. Robinson 69, K. L. Aldridge 10-0-54-4.

**Somerset** 240-2 (42.4 overs) A. M. Vaughan 109\*, T.A. Lammonby 83.

Umpires: I. D. Blackwell & C. Viljoen Referee: D. A. Cosker Scorers: L. M. Rhodes & T. R. Owen

### PLAY-OFF:

#### Somerset v Gloucestershire – 28th August 2025; Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton

Gloucestershire won the toss and batted.

**Result:** Somerset beat Gloucestershire by 6 wickets (DLS).

With inclement weather around Gloucestershire somewhat surprisingly chose to bat first. The first wicket went down second ball with no runs on the board. Ollie Price came out to join Bancroft, and together they put on 56, the highest partnership of the innings. Aldridge juggled a catch off his own bowling, to dismiss Bancroft. From then on, the wickets fell at an increasing rate, Ball and Lammonby both accounting for 3 each as Gloucestershire were all out for 155. There were two rain interruptions in the second innings, just after the 5th over (16/0) and in the middle of the 13th at 53/2. At this point, with a 40-minute break for rain, DLS was invoked and Somerset's overs were reduced to 45 overs, and the target adjusted to 149 which they reached in the 32nd over. Top scorers were James and Thomas Rew, with 46 and 40\* respectively.

Gloucestershire 155 all out (40.1 overs) J. M. R. Taylor 43.

**Somerset** 310-7 (31.2 overs) J. E. K Rew 46.

Umpires: I. D. Blackwell & S. Widdup. A. C. Harris. Referee: D. A. Cosker. Scorers: L. M. Rhodes & A. J. Bull



JAMES REW

### SEMI-FINAL:

#### Worcestershire v Somerset– 31st August 2025; New Road.

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

**Result:** Worcestershire beat Somerset by 131 runs (DLS).

Somerset took to the field under blue skies with D'Oliveira and Lategan starting cautiously, scoring just 23 in the first six overs. From then on, the runs started to flow and the first wicket fell at 85, D'Oliveira for 45, but Lategan continued to bat until he became the 4th victim with the score at 131. Rain started to fall, but not for long and play continued with Worcestershire posting 275 for 9. When Somerset batted, they too, found it difficult.

Once more James Rew, coming in before the end of the first power play after the fall of the 2nd wicket, showed the way and accumulated steadily, albeit slowly. The 24th over saw the players coming off the field for rain, with the score on 108-7. Nearly an hour and a half's lost play saw DLS come into play. 12 overs were lost making a target of 273 in 38 overs – a tall order and under increasingly leaden skies, Somerset succumbed, losing by 131 runs (DLS).

Worcestershire 275-9 (50 overs) D. H. Lategan 78, B. L. D'Oliveira 45, B. G. F. Green 10-1-52-4.

**Somerset** 141 all out (29.2 overs) J. E. K Rew 47, K. Shahzad 7-2-36-4.

Umpires: M. Newell & J. C Tredwell. "4th Umpire": A. C. Harris. Referee: W. M. Noon. Scorers: S. M. Drinkwater & L. M. Rhodessker.

## HAPPY 150TH BIRTHDAY TO SOMERSET COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

**Somerset County Cricket Club celebrated their 150th birthday over the weekend of August 17th-18th with two highly successful events, one of which took place at the Cooper Associates County Ground in Taunton and the other at Sidmouth CC.**

On Sunday, August 17, the ground was decorated with balloons and bunting for Somerset's Metro Bank One Day Cup match against Warwickshire during which a number of special birthday activities took place.

Ahead of the match the Annual Church Service was held on Gimblett's Hill when the speaker was Rev. Jonathan Philpott, the Mission Development Advisor for the Diocese of Bath and

Wells who also plays club cricket in Somerset.

Every supporter who attended the game was given a free raffle ticket for which there were 150 prizes, which when drawn later in the day took ages to announce but nobody seemed to mind because all who attended were in with a chance of winning.

The first 300 Somerset CCC members over the age of 18 years old who came through the entrance were given a voucher for a free birthday drink- 150 courtesy of Thatchers Cider and 150 thanks to St Austell Brewery.

A special limited edition full colour scorecard featuring a brief history of Somerset County Cricket Club was produced

to mark the 150th birthday, which in future years is likely to become a collector's item.

There was even a special birthday bell ringing performed by Somerset Members from St James Street Church from 1pm to 1:45pm.



During the interval between the innings Sir Michael Barber the chair of the club performed a special celebratory cake cutting. After the ceremony out on the pitch the cake was cut into pieces and offered to all of those present at the game.

Also during the break The South West Rock Choir entertained in the Fans Village with a wide array of musical songs including a special Happy Birthday feature!

The only thing that was missing on the day which was thankfully blessed with beautiful weather, was a win but sadly you cant have it all and everyone who attended the match went home having enjoyed a special day out and shared in Somerset's 150th birthday celebration.

The next day Monday August 18th 2025 a Somerset XI returned to Sidmouth CC to play a 20 over match to celebrate the formation of the County Club at the same venue exactly 150 years earlier.

The Somerset team led by chief executive Jamie Cox, included five members of the team that he captained at Lord's to win the Cheltenham and Gloucester Trophy in 2001- Andy Caddick,



Mike Burns. Keith Parsons and Steffan Jones. The team also included three current members of the Somerset Women's team, Chloe Skelton, Sophie Luff and Jess Hazell, who kept wicket, as well as James Hildreth, Pete Trego and Mike Parsons.

Batting first against a Men and Women's Sidmouth XI the Somerset XI posted 196 for 5 from their overs which included half centuries from Hildreth and Trego, while a partnership of 31 in three overs between Keith Parsons and captain Cox transported us back to the 2001 Lords final.

When Sidmouth batted Cox tossed the ball to Jones, another throwback to the 2001 final and the Welshman duly obliged by having opener Charles Brock sharply caught by 'keeper Hazell.

For a while the home team threatened until they were all out for 114 with 11 balls remaining, the final wicket falling appropriately to Cox who after hitting an unbeaten 24 off 14 balls claimed Will Murray caught and bowled from his only delivery.

Immediately afterwards the

Somerset CEO addressed the crowd saying: "It's awesome to have this many people here. This club has been around a long time and as you know it's our birthday today. The club is here because of our people who are amazing and I can't thank you enough for coming along and supporting tonight. Quite frankly it's overwhelming to see so many people come and watch a friendly game.

"Thank you to Sidmouth for putting on the night, to everyone for coming and playing, and to my team, many of them my old team mates and to the three girls - not one of them said no."

He added: "I cant thank you enough for coming along tonight."

The 150th birthday weekend was a very special cricketing occasion and one that will be long remembered by all those who attended either one or both events - they were pure Somerset, done in that special way that only this county does it.

Here's to the next 150 years!



SOMERSET LEGENDS BACK ROW L TO R: MIKE BURNS, KEITH PARSONS, ANDY CADDICK, STEFFAN JONES, ANOTHER BLOKE & PETER TREGO - FRONT ROW L TO R: SOPHIE LUFF, CHLOE SKELTON, JAMIE COX, JESS HAZELL AND JAMES HILDRETH

## THE BIRTH OF A NEW ERA AT SOMERSET

SAYS CEO JAMIE COX

**The 2025 season saw the birth of a new era, with Somerset welcoming professional Women's Cricket for the first time in its 150 years of operation.**

The Club proudly won the pitch to migrate the Western Storm across to Somerset in late-2023 and the enormous challenge to induct a new team and bunch of athletes into the Cooper Associates County Ground began immediately.

When the season commenced the highlights began from day one with a debut win against the star-studded Surrey team, at cold and windswept Beckingham in April. This set the scene for other positive results early in the Metro Bank 50 over competition, which was important as it kept the team in touch with finals after a slight mid-season slump.

Knowing a bonus point win was necessary from the final match of the season against Warwickshire at Taunton, to give the team a chance of playing finals, Somerset clinically fulfilled our end of the bargain but unfortunately other necessary results did not go our way.

Disappointingly, the Vitality Blast T20 competition did not reach great heights on the field, with a number of near misses proving frustrating but the true cricket-loving spirit of the SW was on full display when almost 2500 fans turned up for the stand-alone match at the Cooper Associates County Ground against Lancashire. Unfortunately it ended with a final ball loss but an exciting match none-the-less, which

would have hopefully converted many new fans.

The efforts of our internationals Heather Knight and Charlie Dean have continued to make us proud all summer and hopefully Danni Gibson overcomes a frustrating season with injury and takes her late-season form into 2026.

We said farewell to coach Trevor Griffin after he decided to step down at the season's end and we thank him for the enormous effort put into the transition the program within the Club.

We also thank World Cup winning veteran Fran Wilson, who retired from the final year of her contract to take up an exciting role as the head coach of second tier Gloucestershire.

On the plus side, we welcome former Australian international, Erin Osborne, to coach the team for at least the next three years.



It was a debut season with the usual highs and lows of sport but it was undoubtedly a season of growth, which will hold all involved in great stead for a charge at 2026 glory.





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**SOPHIE LUFF**  
CAPTAIN

**Sophie LUFF**  
*Shirt number 63*  
*Born Taunton 6th December 1993*  
*Right handed top order batter*

Played up through the Somerset age groups before making her senior debut aged 15.

Club played for: Lymsham & Belvedere CC.

**LIST A BATTING**  
**13M 12 INS 1 NOT 362 RUNS HS 111\* AVE 32.91**  
**1X100 2X50 AND 3 CT**  
**VBT20 BATTING- 11M9 INNS ONO 131 RUNS 36**  
**HS 0X50 14.56 AVE 4CT**

Sophie has represented Welsh Fire and London Spirit in The Hundred.

Appointed captain of Somerset CCC in their first professional season in 2025.

*Best cricket achievement:*  
Two KSL titles with Western Storm in 2017 and 2019.

*Favourite place to play:*  
Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.





**ELLIE ANDERSON**

**Ellie ANDERSON**

*Shirt number 45*

*Born Wolverhampton 30th October 2003*

*Right hand batter and right arm fast medium*

Played up through the Worcestershire CCC age groups

*Favourite delivery:*  
Nip back off the seam.

*Favourite fielding position:*  
Mid on/off.

**LIST A BATTING**  
13M 5 INS 1 NO 73 RUNS 28  
BEST 18.25 AVE 8 CT

**LIST A BOWLING**  
81 OVERS 2.M 479 RUNS 16W 2  
9.94 AVE 3/44 BBI

**VB T20 BATTING**  
9M 2INS 1 NO 11 RUNS 6\* BEST 11.00 AVE

**VB T20 BOWLING**  
19 OVS 0 M 159 RUNS 7 WKTS 22.71 AVE BEST 3/19

*Biggest achievement:*  
5/12 v West Indies in the U19 World Cup.

Played for Oval Invincibles in the Hundred in 2025.

*Club affiliation:*  
Alveley Cricket Club



**OLIVIA BARNES**

**Olivia BARNES**

*Shirt number 95*

*Born Margate, Kent 9th July 2006*

*Right handed batter and left arm orthodox spin bowler*

Played up through the Kent CCC age groups.

*Favourite delivery:* Arm ball.

*Favourite shot:* Ramp.

*Fielding position:* Point.

**LIST A BATTING**  
5M 1INNINGS 0 NO 0 RUNS 0 HS - AVE AND 1CT

**LIST A BOWLING**  
32 OVERS 1 MAIDEN 161 RUNS 6 WKTS 26.83  
AVE 2/49 BBI

**VB T20 BATTING**  
9M 2 INNS. 2 NO 16 RUNS 9\* HS. 0X50 4 CT.

**VB T20 BOWLING**  
28 OVS 0 MAIDENS 213 R 5 WICKETS 42.60 AVE  
BEST 3/12

*Club affiliation:*  
St Lawrence and Highland Court.



**EMMA CORNEY**

**Emma CORNEY**

*Shirt number 21*

*Born Devon 15th September 2003*

*Right handed batter and right arm medium bowler*



**Emma CORNEY**

*Shirt number 21*

*Born Devon 15th September 2003*

*Right handed batter and right arm medium bowler*

*Favourite shot:*  
Textbook cover drive.

*Favourite fielding position:*  
Anywhere on the boundary.

**LIST A BATTING**  
8M 8INNS 0 NO 208 RUNS 61 BEST AVE 26.0  
1X50 0 CT

**LIST A BOWLING**  
VB T20 BATTING 3M 2IIN ONO 5 RUNS 3 HS  
2.50 AVE

*Biggest achievement:* Becoming national champions with Devon U18s.

*Club affiliation:*  
Exeter Cricket Club.



**CHARLIE DEAN**

**Charlie DEAN**

*Shirt number 24*

*Born Burton on Trent 22nd December 2000*

*Right handed batter and right arm off spinner*

Since 2021 she has appeared in 3 Test Matches, 53 WODI and 45 T20I for England.

Plays for London Spirit in the Hundred.

**LIST A BATTING**  
8M 8INNS 1 NO 137 RUNS HS 45\* AVE 19.57 2 CT



**LIST A BOWLING**  
68.5 OVERS, 2M, 350 RUNS, 12 W AVE 29.17  
BEST 3/50

**VB T20 BATTING**  
3M 3IN 1NO 27 RUNS 17\* AVE 13.50 2CT

**VB T20 BOWLING**  
11.1 OVERS 0M 54 RUNS 7 WKTS AVE 7.71 BB 4/9

*Favourite shot:* Sweep.

*Fielding position:* Point/extra cover.

*Club affiliation:* Havant CC.

*Biggest cricketing achievement:*  
Winning the 2024 Hundred with London Spirit.





**DANI GIBSON**

**Dani GIBSON**

*Shirt number 28*

*Born Cheltenham 30th April 2001*

*Right handed batter and right arm medium fast bowler*

**LIST A BATTING**

**3M, 3 INNINGS, 1 NO, 94 RUNS HS 50 AVE 47.0 1X50 AND 1 CT**

**BEST BOWLING LIST A-**

**VB T20 BATTING 1M1INN ONO 9R HS 9 AVE 9**

**VB T20 BOWLING-**

Dani was injured for much of the 2025 season.

Made her debut for Gloucestershire in 2014.

Since 2023 has appeared for England in 22 T20 Internationals.



Plays in the Big Bash for Adelaide Strikers and London Spirit in the Hundred.

*Best cricket achievement:*  
Two KSL titles.

*Favourite place to play:*  
The Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.

*Club affiliation:*  
Dumbleton CC.



**ALEX GRIFFITHS**

**Alex GRIFFITHS**

*Shirt number 25*

*Born Swansea 12th June 2002*

*Right handed batter and right arm medium bowler*

*Favourite delivery:* Leg cutter.

*Favourite shot:* On drive.

**LIST A BATTING**

**13M 12 INNS 2 NOT OUTS 191 RUNS 46 BEST AVE 19.10. 6 CT**

**LIST A BOWLING**

**53 OVERS, 0 MAIDENS 306 RUNS 9 WKTS AVE 34.00 BEST 2/20**

**VB T20 BATTING**

**14M 12 INNS 4 NO 168 RUNS BEST 36\*. 21.00 AVE 3 CT**

**VB T20 BOWLING**

**34,2 OVERS OM 313 RUNS 6WKTS 52.17 AVE BEST 1/10**

*Biggest achievement:*  
Winning the Kia Super League.

*Club affiliation:*  
Briton Ferry Steel CC.

Made her debut for Wales in 2016.

Plays for Welsh Fire in The Hundred.



**LOLA HARRIS**

**Lola HARRIS**

*Shirt number 23*

*Born 26th October 2006*

*Right handed batter and right arm leg spinner*

Lola played up through the Somerset CCC age groups.

*Favourite shot:*  
Clip off the legs.

*Favourite fielding position:*  
Point.

*Favourite delivery:* Hard spun leg break.

Did not play for Somerset Women First XI in 2025.

Claimed 6/50 for Somerset Academy v Warwickshire in 2025.

*Biggest achievement:*  
Being involved in the England U19 training squad.

*Club affiliation:*  
Trowbridge Cricket Club.



**JESS HAZELL**



**Jess HAZELL**

*Shirt number 22*

*Born 22nd August 2004*

*Right handed batter and wicketkeeper*

Played up through the Somerset age groups before making her senior debut in 2019.

*Favourite shot:* Cover drive.

*Favourite fielding position:*  
Deep square.

**LIST A**

**3M 2 INNINGS 110 RUNS HS 60 AVE 55.0 2X50, 1 STUMPING**

**VB T20**

**5M 5INS 2NO 42 RUNS 38\* BEST 14.00 AVE 1 STUMPING**

*Biggest achievement:*  
Making my professional debut at the CACC.

*Club affiliation:*  
Clevedon CC & St Cross Symondians CC.



**NIAMH HOLLAND**

**Niamh HOLLAND**

*Shirt number 27*

*Born Yeovil 27th October 2004*

*Right handed batter and right arm medium pace bowler*

Played up through the Somerset age groups and made her senior debut in 2019.

*Favourite shot:* Cover drive.

*Favourite Delivery:* Yorker.

*Favourite fielding position:*  
Deep square.

**LIST A BATTING**

**5M 5INNS ONO 174 RUNS 78 HS 34.80 AVE 1X50 1CT**

**VB T20 BATTING**

**11M9 INNS 0 NO 167 RUNS 60 HS 18.56 AVE 1X50 3CT**

*Club affiliation:*  
Street Cricket Club.

Captained Somerset to T20 victory in 2025 when deputising for Sophie Luff.

Has played for England Under 19s and London Spirit in The Hundred.





**KATIE JONES**

**Katie JONES**

*Shirt number 38*

*Born 28th December 2005*

*Right handed batter and wicket-keeper*

Played up through the Gloucestershire youth system and made her senior debut in 2021.

*Favourite shot:* Reverse sweep.

**LIST A BATTING**

**8M 6 INS NO 0 RUNS 61 HS 16 AVERAGE 10.17, 1 CT AND 2 STUMPINGS**

**VBT20**

**KATIE DID NOT APPEAR IN THE COMPETITION**

Played for England in the Under 19 World Cup.

*Club affiliation:*

Dumbleton Cricket Club.



**HEATHER KNIGHT**

**Heather KNIGHT**

*Shirt number 5*

*Born Rochdale Lancashire 26th December 1990*

*Right handed batter and right arm off-spin bowler*

Grew up playing through the Devon age groups.

**LIST A BATTING**

**6 M 6 INNS 0 NO 244 RUNS 70 HS 40.67 AVERAGE 2X50 6CT**

**LIST A BOWLING**

**16.5 OVERS 0 MAIDENS 104 RUNS 4 WKTS 26.00 AV 3/7BB**

Heather did not play in 2025 Vitality Blast.

Since 2010 Heather has appeared for England Women on almost 200 occasions across all formats and captained the team 2016-25.

*Best cricket achievement:* Winning the World Cup

Plays for London Spirit in The Hundred.

Wisden Cricketer of the Year 2018.



**BEX ODGERS**

**Rebecca ODGERS**

*Shirt number 18*

*Born St Austell 10th February 2003*

*Right hand batter and occasional 'keeper*

Played up through the Cornwall CCC age groups.

*Favourite shot:* Cover drive.

*Favourite fielding position:* Extra cover.

**LIST A BATTING**

**7M 7INNS ONO 252 RUNS 60HS AVE 36 2X50 3CT AND 1ST**

**VBT20 BATTING**

**14M 12IN ONO 224 RUNS 54 BEST 18.67 AVE 1X50 5CT(3WKT) 2 ST**

*Biggest achievement:*

Double BUCS medalists with Exeter University.

*Club affiliation:*

Grampound Road CC, Cornwall.



**MOLLIE ROBBINS**

**Mollie ROBBINS**

*Shirt number 14*

*Born Bristol 4th October 1998*

*Right handed batter and right arm medium bowler*

Played up through the Gloucestershire age groups.

*Favourite delivery:*

Away swinger.

*Favourite shot:*

Straight drive.

**LIST A BATTING**

**8M 3INS 2 NO 20 RUNS 14 BEST 20.00 AVE 4 CT**

**LIST A BOWLING**

**47 OVERS 3 M 287 RUNS 4 WKTS 71.75 AVE 2/32 BEST**

**VBT20 BATTING**

**13M 6INS 2NO 18 RUNS 8HS 4.59 AVE 1CT**

**VBT20 BOWLING**

**34 OVS 0M 264 RUNS 15 WKTS 17.60 AVE BEST 4/29**

*Biggest achievement:*

My first professional contract.

*Club affiliation:*

Hanham Cricket Club.





**CHLOE  
SKELTON**

**Chloe SKELTON**

*Shirt number 20*

*Born 20th June 2001*

*Right handed batter and right arm off break bowler*

Played up through the Gloucestershire CCC youth system.

*Favourite delivery:* Arm ball.

*Favourite shot:* Cut.

*Favourite fielding position:* Cover.

Joined Somerset on a two year contract ahead of the 2025 season.

**LIST A BATTING**

**13M 8 INNS 4 NO 98 RUNS 25 HS. 24.50 AV 1CT**

**LIST A BOWLING**

**82.5 OV 2MAIDENS 460 RUNS 15 WICKETS 30.67 AVE 3/16 BEST**

**VBT20 BATTING**

**14M 10INNS 5 NO 55R 23 HS AVE 11.00 - 2CT**

**VB T20 BOWLING**

**46.3 OVS 1M 360 RUNS  
9 WKTS 40.00 AVE  
VE 3/26**

*Biggest*

*achievement:*  
First 5 wicket haul, at the Cheltenham Festival.

*Club affiliation:*

Cinderford St Johns.



**ERIN  
VUKUSIC**

**Erin VUKUSIC**

*Shirt number 16*

*Born Exeter 16th December 2005*

*Right handed batter and right arm medium bowler*

Played up through the Devon CCC age groups.

*Favourite delivery:* Leg cutter.

*Favourite fielding position:* Point.

Did not play in the Metro Bank Cup in 2025.

**VBT20 BATTING**

**6M 11NNS 0NO 0 RUNS HIGH SCORE: 0\* 1CT**

**VBT20 BOWLING**

**22 OVS 0 M 177 R UNS 7 WKTS 22.71 AVE BEST 2/28**

Has played international cricket for Croatia on four occasions.

*Club affiliation:*

Exeter Cricket Club.



**BEA  
WILLIS**

**Bea WILLIS**

*Born November 21, 2004*

*Right hand batter and right arm medium fast bowler*

Bea is a product of the Devon and Gloucestershire Pathways and Western Storm Emerging Player Programme, and joined the Somerset Girls Academy last winter.

Bea has signed a two year contract that will see her remain with Somerset at least until the end of the 2027 season.

Bea is yet to appear for Somerset Women.



## VALETES

**Laura JACKSON**

Born Ormskirk Lancashire  
27th December 1997.

Right hand batter and right arm medium bowler.

Played through the Lancashire CCC age groups.

*Favourite delivery:*  
Inswinging yorker.

*Favourite shot:* Cut shot.

*Fielding position:* Point.

Joined Somerset from Lancashire on a one year contract for 2025.

Played for Manchester Originals in The Hundred 2021-23.

*Club affiliation:*

Halsall CC & Rainford CC.

Biggest cricket achievement:  
Playing in the first Hundred game at The Oval.

**Amelie MUNDAY**

Born 9th October 2002.

Right handed batter and right-arm medium fast.

Did not appear in Metro Bank Cup.

VB T20 batting 6m 5 ins Ono 40 runs 19 hs 8.00 av 3ct.

*Biggest achievement:* Playing at Lord's.

*Club affiliation:* Teddington CC & Bushy Park Girls CC.

**Amanda-Jade WELLINGTON**

Born Adelaide, Australia  
29 May 1997.

Right handed batter and right arm leg break bowler.

Amanda enjoyed considerable success in 2025 and across both formats scored 541 runs and claimed 32 wickets.

Between 2016-22 has played for Australia in Test, List A and T20.

International wickets: 30.

Has joined Hampshire CCC for 2026.

**Fran WILSON**

Born Farnham 7th November 1991.

Right hand batter.

*Favourite shot:* Straight back past the bowler.

*Favourite fielding position:*  
Wherever the ball goes!

*England caps:* 64 between 2010-2021.

Represented Oval Invincibles, Welsh Fire, Trent Rockets and Birmingham Phoenix in The Hundred.

*Club affiliation:* Bath Cricket Club.

*Biggest achievement:* World Cup winner 2017 and KSL winner 2019.

Retired at the end of of the 2025 season to become coach at Gloucestershire CCC.

# SOMERSET CCC WOMEN IN 2025

## CHARLIE TAYLOR REFLECTS ON THE TEAMS INAUGURAL YEAR IN THE NEW ERA

**Whatever happened on the field in 2025, this year would be special for Somerset County Cricket Club. For the first time in its 150 year history, it had a professional women's side. Many great players had represented the county in its' amateur era.**

Now no longer pushed to club grounds around the county, the team was given permanent space at the Cooper Associates County Ground, with the majority of their home games taking place there. Over 1,000 specific women's memberships were sold.

The season could not have got off to a better start, when Sophie Luff's side beat star-studded Surrey by seven wickets at Beckenham - the opening pair of former England skipper Heather Knight and rising Devonian talent Emma Corney putting on 122 in 18 overs.

Sadly both players' seasons were about to come to an abrupt, injury induced halt. The team went on to win four of their first five games, raising hopes of a knock-out place finish. Overseas signing

Amanda-Jade Wellington, England spinner Charlie Dean, Chloe Skelton and Ellie Anderson were the consistent wicket-takers.

A mixture of England call-ups, season-ending injuries and some poor performances led to a run of 13 games without a win in all competitions (12 losses and one abandoned without a ball bowled).

That run included a defeat in a super over to Durham in the T20 Cup. Both teams finished on 124/9, but England's Bess Heath made short work of the nine required to see Durham home in

the super over. It wouldn't be the only tie for Somerset this season.

The Vitality T20 Blast season felt like it ended before it began. A Somerset side with growing numbers of inexperienced players struggled to find the right pace at which to bat. Low scores were comfortably chased down despite the best effort of the bowling attack. Special mentions for Mollie Robbins who made the new ball swing, Chloe Skelton, Amanda-Jade Wellington and Charlie Dean who caused consistent problems with their spin (Wellington also being Somerset's top run-scorer) and Fran Wilson and Bex Odgers who found some consistency with the bat in a season where many struggled.

The county finished bottom of the table with just one win from their 14 group games, although one of those matches did end in a tie against Lancashire at Blackpool. With one ball to go Lancashire needed seven to win - Australian all-rounder Alana King was on strike, batting way outside off stump. Robbins' delivery, on a good length and heading for the top of middle stump was smashed over backward square leg for six, denying Somerset a second win of the season but providing some excellent entertainment in a town famous for it.

Before The Hundred, there were two more 50 over games. Unluckily, a rare day of rain got in the way of a promising match against Essex (Somerset were 312/6 with four balls to go when play was suspended thanks to



TOP GUNS:  
SOPHIE LUFF &  
AMANDA-JADE  
WELLINGTON

78 from Niamh Holland and 60 from Jess Hazell, two homegrown talents), and a crushing defeat to Durham meant qualifying was going to be difficult.

At this point in the season the county sides were broken up and those who received call-ups to the teams in The Hundred headed off to their teams' cities. For those not selected, the competitive season was put on pause for 35 game-less days.

Having so many players stranded with no high-level competitive cricket for over a month of high summer is unquestionably wrong. The ECB needs to come up with something to provide cricket for unselected women and those fans in places like the South West who are far from The Hundred.

Two wins, a loss and a no result from the county's final four One Day Cup games wasn't enough to get Somerset into the semi-final spots, finishing fifth with six wins and six losses from their 14 games. The captain Sophie Luff was the team's top scorer finishing with 362 runs at 32.90, with overseas signing Amanda-Jade Wellington topping the wicket-taking stats (19 at 23.31).

At the end of August the head coach Trevor Griffin announced his decision to stand down from his role. At the time of writing no successor has been announced so there remains some uncertainty over next season. Fans will want to see a team that starts as well as in 2025 but has a clearer game plan in the T20 Blast (and ideally fewer injuries).

Despite the disappointment of no knock-out qualification, there was plenty of talent on show and new names to be excited by this season - Olivia Barnes and Erin Vukusic among them.

*Charlie Taylor is an avid Somerset CCC fan and spends every opportunity he can watching the county teams playing and commenting on the Somerset Live Stream. He is the Breakfast presenter on BBC Radio Somerset and also commentates on cricket on TMS and Radio 5 Live.*

EMMA CORNEY

MOLLIE ROBBINS

OLIVIA BARNES

ERIN VUKUSIC



SOPHIE RALLIES THE TROOPS



**We started our 2025 season in the Metro Bank One Day Cup competition with a result that was better than we could have hoped for. We really hit the ground running at Beckenham with one of the best games of cricket that I have played in.**

For Somerset to beat Surrey was unbelievable and on the back of that we got a bit of momentum going through those first few games.

When we came back into 50 over cricket mid season for a couple games we didn't have much momentum from the Blast but we knew what we could do in the longer format.

The rain result at Essex went against us when we were in a great position halfway through and felt that we probably would have gone onto win that game but that's how it fell for us unfortunately.

We then finished the season pretty well and went up to Old Trafford and got a win - it was great to see Dani Gibson come back into the side and influence games of cricket which we know that she is capable of, and that excites me looking ahead to 2026 when hopefully we will see more of her in a Somerset shirt. A comprehensive win against Warwickshire at home to finish the season was highly satisfying.

In the Metro Bank One Day Cup we were where we wanted to be and it was a real shame that we couldn't quite sneak into the semi finals because when you get to knockout cricket you never know what might happen on the day.

In the Vitality Blast T20 we know we were off the pace from where we needed to be or want to be

and we have got a lot of areas to work on, which from a positive perspective excites me because there is a lot of growth to tap into.

The men play T20 cricket brilliantly here so there is maybe an opportunity to feed off some of the things that they do well.

For a lot of our younger girls and rookies they experienced professional cricket for the first time which will only stand them in good stead moving forwards and be better for those experiences. It's amazing that we are playing in front of a lot of people, all the games are live streamed so you are always performing to an audience but that also creates pressure and a lot of our girls are having to learn that out in the middle, on the job as it were.

I was really impressed with how some of our younger players stood up. Rebecca Odgers came into professional cricket and took to it like a duck to water at the top of the order. We know that she has got a power game and the way that she strikes the ball is definitely her point of difference and the way that she was able to put bowling attacks under pressure was awesome to see. I think we have only seen a snippet of what she is capable of.

Similarly Olivia Barnes and Erin Vukusic, when they came in they had impact in different parts of the game with the ball and as they continue to develop their skills, they'll have even more in their armoury.

The way that we have been made welcome by Somerset has been awesome, and we are all very grateful for the efforts that the Club has made.



BEX ODGERS



OLIVIA BARNES



DANI GIBSON

I know I am biased, I was born in Taunton and have lived in this part of the world for all of my life and I adore this place. The special thing for me though as we started playing cricket here, I could look around the dressing room and I could see in other individuals that they were looking and realising just how special a place this really is.

This is a special place and it's the people that make it the way that it is, it's the people who have made us feel part of the club.

The cricket is a huge part of this place but we are just one cog within a much bigger organisation and I think that the girls have really got an appreciation of that.

Every one here has played their part in helping to make us feel at home and part of the club- the commercial team who have worked so hard to get sponsorships and sell memberships.

A lot of people bought women's memberships which is credit to the people at the club who market it and try to get people into watch us. I believe that we have got a great product and we want to be playing in front of people.

This club is well supported and I have always felt like they enjoy and appreciate women's cricket down in this part of the country, so to get as many people as we have come and watch us has been brilliant.

This is just such a great place to be and I'm very lucky that I have got a locker in the changing room with my name on it, which is probably something I always wished for but didn't think it would come. I literally feel part of the furniture now!

# WOMEN'S VITALITY BLAST T20 REPORTS

## MATCH BY MATCH

**Format of competition:** there are 8 tier 1 women's teams, which allows for each of the teams to play all of the others – home and away. Each game is worth 4 points for a win, or 2 points for a tie or no result. In addition, a bonus point is awarded for a winning team that achieves a run rate of at least 1.25 Times that of the losing team. For finals' day, the 1st placed team would go straight through to the final. The 2nd placed team would play the 3rd placed team, in a semi-final, the winner of which would meet the 1st placed team.

### Metro Bank One Day Cup 2025

| Team            | P         | W        | T        | L         | NR       | Bonus    | NR            | Pts       |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|
| Surrey          | 14        | 11       | 1        | 1         | 1        | 4        | +1.256        | 52        |
| The Blaze       | 14        | 8        | 1        | 2         | 3        | 2        | +0.749        | 42        |
| Bears           | 14        | 8        | 1        | 5         | 0        | 2        | +0.525        | 36        |
| Lancs Thunder   | 14        | 7        | 1        | 6         | 0        | 1        | -0.105        | 31        |
| Durham          | 14        | 5        | 0        | 7         | 2        | 1        | -0.523        | 25        |
| Hampshire Hawks | 14        | 5        | 0        | 9         | 0        | 1        | -0.336        | 21        |
| Essex           | 14        | 4        | 1        | 9         | 0        | 1        | -0.296        | 19        |
| <b>Somerset</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>-1.234</b> | <b>10</b> |

SEMI FINAL: KIA OVAL

Blaze v Bears  
Bears beat Blaze by 20 runs.

FINAL: KIA OVAL

Surrey v Bears  
Surrey won by 5 wickets.

### Metro Bank One Day Cup 2025 – Batting Averages

| Name          | Mat | Inns | NO | Runs | HS  | Ave   | SR     | 100 | 50 | Ct    | St |
|---------------|-----|------|----|------|-----|-------|--------|-----|----|-------|----|
| AJ Wellington | 14  | 12   | 1  | 254  | 45  | 23.09 | 130.93 | 0   | 0  | 6     |    |
| AC Griffiths  | 14  | 12   | 4  | 168  | 36* | 21.00 | 98.82  | 0   | 0  | 3     |    |
| FC Wilson     | 14  | 12   | 0  | 234  | 55  | 19.50 | 125.81 | 0   | 1  | 4     |    |
| RN Odgers     | 14  | 12   | 0  | 224  | 54  | 18.67 | 116.67 | 0   | 1  | 5 (3) | 2  |
| NF Holland    | 11  | 9    | 0  | 167  | 60  | 18.56 | 100.00 | 0   | 1  | 3     |    |
| SN Luff       | 11  | 9    | 0  | 131  | 36  | 14.56 | 91.61  | 0   | 0  | 4     |    |
| J Hazell      | 5   | 5    | 2  | 42   | 38* | 14.00 | 77.78  | 0   | 0  | 0     | 1  |
| CE Dean       | 3   | 3    | 1  | 27   | 17* | 13.50 | 100.00 | 0   | 0  | 2     |    |
| RE Davis      | 5   | 4    | 0  | 45   | 19  | 11.25 | 95.74  | 0   | 0  | 0     |    |
| EJ Anderson   | 9   | 2    | 1  | 11   | 6*  | 11.00 | 64.71  | 0   | 0  | 0     |    |
| CN Skelton    | 14  | 10   | 5  | 55   | 23  | 11.00 | 77.46  | 0   | 0  | 2     |    |
| DR Gibson     | 1   | 1    | 0  | 9    | 9   | 9.00  | 90.00  | 0   | 0  | 0     |    |
| AC Munday     | 6   | 5    | 0  | 40   | 19  | 8.00  | 100.00 | 0   | 0  | 3     |    |
| MJ Robbins    | 13  | 6    | 2  | 18   | 8   | 4.50  | 90.00  | 0   | 0  | 1     |    |
| HL Jones      | 2   | 1    | 0  | 4    | 4   | 4.00  | 133.33 | 0   | 0  | 0     |    |
| EV Corney     | 3   | 2    | 0  | 5    | 3   | 2.50  | 55.56  | 0   | 0  | 0     |    |
| EP Vukusic    | 6   | 1    | 0  | 0    | 0   | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0   | 0  | 1     |    |
| OJ Barnes     | 9   | 2    | 2  | 16   | 9*  |       | 94.12  | 0   | 0  | 4     |    |
| LE Jackson    | 1   | 0    |    |      |     |       |        |     |    |       | 1  |

### Vitality Blast T20 2025 – Bowling Averages

| Bowler        | Ov   | M | R   | Wkt | Ave   | Eco  | SR    | BB   |
|---------------|------|---|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|------|
| CE Dean       | 11.1 | 0 | 54  | 7   | 7.71  | 4.84 | 9.57  | 4-9  |
| MJ Robbins    | 34   | 0 | 264 | 15  | 17.60 | 7.76 | 13.60 | 4-29 |
| HL Jones      | 4    | 0 | 19  | 1   | 19.00 | 4.75 | 24.00 | 1-19 |
| EJ Anderson   | 19   | 0 | 159 | 7   | 22.71 | 8.37 | 16.29 | 3-19 |
| EP Vukusic    | 22   | 0 | 177 | 7   | 25.29 | 8.05 | 18.86 | 2-28 |
| AJ Wellington | 51   | 0 | 348 | 13  | 26.77 | 6.82 | 23.54 | 3-24 |
| CN Skelton    | 46.3 | 1 | 360 | 9   | 40.00 | 7.74 | 31.00 | 3-26 |
| OJ Barnes     | 28   | 0 | 213 | 5   | 42.60 | 7.61 | 33.60 | 3-12 |
| AC Griffiths  | 34.2 | 0 | 313 | 6   | 52.17 | 9.12 | 34.33 | 1-10 |

**1. SOMERSET V SURREY – 30TH MAY 2025; COOPER ASSOCIATES COUNTY GROUND, TAUNTON**

Surrey won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Surrey (5 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 8 wickets.**

A disappointing start to the t20 campaign with a comfortable win for Surrey. The Somerset innings struggled for any momentum and looked well short of a competitive score, which proved to be the case as the visitors reached their target with 27 balls to spare. Paige Scholfield and Danni Wyatt-Hodge both scored half centuries.

Somerset 131-6 (20 overs).

Surrey 135-2 (15.3 overs)  
P. J.Scholfield 63,  
D. N. Wyatt-Hodge 53\*.

Umpires: B. J. Peverall & R. Dovey Referee: H. Pack  
Scorers: K. W. Mitchell & L. M. Rhodes

**2. ESSEX V SOMERSET – 1ST JUNE 2025; AMBASSADOR CRUISELINE COUNTY GROUND, CHELMSFORD**

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Essex (5 points) beat Somerset (02 points) by 65 runs.**

A dominant victory for Essex at Chelmsford, Lauren Winfield-Hill top scoring with 42 and Ellie Anderson claiming three wickets as the home side posted 149. In reply, Somerset were never able to get going and were dismissed in just 14.2 overs as Esmae MacGregor took 4 wickets for just 8 runs.

Essex: 149-7 (20 overs)  
E. J. Anderson 4-0-19-3.

Somerset 84 all out (14.2 overs)  
E. I. MacGregor 3.2-0-8-4.

Umpires: C. M. Watts & R. Dovey  
Referee: H. Pack Scorers:  
H. M. Hyde & L. M. Rhodes.

**3. BEARS V SOMERSET – 6TH JUNE 2025; EDGBASTON STADIUM, BIRMINGHAM.**

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Bears (5 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 69 runs.**

The trip to Edgbaston ended in defeat with Somerset unable to chase down the 173 required for victory. Somerset started well with the ball, Mollie Robbins taking three wickets as the Bears were reduced to 117-6, but Australian Laura Harris smashed 77 from 34 balls to rescue the innings. Somerset were unable to get up with the required rate and eventually lost their last seven wickets for just 21 runs to be bowled out in the last over. The game was sadly marred by a season ending injury suffered by Emma Corney.

Bears 172-9 (20 overs)  
L. M. Harris 77, M. J. Robbins  
3-0-24-3.

Somerset 103 all out (19.1 overs)  
G. K. Davis 4-0-12-3,  
M. S. L. Taylor 3-0-13-3.

Umpires: G. Brown & R. Dovey.  
Referee: S. M. Bartlett  
Scorers: M. D. Smith & C. L. Hughes.

#### 4. BLAZE V SOMERSET – 7TH JUNE 2025; TRENT BRIDGE, NOTTINGHAM.

Blaze won the toss and fielded.

**No Result: Blaze (2 points) beat Somerset (2 points).**

Somerset were denied a potential second win after heavy rain at the interval prevented any further play. Chloe Skelton and Olivia Barnes both took 3 wickets in a good bowling performance, restricting The Blaze to 138.

Umpires: N. Pratt & A. E. Clark  
Referee: J. J. Whitaker  
Scorers: S. J. Stringfellow & N. J. Fenwick.

#### 5. SOMERSET V LANCASHIRE THUNDER – 13TH JUNE 2025; COOPER ASSOCIATES COUNTY GROUND, TAUNTON

Lancashire Thunder won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Lancashire (4 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 4 wickets.**

Batting first at Taunton, Somerset looked set for an underwhelming total until Alex Griffiths and Amanda-Jade Wellington combined for 45 runs from 27 balls to take them up to 132 with England seamer Kate Cross taking three wickets. A sensational bowling performance from Charlie Dean (4-9) was unfortunately not enough to prevent Lancashire taking the win with just two balls to spare.

Somerset: 114-6 (17 overs)  
M. Gaur 4-0-15-3.

Lancashire Thunder: 114-7 (17 overs) A. J. Wellington 4-0-24-3.

#### 6. SOMERSET V DURHAM – 15TH JUNE 2025; COOPER ASSOCIATES COUNTY GROUND, TAUNTON

Durham won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Durham (4 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 4 wickets.**

Despite a promising start provided by Bex Odgers (36) and Niamh Holland (31), Somerset were unable to kick on and post a big score, although Amanda-Jade Wellington provided some late order impetus with 31. Another three wicket haul for Mollie Robbins proved in vain as Durham eased to victory in the 19th over, Suzie Bates top scoring with 49.

Somerset 138-7 (20 overs).

Durham 139-6 (18.1 overs)  
M. J. Robbins 3-0-22-3.

Umpires: B. J. Peverall & S. Redfern  
Referee: D. A. Cosker  
Scorers: K. W. Mitchell & L. M. Rhodes.

#### 7. SOMERSET V HAMPSHIRE HAWKS – 19TH JUNE 2025; COOPER ASSOCIATES COUNTY GROUND, TAUNTON.

Hampshire Hawks won the toss and batted.

**Result: Hampshire (4 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 5 runs.**

Another frustrating day for Somerset as they fell just short of chasing a substantial target. Hampshire's 169 was built upon an unbeaten 65 from Freya Kemp, as Charlie Dean took three wickets. 65 from Niamh Holland provided a good start and Amanda-Jade Wellington's

45 from 26 balls took Somerset close but Hampshire were able to close the game out.

Hampshire 169-6 (20 overs)  
F. J. Kemp 65\*, C. E. Dean 4-0-25-3.

Somerset 164-6 (20 overs)  
N. F. Holland 60.

Umpires: A. C. Harris & S. Shanmugam  
Referee: S. J. Davis  
Scorers: C. Drew & L. M. Rhodes.

#### 8. DURHAM V SOMERSET – 4TH JULY 2025; BANKS HOMES, RIVERSIDE, CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Durham (4 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 6 runs.**

A second game in a row where Somerset fell just short of their target score. Durham posted 154 thanks to 48 from Suzie Bates. Somerset's reply got off to a good start thanks to 54 from Bex Odgers but the innings lost momentum, and despite an unbeaten run a ball 38 from Jess Hazell the target proved out of reach.

Durham 154-4 (20 overs).

Somerset 148-7 (20 overs)  
R. N. Odgers 54.

Umpires: N. Pratt & J. Naeem  
Referee: W. R. Smith  
Scorers: G. Maddison & W. R. Dobson

#### 9. HAMPSHIRE HAWKS V SOMERSET – 6TH JULY 2025; THE UTILITA ROSE BOWL, SOUTHAMPTON.

Somerset won the toss and batted.

**Result: Hampshire (4 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 8 wickets.**

Somerset batted first and were able to score 153, Fran Wilson's 55 from 32 balls providing the top score. An experienced Hampshire batting line up were able to chase the target down without too many alarms, the top three all scored well - Rhianna Southby with 57, Ellyse Perry 40 and an unbeaten 42 from Freya Kemp.

Somerset: 153-8 (20 overs)  
F. C. Wilson 55, F. R. Davies 4-0-38-3.

Hampshire: 154-2 (19.4 overs)  
R. M. Southby 57.

Umpires: I. D. Blackwell & R. Dovey  
Referee: S. M. Bartlett  
Scorers: C. L. Green & R. V. Isaacs.

#### 10. SOMERSET V ESSEX – 8TH JULY 2025; COOPER ASSOCIATES COUNTY GROUND, TAUNTON

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Somerset (4 points) beat Essex (0 points) by 4 wickets.**

Somerset finally secured their first t20 win by beating Essex at Taunton, with Niamh Holland captaining the side as Sophie Luff missed the game due to injury. Fran Wilson again top scored with 41, as the home side secured victory in the last over.

Player of the match:  
A. J. Wellington.

Essex: 155-5 (20 overs).

Somerset: 156-6 (19.3 overs)  
E. I MacGregor 4-0-19-3.

Umpires: B. J. Peverall & R. Dovey  
Referee: W. M. Noon.  
TV Umpire: P. K. Baldwin.  
Scorers: M. W. Turner & C. Drew.

#### 11. SOMERSET V BEARS – 11TH JULY 2025; COOPER ASSOCIATES COUNTY GROUND, TAUNTON

Bears won the toss and batted.

**Result: Bears (4 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 22 runs.**

A decent bowling performance restricted the Bears to 149, as Mollie Robbins claimed 4 wickets, including 2 in the first over. Sterre Kalis top scored with 51, and Laura Harris again did some damage with 29 from 13 balls. The Somerset reply started poorly and they were reduced to 49-5, making their task much more difficult. There was some resistance from Amanda-Jade Wellington and Chloe Skelton but Somerset ended up well short of their target.

Bears: 149-8 (20 overs) S. L. Kalis 51, M. J. Robbins 4-0-29-4.

Somerset 127-9 (20 overs)  
H. L. Baker 4-0-32-3.

Umpires: A. C. Harris & J. Jarvis  
Referee: J. J. Swift  
Scorers: K. W. Mitchell & M. W. Turner

#### 12. SURREY V SOMERSET – 13TH JULY 2025; KIA OVAL, KENNINGTON.

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Surrey (5 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 68 runs.**

A hammering at The Oval for Somerset, Surrey hitting 175 from their 20 overs with Alice Monaghan top scoring with 57 not out. Unfortunately Somerset never looked likely to threaten their target and fell well short as they were bowled out in the 18th over.

Surrey 175-6 (20 overs)  
A. Z. Monaghan 57\*.

Somerset 107 all out (17.3 overs)  
D. L. Gregory 3-3-0-13-4.

Umpires: J. C. Tredwell & G. Brown  
Referee: A. J. Swann  
Scorers: S. E. Robinson & D. Beesley.

## 13. SOMERSET V BLAZE – 16TH JULY 2025; COOPER ASSOCIATES COUNTY GROUND, TAUNTON

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

### No Result: Somerset (2 points) Blaze (2 points).

Somerset were denied a potential second win after heavy rain at the interval prevented any further play. Chloe Skelton and Olivia Barnes both took 3 wickets in a good bowling performance, restricting The Blaze to 138.

Blaze: 138 all out (20 overs)  
O. J. Barnes 4-0-12-3,  
C. N. Skelton 4-0-26-3.

Umpires: I. D. Blackwell & S. Shanmugam Referee: D. A. Cosker Scorer: K. W. Mitchell & L. M. Rhodes

## 14. LANCASHIRE THUNDER V SOMERSET – 18TH JULY 2025; BLACKPOOL CC, LANCASHIRE

Lancashire Thunder won the toss and fielded.

### Result: Match tied – Somerset (2 points) Lancashire (2 points).

A dramatic tie in Somerset's final t20 fixture of the season, which was reduced to 17 overs before the start due to traffic issues. Skipper Sophie Luff top scored for Somerset with 36 in their total of 114. Somerset appeared on the brink of victory before Australian international Alana King managed to hit the last ball of the Lancashire innings for 6 to tie the scores.

Somerset: 114-6 (17 overs) M. Gaur 4-0-15-3.

Lancashire Thunder: 114-7 (17 overs) A. J. Wellington 4-0-24-3.

Umpires: H. M. S. Adnan & J. Naeem Referee: A. J. Swann Scorer: A. M. Cregan & T. Brooks.



SOPHIE LUFF & OLIVIA BARNES

This was a 20 over knock-out competition, involving all 37 First Class and National (formerly minor) Counties, taking place in May. The finals would be played at the Cooper Associates County Ground, on bank holiday Monday May 26th. Professional Tier 1 counties entered the tournament in the third round and, for Somerset, this was the only round. The only match was a "home" fixture, played at Exmouth cc.

### SEMI FINAL 1: CACG, TAUNTON

Surrey v Bears  
Surrey won by 3 wickets

### SEMI FINAL 2: CACG, TAUNTON

The Blaze v Lancashire Thunder  
Lancashire Thunder won by 7 wickets (DLS)

### FINAL: CACG, TAUNTON

Surrey v Lancashire Thunder  
Lancashire Thunder won by 32 runs.

## SOMERSET V DURHAM – 16TH MAY 2025; EXMOUTH CC.

Durham won the toss and batted.

### Result: Durham beat Somerset in a super over.

A dramatic entry to t20 cricket for Somerset as they lost a super over to Durham at Exmouth. Charlie Dean took 4 wickets in the Durham innings to restrict them to 124, and 39 from 18 balls from Bex Odgers looked to have set Somerset on their way to victory but the momentum was lost and it needed 2 runs from the final ball to secure a tie and set up a super over. Somerset managed to score 8 in their super over but lost both wickets and Durham made light work of their task as Bess Heath hit 9 runs from the first 3 balls of their over.

Durham 124-9 (20 overs)  
C. E. Dean 4-0-12-4: & 9-0 (3 balls).

Somerset 124-9 (20 overs)  
K. A. Levick 4-1-13-3: & 8-2 all out (6 balls).

Umpires: S. Redfern & D. J. Daniels Scorer: K. W. Mitchell & C. Drew



CHARLIE DEAN

# 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025. THE DAY THAT SHAPED THE FUTURE OF SOMERSET WOMEN'S MATCHDAYS...

BY BEN WARREN

**It rained. Unfortunately Somerset Women lost the match. Many of our regular supporters were at Bristol for a men's Vitality Blast match.**

But the off-field results achieved were incredible and we hope started a journey of fandom of Women's cricket for over 2,100 who attended, many of whom were making their first visit to the ground. It was a brilliant evening that produced some amazing feedback from a variety of stakeholders.

Our Taylor Swift tribute concert evening has broken multiple records and acted as an example of what is possible for domestic Women's cricket in the future.

This is a story about planning, audience growth, commitment to innovation and coming together to try something new.

Looking at the fixtures this winter, we identified one fixture to really announce Somerset Women to new supporters. Friday 13th June. It was the first standalone Vitality Blast fixture the team would play, and it was a Friday night floodlit occasion which has proved immensely popular in Men's cricket at Taunton.

We had challenges with that date, however. The Somerset men's team were playing a hugely desirable T20 derby against Gloucestershire in Bristol, and the game was being broadcast live on Sky.

But we went all-in. An opportunity to truly create a new audience. People who had never been to our venue before. People who may not have thought cricket was for them. People who identified

with Women's sport but had not tried cricket. People in the local community.

The following pillars were seen as crucial in order to attract a new audience from a starting point:

### Matchday Experience

We hosted a relevant tribute act (Taylor Swift) in the Somerset CCC Fan Village to bring cricket and entertainment together

### Price

This was a unique opportunity to offer an introductory price of just £5 tickets to appeal to non-cricket fans

### Marketing Campaign

A collective multi-channel marketing campaign was different from our usual cricket-based messaging, recognising the need for new fan acquisition

Below we detail some of the key statistics that help paint the picture regarding the success of the evening:

- 2,100 people attended, breaking the record for a standalone Tier One match in the UK
- Of the 2,100 people who attended, 71.2% of ticket purchasers hadn't come to a match in 2024 or 2025 thus far
- 64% of ticket purchasers hadn't been to a match in 2023, 2024 or 2025 thus far
- 52% of ticket purchases were completely new data sets, meaning they had likely never been to the ground before
- highlighting the marketing outreach plan success
- 52.5% of ticket purchasers were female, smashing the record for any Somerset CCC event or cricket match that we have data for
- 81% of ticket purchasers didn't buy tickets to any mens Vitality Blast matches this season



On the night, the impact was that people who have no interest in cricket or haven't been before came for the start of the match and stayed until the end, producing a brilliant atmosphere for the players. The attendance at the mid-innings interval was roughly 1,750 – showcasing that balance described earlier between marketing the cricket and the music.



Video Testimonial from SCCC Players



Heather Knight, Somerset player and former England Captain: "I thought Friday's standalone women's game was brilliantly done. It's great to see the club investing so much into the women's game and the idea behind the Taylor Swift concept was brilliant!"



Trevor Griffin, 2025 Somerset Head Coach: "I remember one of our players post-game giving an autograph to a young girl who came to see the tribute act and never seen cricket before was asked if she enjoyed the game, the young girl said yes, and I want to come back again. T20 cricket for the men at Taunton are events and the club wanted to ensure we were not treated differently, we attract a different crowd so you can't just replicate what you do for the men, careful and considered planning went into this"

## Metro Bank One Day Cup 2025

| Team            | P         | W        | T        | L        | NR       | Bonus    | NR            | Pts       |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|
| Hampshire       | 14        | 9        | 1        | 2        | 2        | 3        | +0.530        | 45        |
| The Blaze       | 14        | 9        | 1        | 3        | 1        | 5        | +0.464        | 45        |
| Lancashire      | 14        | 9        | 0        | 4        | 1        | 3        | +0.422        | 41        |
| Surrey          | 14        | 6        | 1        | 5        | 2        | 4        | +0.523        | 34        |
| <b>Somerset</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>-0.064</b> | <b>31</b> |
| Durham          | 14        | 5        | 0        | 8        | 1        | 4        | -0.164        | 26        |
| Warwickshire    | 14        | 2        | 1        | 10       | 1        | 1        | -0.628        | 13        |
| Essex           | 14        | 2        | 0        | 10       | 2        | 0        | -1.121        | 12        |

### SEMI FINAL 1: UTILITA BOWL, SOUTHAMPTON

Hampshire v Surrey  
Hampshire beat Surrey by 4 wickets.

### SEMI FINAL 2: TRENT BRIDGE, NOTTINGHAM

The Blaze v Lancashire  
Lancashire beat The Blaze by 5 runs.

### FINAL 1: UTILITA BOWL, SOUTHAMPTON

Hampshire v Lancashire  
Lancashire beat Hampshire by 6 wickets.

## Metro Bank One Day Cup 2025 – Batting Averages

| Name          | Mat | Inns | NO | Runs | HS   | Ave   | SR     | 100 | 50 | Ct | St |
|---------------|-----|------|----|------|------|-------|--------|-----|----|----|----|
| J Hazell      | 3   | 2    | 0  | 110  | 60   | 55.00 | 99.10  | 0   | 2  | 0  | 1  |
| LE Jackson    | 7   | 3    | 2  | 50   | 29   | 50.00 | 68.49  | 0   | 0  | 1  |    |
| DR Gibson     | 3   | 3    | 1  | 94   | 50   | 47.00 | 140.30 | 0   | 1  | 1  |    |
| HC Knight     | 6   | 6    | 0  | 244  | 70   | 40.67 | 90.37  | 0   | 2  | 6  |    |
| AJ Wellington | 12  | 11   | 4  | 282  | 53   | 40.29 | 139.60 | 0   | 1  | 3  |    |
| RN Odgers     | 7   | 7    | 0  | 252  | 60   | 36.00 | 81.03  | 0   | 2  | 3  | 1  |
| NF Holland    | 5   | 5    | 0  | 174  | 78   | 34.80 | 96.67  | 0   | 1  | 1  |    |
| SN Luff       | 13  | 12   | 1  | 362  | 111* | 32.91 | 74.49  | 1   | 2  | 3  |    |
| FC Wilson     | 13  | 13   | 2  | 333  | 68   | 30.27 | 90.00  | 0   | 1  | 5  |    |
| EV Corney     | 8   | 8    | 0  | 208  | 61   | 26.00 | 65.20  | 0   | 1  | 0  |    |
| CN Skelton    | 13  | 8    | 4  | 98   | 25   | 24.50 | 85.22  | 0   | 0  | 1  |    |
| MJ Robbins    | 8   | 3    | 2  | 20   | 14   | 20.00 | 105.26 | 0   | 0  | 4  |    |
| CE Dean       | 8   | 8    | 1  | 137  | 45*  | 19.57 | 82.53  | 0   | 0  | 2  |    |
| AC Griffiths  | 13  | 12   | 2  | 191  | 46   | 19.10 | 78.28  | 0   | 0  | 6  |    |
| EJ Anderson   | 13  | 5    | 1  | 73   | 28   | 18.25 | 85.88  | 0   | 0  | 8  |    |
| KA Jones      | 8   | 6    | 0  | 61   | 16   | 10.17 | 65.59  | 0   | 0  | 1  | 2  |
| OJ Barnes     | 5   | 1    | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0   | 0  | 1  |    |

## Metro Bank One Day Cup 2025 – Bowling Averages

| Bowler        | Ov   | M | R   | Wkt | Ave   | Eco  | SR    | BB   |
|---------------|------|---|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|------|
| AJ Wellington | 97.5 | 3 | 443 | 19  | 23.32 | 4.53 | 30.89 | 4-47 |
| HC Knight     | 16.5 | 0 | 104 | 4   | 26.00 | 6.18 | 25.25 | 3-7  |
| OJ Barnes     | 32   | 1 | 161 | 6   | 26.83 | 5.03 | 32.00 | 2-49 |
| CE Dean       | 68.5 | 2 | 350 | 12  | 29.17 | 5.08 | 34.42 | 3-50 |
| EJ Anderson   | 81   | 2 | 479 | 16  | 29.94 | 5.91 | 30.38 | 3-44 |
| CN Skelton    | 82.5 | 2 | 460 | 15  | 30.67 | 5.55 | 33.13 | 3-16 |
| AC Griffiths  | 53   | 0 | 306 | 9   | 34.00 | 5.77 | 35.33 | 2-20 |
| LE Jackson    | 31   | 2 | 196 | 5   | 39.20 | 6.32 | 37.20 | 2-12 |
| MJ Robbins    | 47   | 3 | 287 | 4   | 71.75 | 6.11 | 70.50 | 2-32 |

### 1. SURREY V SOMERSET - 23RD APRIL 2025; BECKENHAM CC, KENT

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Somerset (4 points) beat Surrey (0 points) by 7 wickets (DLS).**

A triumphant start for the professional era of the Somerset women's team, as they travelled to Surrey and won a rain affected game by 7 wickets under the DLS method. Sophie Luff won the toss and elected to field with the threat of rain and only 3.3 overs were possible before the bad weather intervened, a lengthy delay resulting in the match being reduced to 33 overs per side. Some late order hitting from Alice Davidson-Richards and Kira Chathli saw Surrey post a competitive total of 243/7 - spinners Amanda-Jade Wellington and Charlie Dean claiming 5 wickets between them.

A composed run chase was set up by Heather Knight (64), Emma Corney (61), Fran Wilson (35\*) and Dean (41) but it was the late fireworks from Wellington which sealed victory as she blasted 24 from just 7 balls to steer Somerset past their

adjusted target of 238.

Surrey 243-7 (33 overs) A. J. Wellington 7-0-42-3.

Somerset 241-3 (33 overs) H. C. Knight 64, E. V. Corney 61.

Umpires: N. J. Llong & J. Jarvis  
Referee: P. Whitticase  
Scorers: S. E. Robinson & L. Martin.

### 2. SOMERSET V LANCASHIRE - 27TH APRIL 2025; COOPER ASSOCIATES COUNTY GROUND, TAUNTON

Lancashire won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Lancashire (5 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 7 wickets.**

Lancashire were vindicated in their decision to field first as they reduced Somerset to 89/6, with only Emma Corney (35) offering any real resistance in the top order. A strong middle order performance from Alex Griffiths (46), supported by Amanda-Jade Wellington and Chloe Skelton ensured that Somerset scrambled their way to 205/9.

A fluent opening partnership of 151 for Lancashire between Eve Jones (97) and Emma Lamb (52) rendered the target a mere formality and victory was duly

completed with 79 balls to spare and 7 wickets in hand.

Somerset 205-9 (50 overs).

Lancashire 207-3 (36.5 overs) E. Jones 97, E. L. Lamb 52.

Umpires: J. D. Shantry & R. Dovey  
Referee: S. M. Bartlett  
Scorers: K. W. Mitchell & M. W. Turner

### 3. SOMERSET V ESSEX – 1ST MAY 2025; TAUNTON VALE SPORTS CLUB, TAUNTON

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Somerset (5 points) beat Essex (0 points) by 5 wickets.**

Played at Taunton Vale, a sensational start with the ball from Ellie Anderson and Laura Jackson reduced Essex to 3-2 and the visitors never really recovered, posting 185 thanks to a battling 67 from former Western Storm player, Amara Carr. Former England captain Heather Knight finished the innings by claiming 3-7 from 2.5 overs.

Knight then got Somerset's reply off to a fast start with 45 from 41 balls, and a solid batting performance from the rest of the line up eased the home side to victory by 5 wickets with 14 overs to spare. Charlie Dean finished unbeaten on 45.

Essex 184 all out (42.5 overs) A. D. Carr 67, H. C. Knight 2.5-0-7-3.

Somerset 185-5 (35.5 overs).

Umpires: I. D. Blackwell & J. Jarvis Referee: H. Pack Scorers: K. W. Mitchell & C. Drew

### 4. DURHAM V SOMERSET – 4TH MAY 2025; BANKS HOMES, RIVERSIDE, CHESTER-LE-STREET

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Somerset (4 points) beat Durham (0 points) by 4 wickets (DLS).**

Somerset made it 3 successful run chases in a row with a rain affected victory over Durham, in a game reduced to 39 overs per side. Another strong start with the ball from Ellie Anderson and Laura Jackson put Durham on the back foot but captain Hollie

Armitage scored 89 to ensure a competitive total was posted. Anderson finished with 3/49 and Chloe Skelton took 3/16.

A revised target of 213 was set and 60 from Bex Odgers on debut plus 68 from Fran Wilson took Somerset to within 40 runs of victory. Another excellent display of late order hitting from Amanda-Jade Wellington (31 from 27 balls) ensured the run chase was completed with 9 balls to spare.

Durham 216 all out (37.5 overs) H. J. Armitage 89, C. N. Skelton 2.5-0-16-3, E. J. Anderson 8-0-49-3.

Somerset 215-6 (37.3 overs) F. C. Wilson 68, R. N. Odgers 60.

Umpires: N. Pratt & J. Naeem Referee: W. R. Smith Scorers: G. Maddison & W. K. Telford

### 5. WARWICKSHIRE V SOMERSET – 7TH MAY 2025; EDGBASTON STADIUM, BIRMINGHAM

Warwickshire won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Somerset (4 points) beat Warwickshire (0 points) by 48 runs.**

An historic moment in Somerset's win at Edgbaston, as their first professional century was scored, somewhat fittingly, by captain Sophie Luff, making an unbeaten 111 from 105 balls as Somerset posted 297/7. Heather Knight made 70 opening the batting and England's Em Arlott took 4 wickets for Warwickshire.

Sterre Kalis got the Warwickshire reply off to a brisk start but the innings was pegged back by Amanda-Jade Wellington and Alex Griffiths taking 2 wickets each. Wickets fell at regular intervals and despite late resistance from captain Georgia Davis (50),

the target was never really threatened as the Somerset bowlers ensured a comfortable victory.

Somerset 297-6 (50 overs) S. N. Luff 111\*, H. C. Knight 70, E. L. Arlott 10-0-61-4.

Warwickshire 249 all out (48.5 overs) S. L. Kalis 60, G. K. Davies 50.

Umpires: J. D. Middlebrook & A. E. Clark Referee: H. Pack Scorers: A. J. Ruffles & C. Credgington

### 6. SOMERSET V SURREY – 11TH MAY 2025; COOPER ASSOCIATES COUNTY GROUND, TAUNTON

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Surrey (5 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 101 (DLS).**

A strong Surrey side enjoyed a comfortable victory on a disappointing day for Somerset. Surrey captain Bryony Smith scored a fine 100 and was ably supported by England duo Danni Wyatt-Hodge (44) and Sophia Dunkley (79) as the visitors amassed 306/7 off just 44 overs, rain having provided a short delay. Amanda-Jade Wellington picked up 4-47.

There was an adjusted target of 317 and Somerset never managed to get up to the required run rate. Heather Knight and Wellington contributed 36 runs each but the home side were bowled out in 40.5 overs, well short of their target.

Surrey 306-7 (44 overs) B. F. Smith 110, S. I. R. Dunkley 79, A. J. Wellington 9-0-47-4.

Somerset 215 all out (40.5 overs).

Umpires: M. J. Siggers & G. Brown Referee: S. G. Hinks Scorers: K. W. Mitchell & L. M. Rhodes

### 7. SOMERSET V HAMPSHIRE – 13TH MAY 2025; COOPER ASSOCIATES COUNTY GROUND, TAUNTON

Hampshire won the toss and batted.

**Result: Hampshire (4 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 31 runs (DLS).**

Back to back home defeats for Somerset as Hampshire managed to comfortably defend a fairly low total. Hampshire made 213, built on the back of 64 from Charli Knott and 46 from Rhianna Southby, and the wickets were shared around the Somerset bowling attack.

Hampshire's spinners then made consistent inroads to the Somerset batting lineup, reducing the home side to 109-8 at one point. Captain Sophie Luff (74) held firm and found some support from Ellie Anderson as the pair put on 69 for the 9th wicket to give a glimmer of hope but both were dismissed in quick succession to end the game in Hampshire's favour.

Hampshire 213 all out (50 overs) C. R. Knott 64.

Somerset 182 all out (46 overs) S. N. Luff 74, G. L. Adams 10-0-36-3.

Umpires: B. J. Peverall & R. Dovey Referee: D. A. Cosker Scorers: K. W. Mitchell & C. Drew.

### 8. THE BLAZE V SOMERSET – 20TH MAY 2025; HASLEGRAVE GROUND, LOUGHBOROUGH

The Blaze won the toss and fielded.

**Result: The Blaze (4 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 4 wickets.**

A high scoring affair at Loughborough ended in disappointment for Somerset.

The Somerset batting order looked to have given the team a great chance of victory with more runs for Bex Odgers (50), Sophie Luff (72) and Amanda-Jade Wellington (48 from 25 balls) and a total of over 300 for the first time.

However, a fine run chase from The Blaze followed, set up by 97 from Maddy Green before the experienced hand of Georgia Elwiss (75\*) guided them to victory with an over to spare, with Olivia Barnes taking 2 wickets on debut.

Somerset 304-7 (50 overs) S. N. Luff 72, R. N. Odgers 50.

The Blaze 305-6 (49 overs) M. L. Green 97, G. L. Elwiss 75\*, K. E. Bryce 59.

Umpires: H. M. S. Adnan & J. Naeem Referee: J. J. Whitaker Scorers: N. Fenwick & S. J. Stringfellow.

### 9. ESSEX V SOMERSET – 24TH JULY 2025; AMBASSADOR CRUISELINE COUNTY GROUND, CHELMSFORD

Essex won the toss and fielded.

**No Result: Somerset (2 points) Essex (2 points).**

Following a break for the t20 Blast competition, Somerset returned to 50 over action at Chelmsford. Another fine batting display saw Somerset post over 300 once again before the rain ruined any chance of a result. Niamh Holland top scored with 78, with Jess Hazell adding 60.

Somerset 312-6 (49.2 overs) N. F. Holland 78, J. Hazell 60. Essex: N/A.

Umpires: J. D. Middlebrook & J. Jarvis Referee: D. A. Cosker Scorers: H. M. Hyde & A. L. G. Bradnock.

### 10. SOMERSET V DURHAM – 30TH JULY 2025; COOPER ASSOCIATES COUNTY GROUND, TAUNTON

Durham won the toss and batted.

**Result: Durham (5 points) beat Somerset (0 points) by 105 runs.**

Somerset suffered defeat against Durham as New Zealand legend Suzie Bates smashed a brilliant 163 from 140 balls to take the game away from the home side. Chloe Skelton picked up 3 wickets but a target of 316 looked to be a tough ask and it proved beyond Somerset.

Despite an overall disappointing batting performance, there was some encouragement in the form of Bex Odgers (47) and back to back fifties for Jess Hazell.

Durham 315-9 (50 overs) S. W. Bates 163, C. N. Skelton 10-0-62-3.

Somerset 210 all out (40.2 overs) J. Hazell 50, M. K. Villiers 7.2-0-30-3, P. E. Turner 10-0-45-3, K. A. Leveck 8-0-57-3.

Umpires: M. Newell & J. Jarvis Referee: S. M. Bartlett Scorers: M. W. Turner & C. Drew.

**11. LANCASHIRE V SOMERSET  
- 4TH SEPTEMBER 2025; OLD  
TRAFFORD, MANCHESTER**

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Somerset (5 points)  
beat Lancashire (0 points) by 5  
wickets (DLS).**

After a five match winless run, Somerset returned to winning ways in a rain affected game at Old Trafford. A fine all round bowling display, including three wickets for Ellie Anderson, restricted Lancashire to 169/9 from 44 overs and an adjusted target of 164. Niamh Holland scored 44, but the game was in the balance at 109/5 before an unbroken partnership of 58 between Dani Gibson (44') and Amanda-Jade Wellington sealed the win.

Lancashire 169-9 (44 overs)  
K. L. Cross 51, E. J. Anderson  
10-0-44-3.

Somerset 167-5 (34.2 overs).

Umpires: G. Brown & S. Redfern  
Referee: H. Pack Scorer:  
A. M. Cregan & T. Brooks.

**12. SOMERSET V THE BLAZE  
- 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025;  
TAUNTON VALE SPORTS CLUB,  
TAUNTON**

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

**Result: The Blaze (5 points)  
beat Somerset (0 points) by 44  
runs (DLS).**

Another rain affected game at Taunton Vale, and a delayed start saw The Blaze innings reduced to 33 overs. 68 from Sarah Bryce and 63 from Kathryn Bryce saw The Blaze post an impressive 252/6. Further rain resulted in a target

of 214 from 216 overs. A flurry of early wickets saw Somerset slump to 22/5 - contributions from Fran Wilson (33), Amanda-Jade Wellington (53), Alex Griffiths (28) and Ellie Anderson (27') added some respectability to the score but the home side ultimately fell well short.

The Blaze 252-6 (33 overs)  
S. J. Bryce 68, K. E. Bryce 63\*,  
C. E. Dean 7-0-50-3.

Somerset 169 all out (22.2  
overs) A. J. Wellington 53, C. M.  
McCarthy 4-0-12-3.

Umpires: B. J. Peverall &  
G. Brown Referee: S. J. Davis  
Scorers: K. W. Mitchell &  
M. W. Turner

**13. HAMPSHIRE V SOMERSET  
- 10TH SEPTEMBER 2025;  
THE UTILITA ROSE BOWL,  
SOUTHAMPTON**

No toss.

No Result: Hampshire (2 points)  
Somerset (2 points).

Umpires: B. J. Peverall &  
D. J. Daniels Referee:  
S. M. Bartlett Scorer:  
C. L. Green & K. Medhurst.

**14. SOMERSET V  
WARWICKSHIRE - 13TH  
SEPTEMBER 2025; COOPER  
ASSOCIATES COUNTY  
GROUND, TAUNTON**

Somerset won the toss and fielded.

**Result: Somerset (5 points)  
beat Warwickshire (0 points)  
by 4 wickets.**

A fine bowling display saw Somerset finish their campaign with a win at Taunton, as Warwickshire were bowled out for 175, with wickets shared around the bowlers. In reply, Bex Odgers and Niamh Holland

put on 64 for the first wicket, before three quick wickets fell. It was left to Fran Wilson (47') and Dani Gibson (50) to complete the run chase and secure the victory. Somerset finished in 5th place in the table, just missing out on a semi final place.

Warwickshire 175 all out  
(41 overs).

Somerset 176-6 (27.1 overs) D.  
R. Gibson 50, H. L. Baker 7.1-0-  
44-3.

Umpires: A. C. Harris &  
S. Shanmugam Referee:  
A. M. Smith Scorer:  
M. W. Turner & C. Drew.

ELLIE ANDERSON  
& ALEX GRIFFITHS



## TREVOR GRIFFIN- AN APPRECIATION OF WHAT HE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO WOMEN'S CRICKET

BY SPENCER BISHOP

**At the end of the 2025 season, Somerset said goodbye to Trevor Griffin, Somerset Women's first ever Head Coach in the professional era.**

Trevor has a long history within the women's game in the region having previously been Head Coach of Western Storm.

He held that role from 2017 until 2019 and under his stewardship Storm became the most successful team in KIA Super League history, lifting the trophy twice. He returned to Storm in 2022 following a stint with Sunrisers.



In addition to his success in the KSL, Trevor also achieved success overseas as Head Coach at Sydney Thunder in the WBBL, winning the title in 2020. He has also been Head Coach at London Spirit in The Hundred as well as possessing tremendous experience in developing domestic players to go on and achieve international honours.

After taking the decision to step

away at the end of the summer, Trevor said: "Now feels like the right time for the team to hear a new voice and for me to start my next chapter. The role of any leader is to identify what their team needs in order to continue to develop and grow, and I feel this is the best thing for the squad and for me. I feel that I need to recharge before focusing on my next opportunity.

"I'm incredibly proud to have been the first Women's Head Coach at Somerset and it's been an honour to wear the Wyvern. I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all at the Club for agreeing to this and I'd also like to thank the Members and supporters because it's been a genuine privilege to be part of this journey. The backing from the fans has meant a great deal, and I'll always be grateful for the support shown throughout my time here.

"I'm proud of what I've achieved so far. Winning the KSL twice with Western Storm was very special. I was the first women's coach to secure a role overseas and the first to win the Women's Big Bash.

I've also coached in New Zealand and with London Spirit in The Hundred. It's been a privilege to work with lots of great players, including Heather Knight, Rachael Haynes, Beth Mooney and Smriti Mandhana to name just a few. Seeing younger players come through Pathways and helping them develop has been incredibly rewarding too. Giving debuts to and being a part of the journeys of players like Dani Gibson, Phoebe Litchfield and Lauren Filer has been a great reminder of why I do



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what I do.

"I've absolutely still got the coaching bug and my love for cricket remains as strong as ever. There are exciting opportunities on the horizon both here and abroad and I can't wait to embrace these new challenges; I'm really energised and excited about what my next role will bring but Somerset will always hold a special place in my heart."

Somerset Director of Cricket, Andy Hurry added: "Trevor has been synonymous with elite women's cricket in the region for many years and everyone associated with the Club would like to thank Trevor for his hard work, dedication and passion over the years.

"As the first professional Head Coach of Somerset Women, Trevor will always be a part of the history of the Club, and he leaves behind incredibly strong foundations on which the team can build and progress."

## METRO BANK 3RD WOMEN'S ODI ENGLAND WOMEN V WEST INDIES WOMEN

7TH JUNE, 2025

**The Cooper Associates County Ground, Taunton.**

**England Women won the toss and decided to field.**

**England Women won by 9 wickets (DLS Method).**

**Player of the Match Sarah Glenn.**

For the second year in succession the Women's ODI was seriously curtailed by the weather. Play did, however, commence on time and the West Indies soon slumped to 4 for 3 against the England opening bowlers, Kate Cross and Em Arlott. Qiana Joseph and Shemaine Campbell started to rebuild the innings before the expected rain arrived just before midday with West Indies on 43 for 3.

A five hour delay followed and the match was reduced to a 21 over per side contest. When play recommenced at 5.00pm Campbell advanced to the first ball bowled by Charlie Dean, was beaten and Amy Jones, who had received her 100th ODI Cap from Kate Cross before the Match, completed the stumping.

Qiana Joseph (34) tried to up the run rate and put on 39 with Aaliyah Alleyne for the eighth wicket with the latter hitting 20 runs off the penultimate over of the innings bowled by

Lauren Filer. Sarah Glenn finished with 3 for 21 from four overs.

England Women found batting altogether easier and Sophia Dunkley and the Captain, Natalie Scriver-Brunt put on 40 runs for the first wicket before Dunkley was lbw to Karishma Ramharack for 26. Alice Capsey (20 n.o.) joined her Captain and they soon knocked off the target with 10.1 overs to spare. Scriver-Brunt completing her half century.

England Women completed a 3-0 series victory.

West Indies Women 106 for 8 (21overs)

England Women 109 for 1 (10.5 overs) Sciver-Brunt 57n.o.)

Officials :- Sue Redfern, Claire Polosak, Anna Harris, Dean Cosker & Jack Shantry.



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# SOMERSET SECOND XI IN 2025

BY PAUL TWEDDLE



**Personally I really enjoyed being Somerset Second XI coach in 2025, and the expectations and the new challenges that the role brought with it.**

From a results point of view we would have loved some more favourable results across the board, however I think in that environment you always try to balance providing the opportunities and creating a winning environment

We want to try to develop players within a winning environment but sometimes there are situations in games where the best for all of the players involved might not mean that an end result is a win. Maybe they need to be put under pressure a bit more or they need to be exposed to less favourable conditions, to ready themselves for the demands of first team cricket.

In 2025 we had a lot of Academy players and by and large had home grown teams, with the exception of a few triallists who were hand picked for roles in certain situations that we saw fit to trial them within, so on the whole the season was a success.

The Academy players acquitted themselves very well. The step up varies because in some cases they can be playing against a lot of their peer group in other teams or on another occasion they can be playing against a first teamer.

In one game we went to Northants for a T20 and we were fielding maybe six or seven new boys against what was pretty much their first team side and a fully professional squad. and we managed to win on a tricky surface. Those are games where I feel like the guys would have had a really good exposure to that level.

We saw some really good performances from the Academy youngsters and it helps them in the transition for those who went onto play in the Metro Bank One Day Cup or go onto play for the Lions or whatever it is.

We were in a position where we were able to give Thomas Rew the captaincy at the start of the year which was great for his development. We tried to create the environment where there was a free flow of players from first team to second team to Academy and make it a bit more fluid so that guys are used to interacting both ways.



THOMAS REW

WILL SMEED



Will Smeed came into the side in the early part of the year and then a little bit less and then gradually more and more throughout the year, which was great to see. He captained a few games so we benefitted from his experience. Jake Ball also played in a few games and it was great to see the way he acquitted himself.

The character of Jake and Will in that environment was a real testament to them as individuals because they came in and they added to the environment which is what you want from senior players. You want them to come into the Second XI and as well as making sure that they're ticking their own game they are also adding to the environment.

In the Second XI T20 we tried few left field things some of which worked and some that didn't. The previous year we did very well results wise and gave some players the opportunities to push their case for first team cricket, but we also had a very senior group of players, so the roles they were

doing would have been very close to what they would have been doing in the first team.

This year we didn't have that level of availability to do that which gave us the chance to provide opportunity to other guys to carry out different roles.

I really enjoyed the T20 competition especially the back end when the guys came back together after a little break and they played some really good cricket together as a team.

Apart from one match that we played at Wells Cathedral School all of our home games were played at Taunton Vale Sport Club which I think is one of the best Second XI grounds in the country in terms of what it provides.

The surface there is good and we are able to mimic the dimensions of the County Ground so what the Second XI are playing on there is as good as what you get here which means we get a good



JAKE BALL

representative picture of what people can do.

I can't credit the team at Taunton Vale enough for what they are able to provide us with.

It's been good for me that I have been fortunate enough to have some great staff to work alongside me in the Second XI - Alex Barrow and Matt Drakeley from the support point of view, as well as Meg and Hannah from a science and medicine side of things.

I have learned a lot from being in charge of the Second XI in 2025 and will take this forward into 2026.

**SOMERSET SECOND XI RED BALL BOWLING AVERAGES**

|                | M | I  | O     | Ms | Rs  | Wkt | Av    | RPO  | 5wl | 10 | WM    | BBI   | BB  | os | 4s | 6s | Wds    | N/B    | S/R   |
|----------------|---|----|-------|----|-----|-----|-------|------|-----|----|-------|-------|-----|----|----|----|--------|--------|-------|
| AM Vaughan     | 2 | 3  | 32.4  | 5  | 75  | 7   | 10.71 | 2.30 | 0   | 0  | 4-31  | 4-31  | 196 | 7  | 0  | 0  | 0(0)   | 0(0)   | 28    |
| MJ Leach       | 1 | 2  | 22    | 4  | 53  | 3   | 17.67 | 2.41 | 0   | 0  | 2-34  | 3-53  | 132 | 5  | 0  | 0  | 0(0)   | 0(0)   | 44    |
| ZXM Vukusic    | 4 | 6  | 53    | 11 | 179 | 10  | 17.90 | 3.38 | 0   | 0  | 3-50  | 3-23  | 318 | 27 | 1  | 0  | 0(0)   | 3(10)  | 31.8  |
| HNJ Richards   | 1 | 1  | 17    | 3  | 57  | 3   | 19.00 | 3.35 | 0   | 0  | 3-57  | 3-57  | 102 | 6  | 0  | 0  | 0(0)   | 0(0)   | 34    |
| WH MacDonald   | 1 | 2  | 14    | 2  | 60  | 3   | 20.00 | 4.29 | 0   | 0  | 3-20  | 3-60  | 84  | 9  | 0  | 1  | 1(1)   | 5(11)  | 28    |
| JT Ball        | 1 | 2  | 20    | 10 | 43  | 2   | 21.50 | 2.15 | 0   | 0  | 1-6   | 2-43  | 120 | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0(0)   | 1(2)   | 60    |
| MAW Kaleem     | 2 | 4  | 49    | 6  | 215 | 9   | 23.89 | 4.39 | 0   | 0  | 3-106 | 5-142 | 294 | 17 | 9  | 1  | 1(2)   | 1(2)   | 32.67 |
| T Lamey        | 2 | 2  | 8     | 1  | 28  | 1   | 28.00 | 3.50 | 0   | 0  | 1-10  | 1-10  | 48  | 4  | 0  | 0  | 0(0)   | 0(0)   | 48    |
| JT Langridge   | 7 | 12 | 127.5 | 18 | 562 | 20  | 28.10 | 4.40 | 0   | 0  | 3-33  | 4-70  | 767 | 79 | 3  | 10 | 10(10) | 34(92) | 38.35 |
| KJT Roberts    | 9 | 14 | 118   | 19 | 465 | 16  | 29.06 | 3.94 | 0   | 0  | 3-56  | 5-94  | 708 | 75 | 2  | 2  | 2(6)   | 1(8)   | 44.25 |
| ARI Umeed      | 6 | 7  | 56    | 2  | 206 | 6   | 34.33 | 3.68 | 1   | 0  | 5-14  | 5-81  | 336 | 13 | 5  | 0  | 0(0)   | 0(0)   | 56    |
| ARJ Ogborne    | 7 | 12 | 129   | 26 | 444 | 12  | 37.00 | 3.44 | 0   | 0  | 4-40  | 4-68  | 774 | 71 | 0  | 1  | 1(5)   | 0(0)   | 64.5  |
| JF Thomas      | 9 | 9  | 76.4  | 8  | 312 | 8   | 39.00 | 4.07 | 0   | 0  | 3-38  | 3-38  | 460 | 29 | 11 | 0  | 0(0)   | 1(2)   | 57.5  |
| OJ Coleman     | 4 | 5  | 24    | 2  | 147 | 3   | 49.00 | 6.13 | 0   | 0  | 2-39  | 2-39  | 144 | 23 | 1  | 0  | 0(0)   | 7(22)  | 48    |
| JP Heywood     | 5 | 6  | 72    | 10 | 335 | 6   | 55.83 | 4.65 | 0   | 0  | 2-39  | 3-83  | 432 | 56 | 1  | 4  | 4(4)   | 2(4)   | 72    |
| JM Theedom     | 6 | 9  | 71.5  | 5  | 420 | 7   | 60.00 | 5.85 | 0   | 0  | 3-41  | 3-55  | 431 | 63 | 3  | 3  | 3(3)   | 12(33) | 61.57 |
| JDL Ogborne    | 1 | 2  | 15    | 1  | 62  | 1   | 62.00 | 4.13 | 0   | 0  | 1-58  | 1-62  | 90  | 10 | 0  | 1  | 0(0)   | 0(0)   | 90    |
| LP Goldsworthy | 5 | 8  | 108   | 16 | 368 | 5   | 73.60 | 3.41 | 0   | 0  | 2-41  | 3-91  | 648 | 37 | 5  | 0  | 0(0)   | 1(6)   | 129.6 |
| HJM Deering    | 2 | 3  | 20    | 4  | 64  | 0   |       | 3.20 | 0   | 0  | 0-18  | 0-18  | 120 | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0(0)   | 0(0)   |       |
| FJ Hill        | 6 | 7  | 31    | 2  | 145 | 0   |       | 4.68 | 0   | 0  | 0-6   | 0-8   | 186 | 16 | 4  | 0  | 0(0)   | 0(0)   |       |

**SOMERSET SECOND XI RED BALL BATTING AVERAGES**

| Batter         | Mts | Inns | No. | Runs | Avg   | H/S  | 50s | 100s | S/R    | Blls | os  | 4s | 6s | Tm %  | Ct | Ct+ | St | R/O |
|----------------|-----|------|-----|------|-------|------|-----|------|--------|------|-----|----|----|-------|----|-----|----|-----|
| ARI Umeed      | 6   | 11   | 2   | 563  | 62.56 | 186* | 2   | 2    | 93.52  | 602  | 344 | 74 | 10 | 18.3  | 10 | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| BE Street      | 2   | 3    | 2   | 54   | 54.00 | 33   | 0   | 0    | 44.63  | 121  | 98  | 10 | 0  | 28.72 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| JF Thomas      | 9   | 14   | 2   | 599  | 49.92 | 157  | 4   | 1    | 81.83  | 732  | 479 | 85 | 10 | 17.47 | 9  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| THS Rew        | 4   | 6    | 1   | 232  | 46.40 | 79   | 2   | 0    | 67.44  | 344  | 240 | 32 | 4  | 13.78 | 0  | 9   | 0  | 0   |
| SR Dickson     | 2   | 4    | 0   | 167  | 41.75 | 99   | 1   | 0    | 62.08  | 269  | 184 | 20 | 2  | 14.59 | 3  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| WCF Smeed      | 5   | 7    | 0   | 267  | 38.14 | 107  | 0   | 2    | 60.41  | 442  | 314 | 32 | 5  | 13.77 | 2  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| ZXM Vukusic    | 4   | 3    | 1   | 72   | 36.00 | 43*  | 0   | 0    | 63.72  | 113  | 82  | 9  | 2  | 7.99  | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| LP Goldsworthy | 5   | 9    | 1   | 275  | 34.38 | 107* | 0   | 1    | 65.32  | 421  | 277 | 32 | 2  | 10.38 | 4  | 0   | 0  | 1   |
| KJT Roberts    | 9   | 11   | 2   | 307  | 34.11 | 121* | 1   | 1    | 52.39  | 586  | 424 | 40 | 0  | 9.66  | 4  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| AM Vaughan     | 2   | 3    | 1   | 67   | 33.50 | 33*  | 0   | 0    | 117.54 | 57   | 32  | 12 | 0  | 11.96 | 1  | 0   | 0  | 1   |
| ARJ Ogborne    | 7   | 10   | 2   | 232  | 29.00 | 71*  | 1   | 0    | 58.44  | 397  | 284 | 29 | 3  | 8.75  | 5  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| WR Michael     | 5   | 9    | 2   | 170  | 24.29 | 47   | 0   | 0    | 55.19  | 308  | 236 | 29 | 0  | 9.72  | 5  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| JM Theedom     | 6   | 5    | 2   | 70   | 23.33 | 22   | 0   | 0    | 46.05  | 152  | 114 | 7  | 1  | 5.35  | 5  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| FJ Hill        | 6   | 9    | 1   | 177  | 22.13 | 64   | 1   | 0    | 44.03  | 402  | 282 | 14 | 0  | 7     | 9  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| JT Ball        | 1   | 2    | 1   | 16   | 16.00 | 16   | 0   | 0    | 55.17  | 29   | 22  | 3  | 0  | 2.47  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| BJ Church      | 8   | 11   | 0   | 175  | 15.91 | 43   | 0   | 0    | 47.68  | 367  | 282 | 26 | 1  | 5.38  | 1  | 8   | 0  | 0   |
| OJ Coleman     | 4   | 4    | 0   | 49   | 12.25 | 26   | 0   | 0    | 62.03  | 79   | 55  | 6  | 0  | 4.33  | 2  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| JT Langridge   | 7   | 10   | 1   | 104  | 11.56 | 39   | 0   | 0    | 71.72  | 145  | 111 | 16 | 4  | 3.4   | 2  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| WH MacDonald   | 1   | 1    | 0   | 5    | 5.00  | 5    | 0   | 0    | 55.56  | 9    | 7   | 1  | 0  | 1.14  | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| JP Heywood     | 5   | 5    | 2   | 6    | 2.00  | 3    | 0   | 0    | 13.95  | 43   | 38  | 0  | 0  | 0.47  | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| HJM Deering    | 2   | 0    | 0   | 0    |       | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0   | 0  | 0  | 1     | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| MAW Kaleem     | 2   | 1    | 0   | 0    | 0.00  | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0      | 6    | 6   | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| T Lamey        | 2   | 1    | 1   | 9    |       | 9*   | 0   | 0    | 39.13  | 23   | 17  | 1  | 0  | 6.25  | 2  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| MJ Leach       | 1   | 0    | 0   | 0    |       | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| JDL Ogborne    | 1   | 0    | 0   | 0    |       | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0   | 0  | 0  | 2     | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| SR Price       | 1   | 0    | 0   | 0    |       | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| HNJ Richards   | 1   | 0    | 0   | 0    |       | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |

**SOMERSET 2ND XI RED BALL CRICKET**

**MATCH BY MATCH**

PLAYED 9, WON 3, DRAWN 3, LOST 3

**FRIENDLIES**

**Essex v Somerset**

Colchester 8th - 10th April 2025

Essex won the toss and batted. Somerset won by 9 wickets.

Essex 352/9 declared (78 overs)

JA Richards 85, NLJ Browne 83; and 356/6 declared (76 overs) SML Fernandes 118\*

Somerset 391 all out (70.4 overs)

JF Thomas 157, THS Rew 79; JA Richards 4-60 and 320/1 (53 overs) ARI Umeed 186\*, LP Goldsworthy 107\*

**Somerset v Middlesex**

Taunton Vale 15th - 17th April 2025

Middlesex won the toss and fielded. Match drawn.

Somerset 162 all out (37.5 overs)

JF Thomas 55; I Kaushal 7-44 and 229/8 (70 overs) ARI Umeed 62, THS Rew 61\*

Middlesex 391/6 declared (95 overs)

LBK Hollman 160\*, PN Wijesinghe 65, JM de Caires 52, JB Cracknell 50

**Somerset v South Asian Cricket Academy**

Taunton Vale 28th - 30th April 2025

SACA won the toss and batted. Somerset won by 10 wickets.

SACA 340/6 declared (87 overs) SD Perera 159, HM Khan 100\* and 140 all out (35.2 overs)

Somerset 440 all out (102 overs) WCF Smeed 107, ARI Umeed 102, FJ Hill 64

**Warwickshire v Somerset**

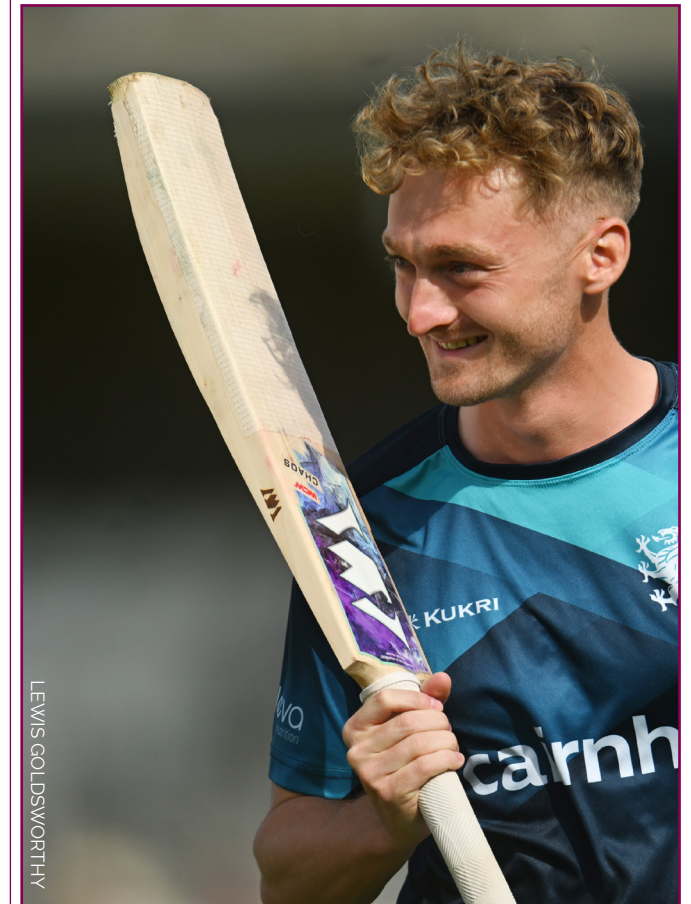
Edgbaston Community Sports Ground 5th - 9th May 2025

Somerset won the toss and batted. Warwickshire won by 2 wickets.

Somerset 240 all out (63.4overs)

JF Thomas 52; TC Ali 4-61 and 221 all out (72.2 overs) DR Briggs 7-62

Warwickshire 238 all out (44.5 overs) I Mohammed 84, VL Jani 56 and 225/8 (63 overs) OG Dandy 88\*



**SOMERSET SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP BOWLING AVERAGES**

|                | M | I | O    | Ms | Rs  | Wkt | Av    | RPO  | 5wl | 10 | WM    | BBI   | BB  | MBLs | os | 4s | 6s | Wds | N/B | S/R    |
|----------------|---|---|------|----|-----|-----|-------|------|-----|----|-------|-------|-----|------|----|----|----|-----|-----|--------|
| AM Vaughan     | 2 | 3 | 32.4 | 5  | 75  | 7   | 10.71 | 2.30 | 0   | 0  | 4-31  | 4-31  | 196 | 151  | 7  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 28.00  |
| MJ Leach       | 1 | 2 | 22   | 4  | 53  | 3   | 17.67 | 2.41 | 0   | 0  | 2-34  | 3-53  | 132 | 97   | 5  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 44.00  |
| HNJ Richards   | 1 | 1 | 17   | 3  | 57  | 3   | 19.00 | 3.35 | 0   | 0  | 3-57  | 3-57  | 102 | 70   | 6  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 34.00  |
| JT Ball        | 1 | 2 | 20   | 10 | 43  | 2   | 21.50 | 2.15 | 0   | 0  | 1-6   | 2-43  | 120 | 103  | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 60.00  |
| ZXM Vukusic    | 2 | 2 | 28   | 7  | 87  | 4   | 21.75 | 3.11 | 0   | 0  | 3-50  | 3-50  | 168 | 129  | 14 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 42.00  |
| ARJ Ogborne    | 4 | 7 | 73   | 14 | 231 | 10  | 23.10 | 3.16 | 0   | 0  | 4-40  | 4-68  | 438 | 330  | 35 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 43.80  |
| T Lamey        | 2 | 2 | 8    | 1  | 28  | 1   | 28.00 | 3.50 | 0   | 0  | 1-10  | 1-10  | 48  | 35   | 4  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 48.00  |
| MAW Kaleem     | 1 | 2 | 28   | 5  | 142 | 5   | 28.40 | 5.07 | 0   | 0  | 3-106 | 5-142 | 168 | 106  | 12 | 8  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 33.60  |
| KJT Roberts    | 5 | 7 | 60   | 8  | 240 | 8   | 30.00 | 4.00 | 0   | 0  | 2-22  | 4-71  | 360 | 262  | 38 | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 45.00  |
| JF Thomas      | 5 | 7 | 67.4 | 8  | 256 | 8   | 32.00 | 3.78 | 0   | 0  | 3-38  | 3-38  | 406 | 290  | 25 | 10 | 0  | 0   | 0   | 50.75  |
| JT Langridge   | 3 | 5 | 61.3 | 12 | 240 | 7   | 34.29 | 3.90 | 0   | 0  | 2-48  | 3-92  | 369 | 280  | 39 | 1  | 8  | 8   | 4   | 52.71  |
| OJ Coleman     | 2 | 2 | 12   | 0  | 75  | 2   | 37.50 | 6.25 | 0   | 0  | 2-39  | 2-39  | 72  | 46   | 8  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 5   | 36.00  |
| LP Goldsworthy | 1 | 2 | 37   | 7  | 106 | 2   | 53.00 | 2.86 | 0   | 0  | 2-58  | 2-106 | 222 | 171  | 14 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 111.00 |
| JM Theedom     | 5 | 7 | 62   | 3  | 365 | 4   | 91.25 | 5.89 | 0   | 0  | 1-8   | 1-29  | 372 | 226  | 52 | 3  | 3  | 3   | 9   | 93.00  |
| JP Heywood     | 3 | 3 | 41   | 6  | 184 | 1   | 184.0 | 4.49 | 0   | 0  | 1-74  | 1-74  | 246 | 178  | 33 | 1  | 2  | 2   | 0   | 246.0  |
| FJ Hill        | 2 | 1 | 1    | 0  | 8   | 0   | 8.00  | 0    | 0   | 0  | 0-8   | 0-8   | 6   | 1    | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0      |
| ARI Umeed      | 3 | 3 | 15   | 2  | 59  | 0   | 3.93  | 0    | 0   | 0  | 0-10  | 0-10  | 90  | 58   | 5  | 2  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0      |

**SOMERSET SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP BATTING AVERAGES**

| Batter         | Mts | Inns | No. | Runs | Avg   | H/S  | 50s | 100s | S/R    | Blls | os  | 4s | 6s | Tm %  | Ct | Ct+ | St | R/O |
|----------------|-----|------|-----|------|-------|------|-----|------|--------|------|-----|----|----|-------|----|-----|----|-----|
| WCF Smeed      | 2   | 2    | 0   | 124  | 62.00 | 107  | 0   | 1    | 78.98  | 157  | 103 | 20 | 1  | 19.17 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| BE Street      | 2   | 3    | 2   | 54   | 54.00 | 33   | 0   | 0    | 44.63  | 121  | 98  | 10 | 0  | 28.72 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| KJT Roberts    | 5   | 5    | 1   | 202  | 50.50 | 121* | 1   | 1    | 59.41  | 340  | 243 | 30 | 0  | 13.52 | 3  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| ARJ Ogborne    | 4   | 6    | 2   | 171  | 42.75 | 71*  | 1   | 0    | 55.88  | 306  | 221 | 21 | 2  | 10.44 | 3  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| SR Dickson     | 2   | 4    | 0   | 167  | 41.75 | 99   | 1   | 0    | 62.08  | 269  | 184 | 20 | 2  | 14.59 | 3  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| JF Thomas      | 5   | 7    | 1   | 247  | 41.17 | 77   | 2   | 0    | 72.86  | 339  | 237 | 37 | 3  | 14.49 | 5  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| AM Vaughan     | 2   | 3    | 1   | 67   | 33.50 | 33*  | 0   | 0    | 117.54 | 57   | 32  | 12 | 0  | 11.96 | 1  | 0   | 0  | 1   |
| FJ Hill        | 2   | 3    | 1   | 65   | 32.50 | 30   | 0   | 0    | 40.37  | 161  | 118 | 5  | 0  | 7.67  | 5  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| ARI Umeed      | 3   | 5    | 0   | 123  | 24.60 | 59   | 1   | 0    | 65.78  | 187  | 132 | 15 | 4  | 8.23  | 5  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| WR Michael     | 5   | 9    | 2   | 170  | 24.29 | 47   | 0   | 0    | 55.19  | 308  | 236 | 29 | 0  | 9.72  | 5  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| JT Langridge   | 3   | 4    | 0   | 95   | 23.75 | 39   | 0   | 0    | 88.79  | 107  | 76  | 14 | 4  | 6.89  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| JM Theedom     | 5   | 3    | 1   | 43   | 21.50 | 22   | 0   | 0    | 51.19  | 84   | 62  | 5  | 1  | 5.08  | 5  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| OJ Coleman     | 2   | 1    | 0   | 18   | 18.00 | 18   | 0   | 0    | 90.00  | 20   | 12  | 3  | 0  | 5.16  | 2  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| JT Ball        | 1   | 2    | 1   | 16   | 16.00 | 16   | 0   | 0    | 55.17  | 29   | 22  | 3  | 0  | 2.47  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| BJ Church      | 5   | 6    | 0   | 83   | 13.83 | 43   | 0   | 0    | 41.50  | 200  | 159 | 13 | 0  | 5.07  | 0  | 8   | 0  | 0   |
| LP Goldsworthy | 1   | 2    | 0   | 24   | 12.00 | 14   | 0   | 0    | 48.00  | 50   | 37  | 3  | 0  | 3.71  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 1   |
| JP Heywood     | 3   | 2    | 0   | 3    | 1.50  | 3    | 0   | 0    | 18.75  | 16   | 14  | 0  | 0  | 0.6   | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| MAW Kaleem     | 1   | 1    | 0   | 0    | 0.00  | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0.00   | 6    | 6   | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| T Lamey        | 2   | 1    | 1   | 9    | 9*    | 0    | 0   | 0    | 39.13  | 23   | 17  | 1  | 0  | 6.25  | 2  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| MJ Leach       | 1   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| SR Price       | 1   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| HNJ Richards   | 1   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| ZXM Vukusic    | 2   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |

**SOMERSET 2ND XI CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Somerset v Northamptonshire**

Taunton Vale 16th - 19th June 2025

Somerset won the toss and fielded. Somerset won by 9 wickets. (Somerset 21 pts, Northants 3 pts)

Northants 220 all out (49.2 overs) RI Keogh 69, JC Bates 55; ARJ Ogborne 4-40 and 194 all out (60.3 overs)

Somerset 349 all out (82 overs) ARJ Ogborne 71\*; BT Whitehouse 5-63 and 67-1 (6.1 overs)

**Hampshire v Somerset**

Utilita Bowl Nursery Ground 23rd - 26th June 2025

Hampshire won the toss and fielded. Hampshire won by 4 wickets. (Hampshire 22 pts, Somerset 5 pts)

Somerset 349 all out (98.2 overs) KJT Roberts 121\*, ARI Umeed 59; O Williams 4-46 and 298 all out (74.4 overs) WCF Smeed 107

Hampshire 355 all out (112 overs) JR Eckland 132, JJ Weatherley 99 and 296-6 (79.2 overs) JJ Weatherley 108, BJW Salter 78\*

**Surrey v Somerset**

LSE Sportsground 22nd - 25th July 2025

Surrey won the toss and fielded. Surrey won by 6 wickets. (Surrey 23 pts, Somerset 6 pts)

Somerset 383 all out (106.5 overs) SR Dickson 99, KJT Roberts 62, JF Thomas 50 and 115 all out (39.2 overs) TM Ealham 4-16

Surrey 413 all out (82.4 overs) SP van der Merwe 114, GS Ealham 78 and 89-4 (16.2 overs)

**Somerset v Derbyshire**

Taunton Vale 1st - 4th September 2025

Somerset won the toss and fielded. Match drawn. (Somerset 11 pts, Derbyshire 9 pts)

Derbyshire 286 all out (79.4 overs) AM Vaughan 4-31

Somerset 144/5 (35 overs) JF Thomas 77

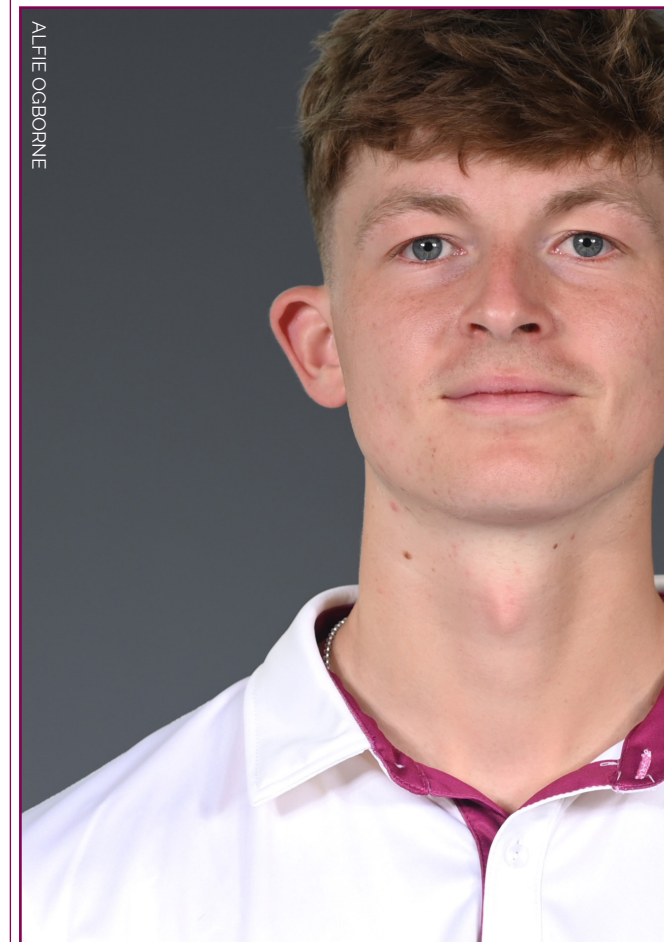
**Somerset v Yorkshire**

Taunton Vale 8th - 11th September 2025

Yorkshire won the toss and batted. Match drawn. (Somerset 11 pts, Yorkshire 13 pts)

Yorkshire 465/9 declared (106 overs) HG Duke 174, NM Kelly 109, O Smith 66 and 0/0 (innings forfeited)

Somerset 19/0 declared (9 overs) and 25/0 (9.1 overs)



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**SOMERSET SECOND XI T20 BOWLING AVERAGES**

|                | M  | I  | O   | Ms | Rs  | Wkt | Av    | RPO   | BBI  | Balls | Dots | 4s | 6s | Wds    | N/B  | S/R   |
|----------------|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-------|-------|------|-------|------|----|----|--------|------|-------|
| JP Heywood     | 1  | 1  | 4   | 1  | 14  | 4   | 3.50  | 3.50  | 4-14 | 24    | 17   | 2  | 0  | 0(0)   | 0(0) | 6.00  |
| ZXM Vukusic    | 4  | 4  | 8   | 0  | 49  | 6   | 8.17  | 6.13  | 3-16 | 48    | 22   | 3  | 2  | 0(0)   | 0(0) | 8.00  |
| JF Thomas      | 9  | 5  | 13  | 0  | 84  | 8   | 10.50 | 6.46  | 3-23 | 78    | 32   | 8  | 1  | 2(2)   | 1(8) | 9.75  |
| ARJ Ogborne    | 7  | 7  | 23  | 0  | 157 | 10  | 15.70 | 6.83  | 4-31 | 138   | 66   | 16 | 4  | 13(14) | 0(0) | 13.80 |
| KL Aldridge    | 1  | 1  | 4   | 0  | 32  | 2   | 16.00 | 8.00  | 2-32 | 24    | 12   | 5  | 0  | 1(1)   | 1(2) | 12.00 |
| KJT Roberts    | 6  | 5  | 15  | 0  | 113 | 7   | 16.14 | 7.53  | 3-28 | 90    | 28   | 12 | 1  | 6(6)   | 0(0) | 12.86 |
| LP Goldsworthy | 3  | 3  | 12  | 0  | 61  | 3   | 20.33 | 5.08  | 1-19 | 72    | 30   | 3  | 1  | 0(0)   | 0(0) | 24.00 |
| TA Lammonby    | 1  | 1  | 3   | 0  | 27  | 1   | 27.00 | 9.00  | 1-27 | 18    | 4    | 2  | 1  | 1(1)   | 0(0) | 18.00 |
| JT Langridge   | 10 | 10 | 33  | 0  | 329 | 10  | 32.90 | 9.97  | 3-19 | 198   | 78   | 33 | 17 | 6(6)   | 2(6) | 19.80 |
| OJ Coleman     | 2  | 2  | 3   | 0  | 34  | 1   | 34.00 | 11.33 | 1-24 | 18    | 2    | 4  | 1  | 1(1)   | 0(0) | 18.00 |
| M Pretorius    | 5  | 5  | 17  | 0  | 141 | 4   | 35.25 | 8.29  | 2-27 | 102   | 37   | 15 | 3  | 3(3)   | 2(4) | 25.50 |
| FJ Hill        | 10 | 2  | 3   | 0  | 36  | 1   | 36.00 | 12.00 | 1-16 | 18    | 4    | 1  | 3  | 0(0)   | 1(3) | 18.00 |
| JM Theedom     | 8  | 8  | 24  | 0  | 212 | 4   | 53.00 | 8.83  | 1-12 | 144   | 50   | 23 | 6  | 5(5)   | 2(4) | 36.00 |
| JT Ball        | 2  | 2  | 7   | 0  | 58  | 1   | 58.00 | 8.29  | 1-42 | 42    | 15   | 5  | 1  | 3(3)   | 1(4) | 42.00 |
| AM Vaughan     | 5  | 3  | 5   | 0  | 58  | 1   | 58.00 | 11.60 | 1-8  | 30    | 7    | 5  | 4  | 0(0)   | 0(0) | 30.00 |
| GJ Addy        | 2  | 2  | 3   | 0  | 36  | 0   |       | 12.00 | 0-13 | 18    | 3    | 3  | 2  | 1(1)   | 0(0) |       |
| JH Davey       | 3  | 3  | 9.5 | 0  | 94  | 0   |       | 9.56  | 0-18 | 59    | 22   | 12 | 2  | 3(3)   | 1(6) |       |
| MJ Leach       | 1  | 1  | 3   | 0  | 35  | 0   |       | 11.67 | 0-35 | 18    | 5    | 2  | 3  | 0(0)   | 0(0) |       |

**SOMERSET SECOND XI T20 BATTING AVERAGES**

| Batter         | Mts | Inns | No. | Runs | Avg   | H/S | 50s | 100s | S/R    | Blls | os | 4s | 6s | Tm %  | Ct | Ct+ | St | R/O |
|----------------|-----|------|-----|------|-------|-----|-----|------|--------|------|----|----|----|-------|----|-----|----|-----|
| TA Lammonby    | 1   | 1    | 0   | 37   | 37.00 | 37  | 0   | 0    | 100.   | 37   | 15 | 5  | 0  | 22.7  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| WCF Smeed      | 3   | 3    | 0   | 75   | 25.00 | 40  | 0   | 0    | 131.58 | 57   | 25 | 9  | 3  | 19.58 | 3  | 0   | 0  | 1   |
| JF Thomas      | 9   | 9    | 1   | 189  | 23.63 | 50* | 1   | 0    | 126.00 | 150  | 74 | 22 | 8  | 16.51 | 6  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| JEK Rew        | 2   | 1    | 0   | 23   | 23.00 | 23  | 0   | 0    | 135.29 | 17   | 8  | 3  | 1  | 14.11 | 0  | 3   | 0  | 0   |
| ARI Umeed      | 8   | 7    | 0   | 148  | 21.14 | 51  | 2   | 0    | 123.33 | 120  | 45 | 17 | 3  | 15.53 | 3  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| ARJ Ogborne    | 7   | 6    | 3   | 62   | 20.67 | 31  | 0   | 0    | 121.57 | 51   | 18 | 5  | 2  | 7.67  | 3  | 0   | 0  | 1   |
| SJ Linnitt     | 5   | 5    | 1   | 81   | 20.25 | 58* | 1   | 0    | 132.79 | 61   | 26 | 6  | 4  | 12.56 | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| ZXM Vukusic    | 4   | 4    | 1   | 53   | 17.67 | 36* | 0   | 0    | 129.27 | 41   | 17 | 5  | 2  | 11.02 | 3  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| SR Dickson     | 1   | 1    | 0   | 17   | 17.00 | 17  | 0   | 0    | 130.77 | 13   | 2  | 0  | 1  | 11.26 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| KJT Roberts    | 6   | 6    | 0   | 99   | 16.50 | 30  | 0   | 0    | 99.00  | 100  | 36 | 8  | 0  | 12.55 | 3  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| JT Langridge   | 10  | 7    | 4   | 43   | 14.33 | 10  | 0   | 0    | 143.33 | 30   | 15 | 4  | 3  | 4.52  | 2  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| FJ Hill        | 10  | 9    | 0   | 127  | 14.11 | 27  | 0   | 0    | 101.60 | 125  | 53 | 7  | 5  | 10.66 | 2  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| AM Vaughan     | 5   | 4    | 0   | 55   | 13.75 | 20  | 0   | 0    | 112.24 | 49   | 18 | 5  | 1  | 11.2  | 5  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| BJ Church      | 5   | 5    | 2   | 41   | 13.67 | 14* | 0   | 0    | 93.18  | 44   | 27 | 7  | 0  | 6.55  | 0  | 1   | 0  | 0   |
| M Pretorius    | 5   | 4    | 0   | 45   | 11.25 | 33  | 0   | 0    | 160.71 | 28   | 10 | 2  | 4  | 7.96  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 1   |
| DP Rawal       | 2   | 2    | 0   | 21   | 10.50 | 12  | 0   | 0    | 87.50  | 24   | 10 | 2  | 0  | 8.37  | 0  | 1   | 1  | 0   |
| JM Theedom     | 8   | 4    | 2   | 18   | 9.00  | 11  | 0   | 0    | 90.00  | 20   | 11 | 3  | 0  | 3.72  | 4  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| LP Goldsworthy | 3   | 3    | 0   | 22   | 7.33  | 17  | 0   | 0    | 84.62  | 26   | 13 | 3  | 0  | 5.74  | 2  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| KL Aldridge    | 1   | 1    | 0   | 7    | 7.00  | 7   | 0   | 0    | 77.78  | 9    | 2  | 0  | 0  | 4.83  | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| OJ Coleman     | 2   | 2    | 0   | 12   | 6.00  | 10  | 0   | 0    | 60.00  | 20   | 13 | 1  | 0  | 5.04  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| JH Davey       | 3   | 2    | 0   | 10   | 5.00  | 10  | 0   | 0    | 90.91  | 11   | 2  | 0  | 0  | 3.66  | 2  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| THS Rew        | 3   | 3    | 0   | 15   | 5.00  | 10  | 0   | 0    | 71.43  | 21   | 12 | 2  | 0  | 3.53  | 0  | 1   | 0  | 0   |
| MJ Leach       | 1   | 1    | 0   | 2    | 2.00  | 2   | 0   | 0    | 40.00  | 5    | 3  | 0  | 0  | 1.32  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| GJ Addy        | 2   | 1    | 0   | 0    | 0.00  | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0.00   | 3    | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| B Baker        | 1   | 1    | 1   | 2    | 2*    | 0   | 0   | 0    | 100.00 | 2    | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1.65  | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| JT Ball        | 2   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| JP Heywood     | 1   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0      | 0    | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |

**SOMERSET 2ND XI T20**

**MATCH BY MATCH**

PLAYED 10, WON 2, LOST 8

**Somerset v Worcestershire**

Taunton Vale 19th May 2025

Somerset won the toss and fielded. Worcestershire (4pts) won by 6 runs.

Worcestershire 151/9 (20 overs) JT Langridge 3/19

Somerset 145/9 (20 overs)

**Somerset v Warwickshire**

Taunton Vale 21st May 2025

Somerset won the toss and fielded. Warwickshire (4pts) won by 47 runs.

Warwickshire 168/7 (20 overs) KJT Roberts 3/28

Somerset 121 all out (16.1 overs)

**Northamptonshire v Somerset**

Campbell Park 26th May 2025

Somerset won the toss and fielded. Somerset (4pts) won by 4 wickets.

Northamptonshire 113 all out (20 overs) JP Heywood 4-14

Somerset 117/6 (17.5 overs) GLS Scrimshaw 3-10

**Glamorgan v Somerset**

Newport 29th May 2025

Somerset won the toss and fielded. Glamorgan (4pts) won by 85 runs

Glamorgan 174/9 (20 overs) AM Tribe 61\*; ZXM Vukusic 3-16

Somerset 89 all out (15.4 overs) MS Crane 4-27

**Worcestershire v Somerset**

New Road 3rd June 2025

Somerset won the toss and batted. Worcestershire (4pts) won by 9 wickets.

Somerset 122/8 (20 overs) MJ Waite 3-18

Worcestershire 126/1 (9.5 overs) EJ Pollock 69\*

**Warwickshire v Somerset**

Edgbaston Community Sports Ground 4th June 2025

Somerset won the toss and fielded. Warwickshire (4pts) won by 89 runs.

Warwickshire 218/4 (20 overs) RM Yates 101; JF Thomas 3-23

Somerset 129 all out (16.2 overs) AR Sylvester 3-11, DR Mousley 3-25

**Somerset v Northamptonshire**

Taunton Vale 10th June 2025

Northamptonshire won the toss and batted. Northamptonshire (4pts) won by 48 runs.

Northamptonshire 199/6 (20 overs) GA Bartlett 91; ARJ Ogborne 4-31

Somerset 151 all out (16.3 overs) GA Bartlett 3-27

**Somerset v Gloucestershire**

Taunton Vale 3rd July 2025

Gloucestershire won the toss and batted. Gloucestershire (4pts) won by 35 runs

Gloucestershire 189/6 (20 overs)

Somerset 154/7 (20 overs) ARI Umeed 50

**Gloucestershire v Somerset**

Rockhampton 8th July 2025

Somerset won the toss and fielded. Somerset (4pts) won by 10 wickets

Gloucestershire 116/8 (20 overs)

Somerset 117/0 (13.2 overs) SJ Linnitt 58\*, JF Thomas 50\*



## THE SOMERSET GIRLS ACADEMY

BY JACK BRADBURY

**We started our first year with eight girls on the Somerset Academy and during the season we added a couple more younger ones which was good and meant we finished with 10.**

The Academy began in November with a weekly programme that consisted of two one to one coaching sessions for all of them which utilised all of our coaches. Each of the one to ones lasted between 45 minutes and an hour, in addition to which the girls would also have a gym session which meant that they were with us for three hours two evenings per week. Mostly it was one night based at Indoor School in Taunton and the other was at Millfield School.

It was nice for both the Academy girls and the staff to have a base to work from, somewhere to call home as the Western Storm Academy life was a bit nomadic. We carried on with the indoor programme until April and at the end of the month we travelled to play Surrey at the start of the summer programme, which included T20, 50 over cricket and two three day games.

The matches were really good experiences particularly the three dayers. One of the games we won by two runs against Glamorgan in the last 10 minutes, and then we lost by one wicket defending 150 against Durham at Taunton Vale. Both were really exciting and they learnt so much from the red ball games. What the group learned from the two red ball games far outweighed anything they got from the white ball matches and they bought into

it really well and got excited about the prospect of doing something different.

We had a pretty even split between 50 over and T20 cricket which were both very varied and typically academy like- lots of learning and lots of different experiences.

In these games we were allowed to include rookie professionals which was really useful with our young group and we used four or five to come and add some experience, which was good for everyone.

There were a few who had a stand out season one of who was Bea Willis who was on her first year on the programme. She bowled quickly and was really exciting to watch and got better as we went through the summer.

Similarly Leila Moledina who was also in her first year, grew through the summer and that culminated in a century in the three day match and 90 odd not out at the Super 4s.

Across our two three day games Jaz Westley was phenomenal, she had a 100 an 80 and a 60 and 40 all at different rates depending on the situation of the game and read it very well. She also picked up important wickets throughout those innings for us.

Jaz was one of the older ones in the group but showed a lot of maturity and read the game well and performed when she needed to.

Maddy Russell as a 14 year old playing against some 20 year old professional cricketers was far from overawed and was

exciting to see and got better and better as the season went on.

Everyone had their bits of their journey that were difficult for them and it was really good to see how they coped and came through them.

Bea Willis and Leila Moledina have been called up to a group of 20 for a series of England Under 19 camps through the winter before being narrowed down to 15 for the tour to Australia in the spring.

This is an amazing opportunity for these two to go and experience something much bigger and be part of an England programme and get themselves on the tour party for Australia.

For me it has been a very different year and its been lovely to have a permanent home here in the Centre of Excellence. I have got to work alongside some really brilliant people and we have learned a lot from each other.

Having the Boys and Girls Academy working alongside each other has been a really good thing to do. There have been times when EPP boys bowled at Academy Girls and vice versa, which helps everyone.

I have loved my first year with the Girls Academy and as a Somerset lad it's so good to be here and call the Centre of Excellence my home.

# THE SOMERSET PLAYER PATHWAY IN 2025

BY MATT DRAKELEY

**2025 was another very successful season for the Somerset Player Pathway which continues to produce outstanding young players and during the summer once again several home-grown players took to the field for Somerset Men and Somerset Women.**

This was the first year that we've had the Girl's Academy on board after they transitioned from Western Storm and it's been great to see more high-potential players playing cricket.

We've had some real successes across our Academy Programmes and we've seen Thomas Rew, James Theedom, Kian Roberts and Bea Willis sign professional contracts which I feel shows a good level of success.

In 2025 we had 16 players from the Pathway playing Second XI cricket and that's reflective of how important homegrown players are to us. Those players come from across the region, including Devon and Cornwall and that's something that we will be looking to ensure continues in terms of our reach within the South West.

The Pathway continues to grow, and we've got more players playing more matches than ever before and we'll be introducing some additional age groups into the girl's system next year.

The growth of any programme is only as strong as the coaches who are involved, and we have a highly passionate team who are delivering outstanding experiences to our players and helping them grow and develop. They're also creating a real connection between the players and the Club. That's important because wherever the players end up in their cricketing careers, they've always got Somerset to come back to.

We've got a number of players who have come through as part

of the State School Programme and the wider MCC Foundation initiative, the delivery of which is led by Thom Bunker and Tilly Bond. In Somerset we have a number of excellent private schools that bring a number of players onto the Pathway and it's crucial that we compliment that by ensuring that state school players get the same level of opportunity.

The programme is going really well and we have sites at Weston-super-Mare, South Bristol, Glastonbury and Taunton to ensure that it's as easy as possible for people to access those programmes.

2025 also saw the introduction of the Brian & Julie Foxwell Trust which is designed to support the Club in identifying, developing and inspiring high potential young cricketers across the County. The generosity of the Foxwell's has helped us to grow the State School Programme and has also enabled those players within the Pathway who need additional support to access the game during the summer or the winter. That has ultimately led us to having a more inclusive Pathway. We've seen James Theedom transition from the state school environment and hopefully this will enable more players from a state school background to move into the Pathway.

The goal is to have a thriving pool of players regardless of their educational background.

Over the years, the Somerset Pathway has become the envy



THOM BUNKER



TILLY BOND



TOM ABELL



SOPHIE LUFF



NIAMH HOLLAND

of the domestic game and we are currently active in trying to ensure that success is mirrored within the women's game.

We are actively delivering in Cornwall and Devon with Emerging Player Programmes, which give us the chance to give opportunities to the best players across the region before we bring them onto the Somerset Academy.

One of the challenges of Tier 1 cricket is that Western Storm was effectively split across Somerset, Gloucestershire and Glamorgan which meant that our player pool was initially diminished, so we're having to rebuild something. Jack Bradbury and newly appointed Karla Rose are working incredibly hard to create a strong system which will allow us to bring players through.

I have no doubt that we can achieve this, and I believe that we will continue to see players coming through. We know the benefit that someone like Tom Abell playing for Somerset has on the local community in terms of the connection that it creates, and we've seen that with Sophie Luff and Niamh Holland in the women's game. We want to create those role models who really inspire across Somerset and the wider region.

I am incredibly proud of what we do as a Pathway and Academy in Somerset, but we have to ensure that we're celebrating the successes of Devon and Cornwall as well. It's important that we help them to contribute to the success of the Somerset First Team within the men's and women's games.

## SOMERSET BOYS ACADEMY IN 2025

BY ALEX BARROW

**In 2025 we had more boys on the Somerset Academy than ever before, which is a really exciting place for us to be from a talent pool point of view.**

Part of the reason for this is that we have got more time to work with a larger number but there is a great depth of talent and all of those who are on the Academy are worthy of their place.

They are players who we feel we see parts of their game that could transfer into professional cricket, and part of our role here is to help them try to fulfil that potential.

We know that not everyone is going to sign a professional contract nor is everyone going to play for Somerset, but we want to give them the best chance possible of fulfilling their dreams and ambitions.

Early on in the summer Thomas Rew signed a professional contract and made his debut in the Vitality Blast and the Metro Bank One Day Cup. Later, on Kian Roberts and James Theedom signed contracts as well and these are the ones who always get a bit more traction and attention and I'm really excited to see how they go over the next couple of years and into the future.

However I think that the essence of the Academy is not just those who transition. Someone like Seb Linnitt who was a final year Academy player had an exceptional year both from a training point of view and a performance point of view, but for reasons outside of his control regarding the shape of the first team squad and depth of talent, he is not signing a professional contract with Somerset. However as a young athlete and a role model he was outstanding this

year.

There is more to it than just the guys who sign a contract, although that is what everyone is here pushing to do.

During last year we brought a couple of players into the original group - we added Sam Price pretty early last winter. Then Zach Vukusic who had some really good performances in Second XI cricket and made a noticeable impact in matches came onto the Academy during the early stages of the Summer.

We have got a really talented group of players and across the season a number of the younger players went and played for Somerset Seconds people like Mo Kaleem a young spinner who did

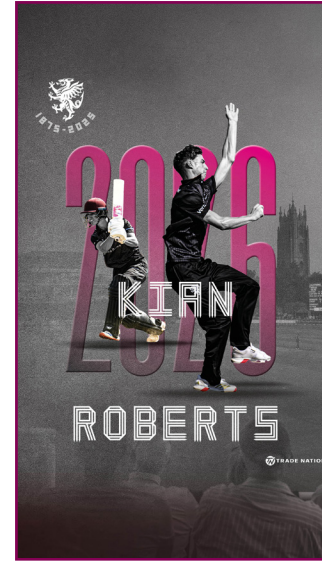
well. Bertie Michael also did well and he opened the batting against Surrey and faced Gus Atkinson a Test cricketer and acquitted himself well. Bertie also did well at Bunbury and scored a double hundred in the Under 18s. Theo Lamey scored an U18 double 100 and another 150+ score at Bunbury and had exposure in the 2nd XI in September.

During the season everybody on the Academy did something to show just how an exciting cricketer they can be and what they are like at their best.

Like every standard of cricket people have good and bad runs of form but our job is to draw out the best of them as much as possible, and to offer help and support where they need it for them to develop and perform.



THOMAS REW



As a group we had a couple join us during the year and then three moved on at the end of the season. However we still have eleven really talented cricketers, in addition to which there are some other young players sitting just outside the Academy so the depth of talent almost seems endless and is really exciting.

Ultimately it all comes down to performance, which is not just runs and wickets and catches, stumpings and runs out, but it's how that matches up into the next Level and that's a big part of it. Impacting games comes in different ways.

As much as performances it's not just how you're playing it's about what you are doing which is something that Thomas Rew did brilliantly this summer. It was how he went about some Second XI performances, maybe it wasn't a huge amount of runs he scored but it was the way that he was able to apply himself in different

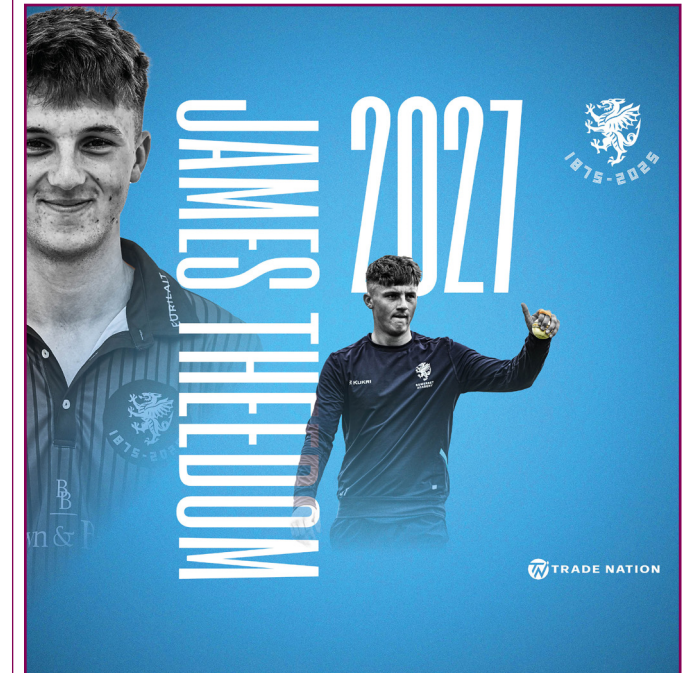
situations and different contexts of games and be successful in a number of different ways.

Thomas is an incredibly competitive young man so you're never going to doubt his want to go and impact games and help a team perform but he also has a good work ethic and he is a really exciting young player for Somerset fans to look forward to watching. Kian and James have showed their qualities as young cricketers throughout their pathway journey and have been able to demonstrate that in academy and Second XI cricket and it was pleasing for them to be involved in the Metro Bank competition to further their experiences.

The exciting thing about the young lads coming through into

the professional squad is that they have new team mates who you want to get to know and you want them to get excited about you and what you can offer as a cricketer and as a person.

The Academy is all about trying to harness the talents and skills to make sure that they go out and perform with confidence which is a hard thing to do - but something they are all passionate about and very clear with their individual aspirations.



The Tony Coles Charitable Trust, which was founded in 1997 and amalgamated with the Harry Burden Memorial Fund in 1999, provides grants to clubs and schools specifically to help with the development of youth cricket. The Harry Burden Memorial Lunch, which is the main fundraising event of the Trust, is held every year at the Cooper Associates County Ground when two awards are presented.

The main guest at the 2025 lunch, held in November, was Somerset and England's Jack Leach. Somerset's Jamie Cox, Andy Hurry, Jason Kerr, Sophie Luff and Emma Corney were also among the 86 guests who attended the lunch.

## HARRY BURDEN YOUNG CRICKETER OF THE YEAR 2025

The Harry Burden Young Cricketer of the Year Award is awarded annually at the Harry Burden Memorial Luncheon to a young cricketer who is looking to progress their career. The 2025 winner, uniquely for the second successive year, was Thomas Rew.

Thomas, who obviously needs no introduction, wasn't able to be presented with his award as he was away in Australia scoring runs for England Lions and, indeed, scored 55 against the full England team. It is very easy to forget that he is only 17 and is still at school taking his A levels.

Last season Thomas skippered England Under 19s in the home Test and ODI series against both India and Bangladesh, averaging 63 against India and 66 against Bangladesh. Against India he scored the fastest ever England Under 19 ODI century eventually making 131 off just 89 balls. He played for the First Class County Select XI in a four day match against Zimbabwe and scored 103 not out off 107 balls. Thomas averaged 44 for Somerset in the Metro Bank 50 Over Competition with a top score of 84 not out against Durham and played in three T20 Blast matches.



## HARRY BURDEN BURSARY

The 2025 Harry Burden Bursary was awarded to Verity Clark and it was presented to her by former Somerset captain Peter Bowler. Verity claims to be a right arm seam bowler but she might better be described as a bowling all rounder. Verity is currently studying for her A levels at The Kings of Wessex Academy in Cheddar and began her cricketing career at Cheddar Cricket Club. When Verity was 11 she joined the Somerset Pathway and went on to captain the Somerset U15s on several occasions taking her first five-fer against Devon.

When she was just 13, Verity made her Somerset U18s debut

and took four wickets against Cornwall. During her last year in the U15 age group, she played mostly for Somerset U18s and toured Sri Lanka with them. In 2022 Verity was selected to represent Western Storm Academy for two seasons and made her debut for Somerset Women against Gloucestershire in 2024 in a T20 match.

Verity was selected for the first Somerset Women's Academy last season representing them in several matches and, unsurprisingly, has retained her place for the 2026 season. England quick bowler Lauren Filer is a previous winner of this award and it would not be a surprise if Verity followed in her footsteps.

For details of grants, to make donations or legacies or for enquiries about the 2026 Harry Burden Memorial Lunch, which is due to take place on November 19th, please contact Trust treasurer Nigel Manley via his email address [nigelmanley52@hotmail.com](mailto:nigelmanley52@hotmail.com) or view the website <http://harryslunch.com>

**Once again the generosity of Somerset cricket lovers has enabled the museum to be much improved by gifts and loans of memorabilia and books. We rarely buy any display objects.**

Notable acquisitions in 2025 included a cheque made out to Viv Richards for £1,500 printed on a cricket bat. The bank accepted and cashed it. Another was the ball which took the first hat trick for Somerset as a first class county. It was bowled in 1895 by spinner Ted Tyler, who played his only game for England in the same season. The ball is mounted somewhat gruesomely in the clutches of an eagle claw.



THE FIRST HAT-TRICK BALL

We were also given by the County the stump which Riley Merideth split from top to bottom when bowling an opponent during a T20 match in Taunton and the ball with which Somerset bowled more than 150 overs during the Championship match with Nottinghamshire. Somerset declined to take the new ball after eighty overs for tactical reasons.

The museum continues to receive many gifts of books from cricket lovers. Notable in 2025 was a huge legacy from the estate of Adrian Burton, a Somerset supporter living in Weymouth. We expected a substantial number of books but were not prepared to find a three bedroom house filled in every room with books, posters and other memorabilia. After several trips we brought back nine carloads, and even then left plenty for local charity shops in Weymouth. We were surprised to find many items about all the other counties and we have spent quite a lot of time distributing them to their counties' museums. It is a pleasure to record Adrian's name in this County Almanac. It is a pity we could not do it during his lifetime.

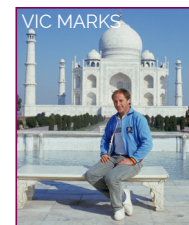
In the past the Museum has prided itself on selling donated books to Somerset supporters and others visiting the ground, but the sheer number of books and memorabilia we have means that we have had to widen our horizon. We now have an active E-bay site which brings in substantial income, helping us to continually alter and improve our displays.

Our increased activity has attracted more volunteer helpers. There are certainly more than in the past twenty years, possibly more than at any time since the Museum was founded in 1985.

This has enabled us to increase our book display cases and hopefully bring some order to their classifications. There are now so many volunteers that it would be invidious to pick out any one in particular, but they all contribute their time and expertise in very generous measure.



RILEY'S SPLIT STUMP



VIC MARKS

The Museum Trustees now have a new president, Vic Marks. He is of course Somerset through and through and we look forward to drawing on his expertise - and sense of humour - as we seek new opportunities to entertain and educate our visitors in the history of cricket in general and Somerset cricket in particular. Vic replaces Charles Clive-Ponsonby-Fane, a member of a family whose name is synonymous with the history of English cricket. Charles' great great grandfather played for Surrey and Middlesex, was the treasurer of the MCC for many years, laid the foundation stone of the Lords pavilion and was President/Chairman of Somerset County Cricket Club for 26 years until 1915.

The museum is welcoming more local history groups from around the county and contributing to the meetings of the Walkers and Talkers, an expanding group of Somerset supporters who meet regularly to socialise and listen to the memories and views of past players.

2025 was an excellent year for the cricket museum and we have plans for further improvement. There is no official competition to name the best cricket museum to visit in the world. If there were, the Somerset museum would certainly be in the top three and probably first.

And it is right here in Taunton.

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# SCF CRICKET COLLECTIVE AWARDS

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Looking back over the 2025 season, Somerset Cricket Foundation celebrated volunteers from across the County, and their contribution to Club Cricket. The Cricket Collective Awards, running in its fourth year was attended by over 140 hard working and dedicated volunteers, who all play an important part in ensuring that the recreational game continues to thrive in the South West.

Held in the County Room at the Cooper Associates County Ground, Managing Director Maralyn Smith was joined by Board Chair Jayne Mee, to thank the volunteers for their hard work across the season, and recognised their contributions to the sport.

We were joined by special guests Sophie Luff and Mollie Robbins of Somerset Women, who entertained the guests with a talk and Q&A with compere Spencer Bishop. Both have a fantastic understanding of the work that Somerset Cricket Foundation do in the community, with Sophie having been a community coach for Somerset Cricket Board a few years ago, and Mollie having played club cricket for Hanham CC this season when the professional schedule allowed.

We were delighted to be able to thank a fantastic group of volunteers who go above and beyond throughout the year to better others cricketing experience and make cricket a game for all. We would like to thank all of our volunteers across our network, who give up their time to clubs and leagues, because without them, cricket simply wouldn't exist at such a thriving level in Somerset as it currently does.

Congratulations to those who were nominated for an award and to all our winners who are listed below:

Tackling Climate Change  
Inspired to Play  
Safe Hands Award  
Young Coach of the Year  
The Metro Bank Champion of Girls Cricket  
Cricket Innovator  
Connecting Communities  
Rising Star  
Unsung Hero  
Coach of the Year  
Growing the Game  
Volunteer Grounds Management Team of the Year  
Game Changer  
Outstanding Contribution – Services to Coaching  
Lifetime Achiever

**Cleeve CC**  
**Steven Maybury – Castle Cary CC**  
**Helen Harvey – Yeovil CC**  
**Ella Worthington – Lansdown CC**  
**Catherine Robinson – Queen Camel CC**  
**Matty Hughes – Taunton Deane CC**  
**Temple Cloud CC**  
**Hayden Williams – Whitchurch CC**  
**Paul Whyte – Clevedon CC**  
**Katie Ashworth – Wiveliscombe CC**  
**Pete Tweedie – Keynsham CC**  
**Rhys Thomas – Chew Valley CC**  
**Charlie Farmer – Whitchurch CC**  
**Dan Bingham – Wembdon CC**  
**Steve Wall – Street CC**



Hayden Williams (Rising Star Award) left and Charlie Farmer (Game Changer Award) both from Whitchurch CC pictured with Sophie Luff (left) and Mollie Robbins



Rhys Thomas from Chew Valley CC pictured after receiving his Volunteer Grounds Management Team of the Year from Mollie Robbins left and Sophie Luff

BY MARALYN SMITH

**Working in partnership, Somerset Cricket Foundation (SCF) and Somerset County Cricket Club (SCCC) targeted their joint County Partnership Agreement strategic objective to take cricket into their communities and make it a game for all. The core objectives were determined after some research and consultation:**

This year, the Foundation has seen several long-standing members of staff move on to new opportunities, and we thank them for their valuable contributions. We are also fortunate to retain and recruit a highly experienced, dedicated, and passionate team whose commitment across all areas of our work ensures that Somerset continues to be recognised as a well-respected Foundation by our national partners, including the ECB, Chance to Shine, and the Lord's Taverners. Our reputation as a trusted partner is built on consistency, reliability, and the delivery of strong, measurable outcomes.

There have been so many highlights throughout the year from across our programmes, too many to capture in this brief overview, however a few that highlight our purpose:

Our Women's & Girls programmes continued to grow through 2025, with the introduction of Colour Cricket Festivals and Mind Over Cricket which proved a huge hit for inspiring girls adding to the established glow in the dark cricket festivals, the girls programme in 5 locations across the county, and an all 100 ball girls' competition which aligns with the women's

Brown & Brown 100. Working with Somerset Seniors Cricket the Somerset over 40s team continued its popularity with regular training and a growing match programme. Eleven new teams joined the Women's league structure, which continues to evolve to meet the needs of the players. There has been tremendous success with the growth of the girls' game, with a stronger league format for clubs in place enabling more competition supported by the festival schedule. With the Women's T20 World Cup in England next summer there is no better opportunity to get involved in the female game!

Across National Programmes we once again saw record numbers with 3941 children attending All Stars & Dynamos Cricket sessions a third who were girls. £136,000 was invested into 15 clubs via the ECB County Grants Scheme helping them improve their facilities either making them more welcoming, more inclusive, or more environmentally friendly. A particular highlight of this investment was the award to Temple Cloud CC who with the support of the Foundation team were able to raise over £100,000 of funding to secure a new home at Farmborough Recreation Ground after finding themselves homeless after 70 years late in 2024. At their new home the club have flourished growing playing numbers both adult and youth, successfully starting a Women's section and increased footfall from the public.





The year saw a 12% increase in coaching hours totalling 2433 delivered in primary schools to a total of 13,521 children which was a 29% increase. In secondary schools 919 hours were delivered a 10% increase with a 35% increase in the number of girls coached. Thanks to partners Chance to Shine and WPA for supporting us to enable this growth. Our School SEND Programme saw 728 pupils from 26 schools receive either sessions in Table Cricket, Softball Cricket or Sensory Cricket.

Our Sporting Memories programme at Bridgwater CC and Uphill Castle CC continues to help older adults combat loneliness, reduce isolation, and support the mental and physical wellbeing of individuals, including those living with dementia, depression, or mobility challenges. Together in Sport, in partnership with Reminiscence Learning has seen the continuation of a weekly dementia support group for individuals on their journey with their carers. Walking Cricket continues to grow, with 15 hubs across the County mainly indoors with more clubs coming on board to run sessions outdoors in the summer. There are 230 participants, 30% who are female, and the hubs have contributed to improved physical and mental well-being for older adults.

The Walkers & Talkers programme that brings people together through cricket has entered its third year continuing to grow. This monthly event enables people to meet, visit the Somerset Cricket Museum,

exercise through walking, and listen to some wonderful guest speakers such as Jack Leach, Graham Burgess, and many more. The programme has improved general mental wellbeing, increased physical activity for older adults, reduces feelings of loneliness and isolation and builds social connections and community spirit in some.

Our flagship disability programme Super 1s run in conjunction with our delivery partners Lords Taverners continues to thrive with 7 hubs across the county delivering 256 Sessions for 139 participants. In addition to the weekly sessions there have been 13 opportunities for Super 1s participants to play competitive cricket, either internally or as part of Somerset Disabled Cricket Club. 10 Super 1s players now represent the Somerset Dragons disability teams, 16 participants took part in an employability workshop leading to volunteering opportunities at Somerset County Cricket T20 match activations,

16 participants completed an outdoor education programme to build confidence, self-esteem, and teamwork, and finally 15 participants completed the Super 1s Leadership Academy, supporting future coaching and peer mentoring opportunities.

Work within our diverse communities has continued to grow, and many new partnerships have been made along the way. This year saw us celebrate the Windrush legacy with the Somerset African Caribbean Network (SACN), delivering tape ball cricket at Annual Yeovil Together –

Somerset Diverse Communities event specifically supporting the local Bangladeshi community and in conjunction with Bath CC and the Bath & North East Somerset Council resettlement team we ran a Cricket Day for Afghan families. With support of the ECB Cricket Cites programme we are working with a variety of stakeholders and community groups in South Bristol to support existing people from ethnically diverse communities in cricket celebrating their contribution to the game and seeking to engage more people from ethnically diverse communities and reducing barriers to recreational participation

We are immensely grateful for the support we have received from our commercial partners. Their commitment has helped us create even more opportunities and deepen the impact of our work across Somerset's communities. Our close relationship with Somerset County Cricket Club remains central to what we do, and we are proud to continue strengthening this partnership at every level of the game.

As we look ahead to 2026, we remain firmly motivated to further connect recreational cricket with the professional game, ensuring a sustainable and accessible cricket pathway for all. We recognise the unique opportunity we have to inspire and nurture the next generation of cricketers through our programmes, and we hope local partners will continue to see us as the organisation of choice to help realise our shared ambitions for cricket in Somerset.

# WALKING CRICKET IS MORE THAN CRICKET!

BY MUSTAFA SHAIKH



**Working in partnership, Somerset Cricket Foundation (SCF) and Somerset County Cricket Club (SCCC) targeted their joint County Partnership Agreement strategic objective to take cricket into their communities and make it a game for all. The core objectives were determined after some research and consultation:**

**Helping to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of Somerset's ageing population: by introducing "Walking Cricket."**

Somerset has an ageing population with increase in the sixty-five or over category. Health data shows a decline in exercise and older demographics are at higher risk of regularly experiencing loneliness and social isolation.

Loneliness, social interaction, and lower physical activity levels all correlate, and given cricket is a primary sport in Somerset, the delivery of walking cricket across the

region could provide SCF, SCCC and the local authorities with an opportunity to combat all three in a safe and welcoming environment.

Walking Cricket has three simple aims: fun, fitness, and friendship. The project specific objectives include:

- **Getting people more active, improving fitness**
- **Supporting recovery and rehabilitation after injury or illness**
- **Improving social, emotional, and mental wellbeing – meeting new friends**
- **Reminiscing about a sport played in the past**
- **Learning new physical skills**
- **Being part of a team**

Walking cricket in Somerset has been transformational from having five hubs just over three years ago we now currently have the following hubs:

## **Indoor hubs all year round:**

Taunton – Blackbrook Sports Centre

Minehead – Minehead Eye Centre U3A

Weston Super Mare – Hutton Moor Centre 50+club

Yeovil – Westlands Sports Centre

Clevedon – Strode Sports Centre

Highbridge – Highbridge YMCA centre

## **Outdoor "Club" hubs – summertime only**

Lansdown Cricket Club

Ilton Cricket Club

Huntspill and District Cricket Club

## **SCF have supported hubs at::**

Bath Cricket Club

Wellington Sports Centre

Walking Cricket has been well received with 200 players attending various sessions:

Two thirds of those playing are 66-80 years old with 35% being female players. Average age sixty-nine and over twenty players aged eighty plus with the oldest being ninety.

Almost 50% of the players have either not played cricket before, or not since their school days – no experience needed – it's more than cricket.

Over eighty adults attended our annual outdoor festival at Wombat CC at Bishop Lydeard.

Over the winter months Indoor Festivals and Social fixtures are usually organised

Lansdown CC invited Taunton, Weston Super Mare, and Huntspill & District hubs to the club's Bicentenary festival.

Walking Cricketers are transitioning to playing softball and senior hard ball cricket.

We organised women only sessions at the Highbridge YMCA supported by Hinkley Point and held a Festival at CACG SCCC attended by forty players.

Hubs are connecting with one another and becoming social entities.

Many hubs are often organising their own social events such as Curry Nights, Quizzes and Christmas meals. One hub organised a trip to Lord's and played against the MCC hub.

WhatsApp groups have been introduced so people can stay in touch and check in.

Ninety-five percent of players have said that it has benefited

their physical and mental health.

Workshops have been setup by SCF which train participants to become Lead volunteers so they can set up and lead their own hubs locally. We have over twenty Lead volunteers- all do an amazing job. Two of our volunteers were shortlisted for the BBC "Making a Difference" awards and one hub was highly commended by the ECB Community Safeguarding team for its delivery.

Walking Cricketers have supported SCCC and SCF by helping the Super 1's Volunteers Programme at T20 and WODI matches.

Walking Cricketers were invited to SCCC annual inclusion day and took part in a demonstration on the outfield at lunch time.

We have supported the development of "Club hubs" – walking cricket in the summer outdoors in a club environment lasting for about eight weekly sessions.

We were grateful to SCCC players who made appearances

at our hubs including James Rew, Kasey Aldridge, Sophie Luff, and Laura Jackson.

We held an end of season social at SCCC with JT Langridge as special guest. It was a chance to say thank you to our hubs and valued volunteers plus recognise our most seniors' 80 Years plus players for their resilience and commitment.

Walking cricket is making a lasting positive impact on the health, social and emotional well-being of participants across the county and continues to cement Somerset cricket into the hearts of those participating whilst introducing the sport to a new audience. So why not come and join us?

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## THE WEST OF ENGLAND PREMIER LEAGUE IN 2024

BY CLIVE COPP, (WEPL ADMINISTRATOR)

THE VICTORIOUS PREMIER 1 CHAMPIONS, BRIDGWATER CC.



**Premier One champions of the West of England Premier League were Bridgwater CC, their second title with the previous being in 2012. They pretty much held top spot from the start of the season, only losing two of 16 completed games, before ensuring the championship with a game to spare.**

Bridgwater were indebted to two stand out individual seasons from opening batsmen James Regan, who blasted 883 runs at 67.92, the second highest individual Premier One run total since 2010, and leggie Alex Russell who spun in with 42 wickets at 17.33.

Downend and Taunton St Andrews finished in the relegation places and will be replaced in 2026 by Midsomer

Norton from the Bristol/ Somerset Division who went throughout the season unbeaten with fifteen wins and Dumbleton from Gloucestershire/Wiltshire Division.

The four tier third division winners were Taunton Deane, Twyford House, Chipping Sodbury and Marshfield who will all be playing in Premier 2 in 2026.

Leading run scorer in the seven divisions was South African born Anthony James of Aston Ingham who hit eight 50s and three centuries as he totalled 1070 runs for the season with Russell the leading wicket taker.

For the 2026 season we welcome the following new and returning nine teams into the WEPL pyramid. Frome, Chard, Bath Seconds, Downend

Seconds, Corse & Staunton, Cheltenham Seconds, Chipping Campden, Warminster and Burbage & Easton Royal Seconds replacing Butleigh, Shapwick & Polden, Pak Bristolians, Bradley Stoke & Almondsbury, Bristol Seconds, Frocester Seconds, Thornbury Seconds, Winsley and Biddestone whom we hope we will see again in the future.

The WEPL T20 competition was won by Midsomer Norton at the finals day played at the County Ground, Swindon, going on to represent WEPL in the group stages of the Vitality T20 competition before losing out to Wadebridge at the semi final stage.

The WEPL Womens Premier League goes from strength to strength and champions for the third time were Bath CC who won all eight of their matches. Georgia Atkinson from Cheltenham hit 454 runs including three centuries at an average of 90.8 with Joleigh Roberts of Bridgwater hitting 406 runs at an average of 101.5 whilst Karla Rose of Taunton Deane was leading wicket taker with 14 wickets at 5.71.

The challenges around player availability due to the growth of the professional women's game impacted some teams more than others, but it is testament to those teams involved that so many games were still keenly contested and the hope is that WEPL will expand in 2026 to align with the growth of the women's game and ensure that suitable playing opportunities are available for female players across the WEPL area."

## SCF UNDER 16S SOMERSET SMASH

Unfortunately, the final of the Under 16 Somerset Smash could not be completed as a thunderstorm ended any chances of play at Lansdown CC on the 7th September.

The final was due to be played between Weston-super-Mare and Taunton St Andrews and will now be played early in the 2026 season.

Weston-super-Mare reached the final for the first time going through their group unbeaten leading to a semi-final away at Yeovil. A 50 retired from Jinesh set a strong total of 111 and Yeovil could only get to 95 in reply – Davis the pick of the bowlers with 2/18.

Taunton St Andrews came through a strong group including Taunton Deane and Bridgwater and then produced the performance of the competition scoring an incredible 265/5 at home against Ilminster this included 50s for Jones, Watson and Bennett. They then managed to bowl Ilminster out for 63 including 3/0 for Mason-Walshaw.



## SCF UNDER 19S CLUB T20

As the final was scheduled for later in the same day as the Under 16s final, unfortunately, this also fell to the weather at Lansdown CC.

The final between Weston-super-Mare and Taunton Deane will now be played early in the 2026 season.

Reigning champions Weston-super-Mare finished top of the North West group edging out Bridgwater and Winscombe. They produced a strong performance away at Lansdown in the semi-final chasing down 125 with the fall of only 2 wickets. Gadsen led with the ball finishing with 3/14 and captain Cunningham steered his team home with 52 retired ably supported by Potdar with 45no.

Taunton Deane continued their strong history in the competition winning the South group unbeaten. In the semi-finals, they hosted Bridgwater and gave an outstanding performance scoring 229/3 from their 20 overs. Lush retiring with 54 and captain Cobb also retiring with 53. They then managed to restrict Bridgwater to 153ao – captain Fursland tried to keep his team in it with 53 from 28 balls but 3/29 from Norman and 3/40 from Blackwell ensured that Bridgwater fell short of the target.

# SOMERSET SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION

## 2025 REPORT

BY CHRIS TWORT (HON SEC)

### ECB - SOUTH & WEST REGION

This year's U15 Bunbury Festival was again held at its now permanent base, Loughborough's National Academy. There were three Somerset boys in the squad - Theo Lamey (Captain), Mo Kaleem & Sam Price. The South & West won two of their three 50 Over matches and were victorious in both T20 fixtures. It was interesting that, with the exception of Cornwall, all twelve counties in the 14 player squad had at least one representative. Theo Lamey has been awarded the Gray-Nicolls Trophy as the outstanding U15 player at this year's Bunbury Festival.

**ESCA/ECB U15 T20 COMPETITION** - King's College were again Regional Champions and went on to become National Champions at this event for the third time. A great achievement.

**ESCA U15 40 OVER COMPETITION** - King's College reached the National semi-finals before going out to the eventual winners, Merchant Taylors' School.

**DAVID ENGLISH/BUNBURY U13 COMPETITION** - Taunton Prep School reached Round 2 before being knocked out by Twyford Prep School from Hampshire.

### COUNTY CUP COMPETITIONS:

**UNDER-15** King's College defeated Millfield School by 8 wickets. Player of the Match was Hugo Bush, King's College

**UNDER-14** Millfield School defeated King's College by 5 wickets. Player of the Match was Joel Gardiner, Millfield

### School

**UNDER-13** Millfield Prep defeated King's College Prep by 8 wickets. Player of the Match was Noah Hammond, Millfield Prep

**UNDER-12** Millfield Prep defeated King's College Prep by 57 runs. Player of the Match was Jackson Bhatti, Millfield Prep

**U13 GIRLS HARDBALL COMPETITION** - King's College Prep regained the Shield, defeating Kingswood Prep in the Final by 6 wickets. Player of the Match was Alba Davidson of King's.

**U11 GIRLS HARDBALL TOURNAMENT** - A successful event was held at King's School Bruton, organised by their Head of Cricket, Ben Crump. Millfield Prep were the first-ever winners.

**ESCA U11 HARDBALL COMPETITION** - In the County Final, Millfield Prep defeated Taunton Prep by the narrowest of margins (1 run). Player of the Match was Taunton's Viaan. At the Area Finals, Millfield Prep again won through to the National Finals where they finished 7th.

GRATEFUL THANKS are due, in particular, to Millfield Prep School, Taunton School, King's College, King's School Bruton, Butleigh Cricket Club,

Huntspill & District Cricket Club and Wembdon Cricket Club for hosting County, Area and Regional Finals.

Also to TERRY STERLAND and DARREN TAYLOR for arranging Umpires for the various Finals.

### ORGANISED BY THE SOMERSET CRICKET FOUNDATION

#### INDOOR COMPETITIONS

##### U13 GIRLS

Winners - Millfield Prep  
Runners Up - Haygrove School

##### U15 GIRLS

Winners - Taunton School  
Runners Up - Millfield School

##### U13 BOYS

Winners - Castle School  
Runners Up - Bishop Fox's

##### U15 BOYS

Winners - Haygrove School  
Runners Up - Holyrood Academy

#### OUTDOOR COMPETITIONS

##### U13 BOYS

Winners - Castle School

##### U15 BOYS

Winners - Haygrove School

#### PRIMARY COMPETITIONS

##### SMALL SCHOOLS

Winners - Pensford Primary School

##### LARGE SCHOOLS

Winners - North Town Primary School



## Under 13s County Cup

**Taunton CC 132/9  
Bath CC 68ao**

The Under 13s County Cup has continued to grow year on year with a total of 13 entries from across the county. The competition was also lucky with the weather with only one game having to be rearranged and the final was again superbly hosted again by Cleeve CC. Bath continued their strong showings in the competition reaching the final for the third consecutive

season beating Blagdon and Congresbury. They were joined by Taunton CC who had beaten Wellington, Taunton St Andrews and Bridgwater.

Bath who had won the two previous competitions were asked to have a bowl against a very strong Taunton side and made a strong start with Taylor-Mrabet accounting for Taunton's opening pair leaving them 16-2. Strong contributions in the middle order took Taunton up to 132/9. Walters top scoring

with 25 ably supported by Furneaux-Quance with 21 and a rapid fire 20 off 9 balls from Davidson finished the innings. Wedgewood was the pick of the bowlers finishing with 3/10.

With a tough target to chase, Bath struggled to find any rhythm with the bat and only Bopp with 30 retired managed to get into double figures as they were bowled out for 68. Walters completed a strong all-round performance with an incredible 6/11 from his 4 overs.



## Under 15s County Cup

**Bath CC 98 all out  
Wembdon CC 99/6**

Similar to the Under 13s, the Under 15s County Cup had a record number of entries with a number of new teams raising the entries to 15. Bath reached the final with wins over Bedminster, Blagdon and Congresbury and they were joined by first time finalists Wembdon who beat Weston-super-Mare and Taunton St Andrews on their way to the finals at Cleeve CC.

Bath CC won the toss and chose to bat first, captain Price got his team off to a flying start but once he was dismissed for 20 off 14 balls, the Wembdon attack took control of the game.

Wylie tried to hold the innings together with a patient 16 but with only two players in double figures, Bath managed to post 98ao from 19 overs. Wickets were shared around with James-Stone - 2/6, Redford - 2/13 and Presley - 2/20 the pick of the bowlers.

Wembdon made steady progress throughout their chase but through solid bowling

from Bath fell behind the rate. Opening bowler Puzey with 4 overs - 0/10 set the tone and he was supported superbly by Simmons with 3/15. Wembdon skipper Townsend provided the impetus that was required with 26 off 18 balls but the game went to the final over with 2 still required. Houlett managed to squeeze one through the infield and scampered 3 runs to get his team over the line.



**2025 was another big year for Women's cricket, with 92 teams taking part across all leagues, festivals, cup competitions, and the WEPL Women's Division.**

In the T20 Hardball Blitz leagues, Weston-super-Mare won the T20 Blitz Division One, and Old Bristolians Westbury won T20 Blitz Division Two.

In T20 Softball Leagues Wembdon were winners of the Wraith Division, Lodway won the Wilson Division, and Frome won the Holland Division.

Finally in the Softball Pairs leagues West Coker & Hardington won the Gibson Division, Chew Valley won the Filer Division, and Shapwick & Polden won the Jones Division.

In the cup competitions, Chard won the Softball Knockout Cup, and Bridgwater won the Hardball Knockout Cup.

Girls' cricket continued to grow, with 57 teams competing across all age groups and formats.

Taunton won the Girls U11 Hardball, Old Bristolians Westbury won the Girls U13 Hardball, and Wembdon won the Girls U11 Softball.

In 2025 new activities were introduced, including Glow in the Dark Cricket, Colour Cricket, and Mind Over Cricket, helping more girls to get involved and enjoy the game.



## SOMERSET CRICKET FOUNDATION MAJOR KNOCK OUT CUP FINAL

### Ilminster CC 125/4

### Midsomer Norton 122/7

Midsomer Norton won the toss and batting first openers John Carroll and Jake Roberts took the score onto 25 before Toby Pattermore bowled Carroll for 12. Two runs later Charlie Vickery accounted for Roberts. The third wicket fell on 41 in the seventh over, before Nicky Pang and Bradley Parry came together.

The experienced pair stayed together for seven overs and took the total onto 77 when Pang was bowled by Lachlan Rice for 22 off 29 balls.

Parry was out caught by Vickery

off Sam Grinter in the next over for 20 which made Midsomer Norton 83 for five in the 16th.

Richard Staines blasted his way to an unbeaten 27 off 16 balls with three 4s and a six to help his side reach 122 for seven from their 20 overs, which looked to be a below score.

Sam Grinter with two for 32 was the pick of the bowlers, while there was a wicket each for Vickery, Pattermore, Lachlan Rice and his older brother Cal Rice.

When Ilminster replied Josh Lee and Adeesha Nanayakkara took the score onto 32 when Lee was run out for 12 off the last ball of the fourth over.

Five balls later Nanayakkara was out for 19 and when Jon Hurford followed soon after Ilminster were 38 for three.

Skipper Rice was joined by stalwart Sam Spurway, and together the pair added 33 before Spurway fell for 11.

Coming together at 71 for four in the 12th over and still needing 52 runs Rice and Vickery remained at the crease to steer Ilminster to 125 without further loss off 17.5 overs and victory by six wickets.

Rice ended unbeaten on 46 off 40 balls while Vickery was not out 24 off 20.

## THE SOMERSET CRICKET FOUNDATION INTERMEDIATE CUP FINAL

### Bath Second XI 154 /4

### Long Sutton CC 81 all out

After being put into bat first Bath lost opener Ishwar Suresh bowled by Jack Vigar with the score on 17 and when Edgar Herridge bowled Joe Weare for 22, they were 58 for two in the eighth over.

Charlie Rustell then came to the wicket and hit three 6s in a third wicket stand of 62, before he was out for 30 after which Charlie Brain was joined by Josh Norgrove-Gray who fell to the last ball for 21 as Bath ended on 154 for 4.

Brain remained unbeaten on 63 which he scored off 54 balls and included five 4s and two 6s.

When Long Sutton responded they lost two wickets with the score on 15 but recovered to 40 for 2 at the start of the eighth over. However when Toby Eayres entered into the attack wickets started to tumble and Long Sutton were bowled out for 81 in 15.2 overs.

Eayres finished with the impressive figures of five for 19.



ILMINSTER CELEBRATE WINNING THE SCF MAJOR CUP



THE TRIUMPHANT BATH SECOND XI



MIDSOMER NORTON



LONG SUTTON CC

## SOMERSET CRICKET FOUNDATION MINOR CUP FINAL



HOLFORD CC WINNERS OF THE MINOR CUP



BEDMINSTER THIRDS

### Holford Cricket Club 169/6

### Bedminster Thirds 157/9

Bristol based Bedminster won the toss and put Holford into bat. Openers Jack Rich and Rod Wright gave the West Somerset team a good start and took the total onto 40 when Rich was out for 35 in the seventh over.

Wright was joined by Taylor Buller who upped the run rate and took the total onto 123 when Wright was out for 24.

Taylor Buller was out for 64 which he hit off 37 balls with 12 fours with the total on 134 in the 16th over before Holford eventually ended

their innings on 169 for six from their 20 overs.

When Bedminster replied with scoreboard showing 70 for one in the seventh over they looked to be favourites. However Ian Jeanes then entered the attack and wickets started to fall and they soon found themselves 93 for six.

Holford were given cause for concern when a seventh wicket partnership of 41 took the Bedminster total onto 134 before Jordan Buller removed the dangerous Sam Hawes leg before wicket for 30.

The Holford bowlers and fielders kept up the pressure and in the

end Bedminster finished on 157 for nine, giving the West Somerset side victory by 12 runs.

Ian Jeanes was the pick of the bowlers ending with 4 for 16 from his four overs, while Taylor Buller had two for 36.

## NORTH SOMERSET YOUTH CRICKET LEAGUE IN 2025

BRIAN HAWTHORN – CHAIRMAN NSYCL

**Our 2025 season was blessed with fine weather and 57 teams competed at Under 11s, 13s and 15s age groups. Thanks as ever to all the volunteer coaches, ground staff, umpires and helpers who support our cricket clubs and youth teams.**

The U11 league was won by Old Bristolians winning 10 of their 13 games with Blagdon second, the U13 league went to Bristol CC (7 wins from 9) with Old Bristolians second and the U15 league was won by Bedminster after a playoff with Congresbury (both 10 wins from 17)

The U15 Cup was between Blagdon and Long Ashton (LA) with committee members Andy Forsyth and Chris Patch officiating as umpires. Blagdon won the toss and inserted LA who struggled to get going against straight pitched up bowling and the pressure soon lead to an early run out. Ben Board top scored with 16 but wickets fell regularly and LA were restricted to 67 all out, Om Patel bowling brilliantly for 4 – 18 including an excellent caught and bowled. Blagdon started steadily with openers Sean Cimmins and Ethan Deame both reaching double figures. A quick flurry of boundaries from Tom Garnham and Sai Patel took Blagdon across the line and retain the cup for the third year running. Long Ashton U15 67 (15.3 Overs) Blagdon U15s 71 / 2 (12 Overs)

The U13s cup between Bristol CC and Old Bristolians was played at Bristol CC. Old Bs won the toss and inserted Bristol who powered their way to 171 for 4 in 20 overs helped by "retired not outs" from openers Samuel Wotton and Walter Lillie.

Old Bs struggled against tight bowling in the chase Isaac King, Kanish Moka and Woody Thomas all making contributions but Old Bs finished with 102 and a win for Bristol by 69 runs.

Both of our Plate finals were umpired by committee members Brian Hawthorn and Jason Belcher - The U15s Plate was held at Cleeve between Portishead and Bedminster who won the toss and chose to bat on another fine pitch prepared by the hard working ground staff. Retired 50 not outs from Chris Harris and Hugo Bush propelled Bedminster to an impressive 240 for 4, with Portishead using 10 bowlers.

The total was out of reach for the "Ports" who batted well against tight bowling from eight Bedminster players, Sam Crompton and Finn Ward-Jenkins both looking compact and well organised in reaching 115 for 4 in reply. Well done all.

The U 13s Plate final was hosted by Backwell Flax and was between Congresbury and Weston super Mare Wizards who won the toss and elected to field. Congresbury posted 145 for 5 helped by 30 retired not out from Flynn Lewis and 20 not out from Jamie Wilcox. 9 bowlers were used by Weston in the true spirit of this competition. In return Congresbury used eight bowlers one of which was James Short who took an impressive 7 wickets for 4 runs in three overs to take the game away from Weston and a win by 48 runs. Well done all on a fine evening of cricket played in excellent spirit.



BEDMINSTER U15 CHAMPIONS 2025

# TAUNTON AND DISTRICT YOUTH CRICKET LEAGUE

**2025 was an excellent year for cricket in the Taunton district, helped by the hot, dry summer. In total 94 teams were entered, coming from 32 clubs, stretching from Yeovil to Lympsham to Minehead. We welcomed some new clubs entering the youth league for the first time. We also had good numbers of girls playing in the league this year.**

The under 11 divisions, which we continue to arrange on both locality and strength, had 35 team entries, with Ilminster Bears, Taunton Deane Ducks, Wombats and Taunton Rubies, all winning their respective divisions.

There were 23 entries in the 8 aside Under 13 divisions, and a further 13 teams in the 11 a side Under 13 division.

The respective winners were Taunton Diamonds, Long Sutton and Stogumber.

The Under 15 Last Man Standing league continues to be well entered and popular especially by the smaller village clubs with 14 entries in two divisions. These divisions allow clubs with smaller numbers to continue to offer cricket to their young players before they begin to make their transition to senior club teams. Butleigh Bears won the East division and Curry Rivel Colts won the west.

The 11 a side Under 15 league had 9 teams competing in one division. Wembdon Wolves and Taunton St Andrews were the joint winners and could not be separated even on run rate.

The cup competitions were keenly fought with Taunton

Deane winning the Under 11 Cup beating Taunton St Andrews off the last ball. At Under 13 Bridgwater won, beating Wedmore who were playing in their first ever final. At Under 15 level Taunton St Andrews were the winners beating Bridgwater.

We would like to thank all the managers and coaches and to the parents who give up their time on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings to support, transport, score, or umpire, without whom youth cricket would not happen.

The league continues to benefit from sponsorship from Full Stop Fire and Security and we are very grateful for the support that they give to the league.



BRIDGWATER CC BELOW WHO WON THE UNDER 13S CUP



TAUNTON DEANE CC WHO WON THE UNDER 11S CUP



TAUNTON ST ANDREWS CC WHO WON THE UNDER 15S CUP

## SOMERSET DISABLED CC D40 TEAM IN 2025

BY CAPTAIN NICK DEAN

**It's been another enjoyable and competitive season for Somerset Disabled Cricket Club's D40 side. But also one where progress and improvement has been undeniable.**

Memorable highlights included a comfortable win to start the season against Wales (129 / 2 v 129 all out) showing early signs of progress, and then a commanding 72-run win away to Gloucestershire (282 / 8 vs

210 all-out) Somerset's highest total since entering the D40 league.

Even in tighter contests such as the narrow defeat to Dorset (185 all out chasing 200 / 9), the team displayed determination and clear development on their debut season.

The aim of the 2025 season was to become more established in the league, continue to be competitive in matches whilst

bringing more of our identity to the season.

The group has made real developments as a team and it's showed with clear improvements on the pitch. Each game has been a contest but also a lot more enjoyable to play in. It suggests a really exciting 2026 is coming up.



## SOMERSET VISUALLY IMPAIRED TEAM IN 2025

BY KATHRYN JELFS-WHITE



**For only the second time in their history, the T20 Cup Final was carried over to April after being washed out last September — and, just like before, Somerset triumphed, claiming their fourth cup title at home on the welcoming turf of Wombat Cricket Club.**

The season began at Northamptonshire with just nine players due to illness and injury — a recurring theme this year. Despite challenges, Rory Hossell's unbeaten 49 earned Somerset VI CC a batting point.

At home, a double header with London Metro followed: the league match ended in a draw despite Rob Crisp's 57 not out, before Somerset edged a thrilling Cup Final by five runs

thanks to brilliant fielding and Adrian Snelgrove's nerveless final over.

Momentum continued with a convincing eight-wicket win over Surrey, led by Rory Hossell's 3-11 and 50 not out. However, Sussex — eventual league and 30-over champions — proved too strong, bowling Somerset out for 120 despite Ed Hossell's battling 58.

Back home, Somerset hit back by dismissing Northamptonshire for 101, the Hossell brothers sharing seven victims to seal a six-wicket win. A depleted Somerset side then faced a full-strength Metro, falling to Mo Ghalib's remarkable 8-for-1 in a tough defeat that nonetheless showcased the team's

commitment and spirit.

Weather frustrations followed, with rain cancelling both league fixtures against Metro and ultimately costing valuable points that led to relegation.

The season closed as it began — with rain — as Finals Day at Wolverhampton was washed out before completion.

Despite setbacks, the team showed resilience, camaraderie, and pride, highlighted by another T20 Cup victory and spirited performances throughout a challenging campaign.

## SOMERSET DISABLED CC DRAGONS TEAM

BY STEVE GASS

**The Somerset Disabled CC Dragons team was established to provide a clear and supportive pathway for players progressing from the Super 1s disability cricket hubs into regular, structured match play.**

The team was primarily made up of young people who are enthusiastic about taking their next steps into competitive cricket but may not yet be ready for the full intensity of the Super 9s League environment.

The Dragons programme bridges that gap perfectly by offering a space for players to develop their cricketing skills, learn the rhythms of competitive matches, and gain confidence both on and off the field.

The 2025 season was a significant success for the team. Across the summer, a total of 15 players represented the Dragons, demonstrating the growing depth and enthusiasm within Somerset's disability cricket pathway.

The side played four fixtures, with every game contributing to the players' experience, teamwork, and enjoyment of the sport.

Looking ahead to 2026, the ambition is to increase the number of fixtures and expand opportunities for participation.

Overall, the Dragons have shown that when given the right structure and support, players from the Super 1s programme can flourish — developing their abilities, confidence, and passion for the game, while contributing to a more inclusive cricket community across Somerset





Chard who will be returning to WEPL after finishing runners up in the SCL Premier Division  
Back row left to right. Jon Dalwood, Nathan Johnson, Dom Williams, Liam Cleal, Nathan Warren (wk) and Scott Wells-Burr. Front row left to right. Chris Scott, Reid Mawdsley, Josh Short (c), Harvey Evans and Jon Legg

**In 2025, the league began its second half-century. Sadly pre-season we lost a couple of clubs due to dwindling memberships, however things are on the up again and the league has nine new teams entering, which has resulted in us adding a new division 6 in 2026.**

The weather was kind to us in 2025, although our grounds people at times felt it was too kind and this resulted in very little cricket was lost due to wet weather, although a similar percentage of matches were conceded or short sided as in 2024. Again the number of registered players increased but it is noticeable that individual players are participating less frequently throughout the season. The participation of women and young girls in cricket across the divisions continues to

grow which is a positive and with the rise of Somerset Women something we think will continue to grow as young women are inspired to play.

The 2025 season was closely contested, with many titles, promotions, and relegations determined in the final matches.

In 2026, Frome will return to WEPL Somerset after winning the Premier Division and the Ray Hancock Memorial cup, with Chard, the runners-up, also returning to WEPL. Division 1 was won by Wembdon. West Monkton 1 claimed the Brian Stockhill Trophy for Division 2 winners, while Taunton Indian 1 triumphed in Division 3. Shaftesbury Road secured the Division 4 title, making that another back to back title as they move up through the league. Kilmington and Stourton 1 won

Division 5N- another back to back league title whilst Holford won Division 5 S by one point over Trull. The regionalized Division 6s were won by Yeovil Royal Blasters CC (South) - another back to back title and Mark 1sts (North). The Division 7s saw victories by Bear Flat 2, Lydford Sports 2 and West Monkton 2s.

Churchill CC won the Don Crouch Trophy for sportsmanship, based on scores recorded by opponents, with an impressive average of 96.44 over 32 games.



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In Somerset**

The Sunday Independent Cup, awarded for the highest points aggregate across all divisions was won by Bear Flat 2. Cheddar CC were honoured with the Ladbrokes Merit Trophy for 'Club of the Year' for coming Runners Up in their 2 divisions and for very good fair play marks across all their games.

The League's Dinner and Presentation Evening at Somerset County Cricket Club concluded the season, attended by 201 guests - our biggest ever. Josh Thomas participated in a Q&A session with Harry Everett before presenting trophies to the winners and runners-up. The evening raised an amazing £1030 from the raffle, which was donated to the Dementia UK.

The weekly completion of the player's player question on team reports enabled the league to determine the Divisional Player's Player Awards. These awards were presented at the Presentation Evening to Dan Bowditch (Minehead), Robert Bradley (Winscombe), Neil Hendy (Wellington), Santin Koonampacal (Taunton Indian), Mark Mitchell (Wincanton), Tom Wood (Wells and Horrington), Tom Russell (Trull), Mike Cooper (Frome), Matt Dare (Stoke st Gregory), Will Ollerenshaw (Mark), Vipin Purushothaman (Huish and Langport) and Lee Pope (Staplegrove).

Post season, we lost two former committee members, Malcolm Fox and Martin King, both very long standing servants to the league. Both will be missed for their wisdom and guidance.

Somerset's Josh Thomas was the guest of honour at the Somerset Cricket League End of Season Dinner and Presentation Evening. Some of the recipients of the awards he presented are pictured below.

1. Mark Watts, the captain of Frome who won the Premier Division and the Ray Hancock Memorial Cup.
2. James Baker of Wembdon CC the Young Player of the Year title.
3. Rob Bradley from Winscombe CC who won the Division One Players Player award
4. Taylor Buller from Holford CC who won the Glastonbury Mowers All Rounders Award.



**2025 was an extremely busy year which started with the amalgamation of the two Senior organisations (the 50s with the 60s/70s) which, although an obvious development, took much organising and good will from all. This has left the SSCA in a much stronger position to represent the older end of those who play this wonderful game.**

Our second large development was the formation of a Senior's Women side. At the tail end of 2024, backed by the enthusiasm and altruism of the Somerset Men's Seniors teams, recruitment sessions began for Somerset Women Cricketers, over the age of 40. Five two-hour training evenings were held in Taunton with coaching from the Somerset Cricket Foundation and the Senior Men and 26 women are now part of this fledgling group.



**SOMERSET SENIORS WOMEN'S TEAM**

The summer of 2025 saw several friendly fixtures pencilled in with a 30 over game against Gloucestershire being the inaugural match. Eleven excited women travelled up to Gloucestershire on a beautiful sunny day at the beginning of July. The home team won on the day but it was an excellent,

morale-boosting day for this group of women who had never played together before. Friendships were forged and batting partnerships tested. The excitement of playing cricket for the County was palpable.

A return game in Weston Super Mare was scheduled for the end of July and another team selected. It was one of those days when the weather gods were using cricketers as their playthings and the rain came after 15 overs of Gloucestershire batting and lasted for hours. Eventually Somerset went out to bat with DLS employed to work out the runs needed. Unfortunately, Somerset fell short again but another outing for the black and maroon kit saw the team working well together and enjoying the camaraderie.



**SOMERSET OVER 50S**

Two further friendly fixtures also fell to the weather but the group remains buoyant as a League is taking shape for 2026 involving Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Somerset and Wales and a tour to Oslo is in the offing to play the Norwegian National Senior Women in May. Exciting times ahead for the Somerset Senior Women!

### 50s Teams

The 50s 1st XI had a very successful season, winning all their games in the league phase of their competition but losing out to a very strong Yorkshire side. In the quarterfinal they showed their resilience against Durham when, having bowled them out of 176 the Somerset batting struggled to 74 for 8 when Neil Hendy hit a magnificent 65 not out supported by 21 from Jason Squire and a determined 6 not

out from Jon Kerslake. The last two wickets scored 102 runs and left the scores tied but Somerset went through due to losing fewer wickets! During the season the batting was led by Mark Sage with 349 runs and a top score of 129 against Wiltshire, skipper Kevin Parsons scored 260 at the top of the order and Martin Cox also scored a hundred against Cornwall. The bowling honours were shared by Jon Dalwood and Neil Hendy with 20 wickets each with Brian Stone's 17 offering great support.

The 2nd XI had a difficult season having won their competition the season before; of their 9 games they won 3. The batting was led by Mike Fisher who scored 298 runs at an average of nearly 50 and with four fifties. Skipper Phil Higginson also batted consistently with 273 runs at an average of 30. The bowling was led by Justin Burke who took 16 wickets, including 5 for 43 against Devon, and Perry Reeves with 13.

The 3rd XI grew in confidence, depth, and polish as the summer progressed. The side produced a series of standout individual performances across the regular season, several of them match-defining, laying the perfect foundation for a deep run into the Plate competition that contrasted with their up and down league results. The batting was built around the consistent performances of Stewart Poiner who scored 242 runs and Mike Denning contributed a magnificent unbeaten 137 (off 116 balls) against Gloucestershire in the semi final. The bowling was shared about with Alex

Keevil (13), Gary Howes (11), Lee Kniveton and Scott Wright (10 each) leading the way and skipper Scott snaffling a very creditable 4 – 10 in bowling Warwickshire out for 95. The side were due to play in the final but poor weather means the game will be played at the beginning of next season.

### 60s Teams

2025 proved a mixed season for the three 60s teams. A highly successful year for participation and growing numbers, on the pitch the 3rd XI were able to participate in their Southwest section and field sides for friendly fixtures. Under Alan Rogerson's stewardship they achieved five wins from their group games bowling out in the Quarter Final of the knockout stage. Richard Hutchinson led the way with the bat hitting 381 runs for the games played, including a season's best 127 v Berkshire. With the ball Ian Hird achieved a highly respectable 14 wickets.

Arguably the most successful of the teams; Hugh Bellamy's leadership enabled the 2nd XI to win nine of their group matches, falling at the first-round stage in a tight knockout fixture with Lancashire, a game that went down to the last ball. Fine margins denied the team the opportunity of success it's consistent performances deserved. David Noyes had an outstanding season with the bat, scoring 712 runs including 4 centuries and 3 fifties. His consistency with bat in hand so often provided a strong backbone to the team's innings. With the ball Dave Wilcox was leading wicket taker, with 18 wickets and a season's best 5

for 25 against Cornwall.

The 1st XI started their season with a 9 wicket defeat to Surrey in the deferred 2024 Plate final. The South West section saw 5 wins from their 8 games completed. In the sun drenched 2025 season, amazingly 4 group games were lost to rain! Andy Sapey, with 4 fifties, 2 centuries and a total 653 runs for the season proved the outstanding performer. Phil Hogarth and Ian Thomas both achieved 12 wickets with the ball, no mean feat in a section that favoured the bat. Martin Strong's team qualified for the Plate once again, brushing Berkshire aside in the first round. In the Semi Final they fell short by 37 chasing Leicestershire's total of 295, this left a long journey home empty handed.

During the season the 60s squad of players has grown and there was real competition for places in the league sides. To accommodate the growing numbers it has been decided to run a fourth league side in the coming season.



**KEVIN PARSONS**

## NORTH SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE 2025

BY MAREK PATELA

### 70s Teams

This was a best ever season for the 70's. For the first time we were able to participate in competitive leagues with both 1st XI and 2nd XI teams. With a growing base of players, we were successful in fielding two sides each week, and also able to give a game to all our 70's members at some point in the season as well. Player availability made selection easy. The advantages of having a 2nd XI meant players that were not selected for the 1st XI were still able to have a full season of fixtures which would not have been possible in previous years, allowing more players a continued association with Somerset Seniors into mid and late seventies. A few players are still active in their eighties. We also had a handful of friendly fixtures.

The 1st XI finished 7th in the National League, highest of the South West counties, also making it to the Cup Semi final, beaten by a strong Kent side. As a measure of how much we have grown in recent years, we entered into most games (except for Gloucestershire) as the favourites to win, and completed the double over 4 counties, with Wales winning one and losing one. First XI Captain Steve Edwards must be congratulated on his leadership, selflessly skipping the side in every game, and leading by example in the field. A great victory over 2nd in the table Cheshire on the Wirral in the quarterfinals filled us with hope of glory, but unfortunately Kent were too strong for us in the semifinal. Had we won the toss it could have been a different



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game, but we didn't! Andy Ashfold excelled with the bat, his 635 league & cup runs at an average of 127 was a major contribution to our success. Andy Taylor led the bowlers with 18 wickets at 35.7 with Steve Pursey taking 14 at 11.8.

The 2nd XI finished top of the Monday league by an impressive 34 points, losing just one game. We quickly discovered that other counties were playing 1st XI players to bolster their numbers, so with permission from the committee we enabled a maximum of three players to represent both 1sts and 2nds in any week. Our strength soon became apparent, and the success of the 2nd XI in finishing top of the table was down to a positive attitude and great team ethos fostered by skipper Glynn Flinders. Derry West led the way with the bat, scoring 499 runs at an average of 71.3 with Brian Pearson the leading wicket taker with 11 wickets at a measly 8.4 runs per wicket.

During the season the SSCA organised 63 home games and would like to thank all those venues who offered us the use of their facilities, without which we could not play. Likewise, all games had appointed umpires and scorers whose very presence makes the whole playing experience far more enjoyable for all participants. In total the SSCA used 156 players.

**2025 may be a pivotal point for the League. Martin Peters oversaw the establishment of a separate Division to the main league. The emphasis being on participation with a shorter 30 over match and a shorter season with no games on bank holidays. The aspiration is to assist Clubs with developing Junior players and providing a pathway for them into open age cricket. The shorter format may also encourage older players back into the game.**

Teams from Bathford CC, Cleeve CC, Portishead CC, Whitchurch CC and Winscombe CC joined three teams from Gloucestershire to play in this inaugural 30 over Division. It seemed to go very well. The following was received from one of the teams.

"Just wanted to send a personal thank you for organising the league this season. It's been a very close league, which all the lads who played for me enjoyed very much."

Hanham ended in top spot with Cleeve a close second. Alfie Parsons of Cleeve CC scored the most runs in the Division with 455, whilst two bowlers shared taking the most wickets, 15 apiece for Peter Coombs and Ben Kirby Woolett, both of Bathford CC

There were 18 teams from Somerset Clubs participating in the three Divisions in the main League in 2025.

In terms of the honours, West United CC took the Division One title, Bristol Bangladeshi CC won Division Two, and Division Three went to Easton Cowfolk CC.

There were some impressive performances from individuals playing in Somerset teams.

Chris Kay of Harptree Village accumulated the most runs in the League scoring 801, with Henry Trotman of Lansdown an impressive second with 695 runs.

Frank Roberts amassed 152 n.o. playing for Knowle against Bristol Pakistanis. Knowle posted an incredible 377 for 3 off 40 overs and then bowled out the opposition for 163 securing a 214-run victory.

Jack Stone and Josh Harvey enjoyed making hay as they both scored tons in an unbeaten 255 run opening partnership to ensure a 10 wicket win against Blagdon

Thomas Arrowsmith of Harptree Village took 7 for 28 against Afghan Youth Cricket Bristol CC as they were skittled out for 101.

The seeds have been sown and it may take a few seasons, but hopefully the future will see a growth in the new development - Division 30, named after the number of overs. If there is a knock-on effect of growing the main league, that will be even more beneficial.



CLEEVE SUNDAY XI WHO PLAY IN THE NORTH SOMERSET SUNDAY LEAGUE THE SENIOR PLAYERS PICTURED ARE:  
BACK ROW: BEN MORRIS AND TOM BROWN  
FRONT ROW: LEFT TO RIGHT - ALFIE PARSONS, PAUL TODD (CAPTAIN) AND ROBBIE WILSHER



ALFIE PARSONS  
THE LEAGUES'  
TOP SCORER

# BRISTOL & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

## 2025 SEASON

JOHN PELOW - BDCA CHAIR

**68 teams from Somerset played in the Bristol & District League in the 2025 season, approximately a third of the teams in the League.**

Good weather prevailed for most of the season. Lots of cricket, but not much rest for the pitches or grounds staff. The hot weather, saw 9 teams have hot streaks finishing with honours.

Bath 2's won the Senior Division and promotion into WEPL. The Champion's spot was also achieved by Midsomer Norton 2's (Division 1), Knowle 3's (Division 7 East), Lodway 2's (Division 7 West) and Midsomer Norton 4's (Division 30 South).

Whitchurch returned to the Senior Division as one of four clubs who took a runners-up spot, in the League. Bedminster

3's (Division 3), Cleeve 2's (Division 7 West) and Backwell Flax Bourton 2's (Division 9 West) were the others.

Individually, Somerset players had an outstanding season.

In the bowling department, Freddy Hiscott of Hampset took 36 wickets, the most by any player in the League. The top two individual bowling figures were by Ollie Humphries (Lansdown) with 7 wickets for 6 runs and David Baker of Midsomer Norton Methodists with 7 for 7.

George Parsons from Cleeve picked up the Accolade of having the most victims as a wicket keeper in the League.

Alex Nash from Midsomer Norton Methodists scored 878 runs, which included two

individual knocks of 186 not out, but the highest individual score of the season went to Jamie Phillips of Brislington with 195 not out.

The season finished with representative sides from the B&D and the Gloucestershire League playing a match at Coalpit Heath. James Copeland from Claverham Captained the B&D representative XI. The other Somerset based players were: Mitch Want Cleeve CC, Dom Hooper and Ubaidullah Abdoel Claverham CC and Charlie Mott Portishead CC.

# WEST SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE 2025

**2025 was an enjoyable season and there was a lot of good cricket played. During the course of the summer there were no disciplinary issues to deal with and behaviour on the field of play saw a massive improvement on previous years.**

Sadly in common with other leagues the WSCL suffered with the number of games that were cancelled owing to a shortage of players and one team dropped out during the season which meant that some clubs missed out on four games.

Looking ahead to 2026 the good news is that Morebath have entered a Second XI which will bring the number of teams in the WSCL back up to 35, which will see a top division of 10 sides, one of nine teams and two of eight.

Out on the field Watchet continued their climb through the divisions and ended the season being crowned Division One Champions, having won 13 of their 18 matches, with Ashbrittle the runners up with 11 victories.

At the other end of the table Brompton Ralph and Winsford were relegated.

Crowcombe were the Division Two champions after winning 12 of their 16 fixtures which put them 82 points ahead of second placed Sampford Arundel, who won nine.

At the bottom of the table it was Churchinford and Roadwater who ended being relegated at the end of the season.

Division Three was won by Hemyock who triumphed in 10 of their matches to finish

12 points clear of runners up Carhampton, who won eight games, while at the other end both Minehead Thirds and Stoodleigh were relegated.

Division Four was won by Wiveliscombe Seconds who won nine of their games to finish 38 points in front of second placed Buckland St Mary and Bishopswood who won eight.

The bottom two teams in the division were East Huntspill Seconds and Brompton Ralph Seconds.

Cutcombe Cricket Club enjoyed a very successful season, being promotion contenders in

Division Three throughout and winning the first trophy in their 150 year history after beating Minehead Third XI in the final of the Stuart Allbut Memorial Shield.

At the end of the season Bob Bowyer stepped down as chairman of the WSCL after being in post for over 30 years. Bob along with Mary Elworthy, the former secretary, treasurer and latterly president of the league, who sadly passed away in 2024 were long time stalwarts of the league and have been responsible for ensuring that it has continued to function in the way that it has.



JAMES COPELAND THE BDCA REPRESENTATIVE XI CAPTAIN

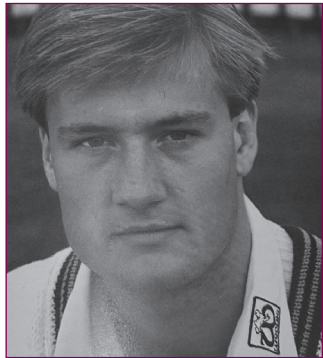


*Division One Champions Watchet CCC  
Back row left to right: club president Jimmy Nicklaus, Calum Knight, Connor Jeromson, Dom Bowden, Eben Harding, Ollie Saddington and Matt Lovell.  
Front left to right: Tom Sparks, Ian Lowe, Ryan Strong, James Weetch, Ally Harrison and Ben Robinson.*



*Cutcombe CC who won the first ever trophy in 2025.  
Back row back left to right: Robin Howe, Mark Matravers, Lee Baker, Harry Pursey, Lennon Howe, Elliott Binding and James Gregory. Front left to right: Mike Kidner, Ned Binding, Ben Gregory (captain) and Ben Pursey.*

- Mr Colin Osborne**
- Mrs Magaret Hammett**
- Mr Colin Pritchard**
- Mr Bob Andrews**
- Mr Stanley Bates**
- Mr Nicolas Fitton**
- Mr Brian Foxwell**
- Mr Derek Godfrey**
- Mr Roger Snelling**
- Mr Roger Shire**
- Mr Tony Lee**
- Mr Alan Trenaman**
- Mr Ian Jacobs**
- Mr Richard Tomlinson**
- Mr David Temple**



**Jon Atkinson**

Former Somerset CCC all rounder Jonathon Atkinson passed away on 29th October at the age of 57.

Jonny as he was known, was born at Butleigh on 10th July 1968, the son of former Somerset CCC captain Colin Atkinson who was headmaster at Millfield School, where he was educated.

From an early age Jonny's all round sporting talents were recognised, and he excelled at hockey, rugby and cricket where he played for Millfield School First XI for five years, captaining the side for the last three seasons. Among his contemporaries in the Millfield

team were Paul Bail, Harvey Trump and Rob Turner who all went onto play first class cricket for Somerset.

Jonny made his debut for Somerset Second XI shortly after his 16th birthday and a number of impressive performances gained him a reputation as a hard hitting right handed batter and fast medium right arm bowler.

In early August 1985 Jonny made his first team debut against Northamptonshire at Weston super Mare, the day after he'd taken five wickets for Somerset Colts against Wiltshire at Chippenham.

Batting at number eight when Jonny walked to the wicket to join Ian Botham the scoreboard read 194 for six. His seventh wicket partnership with his captain garnered 177 runs with Jonny going onto make 79 which included three 6s.

In the following match against Middlesex, also at Weston, batting in a helmet he borrowed from Colin Dredge he made 25 out of a partnership with Vic Marks against an attack that included Wayne Daniel and Norman Cowans.

On the strength of his Somerset performances Jonny was selected to play for England Under 19s against Sri Lanka at Chelmsford in 1986.

Jonny spent three years at Cambridge University studying for a degree in economics where he was awarded his blue in 1988, 89 and 90, when he captained the side, and played alongside Nasser Hussain and Michael Atherton.

In his 26 first class games for

Cambridge University he scored 880 runs at an average of 20.95.

Jonny returned to play four championship games in 1989, and made his last first class appearance for Somerset against Gloucestershire at Bristol in September that year. On graduating Jonny opted for a career in the insurance business.

Between 1985 and 1990 Jonny played in 14 first class matches for Somerset in which he scored 422 runs an average of 28.13, with a best of 79 and took four wickets.

He also appeared in eight List A games for Somerset in which he scored 85 runs at an average of 17, his best being 69 off 49 balls against Warwickshire at Edgbaston that included six 4s and five 6s.

Vic Marks who played alongside Jonny in many of his matches for Somerset said: "Professional cricket was not for Jonny in the long term but he often dazzled when he did play especially in that debut match at Weston.

"My recollection of his stand with Ian is that his batting was so captivating that his partner started to bat with unusual caution for a while because he wanted to witness Jonny's strokeplay from the best possible viewpoint... at the other end. Jonny could charm on the field and off it."



**David Hughes**

Former Somerset player David Hughes who had a long association with the Club passed away on 20th February at the age of 90.

David Garfield Hughes was born in Taunton on 21st May 1934 and after attending North Town Junior School he won a scholarship to Taunton School.

Growing up David enjoyed playing cricket and whilst he was at school was as an all rounder, bowling medium pace and batting in the top order.

On leaving school David trained to become a chartered surveyor and after impressing whilst playing in a cricket match as a replacement wicket-keeper he was offered the chance to join Taunton Cricket Club who at that time played their home matches at the County Ground.

That was the start of a long association with the county town club who he went onto captain before switching to join Staplegrove CC on the outskirts of the town where he played alongside Roy Palmer, Richie Richardson and John Jameson.

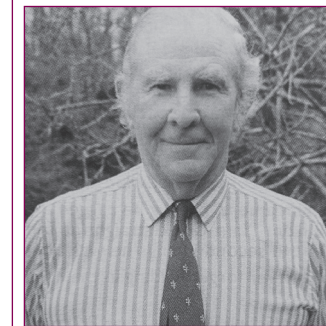
David first appeared for

Somerset Second XI in 1953, but with regular 'keeper Harold Stephenson all but ever present his opportunities were limited.

His only First XI appearance came when Stephenson suffered a family bereavement and became absent at short notice as a result of which David Hughes was drafted in as a replacement to play against Nottinghamshire in late May 1955 at the County Ground.

In the match against Nottinghamshire at the County Ground, Taunton, he took one catch and made one stumping, and contributed two runs to Somerset's second innings after not batting in the first.

That was to be David's sole appearance for the First XI but he went onto play for Somerset's Second XI over many years, with his final appearance for the side in 1979, in addition to which he also played Minor Counties cricket for Wiltshire.



**Philip Fussell**

Philip Fussell who played in two games for Somerset back in the 1950s passed away at the age of 93. At the time of his passing Philip was one of the oldest surviving Somerset players.

Philip Hillier Fussell, was born in the village of Rode in 1931 and attended Monkton Combe School near Bath, where his natural sporting ability was identified for four years the young all rounder played in the First XI.

Monkton Combe had a close affinity with Lansdown Cricket Club and during the school holidays Philip played for the club which is where he met up with Les Angell, who also went on to play for Somerset.

When he left school Philip went off to work on a farm near Salisbury for two years during which he played no cricket. In 1951 he returned home to live and work on the family farm and started to play cricket again. Later that year Arthur Wellard brought a Somerset team to play against a Rode side that included a 20 year old Philip who scored 50 on the strength of which he was asked to play for Frome.

Philip enjoyed considerable success at Frome and in 1953 was invited to go along to the County Ground nets where he caught the eye of both Bill Andrews, and Harry Parks the coach.

The tall all rounder impressed the county bosses so much that Somerset secretary Brigadier Lancaster asked Philip if he'd like to play cricket professionally. Philip asked his father who told him 'where do you think that's going to get you' - so he turned down the offer.

Philip played a number of games for the Somerset Second XI that season as an

amateur and later that summer with several senior first teamers injured he was called into play against Nottinghamshire in the last game of the Weston Festival. In that match Philip got one wicket and was out in both innings to Bruce Dooland.

Afterwards skipper Ben Brocklehurst invited Philip to play in the next two away matches, but after talking to his father he declined the offer.

There was to be just one more first team appearance for Philip and that was in 1956 against Gloucestershire at Taunton over the Bank Holiday, during which he bagged a pair and remained wicket-less.

Philip continued to play cricket locally and in the 1970's was persuaded out of retirement to help Bath CC win the Western League.

Away from cricket he excelled at game and clay shooting, and represented England for many years. At the age of 56 he was crowned Beretta World Champion in 1987. Philip is widely regarded as one of the 100 best shots of all time and late in life he was still shooting to a high level. Just before his 70th birthday Philip took up golf and scored a hole in one!

As well as his sporting prowess Philip was a successful dairy and arable farmer and businessperson, owning a pub and steak restaurant in Rode, the village of his birth, for 30 years with his wife Jane whom he married in 1965.

Philip lived a truly rich, diverse, and fulfilling life and will be greatly missed by all of those who had the privilege of

knowing this larger than life character.

The son of brewer Henry Fussell, and the youngest of four children, Philip is survived by his two boys, Andrew and Tim, and four grandchildren, Tom, Ben, Phoebe and Oliver.

COMPILED BY PETER LANE

## BATTING

HIGHEST TEAM TOTALS (2):-

850/7dec v Middlesex - Taunton 2007

705/9dec v Hampshire - Taunton 2003

LOWEST TEAM TOTALS (2):-

25 a.o. v Gloucestershire - Bristol 1947

29 a.o. v Lancashire - Old Trafford 1892.

BATTING:-

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL INNINGS (3):-

371 T.Banton v Worcestershire - Taunton 2025

342 J.L.Langer v Surrey - Guildford 2006

322 I.V.A Richards v Warwickshire - Taunton 1985.

MOST RUNS IN A SEASON (2):-

2761 W.E.Alley 1961

2756 S.J.Cook 1991

MOST RUNS IN A CAREER (2):-

21142 H.Gimblett 1935-1954.

19654 M.E.Trescothick 1993-2018.

MOST CENTURIES IN A SEASON (2):-

11 S.J.Cook 1991

10 W.E.Alley 1961

MOST CENTURIES IN A CAREER (2):-

52 M.E.Trescothick 1993-2018

49 H.Gimblett 1935-1954.

HIGHEST WICKET PARTNERSHIPS:-

1st 346 L.T.Hewett & L.C.H.Palairt v Yorkshire - Taunton 1892

2nd 450 N.D. Compton & J.C

Hildreth v Cardiff MCCU - Taunton Vale Sports Club 2012

3rd 319 P.M.Roebuck & M.D.Crowe v Leicestershire - Taunton 1984

4th 313 T.B.Abell & J.E.K.Rew v Nottinghamshire - Trent Bridge 2025

5th 371 T.Banton & J.E.K.Rew v Worcestershire - Taunton 2025

6th 265 W.E.Alley & K.E.Palmer v Northamptonshire - Northampton 1961

7th 279 R.J.Harden & G.D.Rose v Sussex - Taunton 1997

8th 236 P.D.Trego & R.C.Davies v Lancashire - Old Trafford 2016

9th 183 C.Greetham & H.W.Stephenson v Leicestershire - Weston-s-Mare 1963 &

C.J.Tavare & N.A.Mallender v Sussex -Hove 1990

10th 163 I.D.Blackwell & N.A.M.McLean v Derbyshire - Taunton 2003.

## BOWLING

BEST BOWLING IN AN INNINGS (2):-

10/49 E.Tyler v Surrey - Taunton 1895

10/76 J.C.White v Worcestershire - Worcester 1921

BEST BOWLING IN A MATCH (2):-

16/83 J.C.White v Worcestershire - Bath 1919

15/54 B.A.Langford v Lancashire - Weston-s-Mare 1958.

MOST WICKETS IN A SEASON (2):-

169 A.W.Wellard 1938

150 J.C.White 1929

MOST WICKETS IN A CAREER (2):-

2165 J.C.White 1909-1937

1517 A.W.Wellard 1927-1950

## FIELDING

MOST CATCHES IN A SEASON

42 R.T.Virgin 1966

MOST CATCHES IN A CAREER

445 M.E.Trescothick 1993-2018

WICKET-KEEPING

MOST DISMISSALS IN AN INNINGS

7 (all ct) R.J.Turner v Northamptonshire - Taunton 2001 &

L.Ronchi (all ct) v Hampshire - Taunton 2015

MOST WICKET-KEEPING DISMISSALS IN A MATCH

9 on five separate occasions:- A.E.Newton, H.W.Stephenson & R.J.Turner x 3.

MOST WICKET-KEEPING DISMISSALS IN A SEASON

86 H.W.Stephenson 1954

MOST WICKET-KEEPING DISMISSALS IN A CAREER

1006 ( 698 ct 308 st) H.W.Stephenson 1948 - 1964.

MOST FIRST CLASS APPEARANCES

504 B.A.Langford 1953 - 1974.

# SOMERSET CCC

## LIST A RECORDS - BY PETER LANE

### BATTING

HIGHEST TEAM SCORE:-

413/4 (60 ovs) v Devon - Torquay 1990.

LOWEST TEAM SCORE:-

58 a.o.(19.2 ovs) v Essex - Chelmsford 1977 &

58 a.o. (28.3 ovs) v Middlesex - Southgate 2000

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL INNINGS:-

184 M.E.Trescothick v Gloucestershire - Taunton 2008

MOST RUNS IN A SEASON:-

1331 S.J.Cook 1990

MOST RUNS IN A CAREER:-

7374 M.E.Trescothick 1993 - 2018

7349 I.V.A.Richards 1974 - 1986

MOST CAREER CENTURIES:-

15 M.E.Trescothick 1993 -2018.

HIGHEST WICKET PARTNERSHIPS:-

1st 241 B.C.Rose & S.M.Gavaskar v Kent - Canterbury 1980

2nd 302 M.E.Trescothick & C.Kieswetter v Gloucestershire - Taunton 2008

3rd 269\* P.M.Roebuck & M.D.Crowe v Hampshire - Southampton (Northlands Road) 1987

4th 189 C.J.Tavare & G.D.Rose v Devon -Torquay 1990

5th 179 I.V.A.Richards & I.T.Botham v Hampshire - Taunton 1981

6th 213 D.Elgar & R.E.Van der Merwe v Surrey - Taunton 2017

7th 151\* I.D.Blackwell & R.J.Turner v Sussex - Taunton 2005

8th 95\* D.Breakwell & K.F.Jennings v Nottinghamshire - Trent Bridge 1976

9th 103\* T.D.Groenewald & A.C.Thomas v Kent - Taunton 2014

10th 65\* J.Overton & T.D.Groenewald v Gloucestershire - Taunton 2016.

\* Denotes unfinished partnership.

### BOWLING

BEST BOWLING:-

8/66 S.R.G.Francis v Derbyshire - Derby 2004

MOST WICKETS IN A SEASON:-

51 R.J.Clapp 1974

MOST WICKETS IN A CAREER:-

309 H.R.Moseley 1971 - 1982

300 I.T.Botham 1973 - 1986

### FIELDING

MOST CATCHES IN A MATCH:-

4 on five occasions:-

P.J.Robinson, T.W.Cartwright, M.E.Trescothick, R.E.Van der Merwe & M.T.C.Waller.

MOST CATCHES IN A CAREER:-

106 I.T.Botham 1973 - 1986

WICKET-KEEPING

MOST DISMISSALS IN A MATCH:-

8 (all ct) D.J.S.Taylor v Combined Universities- Taunton 1982

MOST DISMISSALS IN A SEASON:-

36 (29ct 7st) N.D.Burns 1989.

MOST DISMISSALS IN A CAREER:-

277 (234ct 43 st) D.J.S.Taylor 1970 - 1982.

### MOST LIST 'A' APPEARANCES:-

222 J.C.Hildreth 2003 - 2022.



# SOMERSET CCC

## T20 RECORDS

### BATTING

HIGHEST TEAM TOTALS (2):-

265/5 (20 ovs) v Derbyshire - Taunton 2022

250/3 (20 ovs) v Gloucestershire - Taunton 2006

LOWEST TEAM TOTALS (2):-

82 a.o.(16.5 ovs) v Kent - Taunton 2010

90 a.o.(17.2 ovs) v Sussex - Hove 2011

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL INNINGS:-

151\* C.H.Gayle v Kent - Taunton 2015

141\* C.L.White v Worcestershire - Worcester 2006

\*denotes not out

MOST RUNS IN A SEASON:-

623 R.R.Rossouw 2022

620 W.C.F.Smeed 2025

MOST RUNS IN A CAREER:-

3906 J.C.Hildreth 2004 - 2022

3274 P.D.Trego 2006-2019

HIGHEST WICKET PARTNERSHIPS:-

1st 169\* T.Banton & D.P.Conway v Kent - Canterbury 2021

2nd 186 J.L.Langer & C.L.White v Gloucestershire - Taunton 2006

3rd 165 W.C.F.Smeed & T.B.Abell v Surrey - Taunton 2022

4th 144 T.B.Abell & S.R.Dickson v Hampshire - Taunton 2024 and

J.E.K.Rew & S.R.Dickson v Surrey - Edgbaston 2024

5th 104 P.D.Trego & C.J.Anderson v Surrey - Taunton 2018 and

S.R.Dickson & L.Gregory v Middlesex - Taunton 2025 (picture below)

6th 96\* L.Gregory & B.G.F.Green v Nottinghamshire - Taunton 2023

7th 82 L.Gregory & L.P.Goldsworthy v Hampshire - Taunton 2025

8th 59\* R.E.Van der Merwe & J.H.Davey v Gloucestershire - Bristol 2022 and

R.E.Van der Merwe & C.Overton v Glamorgan - Taunton 2024

9th 69 C.J.Anderson & J.H.Davey v Surrey - The Kia Oval 2017

10th 38\* Abdur Rehman & A.C.Thomas v Kent - Canterbury 2015

\*denotes unfinished partnership.

### BOWLING

BEST BOWLING ANALYSIS:-

6/5 A.V.Suppiah v Glamorgan - Cardiff 2011

5/15 J.E.Taylor v Hampshire - Taunton 2018

MOST WICKETS IN A SEASON:- 33 A.C.Thomas 2010

### MOST WICKETS IN A CAREER:-

165 L.Gregory 2011 - continuing

139 M.T.C.Waller 2009 - 2022

### FIELDING

MOST CATCHES IN AN INNINGS (4):-

C.Overton (2), M.T.C.Waller, T.B.Abell & L.Gregory.

MOST CATCHES IN A SEASON:-

22 C.Overton 2023

MOST CATCHES IN A CAREER:-

86 M.T.C.Waller 2009 - 2022.

WICKET-KEEPING RECORDS

MOST DISMISSALS IN A MATCH:-

4 (3ct 1st) J.C.Buttler v Glamorgan - Taunton 2010

MOST DISMISSALS IN A SEASON:-

17 (all ct) T.Banton 2022

MOST DISMISSALS IN A CAREER:-

57 (50 ct 7 st) T.Banton 2018 - continuing.

MOST T20 APPEARANCES:-

206 J.C.Hildreth 2004 - 2022.



## 2026 FIXTURES

## SOMERSET MEN &amp; WOMEN 1ST XI

## DOUBLE-HEADERS

| Date       | Days | Home               | Away            | Ground                                    | Comp          |
|------------|------|--------------------|-----------------|---|---------------|
| Fri Apr 03 | 4    | Somerset           | Nottinghamshire | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | CC 1          |
| Fri Apr 10 | 4    | Essex              | Somerset        | Ambassador Cruise Line Ground, Chelmsford | CC 1          |
| Sat Apr 11 | 1    | Somerset           | Yorkshire       | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | 50 Over (W)   |
| Fri Apr 17 | 4    | Hampshire          | Somerset        | Utilita Bowl                              | CC 1          |
| Sun Apr 19 | 1    | Lancashire         | Somerset        | Southport                                 | 50 Over (W)   |
| Sat Apr 25 | 1    | Somerset           | Surrey          | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | 50 Over (W)   |
| Wed Apr 29 | 1    | Somerset           | Essex           | TBC                                       | 50 Over (W)   |
| Fri May 01 | 4    | Somerset           | Yorkshire       | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | CC 1          |
| Sat May 02 | 1    | Warwickshire       | Somerset        | Edgbaston                                 | 50 Over (W)   |
| Wed May 06 | 1    | Hampshire          | Somerset        | Utilita Bowl                              | 50 Over (W)   |
| Fri May 08 | 4    | Glamorgan          | Somerset        | Sophia Gardens                            | CC 1          |
| Wed May 13 | 1    | Somerset           | The Blaze       | TBC                                       | 50 Over (W)   |
| Fri May 15 | 4    | Somerset           | Sussex          | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | CC 1          |
| Sat May 16 | 1    | Durham             | Somerset        | Banks Homes Riverside                     | 50 Over (W)   |
| Fri May 22 | 1    | Somerset           | Hampshire Hawks | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | T20 (W) Sky   |
| Fri May 22 | 1    | Somerset           | Hampshire Hawks | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | T20 (M) F Sky |
| Sun May 24 | 1    | Warwickshire Bears | Somerset        | Edgbaston                                 | T20 (W)       |
| Sun May 24 | 1    | Warwickshire Bears | Somerset        | Edgbaston                                 | T20 (M)       |
| Wed May 27 | 1    | Somerset           | Yorkshire       | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | T20 (W)       |
| Fri May 29 | 1    | Glamorgan          | Somerset        | Sophia Gardens                            | T20 (M) F     |
| Fri May 29 | 1    | Lancashire Thunder | Somerset        | Emirates Old Trafford                     | T20 (W)       |
| Sun May 31 | 1    | Surrey             | Somerset        | Kia Oval                                  | T20 (W)       |
| Tue Jun 02 | 1    | England Women      | India Women     | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | WIT20I F Sky  |



CC1 - County Championship / T20 (W) - Vitality Blast Women / T20 (M) - Vitality Blast Men / WCC - T20 Women's County Cup  
 50 Over (W) - Metro Bank One Day Cup Women / 50 Over (M) - Metro Bank One Day Cup Men  
 WIT20I - Women's T20 International / F = Floodlight

| Date       | Days | Home                  | Away                  | Ground                                    | Comp               |
|------------|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------|
| Thu Jun 04 | 1    | Somerset              | Glamorgan             | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | T20 (M) F Sky      |
| Fri Jun 05 | 1    | Gloucestershire       | Somerset              | The Seat Unique Stadium, Bristol          | T20 (M)            |
| Sun Jun 07 | 1    | Somerset              | Warwickshire Bears    | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | T20 (W)            |
| Sun Jun 07 | 1    | Somerset              | Warwickshire Bears    | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | T20 (M)            |
| Fri Jun 12 | 4    | Nottinghamshire       | Somerset              | Trent Bridge                              | CC 1               |
| Sat Jun 13 | 1    | Somerset              | Hampshire             | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | 50 Over (W)        |
| Wed Jun 17 | 1    | Somerset              | Warwickshire          | TBC                                       | 50 Over (W)        |
| Fri Jun 19 | 4    | Somerset              | Warwickshire          | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | CC 1               |
| Sun Jun 21 | 1    | Yorkshire             | Somerset              | Headingley                                | WCC                |
| Fri Jun 26 | 1    | Somerset              | Durham                | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | T20 (W)            |
| Fri Jun 26 | 1    | Somerset              | Gloucestershire       | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | T20 (M) F          |
| Sun Jun 28 | 1    | Somerset              | Surrey                | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | T20 (W)            |
| Sun Jun 28 | 1    | Worcestershire Rapids | Somerset              | Visit Worcestershire New Road             | T20 (M)            |
| Wed Jul 01 | 1    | England Women 'A'     | India Women 'A'       | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | 50 Over (WIA)      |
| Fri Jul 03 | 1    | Yorkshire             | Somerset              | Headingley                                | T20 (W)            |
| Sat Jul 04 | 1    | England Women 'A'     | India Women 'A'       | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | 50 Over (WIA)      |
| Sun Jul 05 | 1    | Northants Steelbacks  | Somerset              | The County Ground, Northampton            | T20 (M)            |
| Tue Jul 07 | 1    | Essex                 | Somerset              | Ambassador Cruise Line Ground, Chelmsford | T20 (W)            |
| Wed Jul 08 | 1    | Derbyshire Falcons    | Somerset              | The Central Co-op County Ground, Derby    | T20 (M)            |
| Fri Jul 10 | 1    | Somerset              | Northants Steelbacks  | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | T20 (M)            |
| Fri Jul 10 | 1    | The Blaze             | Somerset              | Trent Bridge                              | T20W1              |
| Sun Jul 12 | 1    | Somerset              | Essex                 | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | T20 (W)            |
| Sun Jul 12 | 1    | Somerset              | Worcestershire Rapids | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | T20 (M) F (TBC)    |
| Wed Jul 15 | 1    | TBC                   | TBC                   | TBC                                       | T20 (M) QFS        |
| Fri Jul 17 | 1    | TBC                   | TBC                   | Kia Oval                                  | T20 (W) Finals Day |
| Sat Jul 18 | 1    | TBC                   | TBC                   | Edgbaston                                 | T20 (M) Finals Day |
| Tue Jul 21 | 1    | Notts Outlaws         | Somerset              | The John Fretwell Centre, Sookholme       | 50 Over (M)        |
| Fri Jul 24 | 1    | Somerset              | Gloucestershire       | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | 50 Over (M) F      |
| Sun Jul 26 | 1    | Somerset              | Warwickshire          | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | 50 Over (M)        |
| Fri Jul 31 | 1    | Kent Spitfires        | Somerset              | St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury            | 50 Over (M)        |
| Sun Aug 02 | 1    | Leicestershire Foxes  | Somerset              | Uptonsteel Grace Road                     | 50 Over (M)        |
| Fri Aug 07 | 1    | Somerset              | Surrey                | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | 50 Over (M) F      |
| Sun Aug 09 | 1    | Northants Steelbacks  | Somerset              | The County Ground, Northampton            | 50 Over (M)        |
| Tue Aug 11 | 1    | Somerset              | Lancashire            | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | 50 Over (M)        |
| Fri Aug 14 | 1    | TBC                   | TBC                   | TBC                                       | 50 Over (M) QFS    |
| Sun Aug 16 | 1    | TBC                   | TBC                   | TBC                                       | 50 Over (M) SFS    |
| Wed Aug 19 | 1    | Essex                 | Somerset              | Ambassador Cruise Line Ground, Chelmsford | 50 Over (W)        |

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 50 Over (W) - Metro Bank One Day Cup Women / 50 Over (M) - Metro Bank One Day Cup Men  
 WIT20I - Women's T20 International / F = Floodlight / 50 Over (WIA) - Women's One Day International 'A'

| Date       | Days | Home            | Away              | Ground                                    | Comp                         |
|------------|------|-----------------|-------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Wed Aug 19 | 1    | Essex           | Somerset          | Ambassador Cruise Line Ground, Chelmsford | 50 Over (W)                  |
| Thu Aug 20 | 4    | <b>Somerset</b> | <b>Essex</b>      | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | CC 1                         |
| Wed Aug 26 | 1    | <b>Somerset</b> | <b>Durham</b>     | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | 50 Over (W)                  |
| Thu Aug 27 | 4    | Sussex          | Somerset          | The 1st Central County Ground, Hove       | CC 1                         |
| Sat Aug 29 | 1    | TBC             | TBC               | Emirates Old Trafford                     | WCC Finals Day               |
| Wed Sep 02 | 4    | <b>Somerset</b> | <b>Glamorgan</b>  | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | CC 1                         |
| Thu Sep 03 | 1    | Yorkshire       | Somerset          | Headingley                                | 50 Over (W)                  |
| Sun Sep 06 | 1    | The Blaze       | Somerset          | Trent Bridge                              | 50 Over (W)                  |
| Tue Sep 08 | 4    | Leicestershire  | Somerset          | Uptonsteel Grace Road                     | CC 1                         |
| Wed Sep 09 | 1    | <b>Somerset</b> | <b>Lancashire</b> | TBC                                       | 50 Over (W)                  |
| Sat Sep 12 | 1    | Surrey          | Somerset          | TBC                                       | 50 Over (W)                  |
| Tue Sep 15 | 4    | Yorkshire       | Somerset          | Headingley                                | CC 1                         |
| Wed Sep 16 | 1    | TBC             | TBC               | TBC                                       | 50 Over (W) SF               |
| Sat Sep 19 | 1    | TBC             | TBC               | Utilita Bowl                              | 50 Over (W) Final            |
| Sun Sep 20 | 1    | TBC             | TBC               | Trent Bridge                              | 50 Over (M) Final <b>Sky</b> |
| Thu Sep 24 | 4    | <b>Somerset</b> | <b>Surrey</b>     | The Cooper Associates County Ground       | CC 1                         |

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**COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: MATCH** CC1: COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP **SEASON 2025**

**SOMERSET CCC V WORCESTERSHIRE CCC**

**At** COOPER ASSOCIATES COUNTY GROUND, TAUNTON **On** 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025

**1st Innings of SOMERSET CCC**

| In    | Out   | M   | B   | No. | Batsman       | How Out     | Bowler     | Runs | Wkt | Total | 6 | 4  | No.     | Over  |
|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|---------------|-------------|------------|------|-----|-------|---|----|---------|-------|
| 14:50 | 1548  | 58  | 39  | 1   | S.R. DICKSON  | BOWLED      | FINCH      | 11   | 3   | 39    | 0 | 1  |         | 13.3  |
| 14:50 | 1515  | 25  | 16  | 2   | A.M. VAUGHAN  | ct RODERICK | TAYLOR     | 12   | 1   | 21    | 0 | 2  | WK      | 6.2   |
| 1516  | 1535  | 19  | 16  | 3   | T.A. LATHONBY | ct BROOKES  | TAYLOR     | 8    | 2   | 33    | 0 | 2  | Secou   | 10.5  |
| 1536  | 1741  | 105 | 74  | 4   | T.G. ABELL    | ct TAYLOR   | FINCH      | 52   | 4   | 140   | 0 | 7  | Mid w   | 35.4  |
| *1549 | 1124  | 522 | 408 | 5   | T. BANTON     | ct RODERICK | HINLEY     | 371  | 7   | 670   | 5 | 6  | WK      | 149.4 |
| 1747  | 1644  | 326 | 235 | 6   | J.E.K. REW    | ct & BOWLED | BROOKES    | 152  | 5   | 511   | 2 | 14 | Drilled | 122.1 |
| 1645  | 1927  | 142 | 34  | 7   | R.L. ALDRIDGE | ct RODERICK | D'OLIVEIRA | 13   | 6   | 561   | 0 | 1  | WK      | 34.5  |
| 1928  | (112) | 57  | 43  | 8   | L. GREGORY    | NOT OUT     |            | 35   |     |       |   | 2  | 3       |       |
|       |       |     |     | 9   | C. OVERTON    |             |            |      |     |       |   |    |         |       |
|       |       |     |     | 10  | J.H. DAVEY    | DID NOT BAT |            |      |     |       |   |    |         |       |
|       |       |     |     | 11  | N.J. LEACH    |             |            |      |     |       |   |    |         |       |

Extras B 4 LB 5 W 3 NB 4 Pen 0 **TOTAL EXTRAS 16**

\* BANTON Highest ever score made by Somerset batter

**TOTAL SCORE 670** for **7** Wickets **DECLARED** Overs



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