

Cornwall Youth Cricket Festival

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PRESS REPORT

CORNWALL YOUTH CRICKET FESTIVAL

Local teams triumph at Festival

Local clubs Falmouth and Truro shared the spoils and took home a *Lord's Taverners* bag of cricket equipment after contesting the finals of the two younger age-groups at the Cornwall Youth Cricket Festival, completed on Sunday at St Gluvias. Truro defeated Falmouth in the Under 11 Final by 26 runs, on a day where their 'B' team completed a double by winning the Bowl tournament. A team of complete novices from host club St Gluvias, formed just nine days previously, surprised themselves and everybody else by winning all five of their matches, three against 'A' teams, and winning the third level of competition, the Bronze Plate. St Austell took the Silver Plate, defeating local rivals Gorran by 18 runs.

Falmouth turned the tables on Truro in the Under 13 event on Thursday, beating the city boys by three wickets in a relatively low scoring encounter. Penwith teams Rosudgeon and St Just met in the Plate Final, with the former winning by 43 runs. On the same day, the only really sunny weather of the week, visitors Cranmore, from Somerset, deservedly won the Under 17 "Cornish Eights" by racing to their second victory in the event against a very decent Penzance outfit, smashing 95 runs in just 23 balls to get home before darkness finally fell at around 9pm!

Charity was also the winner at this year's Festival, as at least £500 was raised for the local organisation *Cancer Funding for Cornwall*. The organisers had made a special effort to collect donations and hand over the proceeds of their raffle and barbecue in honour of their late colleague and friend Keith Morgan. Umpires and Committee men had worn special pink shirts for the week and spectators were particularly generous with their contributions to the cause at Sunday's finale, the rearranged Under 11 extravaganza, where seven pitches were used. Two of those were pink as well, as director of *Flicx UK* Richard Beghin had travelled down to install them himself a few days earlier!

Friday's main event, the prestigious Under 15 Cup, was dominated by Joe Burton and his St Just team mates. Joe had recorded a fine 80 in the qualifying rounds then, seemingly

very unlucky, got himself dismissed for 99 in the semi-final group against St Erme. However, not to be outdone, he then raced to 103 not out in the Final and was backed up in splendid fashion by the St Just bowlers, who demolished poor Penzance, skittling them for a record low of 26 all out. Cornwall Captain Tom Sharp was on hand to present the prizes on a day spoilt by rain, but where good cricket and a fine spirit was the response of the young players and their coaches. Indeed, on several occasions this year, the Festival organisers were indebted to the clubs and the umpires for their readiness to get on with the game in very difficult conditions which would have seen players at a higher level scuttling for cover! One small regret, however, was that as many as seven club managers had seen fit to withdraw their teams at short notice, having earlier submitted an entry to the event, thereby causing as much havoc with the schedules as the unavoidable bad weather.

The 24th Festival, in 2010, will run from SUNDAY 8th to FRIDAY 13th AUGUST. Information will continue to be available on the Cornwall cricket website, www.cornwall-cricket.org.uk. CYCF officials would like to thank everyone who helped with this year's event, particularly Penryn Sports College, The Lord's Taverners, Flicx UK Ltd, The Cornish Cricket Company Ltd, R Booth Ltd and other sponsors, and the members of St Gluvias CC.

Full results Under 11 (23 teams) : Bowl – Truro B 122, Beacon B 118
Bronze Plate – Beacon A 116, St Gluvias 152
Silver Plate – Gorran 105, St Austell 123
Final – Truro 135 beat Falmouth 109 by 26 runs.
Player of the Final – Daniel Hubble (Truro)

Under 13 (14 teams) : Bowl – Redruth 73-5, Penzance 66
Plate – Rosudgeon 143, St Just 102
Semi-finals – Hayle 47-7, Falmouth 52-1
Truro 113-2, Grampound Road 79
Final – Falmouth 74-5, beat Truro 73, by 3 wickets.
Player of the Final – Scott Kellow (Falmouth)
Best Batting Performance – Adam Pascoe (Truro) 73
Best Bowling Performance – Sam Kruse (St Gluvias) 5-11

Under 15 (11 teams) : Plate – Truro 57, Falmouth 58-0
Semi-final Groups – Penzance beat Liskeard and Grampound Road
St Just A beat Redruth and St Erme
Final – St Just A 175-2, beat Penzance 26, by 149 runs.
Player of the Final – Joe Burton (St Just A)
Best Batting Performance – Joe Burton (St Just A) 103*
Best Bowling Performance – Jack O'Regan (Liskeard) 6-28

Under 17 (8 teams) : Semi-finals – Penzance 101-4, Redruth 70-7
Cranmore 88-7, Praze 70-2
Plate Final – St Just 58-3, Camborne 59-2
Final – Cranmore 95-2, beat Penzance 93-5, by 6 wickets.
Player of the Final – Matt Garner (Cranmore)