

# Cornwall Youth Cricket Festival

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## PRESS REPORT

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## **Sporting visitors impress at Festival**

Walmley CC, from the Birmingham area, were the stars of the show in more than one sense at last week's Cornwall Youth Cricket Festival, in Penryn. The Midlands visitors certainly proved their worth on the cricket pitch, winning both the Under 11 soft ball and Under 15 competitions, but they also made a tremendous impression on the hosts and the other participants, with their high level of organisation, enthusiasm and exemplary sportsmanship. Under Chairman of Youth Cricket Nathan Hill, the visiting party of some 70 players, coaches, other children and parents were totally committed to the spirit of the tournament and to a week of camping at the Kernick home of St Gluvias CC, promising to return next year to defend their trophies.

Local teams Grampound Road (U17) and Redruth 'A' (U13) were also successful in their events. Camborne were defeated by three runs in a tight, fairly low-scoring Under 17 final on Thursday, whilst Redruth had a much easier task in their final earlier in the evening, seeing off Rosudgeon without losing a wicket, after bowling them out for just 74. Newcomers South Devon had reached the semi-finals, but lost out to Redruth after a disappointing effort with the bat. Home club St Gluvias took the U13 Plate, beating St Just by 73 runs at Penryn Rugby Club, on a Flicx pitch which, organisers admitted, would require much greater thought in preparation if used on the same field again.

On the Under 11 day Walmley were defeated in their semi-final group by Paul, but crept through on nett runs difference in a thrilling three-way contest which also involved Truro, last season's winners. Grampound Road also took home two pieces of silverware, the U11 Silver Plate and Bowl. It was also pleasing to see Helston Cricket Club renewing their involvement in youth cricket, as they won the Silver Plate. The purpose of the Festival in providing competitive, but enjoyable, cricket for young players of all abilities was epitomised by the Under 11 Bowl, the fourth level of competition, where Perranporth won their first match of the season at the semi-final stage, having been filtered into that competition by the morning's results. They therefore enjoyed some closely contested games and carried off a set of runners-up medals at the end of the day, providing encouragement to

those youngsters to continue their involvement in the wonderful game of cricket. The holders of the Under 15 Cup, St Just, had the tables turned rather conclusively by Walmley's very strong batting line-up, which rattled up 177 runs in their 10 eight-ball overs. In the final, Grampound Road were also no match for the Warwickshire side, going down by the exact same margin of 116 runs. West Cornwall side Paul defeated their neighbours Rosudgeon to claim the Plate trophy.

Poor weather was once again a factor in causing havoc with the schedules and affecting the enjoyment of those taking part, with Tuesday's U13 and U15 groups completely wiped out by persistent rain, some interruptions on the Monday morning and a mixture of sun, breeze and dull, overcast conditions for the rest of the week. However, no-one really complained and everyone tried to get as much cricket played as they could, not least the fantastically large contingent of umpires, some of whom stood out in much wetter conditions than they should have been expected to endure, even in an English summer! One of their number, Richard Chynoweth, also received the special Flicx/Keith Morgan Spirit of Cricket Award, after deciding to cycle to Penryn from his Truro home when his car broke down. A rather *velodramatic* start to his day, you might say!

For once, current events were not entirely occupying the minds of the organisers, as next year will see the Festival's silver anniversary. There will be a number of special features to the 25<sup>th</sup> Festival, which will be held from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2011. Chairman Mark Mitchell has revealed that members of the Cornwall branch of the Lord's Taverners will be helping the Organising Committee to steer the event, with additional funds to be sought, in order to provide souvenir items for all of the youngsters who take part. A greater celebrity presence, including former first-class cricketers, is expected for the presentations and a special cricket match or tournament is to be organised. A programme of evening entertainment is also being considered. Information will continue to be available on the Cornwall cricket website, [www.cornwall-cricket.org.uk](http://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, The Cornish Cricket Company Ltd, Falmouth & Penryn Lions Club, R Booth Ltd and other sponsors, and the members of St Gluvias CC.

Full results Under 11 (26 teams) : Bowl – Perranporth 83, Grampound Road B 115  
Bronze Plate – St Erme A 137, Grampound Road A 138  
Silver Plate – Hayle 80, Helston 154  
Final – Walmley 197 beat Redruth A 122 by 75 runs.  
Player of the Final – Tom Pike (Walmley)

Under 13 (16 teams) : Bowl – Praze 88-2, St Erme 89-1  
Plate – St Gluvias 127-1, St Just 54  
Semi-finals – Rosudgeon 103-6, Paul 63-5  
South Devon 83, Redruth A 87-1  
Final – Redruth A 75-0, beat Rosudgeon 74, by 8 wickets.  
Player of the Final – Will Harris (Redruth)  
Best Batting Performance – Max Berriman (Paul) 100\*

Best Bowling Performance – Michael Fitchett (Rosudgeon) 5-8

Under 15 (12 teams) : Plate – Paul 147-3, Rosudgeon 80

Semi-finals – Walmley 177-2, St Just 61

Grampound Road 151-2, Falmouth 88-4

Final – Walmley 172-5, beat Grampound Road 56, by 116 runs.

Player of the Final – Andrew Hendry (Walmley)

Best Batting Performance – Lewis Harrison (Walmley) 113\*

Best Bowling Performance – Jevon Nolan (Praze) 4-7

Under 17 (10 teams) : Third Place Match – St Just 71, Walmley 72-0

Final – Grampound Road 71-4, beat Camborne 69-3, by 3 runs.

Player of the Final – Adam Hocking (Grampound Road)