



“Chance to Compete” Eight-a-Side National Champions

The winning squad pictured with Phil Brown (Coach) & Gladstone Small (Warwickshire CCC & England)
Haydn Lavender Ben Davis Kieran Richards (Captain) Javed Fadra Sam Tickle Henry Peach Joel Price Tom Green Harry Cook Matthew Munden
Friday 14th September 2012

“Chance to Compete”

The U13s were given an unexpected opportunity to compete in the 2012 regional finals of this new Eight-a-side national cricket competition. The competition is part of the Cricket Foundation’s ‘Chance to Shine’ initiative to bring back competitive cricket as a mainstream sport in state schools up and down the UK and to encourage the involvement of clubs in the education of young boys and girls via the sport of cricket.



U13 Squad - ‘Chance to Compete’ Southwest Winners 2012
with Charlotte Edwards, Captain of England Ladies’ Cricket Team

Ben Davis Matthew Munden Haydn Lavender Javed Fadra Harry Cook Kieran Richards Henry Peach Tom Green Joel Price Sam Tickle

Thanks to the dedication of the grounds man at Weston-super-Mare CC, and the first sunny dry day for ages, the southwest regional heats went ahead as scheduled. Playing the representative regional winners of Wales, Somerset, Cornwall, Wiltshire & Devon, and watched and officiated by England women cricketers Charlotte Edwards and Caroline Atkins, Kieran Richards ably led his side through the pool stages and into the final.

The competition requires all fielders to bowl at least one of the eight overs constituting an innings; batsmen must retire at 20 but can return after the others in the side have batted. This feature was effectively used by Kieran in the final.

We batted first and posted a useful but not very large total of 66 runs. In spite of a great first over by Matt Munden – only going for 4 runs - our opponents opening pair still managed to smash their way to 48 by the end of the fourth over. Having to then retire



and with Kieran taking an excellent boundary catch to dismiss their big-hitting number 3 bat, there remained only batsmen who could be classed as pushers of singles and not stroke makers. Kieran quickly closed his six fielders in to cut off their run supply; vital dot balls were secured; the pressure and excitement mounted!

The final over – just five required. Matt Munden to bowl. Panic, a run out and only 2 runs conceded. We'd done it! Charlotte Edwards congratulated the team, remarking how cool and controlled they were in the field to keep their form and maintain pressure to secure the win. Very professional she commented.

Now representing the southwest we have to play the winners of the southeast play-offs – Sandown Academy School from the Isle of Wight. The winners to go to the national finals on 14th September to play the North, Midlands and London/East regional champions at Moseley CC in Birmingham, where they will also receive coaching from Charlotte Edwards and some of the England women cricket team. We wish Kieran and his squad every success.



Charlotte Edwards says "Well Done!" & wishes Tommies success in the play-offs.

Post script – Due to a waterlogged ground at Falkland CC where we were due to play Sandown, the play-off match has been cancelled and the organisers (no doubt with one eye fixed on the weather) were unable (or unwilling?) to rearrange the date and venue before the school summer holidays. Their decision was to settle this important match by drawing lots. Most unsatisfactory – and disappointing for such a prestigious competition in its inaugural year. Lady Luck however favoured us in the toss of the coin – Sir Thomas Rich's will represent the south of England in the Chance to Compete Finals in September. Hopefully the rain will have stopped by then!

Good Luck to the boys!





Chance to Compete National Finals Day

Moseley CC, Birmingham
Friday 14th September



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School Squads

Brine Leas, Cheshire

Ronald Farnell-Buckell
Max Parry
Eddy Warrington
Ollie Jarvis
Owen Porter
George Spalding
Joel Clarke
Alex Geras
Callum Meakin
Nathan Hall
Sean Davis
Fergal Madden

Crown Hills - Leicestershire

Kalpesh Odedra
Zain Sheikh
Jaydeep Lakmaan
Asam Sallu
Adam Dakri
Siraj Hingora
Jaaryan Ganesh
Dhruvesh Kantilal
Keval Baria
Manoj Patel

Southborough High Surrey

Rafeh Jafri
Malkit Madhang
Shayaan Kumar
Tom Dean
Arun Astley
Dijin Joseph
Maaz Malik
Prince Singh
Jack Blackman
Ashar Mehmood

Sir Thomas Rich's Gloucestershire

Kieran Richards
Joel Price
Henry Peach
Ben Davis
Harry Cook
Sam Tickle
Tom Green
Matthew Munden
Haydn Lavender
Javed Fadra

Match Schedule

Time	Team Name	Team name
11.00	Brine Leas	Crown Hills
12.00	Sir Thomas Rich's	Southborough
13.00	Third Place Play Off	
14.00	Final	
15.00	Presentations & Departure	





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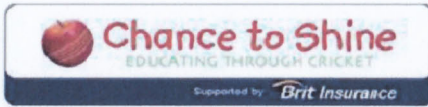
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Future Stars Shine at 'Chance to Compete'

Four schools from across the country battled it out for the national title at Moseley Cricket Club last Friday (14 September) as part of the 'Chance to Compete' National Finals Day. All four teams won through to the final after progressing through their regional heats. Sir Thomas Rich's School from Gloucestershire claimed the title in dramatic circumstances with an epic last ball victory over Brine Leas School from Cheshire in the final.

The kids were also treated to coaching from some of the best with Former England and Warwickshire bowler Gladstone Small on hand to help inspire the next generation of cricketers. Gladstone was joined by England women's cricketers Caroline Atkins and Beth Morgan who offered advice and tips to the youngsters.

'Chance to Compete' is a national secondary school hardball competition run by the Cricket Foundation, who run the Chance to Shine campaign. Following a successful pilot last year, this year the competition was rolled out nationwide. The competition is aimed at giving secondary state school children an opportunity to play hardball, competitive cricket.

Speaking at the event, Steve Peyman, Director of Operations at the Cricket Foundation, said, "It's been a fantastic occasion. The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and there has been some great cricket on show. All day the games were played in the right spirit and it was capped off by a nail-biting finish.

"Thanks again to Gladstone, Caroline and Beth for attending. The kids loved having them here and they have picked up some great tips from them."

Speaking about his school's victory, Phil Brown, teacher at Sir Thomas Rich's school, commented, "What a great day. It's a beautiful surrounding and setting and there has been some really good cricket. The last ball victory could have gone either way and it was fantastic to win. The final was very tense and I'm glad it's all over!"

"I'm very proud of the boys. They've worked hard and there is some terrific talent here, with good prospects for the future, and they have come together brilliantly as a team. It's great to see them progress so well - I've really enjoyed coaching them."

'Chance to Shine' supported by Brit Insurance is the biggest grass-roots sport development programme ever undertaken in Britain. It was launched in 2005 by Governor of the Bank of England Sir Mervyn King to reverse the decline of cricket in state schools and has now brought cricket to over one million schoolchildren.



The winning squad from Sir Thomas Rich's School proudly display their medals and the champion's trophy with Gladstone Small and England Ladies Cricketers Beth Morgan and Caroline Atkins

Semi-final 1 - Crown Hills v Brine Leas

The first semi saw Crown Hills from Leicestershire come up against Cheshire's own Brine Leas. Crown Hills batted first and some good bowling from Brine Leas restricted them to 48. Brine Leas' openers Max Perry and Eddy Warrington made short work of the total, knocking it off in just over four overs. Perry made 20* and Warrington finished on 18*.

Result: Brine Leas won by seven wickets

Semi-Final 2 - Southborough High v Sir Thomas Rich's

Southborough High from Surrey took on Sir Thomas Rich's from Gloucestershire in the second semi. Southborough batted first and posted a competitive 72-2 from their 8 overs. Prince Singh made an unbeaten 20 and Rafah Jafri smashed 23* from just eleven balls including one four and two sixes. In reply Joel Price cracked 22* from 9 balls as Sir Thomas Rich's looked to be cruising to victory at 68-1 before Arun Astley (3-14) took a flurry of wickets to put the result back in the balance. Despite this, Sir Thomas Rich's came into the last over only needing one to win. The next three balls comprised of a run out, a stumping and a dot ball as the tension mounted and seemed to be getting to Sir Thomas Rich's. Step forward Ben Davis who hit the fourth ball of the over to the boundary as his team just got over the line and into the final.

Result: Sir Thomas Rich's won by two wickets





3rd and 4th place play-offs - Crown Hills v Southborough High

In the play-off match for third and fourth positions, Crown Hills again batted first but this time scored at a quicker rate than their semi and posted a very competitive 77-5. Adam Dakri scored a very useful 23* but extras top scored as Southborough High conceded a massive 32 runs in wides. Southborough were keen to make up for their bowling performance and with Malkit Madhang (23*), Shayaan Kumar (18) and Rafeh Jafri (16*) all contributing they chased down the total with four balls to spare. Southborough High finished on 79-1 to clinch third place.

Result: Southborough High won by six wickets

Final - Brine Leas v Sir Thomas Rich's

Brine Leas batted first in the final and their openers looked to carry on from where they left off in the semi. Perry and Warrington both made 22* as they looked set for a big score. Despite a few run outs, Joel Clarke made a quick 13* to guide his team to 71-2 from their 8 overs. Sir Thomas Rich's managed to keep up with the rate throughout their innings thanks to 23* from Henry Peach and an unbeaten 18 from Kieran Richards. A tidy over from Nathan Hall (7-2) meant that Sir Thomas Rich's needed eleven from the final over. The tension was palpable as Richards and Davis tried to get their team over the line. It can down to the final ball as the pair scampered a quick single to the 'keeper to win the competition and become 'Chance to Compete' national champions.

Result: Sir Thomas Rich's won by four wickets from the final ball



Chance to Compete Eight-a-Side National Champions

Richards and Davis seal it for Tommies

Cricket

SIR Thomas Rich's School have been crowned 2012 national champions of the Under-13s Chance to Compete national cricket tournament.

The school saw off competition from three other schools from across the country who had progressed through regional heats to battle it out for the national title at Moseley Cricket Club.

The final saw Sir Thomas Rich's come up against Brine Leas School of Cheshire.

Brine Leas were the first to bat and made a 71-2 from their eight overs.

The game went down to the

final over with Sir Thomas Rich's needing 11 to win and captain Kieran Richards and Ben Davis managed to scramble a quick single to the keeper from the final ball to win.

The boys were also treated to coaching from former England and Warwickshire bowler Gladstone Small and England Women cricketers Caroline Atkins and Beth Morgan.

Phil Brown, the team's coach, said: "I'm very proud of the boys. They've worked hard and there's some good talent here."

Deputy head Chris Carter added: "This success will only help to raise the profile of the sport in school and boost the boys' confidence for next season."



■ **SHINING LIGHTS:** Students, from left, Hayden Lavender, Ben Davis, captain Kieran Richards, Javed Fadra, Sam Tickle, Henry Peach, Joel Price, Tom Green, Harry Cook and Matthew Munden. Also pictured are (left) coach Phil Brown and Gladstone Small, Warwickshire and England cricketer



Chance to Compete Cricket Competition

U13 Finals Day at Moseley C.C.

14th September 2012

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- ~ Semi-finals
- ~ Presentations
- ~ Training & Warmups

Photos taken by Luke Bains, who accompanied Team.

CD available to view from School Archive - contact school.

(Most photos used in online .mp4 slideshow by PCR).



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To Phil,

Thank you so much for all your help, support and commitment to extra-curricular sport at Rich's over the years.

Your contribution to cricket and rugby in the school has been invaluable. I have learnt a great deal from you and I am forever grateful for all the hard work you have put in. You will be sadly missed.
Thank you again, Rhys