

GLAMORGAN UNDER 17s

Richard Almond, now Glamorgan's Academy Director, reports on the progress of the U17s

It was a largely disappointing season for the Glamorgan team this year which culminated in our relegation from Division One of the Under 17 Championship for the first time. The weather played havoc with our fixtures with one game against Sussex being called off without a ball being bowled and two others being heavily rain-affected. Although we did not win a game all was not doom and gloom, and there were some excellent individual performances throughout the season.

We started the campaign against Hampshire, who would go on to win the Championship, at Miskin where the first day was rained off. We lost the toss on day two and Hampshire elected to bat on a sticky wicket. There was some excellent bowling and fielding and we bowled them out for 153 with Tom Jones taking 3/38 and Iwan Jenkins 3/12. After a solid start we lost wickets steadily on a drying wicket and were eventually all out just three runs short with Dion Holden top scoring with 41.

Our second game was away at Middlesex where we played some of our best cricket of the year. We restricted them to 346-9 with Iwan Jenkins taking 3/66. In reply we were 280/8 with Steven Inward playing the innings of the season in making 138, an excellent effort on a turning wicket against some good spin bowling.

After our rained off game at home to Sussex, we travelled away to Surrey where we played some good cricket but were beaten by an excellent team. After being 30-4 we managed to declare on 347-9, thanks to 102 from Iwan Jenkins and 101 not out by Stuart Goddard. We then reduced Surrey to 50-4 and thought we were in with a chance of victory but the Surrey middle order proved too powerful and we eventually lost by five wickets.

Our last home game of the season was against Kent at Pentyrch, we bowled them out for 257 with Aneurin Norman taking 3/29. A disappointing batting display saw us all out for 209 with Aneurin the main contributor with the bat with 50. Kent were then sent in to bat for bonus points and we managed to bowl them out in just 17 overs for 137 with Ben Williams taking 6/39.

Our last game of the season was away at Somerset, a game that was now a must win game. After losing the toss and being sent in we played 5 overs on the first day and then torrential rain washed out the rest of the day's play. In trying to set a target in quick time in order to give us time to bowl them out to win the game we were all out for 155. We bowled tightly but were never going to restrict them and lost by six wickets with only a couple of overs of the day remaining.

A large proportion of the team that played this year will still be in the Under 17 squad next year and hopefully with the experience gained this year we will bounce straight back up into Division One where we belong.

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May 22 at Gorseinon C.C.	Glamorgan 206-8 in 50 overs (RI Wilson 81, N Baker 61) Welsh Colleges 179 in 40 overs (A McCormack 88, TJ Jones 4/28) Glamorgan Academy won by 27 runs
August 22, 23 at St. Fagans C.C.	Glamorgan 287 (RI Wilson 89, IR Jenkins 50, S Cheetham 5/85) Berkshire 303-9dec (W Challoner 189, BL Wadlan 4/25) Berkshire won on first innings
Sept 10, 11 at Kings Heath C.C.	Warwickshire 382 (R Johnson 121, B Patel 91, AJ Thomas 3/55) and 163-2 (S Benton 100*) Glamorgan 247 (BL Wadlan 103, I Hassan 70, J Hawkes 7/41) Warwickshire won on first innings

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June 17 at Oswestry	Glamorgan 201/9 in 50 overs (SL Inward 60, S Black 3/24) Shropshire Colts 151 in 48.3 overs (AP Thomas 3/19) Glamorgan won by 50 runs
July 5, 6 at Miskin Manor C.C.	Hampshire 12-0 dec and 153 (C Morgan 66, TJ Jones 3/38, IR Jenkins 3/12, Z Ikram 2/9) Glamorgan 12-0 dec and 149 (D Holden 41, D Briggs 4/13) Hampshire won by 4 runs
July 11, 12 at Merchant Taylor's School	Middlesex 346-9dec (WS Jones 121, D Simpson 99, IR Jenkins 3/66) Glamorgan 280-8 (SL Inward 138, L Cherry 4/34) Match Drawn
August 2, 3 at Charterhouse	Glamorgan 347-9dec (IR Jenkins 102, S Goddard 101*, D King 4/68) and 28-0 Surrey 351-5dec (S Waters 85, L Durandt 83, T Jewell 75*, J Roy 59*, IR Jenkins 3/58) Surrey won on first innings
August 8, 9 at Pentyrch C.C.	Kent 257 (A Norman 3/29) and 137 (M Barber 51, B Williams 6/39) Glamorgan 209 (A Norman 50, J Goodman 3/17) Kent won on first innings
August 15, 16 at Taunton C.C.	Glamorgan 155 (J Leach 5/42) Somerset 168-4 (S Butler 61) Somerset won on first innings

The following young cricketers also appeared for Glamorgan U17 in 2007:

Nathan Baker	RHB WK	Barry Athletic CC
Chris Butlin	RHB	Radyr CC
Rhodri Evans	LHB, RAM,	Swansea CC
John Glover	RHB	Panteg CC
Stuart Goddard	RHB RAOS	Llangenydd CC
Imran Hassan	RHB RLS	Newport CC
Scott Hellmich	RHB LAM	Llanelli CC
Dion Holden	RHB RAM	Bangor CC
Zain Ikram	RHB RALS	Pontynewydd CC
Steve Inward	LHB	Ynysygerwyn CC
Oliver James	RHB RAOS	Usk CC
Iwan Jenkins	RHB RAM	Cowbridge CC
Tom Jones	RHB RAM	Briton Ferry Steel CC
Tom Maynard	RHB RAM	Ammanford CC
Aneurin Norman	RHB RAM	Radyr CC
Andrew Thomas	RHB LAS	Barry Athletic CC
Greg Webber	RHB	Brecon CC
Ben Williams	LHB LAS	Prestatyn CC
Liam Wools	RHB RAM	Tondu CC