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WOMENS AND GIRLS  
CRICKET IN  
STAFFORDSHIRE

# Womens Cricket in Staffordshire

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## Age Group Cricket

### Under 11s

Staffs Under 11s played their first game at Oakamoor on 20th May against a very strong Warwickshire team. The difference in experience levels showed as Staffs were dismissed for only 40 with Warwickshire winning by 10 wickets with plenty of overs in hand. Nevertheless, this was useful experience for this squad as we attempt to give the girls competitive cricket at the earliest opportunity to ensure we have oven-ready players for our Under 13 squad.

On the day Warwickshire bowled full and straight and Staffs struggled to cope with this. Only a 26 run partnership between Amy West and Lauren Cousins gave the Staffs innings credibility. Staffs bowlers bowled with conviction and the Warwickshire innings continued after victory had been secured, resulting in a final total of 104-3, with two wickets for Rachel Evans and one for Jodi Bloor.

### Under 13s

Staffs Under 13s have had a frustrating season with only one game so far surviving the rain, with wash-outs against Warwickshire, Wales, Shropshire and Worcestershire. The completed game was against Herefordshire and saw Staffs win by 8 wickets. Staffs contained Herefordshire to 86-9 off 30 overs, with 9 bowlers used and

key contributions from captain Ria Wagstaff 2-8, and Hannah Burrows 2-11; Katy Grainger, Rachel LeFeaver, Jess Cadwaller, and Rachael Smith also took wickets. In response Staffs reached their target with the loss of two wickets, mainly thanks to an unbroken 53 run partnership between Ria Wagstaff (42 not) and Ellie Bourne (19 not).

### Under 15s

Staffs Under 15s have enjoyed a good start to the season, winning the North B division of the LV Championship beating Notts by 8 wickets, Derbyshire by 8 wickets and Cheshire by 1 wicket in a thriller. Against Derbyshire, Staffs bowled well, dismissing Derbyshire for 121 in 28 overs, with Charlotte Whyte taking 4-16, Gemma Birch 2-21 and Kathryn Whyte 2-36. Staffs passed their target in 24 overs, Kathryn Whyte scoring 61 not out, and Mary Clark 21. Against Notts, Staffs restricted Notts to 103-5, with Amy Carnwell 2-20, Lottie Rea-Gardner 2-17 and Charlotte Lloyd 1-22 taking wickets and then chased down the target thanks to contributions from Charlotte Whyte 40 and Kathryn Whyte 29. Against Cheshire it looked easy as Cheshire were dismissed for 72, but an excellent Cheshire attack reduced Staffs to 28-4 and 49-7 before Sophie Grimley and Rebecca Prime (both Blythe

CC) dug in to nail the win with a small but important 10th wicket stand of 8. Charlotte Lloyd scored a crucial 16 mid innings in difficult circumstances

### Under 17s

Staffs under 17s, arguably the strongest side we have ever fielded, are having a torrid time with the weather and had only played one fixture by Mid July, beating Leicestershire by 7 wickets.

Staffs won the toss and decided to bowl with Georgia Elwiss, the captain, and Cheryl Alcock opening the bowling. Leicestershire were bowled out for 76 in 34.4 overs, the wickets being shared out amongst all the bowlers. Cheryl Alcock bowled especially tightly without much luck to finish with 1 for 6 off 6 overs, ably supported by Georgia Elwiss 2 for 16 and Charlotte and Kathryn Whyte with 2 for 15 and 2 for 6 respectively. Dani Wyatt and Georgia Elwiss opened the batting and were running well between the wickets, taking some cheeky singles when they took one chance too many and Dani was run out for 14. Georgia followed soon after LBW for 23. Cheryl Alcock was out next to a superb catch from Emily Marriot for 1 but Charlotte Whyte and Elsa Evans comfortably knocked off the remaining runs both finishing not out on 12 and 4 respectively in 18.4 overs.

## Senior Team

Staffs have an established Senior team, coached by Chuck O'Rourke captained by Suzanne Redfern and managed by Maggie Leath.

The team plays in Division 3 of the ECB County Championship together with Middlesex, Warwickshire and Cheshire.

Staffs warmed up for the season with a narrow defeat against Derbyshire, Derbyshire scored 180, with England Under 21 pace bowler Georgia Elwiss taking 7-27 and Regional player Cheryl Allcock 2-25. Staffs managed 176-7, Suzanne Redfern top scoring with 54 not out, England Under 21 Danielle Wyatt 39 and Penny Thane 26.

The first round of Championship matches has so far seen a washout against Cheshire and a defeat to Warwickshire. Staffs were without influential players Georgia Elwiss and Danielle Wyatt who had GCSEs to contend with. Warwickshire scored 230-7, Franki James 3-43, wickets also for Elsa Evans, Cheryl Allcock, Rachael Jones and Emma Pearce. In reply Staffs scored 139-7, only Suzanne Redfern 61 and Rachael Jones 37 troubling the scorers. Staffs play Middlesex on 14th July and then go to Taunton for the conclusion of the Championship with matches against Warwickshire (24 July Taunton Wyvern CC), Middlesex (25 July Taunton Wyvern) and Cheshire (26 July Taunton Vale No 2 ground).

Best of luck to the ladies.

## International Cricket in 2007

England take on New Zealand this summer . Fixtures:

### Warm-up matches

**Tuesday August 7:** South Africa v England Development XI, Taunton School

**Wed August 8:** MCC v New Zealand, venue TBC; South Africa v England Development XI, Taunton School

**Fri August 10:** Mini Twenty20 competition, Taunton School (South Africa, New Zealand and two England XI teams)

All matches will start at 10.45am and the Twenty20 competition will begin at 10am.

**NatWest Women's International Twenty20**



- Sunday August 12:** 1st Twenty20 v New Zealand, Bath CC
- Monday August 13:** 2nd Twenty20 v New Zealand, Bath CC
- Thursday August 16:** 3rd Twenty20 v New Zealand, Taunton (Sky Sports)

The first Twenty20 will start at 3.30pm, the second match at 5.30pm and the final one will begin at 5.40pm.

**NatWest Women's Series**



- Fri August 17:** 1st NatWest ODI v New Zealand, Taunton (Sky Sports)
- Sun August 19:** 2nd NatWest ODI v New Zealand, Stratford CC
- Thurs August 23:** 3rd NatWest ODI v New Zealand, Derby (Floodlit)
- Sun August 26:** 4th NatWest ODI v New Zealand, Blackpool CC
- Mon August 27:** 5th NatWest ODI v New Zealand, Blackpool
- Thurs August 30:** 6th NatWest ODI v New Zealand, Shenley

All matches will start at 10.45am, with the exception of the Floodlit game at Derby which will start at 2.30pm.



## Lady Taverners Outdoor Competition

Meir Heath CC U15 girls won the Staffs Lady Taverners final at Stafford Grammar School on Saturday 23rd June beating both Cannock C.C. and a mixed Blythe and Little Stoke team. Mary Clark who captained the team was also the competitions top run scorer and Louise Sharrock was the pick of the bowlers taking 3 wickets in 4 deliveries in the game against Blythe/Little Stoke.

Meir Heath moved on to Denby C.C. Derbyshire as Staffordshire's representatives in the Midland Regional Final on Sunday 8th July. There they won all 4 games to progress to the National Finals at King Edwards School (scheduled for 15 July but believed to have been rain affected).

The U13 competition saw Lichfield progress to the Regional Finals beating Stone, Little Stoke, Meir Heath and Milford. Lichfield also represented the county at this age group in the Regional Finals on Sunday 8th July. Despite just failing to progress, the experience showed how far the Club has moved forward-in their game against Wellingborough, Lichfield reduced Wellingborough to 30-5 and caused a mild panic. Great stuff considering Wellingborough are reigning National Champions and about as strong as you can get. Well done Lichfield.

# League Cricket

There is both Junior and Adult League Cricket being played in Staffordshire:

## Junior Leagues

We have the Staffordshire Moorlands League which plays Inter Cricket (Soft Ball) format and involves sides from Meir Heath, Leek, Blythe, Milford, Little Stoke and Stone as well as a hardball league organised by the Cannock Chase Cricket Development Group featuring Cannock & Rugeley, Rugeley and Cannock and Bloxwich. More in later issues.....

## Adult Leagues

We have Meir Heath CC competing in the ECB Northern Premier League, as well as Meir Heath CC second team, Moddershall CC, Old Hill CC and Bloxwich CC in the Oak Sports Womens Midlands League. Details:

Oak Sports Midlands League: <http://wml.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>

Northern Premier League: <http://premiernorth.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>

# U21 Euro Champs

Danielle Wyatt and Georgia Elwiss travel to Holland with the England Under 21s again this August to compete in the European Championships. Games are played between 12th and 16 August. Lets wish them the best.



***Georgia (back, far left) and Dani (front, far right)-winners in 2006***

# Do You have a Womens/Girls team?

Staffs is a huge county, and were finding new players and new teams almost weekly. We need to know about all girls-only cricket in the County, so please tell us about what you're doing including training nights, fixtures, membership.....we will advertise it in this newsletter and hopefully this will boost your membership.

**Wolverhampton Cricket Club** is establishing a rapidly expanding Girls section and has established a link with Wolverhampton Girls High School, which it is hoped will benefit both the Club and the school. For further details about membership and coaching please contact Arthur Pickering on 01902 736191.

**Old Hill CC** have a very well established womens and girls section, including a number of County players that represent Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire. They are looking for new players to supplement both their junior and senior sides and for more information please contact Chris Sheen on 01384 351635

## Womens Cricket Forums

Learn more about developing Womens and Girls Cricket. ECB are again holding Women's cricket forums accessible to all. This year as part of the continued drive to improve and develop women's and girls cricket ECB are focusing on Club cricket

### **"Club Matters" will include:**

- Information on developing and sustaining Women and girls activity in your club / area
- Linking your work to other initiatives in your area - like schools competition and county board activity - leagues and regional leagues/ national competitions
- looking at ways to best improve the women's and girls game

This years event in the Midlands will be held at Cannock Cricket Club on Sunday 7th October 10-00 til 5-00.

For more information please contact Sue Redfern (Sue.Redfern@ecb.co.uk) before 31 August 2007.

## Need to Know More?????

If you want to know more or want to tell us what you're doing in women's and girls cricket please contact Leigh Rees (leighrees@lineone.net) or Dave Ford (DaveFord6@ntlworld.com)

Also go to: <http://staffordshirewomen.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>