



**UPPER AIREDALE JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

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**PARTICIPATION, QUALITY & STRATEGY REVIEW**

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This Report details and summarises outcomes and evaluates the extent of junior cricket played throughout the Upper Airedale Junior Cricket Association during 2023, a year of significant growth.

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*“To improve is to change, so to be perfect is to change often.”* Sir Winston Churchill

**1 2023 REVIEW****1.1 2023 Pre-Season Strategy and focus**

- Over-arching 2021-22 Sponsors, Prembiz Ltd, opted not to continue their sponsorship of UAJCA in 2023 in favour of another sporting discipline. But UAJCA is delighted to welcome local company **Bentley Drains** as its 2023 over-arching Partner. Additionally, Bentley Drains sister Company **Five Rise Contractors** will also partner our Girls and Softball Development Programmes for 2023. All other sponsors, **Brook Taverner, CartaSport, Pro Coach** and the **Keighley Cup** Committee have also been retained and as always UAJCA is most grateful for their continuing long-term assistance in ensuring we can deliver a meaningful cricket programme and pathway for all the district's young boys and girls.
- Structural change to management of the JCA has progressed with the Secretarial role being split into three smaller, more manageable roles. Mr Fordham has taken up the Hardball Secretary duties whilst new Chairman Mr Thompson will retain the Softball and Girls' development role. Mr Walker volunteered to add the Umpiring co-ordination role to his under-11 team manager duties. On season's eve and following promises of parental support, Mr Cummings also volunteered to assume the vacant under-10 development team manager role. The Secretarial role for Representative cricket has yet to be filled and in 2023 all Team managers agreed to share the duties. There remains also a need to find an administrative correspondence Secretary.
- Continued focus on recruitment and retention is seen to be paying off in on-going growth of both number of club members and the number of their playing teams.
- Four new club entries to the Association came from Addingham CC [Hardball Pairs], Airedale CC & Denholme CC [softball], Burley-in-Wharfedale CC [Girls' hardball].
- Representative cricket would again feature at u15, u13, u12, u11 & u10 age-groups with our u12 team now integrated within the Yorkshire Junior Cricket Festival alongside the others.
- Mr Walker is to address umpiring administration and is in discussion with the Treasurer regarding an expanded objective of providing expenses for *all* UAJCA representative matches.
- Player recruitment efforts were substantial with 203 more players than in 2022, overall numbers now standing at a record 1,023. The eventual team entry was huge reward for the efforts from the 23 member clubs which collectively were able to field 82 teams, an amazing increase of 17 from 2022.
- Retention of the under-18s League would continue through initial expansion from 5 to 7 teams once again undertaking T20 and T100 formats in coloured clothing.
- The non-competitive softball development programme was to be supported by the fielding of 19 teams, yet another increase of two, to take part in fixtures between May and August.
- The observed benefits of allowing under-10 players and beginners to participate led to debate around the adoption of a 'Stage Not Age' approach development. It was agreed to expand the idea to girls' cricket and to boys up to age 13.
- The development in 2022 of a Girls League took a further step in expanding the number of Stage groups to three, a hardball group [over-11], a softball Championship group [under-11] and a softball development programme. The initial group of four teams [Crossflatts, Gt Horton Church, Settle & Skipton] was supplemented by Burley-in-Wharfedale [hardball] and Oakworth [softball]. Home and Away fixture lists were compiled and late summer Festival Cups for hardball and softball were also scheduled.
- Financially the Association remains in rude health with the Bentley Drains and Five Crise Contractor substantial contributions helping to produce sponsorship for all our Age/Stage Groups

1.2 **2023 UAJCA Membership**

The number of UAJCA member clubs again increased by 4 to 23 [gained Airedale, Addingham, Burley-in-Wharfedale and Denholme]. The club membership roll continues to show decreasing numbers of teams from the Craven & District League following 2023 switches of league for Oakworth to the Halifax League and Bingley Congs to the Aire-Wharfe Senior League, depleting further numbers allied to CDCL.

82 Junior Teams at 23 Clubs in 2023			
Senior Affiliation	Clubs	Teams	Club Names
Aire-Wharfe League	6	23	Addingham, Bingley Congs, Burley-in-W, Harden, Skipton, Steeton
Bradford League	2	11	Bradford & Bingley, Crossflatts
Bradford Sun Sch League	1	7	Gt Horton Church
Craven & District League	6	12	Airedale, Bradley, Denholme, Haworth, Long Lee, Sutton
Halifax League	3	10	Cullingworth, Oakworth, Oxenhope
Nidderdale League	2	4	Embsay, Upper Wharfedale
North West League	3	15	Barnoldswick, Earby, Settle

UAJCA 2023 Club & Team Participation									
Region	Club	Total	Standard	Pairs	U18	U15	U13	U11	SDP
North Yorkshire	Bradley	1	1				1		
7 clubs, 28 teams	Burley-in-Wharfedale	1		1			1		
	Embsay	1		1				1	
	Settle	7	2	5		1	1	3	2
	Skipton	10	5	5	1	2	3	2	2
	Sutton	5	3	2	1	1	1	1	1
	Upper Wharfedale	3	1	2		1		1	1
	Pendle	Earby	4	2	2		1	1	1
2 clubs, 8 teams	Barnoldswick	4	1	3			1	1	2
	West Yorkshire	Addingham	1		1				1
14 clubs, 46 teams	Airedale	1		1					1
	Bingley Congs	2		2				1	1
	Bradford & Bingley	2	2		1	1			
	Crossflatts	9	2	7		1	2	3	3
	Cullingworth	2		2				1	1
	Denholme	1		1					1
	Gt Horton Church	7	3	4	1	1	1	2	2
	Harden	4	2	2		1	1	1	1
	Haworth	3	1	2			1	1	1
	Long Lee	1		1					1
	Oakworth	7	3	4	1	1	1	2	2
	Oxenhope	1	1		1				
	Steeton	5	3	2	1	1	1	1	1
23 clubs, 82 teams			32	50	7	12	16	23	24

## 1.3 2023 PLAYING SCHEDULE &amp; COMPLETION

In contrast to the 2022 season, which was remarkably warm and dry with almost zero matches lost to the elements, 2023 suffered unusually with persistent rain in July and early August!. In 2023 407 [up 87 or 27%] competitive league fixtures [inc Play-Offs] and 57 Cup-ties were planned for 2023. Commendably 380 matches were completed on the field [82%].

Association	2023	Scheduled Fixtures			Fixture Completion			
	Teams	League & PO	Cup	Total	League	Cup	Completed	Completion%
U9 Softball Programme	24	132	15	147	98	15	113	76%
U11 Softball Pairs [girls]	5	20		20	20		20	100%
U11 Hardball Pairs [mixed]	18	91	15	106	85	13	98	92%
U13 Hardball Pairs [Girls]	3	9		9	4		4	44%
U13 4.75oz ball Youth	13	66	11	77	54	10	64	83%
U15 5.50oz ball Standard	12	61	10	71	52	9	61	85%
U18 5.50oz ball T100/T20	7	28	6	34	16	4	20	59%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>82%</b>
Club	Teams	League inc PO	Cup	Total	League	Cup	Total	Completion%
Addingham	1	10	2	12	10	2	12	100%
Airedale	1	12		12	10		10	83%
Barnoldswick	4	44	4	48	35	3	38	79%
Bingley Congs	2	22	3	25	18	2	20	80%
Bradford & Bingley	2	19	7	26	14	6	20	77%
Bradley	1	10	1	11	9	0	9	81%
Burley-in-Wharfedale	1	6		6	2		2	33%
Crossflatts	9	84	10	94	69	10	79	84%
Cullingworth	2	22	2	24	17	2	19	79%
Denholme	1	12	1	13	10	1	11	84%
Earby	4	42	7	49	31	7	38	77%
Embsay	1	10	1	11	10	1	11	100%
Gt Horton Church	7	66	14	80	50	11	61	76%
Harden	4	42	6	48	36	5	41	85%
Haworth	3	32	4	36	28	3	31	86%
Long Lee	1	12	1	13	8	1	9	69%
Oakworth	7	64	13	77	54	12	66	86%
Oxenhope	1	8	1	9	6	1	7	77%
Settle	7	67	9	76	57	9	66	86%
Skipton	10	98	6	104	81	6	87	83%
Steeton	5	50	11	61	37	10	47	77%
Sutton	5	50	6	56	37	5	42	75%
U Wharfedale	3	32	5	37	29	5	34	92%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>82%</b>

1.4 2023 PLAYER PARTICIPATION

This following tables show 1,023 registered players [up 203, 24.7%] played a minimum of 1 match in 2023. shading 2023 teams

Age Group in 2023	U18s	u17s	u16s	u15s	u14s	u13s	u12s	u11s	U10s	U9s	U8s	Total
Age Group in 2024	senior	u18s	u17s	u16s	u15s	u14s	u13s	u12s	u11s	U10s	U9s	2023
Birth years	04-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-17	
Skipton	4	2	11	8	11	14	17	16	10	6	17	116
Gt Horton Church	3	7	6	5	9	12	13	12	11	15	9	102
Crossflatts			3	9	3	12	10	11	11	16	18	93
Oakworth	2	8	4	5	7	9	10	13	9	9	12	88
Settle				3	10	10	12	19	11	16	6	87
Sutton	1	6		10	6	11	5	7	3	6	6	61
Upper Wharfedale			2	9	2		2	12	3	9	10	49
Steeton	2			9	6	5	7	3	4	3	9	48
Earby				6	6	4	5	6	3	8	6	44
Harden			1	2	8	3	5	9	3	5	7	43
Haworth						11	3	5	9	7	6	41
Bradford & Bingley	5	3	3	9	10	6						36
Barnoldswick						3	3	8	2	11	8	35
Bingley Congs							2	5	12	4	7	30
Addingham								7	16	1	1	25
Cullingworth						1		2	4	4	10	21
Oxenhope		7	5	1	5	1						19
Embsay			1			1	2	7	5	2		18
Airedale							2	4	4	1	5	16
Bradley						6	6	1	1			14
Long Lee								4	5	1	4	14
Denholme								2	1	3	6	12
Burley in Wharfedale				1	1	1		6				9
<b>Total [23 clubs]</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>1023</b>

Age-Grouping	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YOY Change	2024 forecast
17-year-olds								0	13	17	+4	35
16-year-olds	63	42	39	35	22	17	0	28	14	35	+21	36
15-year-olds	54	44	48	28	16	27	1	17	33	36	+3	77
<b>Under 18s</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>+28</b>	<b>148</b>
14-year-olds	91	81	80	45	57	44	42	76	66	77	+11	84
13-year-olds	83	88	61	70	48	59	70	61	83	84	+1	110
<b>Under 15s</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>+12</b>	<b>194</b>
12-year-olds	119	78	81	62	78	96	61	102	87	110	+23	104
11-year-olds	96	81	64	93	86	70	97	82	92	104	+12	159
<b>Under 13s</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>+35</b>	<b>263</b>
10-year-olds	106	90	101	103	67	103	87	105	94	159	+65	127
9-year-olds	87	81	107	65	96	87	78	58	117	127	+10	127
<b>Under 11s</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>+75</b>	<b>254</b>
8-year-olds	86	107	66	85	70	80	53	72	85	127	+42	147
Younger than 8	92	79	103	101	97	72	59	95	136	147	+11	147
<b>Under 9s</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>+53</b>	<b>294</b>
<b>Annual Totals</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>+203</b>	<b>1153</b>
<b>Annual Change</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-106</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-63</b>	<b>-50</b>	<b>+18</b>	<b>-107</b>	<b>+148</b>	<b>+124</b>	<b>+203</b>	<b>+79</b>	<b>+130</b>

Turn-out.

Our playing database [above] shows 1,023 players made at least one appearance in 2023. This is a 24.7% increase of 203 from 2022 and is a new record for UAJCA. This represents a huge effort by our 23 clubs to entice and encourage parents and youngsters to play cricket during troubled times. Great Horton Church, Skipton & Settle again featured most players, and it is of note to see 66 from the four new clubs, Addingham, Airedale, Burley-in-Wharfedale & Denholme. The largest age-group was at under-11 with a record 286 just ahead of the under-9s with 274, also a record. Every age-group recorded an increase for the first time since records began.

The bulk of the increase derived from the youngest school years, all of which generated record levels. The softball revolution including girls' teams marches on and is now the clear driver in our growth plan with exactly 200 new players signed up [see Section 2]. Expectations are high that the Girls League might expand yet further in 2024 possibly through an

under-13 softball league. The 2023 Softball Development Programme [SDP] and hardball transition leagues together accounted for over half the number of players [560] for a second consecutive season. It should though also be noted that the under-18s Pink Ball competition continued recent trend to attract yet greater numbers, 88 in 2023, highest since 2014.

### Girl's Cricket

The four club entries from 2022 [Crossflatts, Gt Horton Church, Settle & Skipton] were joined in 2023 by Oakworth [softball] & Burley-in-Wharfedale [hardball]. Collectively it was decided to also arrange a Hardball League for over-11 years-olds alongside a second year of the under-11 Softball Championship League. Additionally in response to suggestions that yet younger girls would enhance development of girls' cricket as a whole, girls-only Softball fixtures were created within the mixed programme. The softball groupings embraced the Stage Not Age [SNA] concept, which would be monitored to evaluate the development. End of season Softball and Hardball Festival-style Cup competitions were also proposed.

### 2024 Forecast

The 2024 forecast suggests a potential 94 teams, an overall increase of 12 [3 softball & 9 hardball]. The continuance of the under-18s Competition and potential re-entry to the Joe Lumb Cup remain an agenda item for the AGM in January 2023 as there is the prospect of perhaps 9 teams with 148 players [up 60] for the 2024 under-18s competition. The girls' league is in the process of shuffling up the age groupings and a clear view of the continuation of the surge in numbers is not yet possible. Many view the introduction of a u-13 Softball league for 2024 as essential since demand for hardball is not seemingly yet fully energised.

Group	2023	Possible Gains	Possible Losses	2024 forecast	format
Softball	24	Steeton, Cowling, Ingrow		27	3 SDPs
Hardball Pairs	23	Airedale, Long Lee, Denholme	Embsay, Settle	24	3 Conferences
Hardball 4.75	16	Embsay, Wharfedale, Bingley Cs, Addingham, Barnoldswick, Settle	Bradley	21	2 Divisions
Hardball 5.25	12	Haworth, Bradley	Wharfedale	13	2 Divisions
Pink Ball	7	Crossflatts & Wharfedale		9	1 Division
<b>Totals</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>94</b>	

**2 2022 PAIRS CRICKET**

- 2.1 SOFT-BALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME [mixed-gender]
- 2.2 GIRLS-only SOFTBALL LEAGUE [u11]
- 2.3 HARDBALL TRANSITION LEAGUE [u11]
- 2.4 GIRLS HARDBALL TRANSITION LEAGUE [over 11]

Softball Development Cricket	Teams	Fixtures	Completed	Percentage
Mixed gender 2023 [inc Cup]	20	147	110	75%
Girls-only 2023	5	20	20	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>80%</b>

**2.1 Soft-Ball Mixed-gender programme.**

17 [up 2] of the 23 UAJCA clubs participated in the SDP in 2023, three of which [Barnoldswick, Crossflatts & Skipton] each fielded two teams. The third year of scheduling non-competitive softball cricket for mixed-gender teams proved to again impact positively the overall recruitment of players. The 2023 programme enticed 343 players to play including 94 girls.

SDP Boys		Boys within 2023 Development Programme						Total	Inc New
School Year	6+SNA	5+SNA	4	3	2-				
Clubs [17]	U11s	U10s	U9s	U8s	U7s				
Airedale	4	3	1	4	4		12	12	
Barnoldswick	1	2	10	3	5		21	14	
Bingley Congs	1	6	2	7			16	7	
Crossflatts	1	3	10	5	4		23	9	
Cullingworth		1	3	3	6		13	6	
Denholme	2	1	2		3		8	8	
Earby	1	1	6	2	4		14	9	
Gt Horton Church			10	2	5		17	8	
Harden			5	4	3		12	9	
Haworth	1	3	3	5	1		13	6	
Long Lee	3	3	1	2	2		11	3	
Oakworth			6	5	5		16	7	
Settle		1	8	2			11	6	
Skipton	1		5	12	2		20	16	
Steeton		2	3	6	3		14	4	
Sutton		1	4	4	1		10	4	
U Wharfedale		1	7	3	7		18	11	
<b>Total Boys</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>55</b>		<b>249</b>	<b>139</b>	
SDP Girls		Girls within 2023 Development Programme						Total	inc New
School Year	6+SNA	5 SNA	4	3	2-				
Clubs [15]	U11s	U10s+	U9s	U8s	U7s				
Airedale	1	1		1			3	3	
Barnoldswick			1				1	0	
Bingley Congs	1	4	2				7	4	
Crossflatts	3	2	5	6	2		18	11	
Cullingworth			1				1	0	
Denholme			1	1	2		4	4	
Earby							0	0	
Gt Horton Church	5	5	4	1			15	13	
Harden	4						4	1	
Haworth		1	1				2	1	
Long Lee	1	2					3	0	
Oakworth	6	6	2				14	10	
Settle	1	1	9	3	1		15	12	
Skipton	1		1	1			3	1	
Steeton							0	0	
Sutton			2				2	0	
U Wharfedale	1		1				2	1	
<b>Total 2023 Girls</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>94</b>	<b>61</b>	
<b>Total 2023 Mixed</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>60</b>		<b>343</b>	<b>200</b>	
<b>Total 2022 Mixed</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>53</b>		<b>232</b>	<b>140</b>	
<b>2023 Growth</b>	<b>+39</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>+43</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>+7</b>		<b>+111</b>	<b>+60</b>	

The 343 total represents 111 [57 girls & 54 boys] or 48% beyond the 2022 figure of 232, whilst numbers of girls participating has rocketed from 37 to 94, an increase of 152%. The boys' numbers also rose from 195 to 249 [23%]. The 2023 programme embraced 200 beginners [61 girls and 139 boys] with 143 [33 girls and 110 boys] retained from 2022.

The recruitment of 200 new players in 2023 came principally from 139 boys [118 in 2022], led by Skipton [16], Barnoldswick [14], Airedale [12] and U Wharfedale [11]. It is noticeable that primary school recruitment from the South Craven sub-district amounted to just 8 boys [4 each at Steeton and Sutton]. This may be reflective of the continuing absence of junior sections at Cowling, Glusburn, Cononley and Bradley, a void perhaps being partially filled by Skipton CC. Nine clubs recruited at least one girl, whilst the leading girl recruiters were, not surprisingly, girls league members Gt Horton Church [13] Settle [12], Crossflatts [11] and Oakworth [10]. 61 new girls played softball cricket during 2023 [18 in 2022]. Six SDP member club teams did not recruit a single girl in 2023.

Club	Boys Avge Age	Girls Avge Age	Combined
<b>Airedale</b>	9.25	9.67	9.33
<b>Barnoldswick</b>	8.57	9.00	8.59
<b>Bingley Congs</b>	9.06	9.86	9.30
<b>Crossflatts</b>	8.65	8.89	8.76
<b>Cullingworth</b>	7.92	9.00	8.00
<b>Denholme</b>	8.88	7.75	8.50
<b>Earby</b>	8.50	-	8.50
<b>Gt Horton Church</b>	8.29	9.93	9.06
<b>Harden</b>	8.17	11.00	8.89
<b>Haworth</b>	8.85	9.50	8.93
<b>Long Lee</b>	9.27	10.33	9.50
<b>Oakworth</b>	8.06	10.29	9.10
<b>Settle</b>	8.91	8.87	8.88
<b>Skipton</b>	8.30	9.33	8.43
<b>Steeton</b>	8.29	-	8.29
<b>Sutton</b>	8.50	9.00	8.58
<b>U Wharfedale</b>	8.11	10.00	8.30
<b>SDP</b>	8.53	9.50	8.80

The average age within the Softball Programme was 8.53 for boys and 9.50 for girls. The difference is explained in that the percentage of SNA within the boys' group was just 17% [43 from 249] whilst for girls it was 49% [46 from 94]. Long Lee had the oldest boys' squad [11] at 9.27 years whilst Cullingworth [13] were the youngest at 7.92 years. The oldest girls grouping was Harden [4] at 11.00 years and the youngest Denholme [4] 7.75 years. Overall, the average age across the 343 SDP players was 8.80 years. The wide 3.35 years spread of ages for girls derives from the lower numbers which reflects the recruitment opportunities open to each club. The much lower 1.35 years spread for boys reflects the mature structure and recruitment practices. The spread for girls will reduce as the girls' cricket population grows and matures. The overall spread of 1.50 is from 8.00 [Cullingworth] to 9.50 [Long Lee] and in line with expectations. Averages and spreads at each club will vary from year to year as players move up age-groups and new players join the programme.

The Stage Not Age concept applied, and numbers now include girls previously allowed to play 2 years beyond their school year when playing in mixed teams. There were 89 young players [25%] from school years beyond Year 4 [inc one year 7 and one year 8] as compared with 37 in 2022 [up 140%]. Those numbers do now include 46 girls who historically would have been allowed to play two years above their School Year, when playing in mixed-gender matches. Of these 46 SNA girls, 18 joined clubs which had no girls-only teams. Boys SNA numbers increased from 23 to 43 [16 with no older team at club, and 27 deemed not hardball-ready]. However, it is considered that SNA numbers can be expected to fall as the Girls structure expands upwards through further age groupings/divisions.

Crossflatts again had the largest combined squad [41] and again entered two teams, as did Barnoldswick and Skipton. The average squad size was 14.3 players. Net Run Rates [NRR] reflect highly variable experience levels within each team. The strongest team squads proved to be Crossflatts [A], Great Horton Church and Settle, each exceeding run rate parity by over 2 runs per over. Seven other teams also recorded positive NRRs. 10 teams, primarily the more recent recruits concluded their season in negative territory. However, mention should be made of Denholme' return to junior league action after many years, producing four newcomer prize winners. Oakworth, Crossflatts & Bingley Congs fielded the most girls whilst Earby & Steeton were the only entirely male squads. Significantly, one in three junior players is now a softball player.

132 development fixtures were planned with the mixed-gender teams having 12 matches whilst there were 8 each for the girls-only teams. During the season clubs signalled a growing number of youngsters, boys & girls, taking up the softball game. All Stars and Dynamo Cricket initiatives from ECB have already and are continuing to make impact, witness for example the resumption of junior cricket at Bingley Congs. The 2023 Programme extended until the middle of August to



allow further experience. Completed scorecards continue to provide meaningful data to assist assessment of development and progress. Despite the late season rain, clubs completed 98 of their 147 fixtures [76% completion]. The competitive soft-ball Pairs Cup competition was retained to give the age-group experience of competitive games. Awards for 2023 are again to be awarded for Newcomers, Progress and High Achievement by both boys and girls.

A mainly sunny but blustery day greeted the **Five Rise Softball pairs Cup Final** which was punctuated by a few showers but that didn't hinder Crossflatts u-9s in retaining the Cup their club had won in 2022. In the Final, Steeton found themselves losing wickets at regular intervals and their score-line dipped below 180 at one point. But on the arrival of Logan Cant, it increased to bring a swift reversal in fortune and his 20 runs with help from Hambley [8] Hardwick [4], Wynn [3] and Coe [7] dragged the team tally back above parity and posted a creditable 215 nett score. The question was would loss of 11 wickets prove their undoing? They had actually scored 70 runs in the 20 overs. For Crossflatts their leading bowlers were Betsy Wilkinson and Reyansh Saxena, making girls league experience really tell. After traditional butties the Crossflatts innings began in similar fashion with a clatter of wickets, whilst Aarav Raval held his nerve rattling up 22. First pairing for Crossflatts were inexperienced and lost wickets 5 times in the face of excellent Steeton bowling. Sibling Arya Raval along with Reyansh and Betsy all contributed heavily as the Steeton attack wilted and the target was passed. Crossflatts went on to post 273-9 to retain the Cup. Both sets of bowlers had a field day, but the differences proved the batting and female excellence. The star of the show was undoubtedly Finley Dickenson who amazingly grabbed a rare hat-trick in a Cup Final. Steeton had consolation of Finley's inevitable player of the match award to add to their honour of reaching the Final.

## 2.2 Soft-Ball Girls-only league

LEAGUE PLAYERS	Total in Girls 2023 UAJCA Girls' Softball League							
Clubs	U13s	U12s	U11s	U10s	U9s	U8s	Total	Av Age
Crossflatts	1	5	5	2	2	2	17	9.71
Gt Horton Church	1	2	5	3	4		15	9.53
Settle	2	1	9	1	1		14	10.14
Skipton		8	7	1	1	2	19	9.95
Oakworth			6	5	3		14	9.21
<b>Totals in 2023</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>9.72</b>
<b>Totals in 2022</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>9.21</b>
<b>Change</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>+14</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>+0.51</b>

Each club had preferences as to when to play and a programme to try and accommodate everyone's wishes was developed. the Softball League with 5 teams and the Development Programme with four. A total of 9 teams, significantly ahead of the four in 2022. In all 79 girls took part in the 2023 Softball Championship [66 in 2022], 22 of whom also turned out in the Development Programme. The average squad size was 15.8 players, aged 9.72 years. Adding to this welcome growth picture, the 2023 season embraced the emergent Stage Not Age concept which allowed beginners or those without a team at the next stage to play beyond their natural age-grouping/school year. The principle was to get girls playing by any means. 20 of the 79 players in the Championship were provided this opportunity [8 in 2022] and would probably not have played at all without SNA.

## 2.3 Hard-Ball Transition [Mixed Pairs]

Clubs [16] in HB Transition	Boys	Girls	SNA	U11s	U10s	U9s	U8s	Total
Addingham	22	3	0	7	15	1	2	25
Barnoldswick	18	1	2	9	2	5	1	19
Bingley Congs	11	5	2	4	9	1		16
Crossflatts [2 teams]	19	6	4	6	7	8		25
Cullingworth	10	1	2	2	5	1	1	11
Earby	17	0	2	4	3	6	2	17
Embsay	13	2	2	7	4	2		15
Gt Horton Church	16	0	2	7	4	2	1	16
Harden	12	2	2	6	3	3		14
Haworth	15	0	2	4	8	1		15
Oakworth	13	1	4	7	3			14
Settle [2 teams]	27	6	6	13	7	5	2	33
Skipton	17	1	0	8	9	1		18
Steeton	14	0	2	3	4	2	3	14
Sutton	10	3	2	7	3	1		13
U Wharfedale	16	0	0	11	2	2	1	16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>281</b>

**Participation**

In 2022 the league consisted of 12 clubs and teams in which 158 players participated. Of those players, only 5 were girls. There were 27 other girls that took part in the inaugural girls’ league, a further 13 played in the Softball Development programme and 13 played elsewhere. Continuing the upward trends, 2023 embraced 18 teams [up 6] from 16 clubs with additions of Addingham, Bingley Congs, Cullingworth & Haworth as well as second teams at Settle and Crossflatts.

Comparison of 2022 with 2023 shows an amazing increase of 123 players [up 77%] taking part. The numbers of girls experiencing Hardball cricket has risen from just 5 to 31. School Year 6 players accelerated from 70 to 105, whilst those appearing at younger ages doubled from 88 to 176, reflecting a significant inflow from the softball development programme. Adding to this welcome growth, 2023 embraced the emergent Stage Not Age concept which allowed beginners, those without a team at the next stage, and those still developing to play beyond their natural age-grouping [previously only available to girls]. There were 34 players [22 boys & 12 girls] afforded such opportunity. Fears that overly-competitive managers might abuse this approach have not proved well founded in that only 12% benefitted and only 5 [4 boys & 1 girl] of the 34 ended as ranked in the top 50, only 12 [8 boys & 4 girls] were ranked in the top 100. The best was ranked 19th.

**Fixtures**

91 league fixtures provided each of the 18 teams with 5 matches at Home and 5 away from home plus a Play-Off for the Championship. 85 were played [92%]. The Barritt-Stephenson-Cup competition provided further competition with 15 scheduled ties of which 13 were played. The Hardball Pairs Transition league was divided into two geographical conferences, 8 in the North and 10 in the South. Settle CC Gazelles emerged unbeaten and qualified to meet Great Horton Church CC in the Play-Off Final.

The **Cartasport Championship** Play-Off Final, Settle vs Gt Horton Church hardball pairs teams unfolded on Friday July 28th courtesy of neutral venue Steeton CC. Settle won the toss and batted first. First Pair Mitchell & Forrow picked off 10 runs but were pegged back by Gulzar. Taverner pair Walker & Hodgson stepped up Settle progress with 19 but again were halted thanks to a wicket for Rohaan Hafiz. Charnley & Rocco Davison also copped a dismissal by Malik in their addition of 8 runs. Fourth pair Graham & Howarth added eight but yet again lost a wicket to Aliza Hafiz to end with no net addition. The Settle final pair Lucca Davison & Davidson broke the sequence with 2 dismissals in return for 9 runs from the bat. The final Settle total was 54 runs plus 24 extras [inc 16 byes] a gross score of 278 which reduced to 230 after loss of 6 wickets. Five bowlers each had a wicket with one run out by Gulzar. Settle’s Forrow had a say in the opening GHC pair progress, claiming a run out and taking a wicket. But Top man Imran had taken 17 runs to add to Hussain’s 2 to give their team a great start. Second pair Malik & Rohaan also lost a wicket to Howarth whilst adding 9 runs. Muhammad and Ghafar really propelled the GHC cause forward with solid defence and 16 more runs to the total to edge ahead on the board. Gulzar and Aliza really turned the screw in defence of their Championship with 21 runs for one loss to Davidson. The final pair would have to suffer a disaster for GHC to be reined in and that did not happen. Farooq and Mistry were contained to 8 and lost one wicket to Hodgson to maintain their lead. Whilst Settle had benefitted from 16 byes, GHC gained from 17 wides from the Settle attack. GHC had 27 extras to add to their 73 runs to gross exactly 300 but reduced to 260 for the loss of 5 wickets. So Great Horton Church maintained their dominant run in the CartaSport Championship with a fourth consecutive success. Match reports indicate it as full of enjoyment and played in good spirit. Congratulations to both teams.

But after five years of dominance in the standard cricket formatted **Barritt-Stephenson Cup Final**, Great Horton Church have finally surrendered the much sought-after Cup to the under 11s from the other end of the UAJCA patch, Settle CC. In a cracking final at Harden CC the Dales team posted a modest 81-3 in their 20 overs. Having lost their two openers, prolific John North and talismanic Betsy Caton for little score, the team knuckled down together. Jack Davison dug in, and Alfred Walker put bat to ball as the fight-back began. Alfred retired on 21 and was followed by Joe Hodgson for 20 in a more patient but productive stay at the crease. Jack Lambert 12no and Ed Forrow 7no took the tally on to 81. The southern Conference winners were held in check by a magnificent team bowling effort as Settle claimed all 10 wickets, 9 of them bowled. Daniel Imran made 10 and Muhammed Riyaan Farooq 19 but none could achieve the 4 runs/over required. John North made up for his batting with a brace of wickets, whilst Joe Hodgson built on his also with a pair of victims. There was also two each for Davison and seventh bowler Freddie Wilson. The Bradford side crumbled to a 63 all out reply to leave Settle the victors by 18 runs.

**2.4 Hard-Ball Transition [Girls Pairs]**

LEAGUE PLAYERS		Total in Girls 2023 UAJCA Girls’ Hardball League					
Clubs	U13s+	U12s	U11s	U10s	U9s	U8s	Total
Crossflatts	4	6	3	1*			14
Burley-in-Wharfedale	3		6				9
Skipton	2	8	5				15
<b>Totals in 2023</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>38</b>

After initially indicating an entry to the Hardball League, Gt Horton dropped out, and Burley-in-Wharfedale found themselves in two leagues [also WYWGCL] but wished to continue in both. The Hardball League commenced with 3 teams,

Crossflatts, Skipton and Burley-in-Wharfedale. However only 4 of 9 fixtures were completed. Burley-in-Wharfedale won both their matches actually played and pipped the other two by 2 points to win the Championship.

A Festival-style end-of-season Cup competition was organised at Skipton CC with Skipton, Crossflatts and Settle team taking the place of Burley-in-Wharfedale, however a combination of drop out, weather and unavailability prevented that happening on the chosen 13<sup>th</sup> August date.

38 Girls turned out for the three teams playing 71 innings and scoring 427 runs, losing 50 wickets in the four matches played. Of the 38 girls, 15 also played in the Softball competition.

#### Forecast

The UAJCA 2023 under-11 player pool was expected to embrace 202 players, a small decline of nine compared with 2022. The actual out-turn was 281. The 2024 Forecast suggests 254 players will participate, a decline of 32. Let's hope that this too proves an under-estimation.

3 STANDARD CRICKET [u13 Youth 4.75oz & u15 Youth 5.25oz]								
HARDBALL PLAYERS Clubs [14]	4.5oz				5.25oz			TOTAL
	U11	U12	U13	U14	U13	U14	U15	
Barnoldswick	3	7	6					16
Bradford & Bingley					6	10	7	23
Bradley	4	6	6					16
Crossflatts	10	4	7		2	6	10	39
Earby	3	2	7	2	2	5	6	27
Gt Horton Church		8	8	2	11	8	3	40
Harden	9	4	2	2	7	8	2	34
Haworth	9	3	11					23
Oakworth	1	7	8		3	7	5	31
Settle	5	11	8	1	7	9	3	44
Skipton	8	10	13		9	11	8	59
Steeton	3	7	5	1	3	5	8	32
Sutton	2	5	9			5	10	31
U Wharfedale					4	2	11	17
<b>Totals</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>432</b>

13 teams, organised in North & South Conferences, contested the 2023 under-13s Brook Taverner League Championship, including 2 teams from Skipton CC. For the Pro Coach under-15s Championship, also in two conferences, 12 teams had entered also including two from Aire-Wharfe club Skipton.

### 3.1 Hardball Youth Cricket

UAJCA provided youth-ball standard cricket competition for 229 players [up 57], 98 under-13s and 74 under-12s in addition to younger players as needed. 65 league fixtures plus a Play-Off match were planned along with 11 Cup-ties, 76 in all. 63 were completed [82%]. The **Brook Taverner League** for under-13s comprised two conferences for the 2023 season with 7 teams in the North and 6 teams in the South. Settle CC remained unbeaten and comfortably won the North Conference, whilst Gt Horton Church CC battled Steeton and Oakworth in a 3-team run-in to take the South Conference title.

In the **Championship Play Off** which was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September by kind permission of Park Avenue, Bradford, between Gt Horton Church and Skipton..... Gt Horton Church are used to setting the bar in UAJCA competitions and they did it again last Sunday at Park Avenue in the Play-Off Final of the under-13 Championship. Their win came off the back of their innings when their batsmen racked up 155 runs in just 17 overs when they opted to declare with just 5 wickets down. Opponents Skipton found their bowlers unable to cope well with the Bradford side's batsmen, particularly Ayan Ahsan [28], Zaid Khan [27], Subhaan Ghaffar [24] and Hashim Khokhar [25]. For Skipton Aniq Tabassum battled hard taking 2-27 in his 3 overs and there were wickets for Daniel Bray and Joseph Kennedy. The pressure from GHC was relentless with only Tom McCormick [18] and Jack Lovell [10] making any inroads. The two Hashims, Khokhar and Hussain each grabbed a brace of wickets and with 1 each for Syed Hussain, Hamza Mahmood, and Ayan Munawar it was the inevitable result of a 76-run win for GHC. Well done to them and their coaches.

Battered by strong winds Gt Horton Church were the first to take to the crease in the 23<sup>rd</sup> **John Hindle Memorial Cup Final** against Oakworth. Gt Horton Church had dominated this competition over the last three years and arrived to try and make it four in a row. Openers Ayaan Munawar and Abdullah Akhtar gave them a rousing start with a stand of 77, Ayaan the first to go [29], superbly caught by Albie Ellis for Sufyaan Hussain. The GHCCC middle order contributed well at a rate around six per over. The Oakworth bowlers were under pressure after retirements of Akhtar [32] and Ayan Ahsan [31] but stuck at the task well. Five of them took a wicket but couldn't dominate at any stage. The final GHCCC tally was an above par 184-6 a terrific first stanza in defence of their Trophy. A sumptuous Crossflatts tea was consumed with fervour before the Oakworth chase began. In contrast their first wicket fell at 4-1 with Husnain Ahmed inducing a catch from Harry Wilkinson [0]. Opener Haroon Nazam and skipper Joe Powell remained resolute and carried the total on to 60 when Joe retired for a well-crafted 30 from 41 balls [6 fours]. Haroon remained defiant but was fourth out at 79-4 for 18 [43 balls]. No-one else made double figures and despite a Par score of 116-9 the Oakworth tally was well short of the impressive GHCCC target. Hashim Hussain was the lead bowler with 2-12 but the umpires awarded the player-of-the-match award to Zaid Khan for his classy leg-spin and batting contributions.

### 3.2 Hardball Standard Cricket

The section provided full-sized ball, standard cricket competition for 149 players [up 12 from 2022], 73 under-15s and 76 under-14s in addition to younger players when required. 60 league fixtures plus a Play-Off match were planned along with 10 Cup-ties, 71 in all [down 11 from 2022]. 60 were completed [85%].

The **Pro Coach Academy League** for under-15s again comprised two conferences for the 2023 season with 6 teams in each of the North and South conferences. The respective Conference winners were Skipton CC which lost just one match and Bradford & Bingley CC who remained unbeaten. The Play-Off match was held at Skipton CC on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Joe Horton [3-9] led the Skipton bowling attack to dismiss Bradford & Bingley for 91 in their 20 overs. Skipton Captain Joe Birks led the response with an unbeaten 35 to reach 95-2 with 26 balls to spare.

Despite the loss of high-scoring Noah Thirkill [12] in the early exchanges of the 41<sup>st</sup> **Raleigh Hargreaves Memorial Cup Final**, fellow opener Ibrahim Khan reached retirement [41] from 59 balls to set a platform for his Bradford & Bingley team-mates, although Charlie Palmer did cop a duck. Abdullah Hussain picked up the cudgel and matched Ibrahim's score in just 31 balls as the score began to mount. At 110-3 the Bees were in pole position and Hassan Khan and Yusuf Haroon capitalised in style propelling their team total to a challenging 166-3 after 30 overs. For Crossflatts, bowlers Harry Hinchcliffe and Rhys Mazey had contained well, each grabbing a wicket. But the assault from the Bees took full toll on the spinners. An early wicket set back 'Flatts chase and there followed good starts from Durn, Golding-Smith, and Brooksbank, but none was able to go on to a really telling score. The bowling of Hussain and Charlie Judson proved a particular hurdle as the Ryshworth Park boys fell behind the run-rate. Wickets tumbled as they tried to catch up but at 92-8 their cause seemed lost but was brought to a premature end as thunder and lightning blanketed the area. A decision was taken by the Crossflatts team to concede rather than arrange a return for a lost cause with their score on 101-8 and just 29 balls remaining whilst still 65 runs in arrears. So, Bradford & Bingley became a new name on the Raleigh Hargreaves Trophy.

**4 PINKBALL COMPETITION CRICKET [u18]**

The **Keighley Cup Committee-sponsored under-18s Championship** was conducted in two sub-sections. The first required clubs to play four matches in T100 format whilst the second section required each club to play four matches utilising the T20 format. Therefore, a combination of the two sections produced a total of 8 fixtures per team. Seven teams were to contest the 2023 under-18s League Championship, a welcome increase from the rock-bottom 4 of 2021. 79 players over the age of 15 were eligible to participate in the Championship with 'make-up' from younger age-groups as required. Skipton CC had 17 eligible registered players whilst the smallest squad was at Sutton CC with 7. Sadly, a number of players deserted the Steeton contingent, and they withdrew from the League after its start.

HARDBALL PLAYERS – PINK BALL CRICKET 2023					2024 PLAYER FORECAST			
Clubs	U16	U17	U18	TOTAL	U16	U17	U18	TOTAL
Bradford & Bingley	3	3	5	11	9	3	3	15
Gt Horton Church	6	7	3	16	5	6	7	18
Oakworth	4	8	2	14	5	4	8	17
Oxenhope	5	7		12	1	5	7	13
Skipton	11	2	4	17	8	11	2	21
Steeton			2	2	9			9
Sutton		6	1	7	10		6	16
Crossflatts				-	9	3		12
U Wharfedale				-	9	2		11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>132</b>

The UAJCA forecast for player numbers in 2024 is however very encouraging. Without losses a playing strength of 132 players from up to nine clubs may be expected, up an astonishing 53 compared to 2023. The 2023 six team league may potentially be expanded in 2024 with new teams from Crossflatts CC and Upper Wharfedale CC.

16 of the 28 fixtures were played [59% completion]. Early results suggested that Bradford & Bingley would join Gt Horton Church and Oakworth as the front-runners and so it proved. In the **T100 section**, Bradford & Bingley and Great Horton Church headed the table with 3 wins each with Oakworth and Skipton both 3 points adrift. The **T20 section** also saw Bradford Bingley at the head of matters with a further 3 wins. This time Oakworth matched them, but Gt Horton Church were 2 points adrift. So, Bradford & Bingley took the U18 Championship with 20 points, ahead of Gt Horton Church on 18 and Oakworth on 17. It was the Wagon Lane side's first UAJCA Championship, to add to their first Cup success at under-15.

The long-awaited 37<sup>th</sup> **William Spencer Memorial Cup**, the UAJCA finale for the season, unfolded at Harden CC on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Oakworth won the toss and invited the Bees to bat first. That may have been a mistake as the Waggon Lane side posted a 77-run opening partnership from Lachlan Dodge and James Swallow. The latter was smartly run out by Oakworth skipper Charlie Raby for 24 to even things up a little. Lachlan had dominated the partnership and soon afterwards he retired for a well-crafted 52 from just 36 balls. The score progressed on to 107-2 when Jack Sharp was also back in the pavilion for 15 well caught by Akeel Umar for left-armer Jake Holroyd. Immediately Noah Thirkill provided Akeel with a wicket caught chasing a wid-ish ball for Jacob Stephens to snap up. at 108-3. Four runs later Archie Barraclough too was snapped up by Jake Keslinke by the keeper for 4 and at 111-4 the match was back nearer equilibrium after the terrific start from the League Champions. Former Oakworth junior Lewis Brown was a third victims for Stephens again for Akeel. At 116-5 the match was definitely back in the balance with the Cup holders back in the driving seat. But the match was to take a dramatic turn as the Gokhale brothers Sam and Oliver took centre stage. 46 runs were added sharpish as the Bingley

club wrested back the initiative. Sam was out for 12 caught Keslinke bowled James Powell, but Oliver found another willing partner in Mo Shahzad and by the innings close another 38 runs brought the B & B total to exactly 200-6.

In 2022 Oakworth had chased down a Gt Horton Church total of 180 and an even more impressive chase was now required. The same two openers Charlie Raby and Jacob Stephens stepped up to start the assault. It didn't last long as Jacob watched in horror as the second ball of the innings trickled on to his stumps for an unfortunate duck. Lachlan Doidge was the beneficiary, and two balls later number-3 James Powell left a ball outside off stump only to see the same bowler drag it back to skittle his poles. At 0-2 the original chase now looked mountainous for the Worth Valley boys. They then lost their captain for 4 at 12-3. His brother Tom [1] followed very soon after and at 20-4 the match was turning into a disaster for Oakworth. But hold the back page a moment as Jake Keslinke and Akeel Umar found their range and began to push the score onwards. And their fight-back came at a lick to place doubt in the minds of the leaders. And the stand was halted by none other than Oliver Gokhale who had earlier helped set the daunting target. It was Akeel who fell for 27 from 24 balls at 91-5 but the contest was still alive. Keslinke had scored a mammoth 126no the previous day for Oakworth, but his contribution today had to end at 51 with his retirement. His half-century had come from 37 balls to match that of Doidge. Jacob Davies briefly defied his lack of appearances in 2023 and Joe Powell shone briefly with two boundaries in his 9 but the resistance had ended and the Oakworth score petered out 108 all out in the 25th over. Bradford & Bingley had achieved the 'double' in fine style as handed over the Cup to their victors. Oliver Gokhale received the Player-of-the-match award for his 48 and 3-12 ahead of Keslinke' 51 and 1-16.

**5 UAJCA REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET**

Representative Cricket continued to feature in our portfolio of development opportunities. This year five teams were fielded and 81 players represented UAJCA.

Age Group	West Yorkshire	North Yorkshire	Pendle District	Total
Under 15	4	7	-	11
Under 13	10	5	-	15
Under 12	13	1	-	14
Under 11	10	9	-	19
Under 10	14	8	-	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81</b>

None of our teams were able to progress to the Yorkshire Festival semi-finals in 2023, although the under-15s and under-11s came close.

**5.1 Under 15s – The Yorkshire Junior Cricket Festival Squad**

UAJCA Manager for 2022 was Mr Mark Stoneman [Sutton-in-Craven CC]. However due to mid-season illness UAJCA was grateful to Mr Robin Youngman [Embsay CC] and Mr Malcolm Birks [Skipton CC] who took charge of the u-15 team and ensured all scheduled fixtures were completed. The team comprised 4 players from West Yorkshire and 8 from North Yorkshire. The three YJCF qualifying group matches produced two excellent wins vs Scarborough and Hambleton whilst the third was lost to neighbours The Bradford League, who qualified for the semi-finals.

Under 14s Players	Club	Region
<b>Haris Hussain</b>	Bradford & Bingley	West Yorkshire
<b>Mohammed Hasan</b>	Bradford & Bingley	West Yorkshire
<b>Rhys Mazey</b>	Crossflatts	West Yorkshire
<b>Ibrahim Khan</b>	GHC	West Yorkshire
<b>Harvey Green</b>	Settle	North Yorkshire
<b>Noah Smith</b>	Settle	North Yorkshire
<b>Noah Kennedy</b>	Skipton	North Yorkshire
<b>Henry Mounsey</b>	Skipton	North Yorkshire
<b>Joe Birks</b>	Skipton	North Yorkshire
<b>Jack Middleton</b>	Sutton	North Yorkshire
<b>Oliver Riley-Radcliffe</b>	Sutton	North Yorkshire
<b>Ali Hussain</b>	Sutton	North Yorkshire

31 <sup>st</sup> May	Away vs Scarborough at Scarborough CC	UAJCA 141 all out	Scarborough 131 all out	Won, 11 runs
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Home vs Bradford at Sutton-in-Craven CC	Bradford 191-4	UAJCA 113 all out	Lost, 78 runs
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Away vs North Yorkshire at Thirsk CC	UAJCA 192-4	Hambleton 188-8	Won, 6 wkts

**5.2 Under 13s – The Yorkshire Junior Cricket Festival Squad**

UAJCA Manager for 2023 was Mr Andrew Galley [Settle CC] who took charge of the following UAJCA u-13 squad which comprised 9 players from West Yorkshire and 3 from North Yorkshire. All three YJCF group matches were lost.

Player	Club	Region
<b>Ayan Munawar</b>	Gt Horton Church	West Yorkshire
<b>Abdullah Akhter Iftikhar</b>	Gt Horton Church	West Yorkshire
<b>Husnain Ahmed</b>	Gt Horton Church	West Yorkshire
<b>Freddie Padgett</b>	Harden	West Yorkshire
<b>Zakary Fyfe-Gudgeon</b>	Haworth	West Yorkshire
<b>William Oakden</b>	Steeton	West Yorkshire
<b>Joshua Barton</b>	Steeton	West Yorkshire
<b>Archie Cox</b>	Steeton	West Yorkshire
<b>Elliot Howarth</b>	Steeton	West Yorkshire
<b>Edward Walker</b>	Skipton	North Yorkshire
<b>Blake Aldersley</b>	Skipton	North Yorkshire
<b>Callum Hardy</b>	Sutton	North Yorkshire

Match results were as follows:

29 <sup>th</sup> May	H vs Hambleton at Giggleswick School	UAJCA	102 all out	Hambleton	105-4	Lost by 6 wkts
30 <sup>th</sup> May	A vs Bradford at Saltaire CC	UAJCA	190 all out	Bradford	249-4	Lost by 59 runs
01 <sup>st</sup> Jun	H vs Heavy Woollen at Steeton CC	UAJCA	85 all out	Heavy Woollen	87-6	Lost by 4 wkts

**5.3 Under 12s – The Yorkshire Junior Cricket Festival Squad**

Steeton CC based Mr Alex Howarth assumed the manager role for UAJCA u-12 squad in its inaugural inclusion in the Yorkshire Junior Cricket Festival.

Player	Club	Region
Will McPherson	Crossflatts	West Yorkshire
Mohammed Zaid Khan	Gt Horton Ch	West Yorkshire
Hamza Mahmood	Gt Horton Ch	West Yorkshire
Hashim Hussain	Gt Horton Ch	West Yorkshire
Freddie Padgett	Harden	West Yorkshire
Max Rigby	Harden	West Yorkshire
Oliver Noble	Harden	West Yorkshire
Sulaiman Mahmood	Harden	West Yorkshire
Albie Ellis	Oakworth	West Yorkshire
Elliott Howarth	Steeton	West Yorkshire
Harrison Butterfield	Steeton	West Yorkshire
Oliver White	Steeton	West Yorkshire
Frank Binns	Steeton	West Yorkshire
Edward Swallow	Skipton	North Yorkshire

**Match results were as follows:**

9 <sup>th</sup> July	H v Nidderdale at Steeton CC	UAJCA	120 ao	Nidderdale	101-8	Abandoned
25 <sup>th</sup> July	H vs Leeds-Wetherby at Harden CC	UAJCA	112-0	Leeds-Bradford	111 ao	Won by 10 wkt
26 <sup>th</sup> July	A vs Bradford at Keighley CC	UAJCA	150-4	Bradford	173-7	Lost by 23
27 <sup>th</sup> July	H v Aire-Wharfe at Steeton CC	UAJCA	54 all out	Aire-Wharfe	202-9	Lost by 148
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	H v Halifax at Steeton CC	UAJCA	133 all out	Halifax	189-5	Lost by 56

**5.4 Under 11s – The Yorkshire Junior Cricket Festival Squad**

Ian Walker of Settle CC managed a UAJCA u-11 squad of 5 players from West Yorkshire, 2 from Pendle District and 6 from North Yorkshire. In the YJCF two matches [ vs Hambleton 7 Bradford] were won but a heavy loss to Huddersfield ensured the latter went through to the semi-finals.

Player	Club	Region
Ammar Muhammad	Gt Horton Church	West Yorkshire
Max Wareing	Haworth	West Yorkshire
Sam Charmbury	Oakworth	West Yorkshire
Matthew Pothecary	Steeton	West Yorkshire
Jack Godden	Oakworth	West Yorkshire
Charlie Chew	Barnoldswick	Pendle
Blake Holme	Earby	Pendle
John North	Settle	North Yorkshire
Alfred Walker	Settle	North Yorkshire
Jack Davison	Settle	North Yorkshire
Joe Hodgson	Settle	North Yorkshire
Sebastian Oliver	Skipton	North Yorkshire
Joshua Greene	U Wharfedale	North Yorkshire

21 <sup>st</sup> May	H vs Halifax at Harden CC	UAJCA	124-8	Halifax	123-6	Won by 2 wkts
29 <sup>th</sup> May	A v Heavy Woollen at Hunslet Nelson	UAJCA	117 all out	H Woollen	118-9	Lost by 1 wkt
10 <sup>th</sup> June	H vs UAJCA u10s at Hudson Park	UAJCA	179-4	UAJCA u10	75 all out	Won 6 wkts
11 <sup>th</sup> June	A vs Hambleton at Thirsk CC	UAJCA	105-5	Hambleton	101 all out	Won 5 wkts
25 <sup>th</sup> June	A vs Bradford at Saltaire CC	UAJCA	93-8	Bradford	92 all out	Won 2 wkts
02 <sup>nd</sup> July	H vs Huddersfield at Haworth Cc	UAJCA	111-9	Huddersfield	112-3	Lost by 7 wkts
08 <sup>th</sup> July	H vs UAJCA u10s at Scalebor Park	UAJCA	77 all out	UAJCA u10	48-4	Abandoned
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	H vs Aire-Wharfe at Esholt Lane					Abandoned

**5.5 Under-10s Development Team Squad**

The under-10 UAJCA Development Team was managed in 2023 by manager Chris Cummings [Burley]. His 23-player development squad comprised 16 from West Yorkshire, 2 from Pendle District and 5 from North Yorkshire.



Player	Club	Region
<b>Aadam Bashir</b>	Crossflatt	West Yorkshire
<b>Asim Bashir</b>	Crossflatts	West Yorkshire
<b>Dougie Lunn</b>	Crossflatts	West Yorkshire
<b>Louis Haigh</b>	Crossflatts	West Yorkshire
<b>Joseph Hampton</b>	Crossflatts	West Yorkshire
<b>Oliver Pennington</b>	Crossflatts	West Yorkshire
<b>Ralph Bell</b>	Crossflatts	West Yorkshire
<b>Mohammed Rizwan</b>	Crossflatts	West Yorkshire
<b>Ammar Muhammad</b>	Gt Horton Church	West Yorkshire
<b>Freddie Dawson</b>	Harden	West Yorkshire
<b>Ben Hogg</b>	Harden	West Yorkshire
<b>Max Wareing</b>	Haworth	West Yorkshire
<b>Arni Fitzpatrick</b>	Haworth	West Yorkshire
<b>Jack Godden</b>	Oakworth	West Yorkshire
<b>Sam Charnbury</b>	Oakworth	West Yorkshire
<b>Matthew Potheary</b>	Steeton	West Yorkshire
<b>Charlie Chew</b>	Barnoldswick	Pendle
<b>Ted Chew</b>	Barnoldswick	Pendle
<b>Arran Beggan</b>	Skipton	North Yorkshire
<b>Harry Newhouse</b>	Skipton	North Yorkshire
<b>Sebastian Oliver</b>	Skipton	North Yorkshire
<b>Adam Lovell</b>	Skipton	North Yorkshire
<b>Henry Rayner</b>	Upper Wharfedale	North Yorkshire

28 <sup>th</sup> May H vs Heavy Woollen at Sutcliffe M G	UAJCA 59 all out	H Woollen	132 all out	Lost by 73 runs
04 <sup>th</sup> June A v Cricademia at Hunslet Nelson	UAJCA 183-7	Cricademia	214-5	Lost by 31 runs
10 <sup>th</sup> June H vs UAJCA u11s at Hudson Park	UAJCA 175 all out	UAJCA u11	179-4	Lost by 6 wkts
14 <sup>th</sup> June A vs Aire-Wharfe at Thirsk CC	UAJCA 82-7	Aire-Wharfe	182-3	Lost by 100 runs
08 <sup>th</sup> July H vs UAJCA u101 at Scalebor Park	UAJCA 48-4	UAJCA u11	77 all out	Drawn
09 <sup>th</sup> July H vs Aire-Wharfe at Bingley Congs Cc	UAJCA 75 all out	Aire-Wharfe	151-6	Lost by 76 runs
06 <sup>th</sup> Aug A vs Heavy Woollen at ?	UAJCA 77 all out	H Woollen	90-8	Lost by 13 runs