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Winners and runners-up from the June 11 inter-school tournament

Kids' Cricket Special!

The Cyprus Cricket Association is working hard to introduce cricket to children all over Cyprus.

This edition of Kypros Cricket is dedicated to Kids' Cricket. If you're a teacher or parent, contact the CCA to find out about what coaching and equipment is available.

Inter-School Tournament

The tennis courts and football pitches at Limassol's Heritage School made a wonderful sight on a June Wednesday when they were full of young cricketers taking part in a tournament organised by the CCA as the culmination of coaching courses run during the spring.

With four games going on simultaneously, CCA were indebted to the volunteers assembled by Phil Bell and grateful to the Heritage School for the use of the facilities.

Eight boys teams and five girls teams participated. There were some talented players on view, and plenty of effort, enthusiasm and enjoyment. In the boys' final, American Academy A beat Heritage B by 13 runs to claim the title. They were made to fight hard by both Heritage teams before taking the winners' trophy back to Larnaka.

The girls' teams all played in one group, with mixed



results, with the exception of Heritage who won all their games to take the title, with Silverline A the runners-up. American Academy achieved some high scores, with one batter hitting sixes that Freddie Flintoff would have been proud of!

CCA Chairman Muhammad Husain, before presenting the trophies and medals to winners and runners-up, thanked the schools for taking part, the volunteers for their help, and the Heritage School for use of the pitches. He expressed pleasure at seeing so many children enjoying playing cricket and hoped that more such events could be held in the future.

Report Richard Boxall, Photos Andrew Pepper

Missed the games? This QR code will take you to a video of the day at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9WEoK_sQ_E



Starting Out



**Want to get better?
Former Cyprus National Team Coach, Graeme Rickman has some tips for young cricketers**

fielders are, look at where the gaps are - that way you're more likely to hit balls into the gaps.

1. Batters - watch the ball. Many top batters recite the mantra "watch the ball" as the bowler runs in.
2. Batters - before facing, *don't* look at where the
3. Batters - always turn to face the ball when running between the wickets.
4. Wicket keepers move late and quick.
5. Wicket keepers - head and hands in line.
6. Spinners - spin the ball up above the batter's eye line - this makes it harder for the batter to watch the ball.
7. Fielders - ensure you're in a good ready position.
8. Bowlers keep your head still and level throughout your delivery.
9. Never be frightened to try new things, that's how you learn.
10. Have fun and practice as much possible.
11. Watch as much cricket as Mum and Dad allow!

Schools Cricket in Cyprus

The CCA runs coaching sessions in schools throughout the island and has a range of options including cricket training during PE lessons and after school clubs. There's also professional development for teachers through coaching, scoring and umpiring programmes.

For more information, contact the CCA!

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At King Richard School



We were very fortunate to be offered the opportunity of 5 weeks of Cricket coaching from the Cyprus Cricket Association (CCA). On average 16 students attended the session ranging from Y7 to Y11, both boys and girls. The coaches were very enthusiastic and encouraging throughout with varied practices to introduce the game of cricket to the students that had never played before and more challenging and progressive practices for those with a cricket background.

All the students made progress and more importantly enjoyed the sessions and are keen to play more cricket.

In addition two students were invited to train and play with the CCA team. A massive thank you on behalf of King Richard School to all the coaches (Andy, Tony, Phil and Mark).

Chris Thomas, Head of Physical Education, King Richard School

Tessa's Story

Tessa Kerr, started cricket at the age of 9 when she joined the Cyprus Cricket Kwik cricket program and continued on the youth teams until she was 16. During this time she played against several touring youth sides from UK and Switzerland.

In 2011, she successfully completed ICC Europe Introductory Scoring Award (ECB ACO Level 1) and became a qualified scorer and has scored games on a regular basis since.

In 2013, Tessa went to successfully complete the Level 1 Cricket Coaching Course and now she uses her talents by helping out with the Cyprus National Team training and matches and coaches children on Saturday mornings at Cyprus Cricket's Youth Cricket program.

At her school, Tessa taught cricket to primary and senior school students as part of the CCA's initiative to make Cricket more popular, as well as year-round during an after-school club.

In recognition of her efforts, Tessa was awarded Spirit of Cricket certificate by Cyprus Cricket Association.

Tessa, has recently been accepted at a top UK University to further her education and we wish her all the best with her studies. We will miss you Tessa!



Tessa demonstrating side-on bowling

At What age did you started playing cricket?

Nine

How did you learn about cricket in Cyprus?

The Kwik Cricket was advertised through my school

What are your cricket qualifications?

Level 1 Coach and Level 1 Scorer

Most memorable cricket moment?

Getting on to the front page of a newspaper

Funniest Moment in Cricket?

Throwing the ball trying to get someone out and instead hitting the batsman's helmet!

Coloured or Non-Coloured Clothing?

Non-coloured

Describe yourself as a cricketer in one word?

Enthusiastic

Which living cricketer do you most admire, and why?

Shane Warne; for all his Breast Cancer fund raising and epic spin bowling

Message to youngsters involved in Cricket?

Enjoy it; it's a great way to make new friends and you learn skills you can use for the rest of your life

What is the most important lesson cricket has taught you?

How to be a good team member

What song would you have playing when walking out to bat?

All I do is win by DJ Khaled

Your favorite quote?

Everything happens for a reason

If you hadn't played cricket what would you have done?

A lot less!

What do you think about mostly when fielding?

Catching people out and wishing I was captain!

Who is the best cricketer in the family? I'll be nice and say my brother

Prefer batting or bowling?

Bowling

Prefer umpiring or scoring?

Scoring

Your favorite cricket XI would consist of?

Stuart Broad, Sachin Tendulkar, Jacques Kallis, Jimmy Anderson, Freddy Flintoff, Shane Warne, Joe Root, Daniel Vettori, Jenny Gunn, Charlotte Edwards, Ryan Sidebottom

Your favorite cricket shot? Pull shot

What came first, the chicken or the egg? The Egg

Tessa was talking to Muhammad Husain who also took the photograph.

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