

# BURLEY COLTS 2017 SEASON REVIEW

## Winter 2016

After reforming a colts' section in the summer of 2016, the club entered two teams in the Dorset Indoor Leagues at Hurn at U9 and U14. One U11 girl was selected for the New Forest Junior Cricket Association (NFJCA) district girls' squad.

The indoor leagues finished in February 2017 and the club then held six weekly one-hour sessions of indoor nets. The U9s were supervised by team manager Ben Crowley and a younger player, Charlie Clamp. The U14 session was supervised by colts' head coach Ray Gunn and Kieron Hudson.

<u>UNDER 9 DIVISION 2</u>	<u>Pld</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Sway	6	6	0	2422	12
Ellingham	6	5	1	2151	10
Fern/Wayfarers Wallabies	6	3	3	1812	6
Bransgore	6	3	3	1714	6
<b>Burley</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1722</b>	<b>4</b>
Parley	6	2	4	1508	4
Wimborne & Col Willows	6	0	6	806	0

<u>UNDER 14 DIVISION 3</u>	<u>Pld</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Broadstone Girls	6	6	0	130
Fern/Wayfarers Warlocks	6	5	1	123
<b>Burley</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>
Hyde	6	3	3	69
Poole Town Piranhas	6	2	4	55
Wimborne & Colehill Wolves	6	1	5	45
Winton	6	0	6	19

## SUMMER 2017

Over the summer of 2017, more than 40 players played for Burley across three different age groups. Training was held on the School Green on a Wednesday night with Ray Gunn supervising sessions for the U15s and Ben Crowley running training for the U9s with help from a senior player, Mark Wheeler, and other members of the club when needed.

Four fixtures were lost to the weather, one each at U9 and U13 and two at U15. One U9 game had to be cancelled due to lack of players.

## U9

Managed by Ben Crowley, the U9 team entered a league for the first time in 2017 and joined the NFJCA southern division, which is a pairs league. Shortly after the start of the season, a recruitment drive at Burley School helped increase numbers and upwards of 15 players took part in training and matches. Over the course of the season, there was clear evidence of improvement in the players and at the end of June the team finally won a game, beating Brockenhurst. Two weeks later, Burley U9 won again, beating Lyndhurst & Ashurst.

Burley also entered the Zooters tournament again on July 30 but this was cancelled due to bad weather.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Batting Pts</u>	<u>Bowling Pts</u>	<u>Penalty Pts</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Average</u>
Bashley	8	8	0	0	40	0	0	120	15.00
Sway	8	7	0	1	40	0	0	110	13.75
Lymington	9	7	0	2	42	0	0	112	12.44
H&D	7	5	0	2	34	0	0	84	12.00
PP1	8	4	0	4	35	0	0	75	9.38
Fawley	9	3	0	6	31	0	0	61	6.78
<b>Burley</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>6.43</b>
Brockenhurst	8	2	0	6	29	0	0	49	6.12
Lyndhurst	9	2	0	7	32	0	0	52	5.78
PP2	9	1	0	8	33	0	0	47	5.22

### U13

To give some of the younger players in the U15 team a chance to play at their own age group, Burley entered the East Dorset Cup. Unfortunately, some U13 players dropped out on the eve of the season and Burley had to concede their first-round game away to Broadstone and dropped into the plate. With the help of players from New Milton and Lymington who play in the NFJCA, Burley fulfilled its plate fixtures, both at home. In the first round, Winton posted 108 for 7. Burley overtook that total with two overs to spare. Difficulties finding a date undermined Burley's ability to get out a team for the semi-final but nine players were eventually found. Burley scored 105 for 4 against Poole Town Piranhas but lost by seven wickets. The U13 games served a valuable purpose by offering game time to younger Burley players and cricketers from neighbouring clubs who do not always get enough game-time.

### U15

The 2016 U13 team moved to U15 as no U14 leagues exist. NFJCA U15 matches are Sunday AM. This is inconvenient for the adults so the team entered the East Dorset U15 League, which is played on Tuesdays. The team played five league fixtures. All but one were close matches and the team were not disgraced in losing to a strong Christchurch side in the East Dorset Cup first round. The club played friendlies against Lymington Girls (won) and a touring side, Wendover (lost) but lost a league and cup fixture after Bransgore U15 folded. Littlewick Green also abandoned their 2017 tour, Wellow & Plaitford cancelled a friendly due to a rearranged league game and the last two fixtures were lost to rain.

Moving from 11-a-side to 9-a-side impacted as the team tended to field too close in, but new players were welcomed and everyone enjoyed themselves. On August 1, the team watched a Hampshire T20 vs Kent at the Ageas Bowl.

<u>UNDER 15 DIVISION 3</u>	<u>Pld</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>No Result</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Av</u>
Ferndown Wayfarers	5	4	0	1	76	19
Verwood B	5	3	1	1	62	15.5
Wimborne & Colehill Phoenix	5	2	3	0	57	11.4
Ellingham III	5	2	2	1	43	10.75
<b>Burley</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>10.4</b>
Swanage	5	0	4	1	29	7.25

## **CHANCE TO SHINE**

In 2016, the club secured funding through Chance to Shine to send a qualified cricket coach into Burley school. Unfortunately, the coach was unreliable. In response, HCB covered full costs of a different coach, Rob Franks, for 2017. The school said the cricket was 'all good, no complaints this time.'

## **FUNDING**

The colts raised £89 from a raffle at the preseason drinks. Burley Village magazine provided a very generous £500 grant, enabling the club to buy two sets of helmets, pads and gloves, training stumps, two sets of retractable stumps, marker cones and batting tees for the U9s and take the U15s to watch the Hants T20. The club received a £100 grant from the Michael May Foundation to cover the £55 cost of sending U9 manager Ben Crowley on a L1 coaching course, and subsidise entering Zooters. Unfortunately, the latter was lost as HCB levied a 30% cancellation fee.

## **THANKS**

Thanks to Ben Crowley for sponsoring the U9s shirts and to Ray Gunn, Kieron Hudson, Mark Wheeler, Charlie Clamp, and Scott Menary for their help with training and all the parents and senior players who generally helped put games on.

## **2018**

Next season, the club want to take part in the ECB's new All Stars scheme for children aged 5-8 and are looking for an adult to lead this programme. The club also wants to send an U15 player on a coaching course to help with the U9s training.

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