

MUNSTER CRICKET UNION



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1. Board of Directors 2024

President	Jack Filen
Chairperson	Richard Brewster
Secretary	Benjamin Martin
Treasurer	Rashi Mukhopadhyay
Director	Tom Maxfield - Chair of P&P Committee
Director	Kevin O'Sullivan - Chair of Operations Committee
Director	Maria Van De Munckhof - Chair of Women and Girls Committee
Director	Sukhi Byrne - Cricket Ireland Board Representative
Independent Director	Thomas Raju
Independent Director	Chris Thomas

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2. Committees and Officials 2024

Operations Committee

Kevin O'Sullivan	(Chairperson)
Joseph O'Mahony	(Fixtures Co-ordinator)
Declan Earley	(MCUSA Nominee)
Archisman Bose	(Registrations)
Jeff Hitchmough	(Grading)
Leonard Browne	(MCU Operations Officer)

Participation and Pathways Committee (P&P)

Tom Maxfield	(Chairperson)
Len Browne	(MCU Operations Officer)
Sarfraz Ramay	
Pat Donnelly	
Kingsley Jones	
Mark Marshall	

Nominations Committee

Richard Brewster	(Chairperson)
Kevin O Sullivan	
Sukhi Byrne	

Child Welfare Officer - Anna Makin

Disciplinary Committee

Kingsley Jones - Chairperson
Renny Abraham
Jeff Hitchmough
Ben Martin
Richard A. Morton
Thomas Raju
John O'Dea
Nat Simcox
Mort Kelleher
Chris Thomas
Thomas Mathew
Muhammad Rizwan
Sreehari Vinobaji

MCU Staff

General Manager - Joseph Moynihan
Operations Officer - Len Browne
Regional Development Officer - Rory O'Reilly
Regional Development Officer - Hugh Harvey - Kelly
National Programme Coordinator - Glenn Brokenshire

Interprovincial/Munster Reds

Head Coach - Jeremy Bray
Assistant Coach - Ted Williamson
Manager and Administrator - Len Browne

Munster Reds Selectors

Head Coach - Jeremy Bray
Captain - PJ Moor
Vice Captain - Joshua Manley
Chair of Selectors - Joseph Moynihan
Assistant Coach - Ted Williamson

Munster Heat Selectors

Head Coach - Jeremy Bray
Captain - Shivam Kislay
Vice Captain - Eshan O' Sullivan
Chair of Selectors - Joseph Moynihan
Assistant Coach - Ted Williamson

U17 Interprovincial Squad

Coach - Sunil Gautam
Manager - Joe O'Mahony

U15 Interprovincial Squad

Coach - Abdul Jabbar Yunus
Assistant Coach - Ted Williamson
Manager - Len Browne

U13 Representative Squad

Coach - Paul McCutcheon
Assistant Coach - Ashan Asim
Manager - Safraz Ramay

3. Chairperson's Report 2024

I welcome you all to Munster Cricket Union AGM, you are all very welcome .

I look back on a year that was challenging but very enjoyable. A huge quantity of cricket was played across the province and beyond, encompassing a huge range of abilities, backgrounds and genders. There has never been so many people playing in my memory and that is something to be celebrated. We have more teams looking to join and that is amazing. However, it does highlight the shortage of facilities that we have in the region. This means that it is a balancing act between growing the game in Munster whilst making sure we are mindful of our existing clubs and players to ensure they still have access to a great product within our leagues. To that end we need to nurture our youth providing a clear pathway and help our premier division to thrive to fulfil our aim of producing home grown local Reds players .

I would really like to thank the board for their tireless work over the past year. I would really appreciate the work that the committees have done for the benefit of all. We would be lost with the efforts of the Operations Committee and the Pathways Committee have ensured that so much youth cricket for girls and boys has been played and will continue to be played. I would also like to thank the umpires. A really tough job as anyone who has ever done it will agree.

I would like to thank all the staff. It is fantastic to have Joe working tirelessly developing vital relationships with the decision makers in Cricket Ireland making sure that we get our fair share and support from up high. It was great to see Rory, Hugh and Glenn on board and settling in so quickly and making great contributions in growing our game in the province. Thanks to Joe as ever and on the playing side, my gratitude to Jeremy Bray bringing so much to the coaching that is available to our players. It was fantastic to see him out in Australia getting new ideas from the Sydney Thunder that will benefit all our players throughout the age groups all the way up to the reds .

Sadly, as with all AGM's it is time to say goodbye to a few people that have made such a difference to our Union. I really appreciate the effort that they have given to our union so I would really like to thank Chris Thomas and Tom Maxfield for their contributions.

At the same point it is exciting to see new faces getting involved and I wish them all the luck in the world as they begin their involvement in our union.

After three fascinating but challenging years it is time for me to go. I would like to thank everyone who helped me along the way. Obviously it is impossible to get everything right but I like to think we achieved more pluses than minuses. In

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those three years the MCU has grown into a far bigger business which is reflected by the staff. The financial turnover is huge and that creates its own challenges. I feel that it is important to clarify that the ICC specifies where the funds are spent and in turn Cricket Ireland do the same to us and audit us accordingly. I know from the outside looking in it appears that the Union is awash with money but unfortunately this is not the case as the vast majority of funds has to be spent in specific areas. This means that it is vital that the MCU going forwards maximises sponsorship potential so that it can make more independent decisions to help benefit the clubs.

As I look back on the last three years my highlights would be that we managed to get tax exemption from the revenue thanks to amazing work from Nigel Hickey. I am thrilled that we managed to get the women's super league up and running, with some great work from Maria and the Women's and girl's committee there. We managed to play the first inter pro game against Connaught and we managed to get an agreement that we could get over aged local players representing the heat. This is fantastic for those players and also for the youngsters that learn so much from them. The PnP committee put amazing work in to get more youth games played than we ever have.

I would also like to thank the operations committee for the amazing work they have put in over the last few years and a special thank you to Joe O'Mahony for the incredible service he has given to the MCU.

There are so many people that I am grateful for the past three years and if I have forgotten to mention anyone please forgive me. It is time for me to move on and I wish the new chair and board all the very best of luck for the future and look forward to seeing cricket grow and thrive in our province.

Richard Brewster, MCU Chairperson

4. Secretary's Report 2024

2024 was another big growth and challenging year for the union both on and off of the cricket pitch.

The 2024 MCU Board was formed in February and saw many new members joining, including myself, while some were continuing from the previous year. The Board has met online on eight occasions and had one in person meeting during its term with many other Committee and Executive meetings occurring weekly and monthly as well. I started my term as Secretary of the Union and Rashi Mukhopadhyay was brought in as Treasurer. Richard Brewster continued on as chair. Jack Filen, continued as MCU President and joined the Board in an executive role. Sukhi Byrne continued as an independent director before being made Munster's Cricket Ireland board representative taking over from Jack Filen who covered our open vacancy. Kevin O'Sullivan continued on the Board as Chair of the Operations' Committee along with Tom Maxfield who chairs the Pathways and Participation Committee. Chris Thomas continued on his term as Independent director. Thomas Raju joined as an independent director. Maria Van de Munckhof joined the board as chair of the Women's and Girls committee.

One of the big changes in 2024 was becoming a Tax exempt company. We held an EGM in April to pass a resolution to amend our constitution. This will allow us to invest more funds back into the game in Munster.

We reached out to clubs in 2024 to ask what should be the main focus for our strategy going forward. Overwhelmingly we kept getting told that junior cricket needs to be at the forefront of our strategy going forward. Under the pillars of Cricket Ireland's framework we have implemented this into our strategy going forward.

I'm delighted to see the Women' up and running and I'm looking forward to it continuing to grow as more teams and players hopefully come on board.

2024 was a big year for our staff as well as we had Len Browne continue as our operations manager, Joe Moynihan continue as General manager and Jeremy Bray continue as Reds and Heat head coach. Glenn Bronkenshire joined as programme coordinator. Rory O'Reilly joined as the regional development officer for Waterford, Cork and Kerry. Hugh Harvey - Kelly joined as the regional development officer for Limerick, Tipperary and Clare. We really took a big step in investing in youth cricket in 2024 and I am very much optimistic that we have the right people to help grow and develop our young talented cricketers.

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We held our annual awards recently and it was great to see such a huge attendance and representation of the different clubs across Munster.

While the majority of our board is continuing on for 2025 I would like to thank Tom, Richard and Chris for their hard work over the past 12 months and years before with the board.

Finally I would like to wish all clubs, players, staff, umpires, Groundskeepers, parents, scorers, coaches, volunteers and our provincial teams the best of luck for the upcoming 2025 season.

Benjamin Martin
MCU Secretary

5. Operations Committee Report 2024

Operations Committee Report 2024

The Operations Committee (OC) consisted of the following members during 2024;

- Kevin O'Sullivan (Chairperson)
- Joseph O'Mahony (Fixtures Co-ordinator)
- Declan Earley (MCUSA Nominee)
- Archisman Bose
- Jeff Hitchmough
- Leonard Browne (MCU Operations Officer)

The Committee's primary responsibilities as outlined by the MCU Board relate to competition structuring and fixture setting, club entry requirements, player registration, player grading, as well as drafting and applying administrative and playing regulations. The OC reports directly to the MCU Board and meets a minimum of 12 times per year with an increased frequency of meetings occurring during the period March - September. Operations has an overlap of responsibilities with the Participation & Pathways Committee, Clubs Committee and MCU Executive Committee and liaises on a regular basis with each of these bodies.

Competition structure & fixture setting

Firstly, I would like to thank outgoing fixtures co-ordinator Joe O'Mahony for his tireless work over the past decade in relation to fixture setting and amendments. This function has now passed over to the MCU Operations Officer as part of the

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Cricket Ireland led transition to a professionalised structure and I wish Len Browne all the best in this challenging role.

Over 400 fixtures were scheduled in the 2024 season across adult, youth and representative cricket. In general club feedback directly to the OC and via the club survey indicated a strong level of contentment with the current adult fixture calendar. Several constructive suggestions were made by clubs, including incorporating earlier start times (starting in season 2025) and rescheduling fixtures when teams have been knocked out of cup competitions. However, the OC continues to experience significant issues with ground availability and this is limiting with regard to balanced fixture scheduling.

A split of Division 2 and 3 into an 'A' and 'B' sub-structure to accommodate additional teams and a promotion/relegation element was broadly welcomed by clubs, however the OC did receive feedback in relation to the repetitive nature of games in these divisions. This has been taken into account in the fixture scheduling process for 2025 but, as noted above, ground constraints are a limiting factor in this regard.

The fixture scheduling process for season 2025 involved a consultation with Premier Division clubs whereby the reintroduction of the Munster Senior Shield as an early season competition was agreed by majority vote. Following the withdrawal of a 2024 Premier Division participant club, this competition will ensure that Premier Division teams retain the same volume of fixtures. I would like to sincerely thank clubs for their engagement in this regard.

Disciplinary matters and competition regulations

Regrettably, disciplinary matters were a significant feature of the 2024 season. While breaches of disciplinary regulations are under the remit of the MCU Disciplinary Officer, the OC received correspondence and informal feedback from multiple clubs alleging offences against opposition players or spectators. Feedback of this nature was also evident in the results of the club survey. The OC co-ordinates closely with the MCUSA however it is not currently possible to appoint umpires to every game in the province and the responsibility lies with clubs to ensure their members behave appropriately. This topic will be covered in detail at the pre-season meeting for club representatives.

Club entry requirements and support

Waterford Vikings Cricket Club was accepted as a prospective member of the MCU in summer 2024 and undertook the new entrant club process. Ground inspections, documentation checks and friendly matches were carried out and we look forward to welcoming WVCC to MCU competitions in season 2025.

Player registration, grading & NVPlay

Following engagement with clubs via the 2023 club survey and via direct communication, as well as engagement with other provincial unions and the MCU Board, the OC implemented the recommended 'club driven' new player grading plan. In general, clubs were extremely conscientious and complied with the requirements of the process, however a small number of clubs did not. Whilst this system is still in the process of being embedded, club feedback has generally been

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positive with a record low proportion of players being regraded. Player registration via Gameday NVPlay continued to perform strongly with just over 1000 registered participants. However, the use of the live scoring functions regressed slightly in season 2024 with the Premier Division and Division 1 having fewer matches 'live scored' than in the previous season.

Conclusion & future actions

Season 2024 was a relatively successful one for Munster Cricket with a balanced provision of matches for all players across league and cup competitions. Whilst there were some scheduling difficulties, in general players received sufficient opportunities to play and this was borne out in the survey results. The updated competition regulations, administrative regulations and player grading process embedded well and increased interaction with Cricket Ireland on administrative matters was welcome.

The need for more clubs to participate at the higher levels (specifically Premier Division) remains a challenge and the incoming OC and Board will need to prioritise this area. The quality of playing facilities is an associated focus area and I would encourage the Board to assist clubs with investment in their facilities with the goal of providing suitable facilities to support player development.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow OC members in 2024 for their help and support. We have a strong volunteer culture in Munster Cricket and despite the increasingly professionalised environment of cricket administration, it is vital for our Union that we retain this culture.

Yours in sport,
Kevin O'Sullivan
On behalf of the Operations Committee

6. Women's and Girls Committee Report 2024

Munster Cricket Union Women & Girls Committee Annual Summary of Activity 2024

Having been formally ratified by the new MCU Board of Directors in March 2024, the new committee began their activity.

Members of the MCU Women & Girls Committee are
PR Officer Evelyn Maxfield (GCC),
Chairperson Maria Van De Munckhof (LCC),
Treasurer Rashi Mukhopadhyay (CCCC),
Secretary Sahara Nankan (CCCC).

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The committee chairperson also served as Director on the MCU Board of Directors in a representation and liaison remit for the operations of the committee during the 2024 period.

The committee activity involved a regular monthly schedule of online meetings, frequent communication also took place via text group chat, emails and telephone calls. Regular consultation work occurred between committee members and MCU staff and two MCU committees – Participation & Pathway and Operations. The committee is grateful to the staff and committee volunteers who took time to aid the work of the new committee.

The immediate and pressing work of the committee was the establishment of a competition structure for the newly formed and developing female teams in clubs of the Union. This work would not have been a success without the notable and close collaboration of Operations Fixture Co-Ordinator Joseph O' Mahony. The inaugural MCU Women's Superleague and MCU Women's Supercup competitions were scheduled and the committee worked on a final draft of competition rules with MCUSA rep Declan Earley. Three clubs teams played in the Superleague and Supercup competitions during season 2024, with Galway Cricket Club emerging as Superleague winners and Limerick Cricket Club winning the Supercup competition.

In its devising of the Women's Superleague and Supercup the committee worked to a guiding principle of ensuring a female youth participation in the games. The agreed rules allowed for teams with girls aged 11+ with some hardball experience as eligible to enter the women's competition. As a result, the inaugural season 2024 saw a significant number of girls playing among the participating teams.

In its interests in ongoing development of girls' participation in club cricket, the committee has maintained close connection to the work of the MCU SCEO staff and Programmes Co-Ordinator. This intensive work and investment are recognised by the committee as being in a development phase, as the staff have been working in schools and community groups for less than 1 year. But the committee is keen to support and interface with the staff in the ongoing interest of developing an initial critical mass of girls playing cricket at club level & beyond.

For the winter phase of 2024, a schedule of winter training for girls and women across Munster clubs, was proposed to the board of directors and supported therein. Due to constraining factors of venue limitations, absence of subsidised funding as had been available in previous years and a notable deficit in the availability of coaches, the committee faced a challenge of keeping the schedule of winter training & development for women and girls open. However, with close co-operation between the MCU Operations Manager Len Browne and members of the committee, two blocks of mixed training for women & girls took place with adequate player participation to keep the cost of the programme neutral to the Union and importantly, fulfilled the demand by female players for their ongoing winter development. This programme is a body of work which the committee will maintain energetic interest in during winter 2025 and onwards for the platform it offers female cricketers to enhance their edge in their sport and for the comradery it offers female players from across the Union where there may only be at present one or two female members in a club.

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Awards nominations and categories were also assessed by the Women & Girls committee for the MCU Awards 2024 and also for Cricket Ireland Female Player of the Year 2024. This work is notable in that it is again, a first for the Union to have senior awards categories for female players. Hearty accolades went to the recipients in Charleville, Nov 2024 when Women's Batter of the Year and Women's Bowler of the Year were issued for the first time. Alongside this the 2 women's teams, GCC & LCC also received their awards and medals for their victories in the women's competitions of 2024.

In a final word the MCU Women & Girls committee would like to welcome their first title sponsor to the grassroots of Munster Union's female game of cricket. Celtic Spirit Cheer & Dance Company have agreed to sponsor the Celtic Spirit Women's Supercup competition 2025. This is an exciting new dimension to the committee's work, and they look forward to a successful and fun relationship with Celtic Spirit Cheer & Dance Co in the time ahead.

The committee feel assured as they step forward to their second year of work, that they have made good friends across the province and received tremendous support all round and it is indeed a good feeling for the four volunteers.

Yours in sport,
Maria Van De Munckhof
Chairperson MCU Women & Girls Committee.

7. Financial Report 2024

Delivered at the AGM.

8. Staff Reports 2024

CEO Report 2024

Since I was appointed CEO in June 2022 progress has been made in some key areas of business. The following report outlines the key areas of responsibility the CEO covers, highlighting some of the achievements that have been delivered during the 2024 year.

The report is divided into sections outlining areas of responsibility, delivery of activity and achievements. The CEO focused on continuing to provide an opportunity for the union to grow and develop.

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This included

- Referencing the Strategic Plan and working towards achieving these goals
- Working with relevant partners
- Communicating and developing stakeholders .
- Governance – the Union was incorporated and progress continues to be made to ensure good governance structure in the MCU, with regular reports provided to the Board on this.
- Staff – recruitment of development staff was 4 full time staff in 2024 due to the A new office was purchased in June 2024 and was relocated to Cork Harlequins until we find a future home for the MCU.
- Financial Management and Control - the use of Stripe, Jotform and BrightBooks financial package are used to manage money coming in and out of the union and to keep records. The use of Gameday/Sports80 going forward will manage more functions - Registrations, Coaching courses, Smash it / Its Wicket programmes, Winter Programmes etc. This will make the management more efficient going forward. The recruitment of a part time Accountant was a huge step forward for the union in 2024.
- Budgets – set against ongoing KPIs and Strategic Goals
- Reports – work continued to ensure effective planning and preparation of relevant reports. CricEval is now in place for reporting
- Sponsors - a package was developed, I hope the Commercial Committee may be reformed under the new board and help develop support for the Union.
- Stakeholder/Partnership Management - The CEO role continues to lead on managing and developing key partnerships for the Union to collaborate with. Some of these partnerships required significant time and investment during this period.
- Local Sports Partnerships - Increasing participation and volunteer programmes with the aid of the Local Sport Partnerships throughout Munster. Schools programmes and other programmes in association with the LSP's are going to be key to developing the region. Contracts with 2/6 LSP's have been signed for 2024

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Local Councils - Meeting for proposal of use of land going forward and helping local clubs develop. Opportunity to be able to acquire access to facilities to increase opportunity for cricket to develop going forward is still ongoing. A land ask is currently lodged with Cork City Council from November 2019. This includes a home for the MCU and spill over grounds to help the Union develop and fulfil more fixtures.

Douglas Community School - access to hall for the Winter as High Performance area for MCU in the short - medium term. It is used for all our representative teams in the Winter and for Specific training during the Season. The MCU are hoping to purchase a venue to develop in 2025.

- Cricket Ireland - A large volume of work was required to ensure the Union was appropriately represented on a range of groups covering various topics. This included contributions to the following Cricket Ireland groups during this period:

- Senior Management Group
- Match Allocation Group (MAG)
- Interpro Working Group
- Operations Working Group
- Development Officer joint task force.

The bulk of work during this period with Cricket Ireland was focused on developing an all island approach. This took a huge amount of time by CI staff, Provincial Union CEO's, and others.

In addition, regular meetings and communication occurred between General Managers/CEO's from all Provincial Unions to ensure similar approaches were taken, where possible throughout Ireland.

Finally , 2024 was the final year in which Ted Williamson was involved with the Munster Cricket Union. We thank you Ted for all your input over the last few years and there will be a large hole to be filled after you've stepped away. Thanks Ted for all your work over the years.

Summary

A very busy year both on and off the pitch. I hope to help the Union develop further in 2025 with the help of the MCU board, Cricket Ireland and the possibility of a home for Munster Cricket in 2025 a very realistic goal.

I would like to thank outgoing Board members and committee members for all their Help to all the committee stepping down after many years of service. Thank you and your support will be sorely missed.

Joseph Moynihan, MCU CEO

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Annual Report- National Programmes 2024/25

As we head towards 12 months of having a National programme Co-ordinator role at the MCU, it's worth reflecting on some of the highlights of the last 9 months of work within the Union.

2025 Sponsorship Package: worked with Joe Moynihan to create an updated and expanded sponsorship package to present to potential sponsors. There is a significant opportunity to bring revenue to the MCU with a suite of quality corporate partners, and we now have the platform to go forward and identify our alliances. Updated in February with inclusion of new Shield competitions

CI Programmes Smash It and It's Wicket Attended Activator training at Greystones CC along with Hugh Harvey-Kelly.

Worked with clubs across the MCU to grow the venues presenting the programmes. From 2 clubs in 2023 (Limerick CC and Cork County CC), we had 5 clubs in 2024 who committed to engage in running camps/weekly sessions:

Limerick CC
Cork County CC
Cork Harlequins CC
Lismore CC
Limerick Blasters CC

In addition, Clonmel CC (visited) and Nenagh CC have indicated they will participate in the programmes either later this year, or next season. Waterford and Districts CC and Co. Kerry CC are problematic, but I remain hopeful they will engage. UCC is not applicable as a student-based club, no response from Middleton CC. **Notes:** Lismore CC (Dan Dixon main contact) fully engaged and realise the potential of creating a youth section. Small but energised team. Completed F2F training session with 4 Activators on site in advance of their weekly camps. 20+ children signed up.

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- Limerick Blasters CC (Thomas Raju and Rex Regis main contacts). Have never had a youth section. Now have 20+ signed up for their first camp to be run in July.
- Cork County CC/Cork Harlequins CC/Limerick CC: Clubs recruiting, numbers TBA. Activator training dates TBC.
- Waterford and Districts CC have membership and facility challenges. Ben Martin has created a business development plan for the club.
- Co. Kerry CC. There appears to be a level of confusion/communication issues at the club. Will develop relationship and ascertain the way forward via a series of programmes (since taken on with the appointment of Rory O'Reilly. Conducted interview with Munster Reds Coach Jeremy Bray, presented podcast-style. Covered Munster Women and Girls T10 Superleague. Presented 'Club Focus' pieces on Lismore CC, Co. Kerry CC and Cork Harlequins CC. Covered IP20 and IP50 matches involving the Munster Reds. CI have indicated they want me to cover all Reds/Senior Cup matches etc going forward.

All social media metrics for X/Facebook/Instagram are trending in a positive direction, with more followers and engagements.

Participated in Corks Sports Partnership's Sport on the Green, where a 6 week programme delivered cricket to over 1000 children across the city. This was a major success and served as a springboard to the heightened profile of the MCU in the community.

Organised MCU mascots for Ireland Women vs Sri Lanka and Ireland Women vs England matches and attended. Fantastic PR for the MCU. Events photographed and added to the MCU library of images.

Covered Irish and Senior Cup Finals at The Mardyke as MCU photographer, uploading real-time images and updates of scores.

Covered the MCU Senior Cup Final at the Mardyke. Rain affected-rescheduled for 1st September

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Covered Munster Reds vs North West Warriors and took c1000 photographs for use by the MCU and published by Cricket Ireland.

Interviewed on HBTv during Reds vs Warriors

Covered MCC vs Munster Heat matches and took c800 photographs, uploaded to MCU website and social media platforms.

Covered the U13 All Ireland Semi Finals (2) and Final at The Mardyke/Farmers Cross. The CI photographer did not show up, so covered all 3 matches- Bready CC vs Phoenix CC, Limerick CC vs Instonians CC, and the Final between Instonians and Bready. C2000 photographs, submitted to CI and used on our own social media platforms.

Completed master document in conjunction with SCEOs to ensure consistency in service delivery in the schools environment. Worked on this collaboratively and presented to GM 17th October for feedback. Now finalised, we will have a firm framework that all Dev Offrs can work from when approaching and engaging with Sports Partnerships, schools, and community groups. Held a series of meetings with SCEOs Rory and Hugh to develop the framework for programme content and delivery. Subsequent meetings with GM and Ops Mgr agreed and ratified. Now in situ on MCU website.

Attended Cricket Ireland Strategy Roadshow at The Firgrove Hotel in Mitchelstown. Assisted in setting up and producing graphics for CI presentation. Photographed the event/edited images/created graphics and created social media reports and website content. Presented synopsis of my role to the gathering and participated in floor debates. Very positive event with good outcomes- well worth attending.

CricHIIT: CricHIIT has the potential to become a key driver for recruiting new females into participating in cricket. I plan to roll out the programme in key clubs (Limerick CC/Cork Harlequins CC/Cork County CC) and other venues to attract potential recruits. It also acts as a revenue stream for clubs, so should be promoted and developed. To date we have held 3 series of 6 week blocks of CricHIIT classes, with plans for more venues. "Wicket Warriors" to be the male equivalent. CSP also wishes to expand CricHIIT as a female-only TY programme in schools.

Wicket Warriors: CSP supports a number of "Men on the Move" groups across the County. I originally intended to repurpose the CricHIIT programme to deliver, but could not due to copyright of the CricHIIT logo for use with female participants only. Have begun work on "Wicket Warriors" for male clients, which will be able to be rolled out by Sports Partnerships across Munster.

Attended Championing Female Leaders: On The Front Foot conference at Croke Park, a major landmark conference to foster and promote female leadership within the PUs and CI itself. An uplifting day, topped off with attending the Ireland Women vs England Women at Clontarf CC.

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Attended Programme Co-ordinator's meeting in Kinsealy with Liam Foulkes, NCU, NWCU, CL. Rory O'Reilly and Hugh Harvey-Kelly also in attendance. Discussed programme rollout for 2025, principally a new programme to cover the boys 9-13 age group that is currently not serviced by Smash It or It's Wicket. Also discussed the success of CricHIIT in the MCU, other unions are looking at the possibility of following our model. The MCU is the only union in Ireland currently using the programme.

Glenn Brokenshire, MCU National Programme Coordinator

Regional Development Report

Rory O'Reilly, MCU Schools and Clubs Engagement Officer

Overview

- 2024 marked significant growth in school participation and strategic development.
- Established structured school programs:
 - 5-week introduction to cricket
 - Transition Year "Activator" training
 - One-off taster sessions for promotion.
- Focused on schools within a 20KM catchment area of cricket clubs in Cork, Waterford & Kerry.
- Prioritised secondary schools and their feeder schools for sustained engagement.
- Schools signed up:
 - Cork: 16 schools (14 primary, 2 secondary)
 - Kerry: 4 schools (3 primary, 1 secondary)
 - Waterford: 2 schools (2 primary)

Schools Engagement & Programme Creation

- Launched the Munster Cricket Schools Programme in collaboration with Cork Sports Partnership.
- Extended programs to Kerry & Waterford via social media promotion and club contacts with schools.

Community Outreach – "Sports on the Green" Programme

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- Partnered with Cork City Council to introduce cricket in housing estates & public parks in green areas across Cork City.
- The program engaged with minority groups including Ukrainian, Roma community, and lower socio-economic communities in Cork City.
- Increased awareness & inclusivity of cricket within diverse populations.

Events & Partnerships

- Match official for Munster Cricket inter-provincial games
- Attended Cricket Ireland Development Workshops, and became eligible to train “activators” in schools across the regions.
- Represented Munster Cricket at the Women in Sport event.
- Initiated collaborations with:
 - Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership.
 - Waterford Sports Partnership.
- Planned participation in Active Ageing Festivals across Kerry & Waterford

Regional Development Report

Hugh Harvey-Kelly, MCU Schools and Clubs Engagement Officer



June:

- Distributed cricket balls to clubs in Tipperary, Clare, and Limerick, and met with players and club organizers. I continue to liaise with Clubs volunteers on the best path to take in encouraging cricket in their areas.
- Trained in Greystones for the Smash It program.

July:

- Coached the Munster representative side versus Connacht in Galway.
- Continued to coach Munster adult and pathway in Harlequins CC in Cork.
- Began meeting with Sports Partnerships.
- Coach activator session at Limerick Blasters.

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August:

- Attended a Sportsability event in Tipperary and discussed a social cricket project with Limerick Sports Partnership. Also helped an innovation event in Cahir by providing a cricket taster for a festival.
- Helped Clare Sports Partnership start a new club in Kilrush and organized a Munster cricket festival day for Kilrush and Ennis.
- Coached Heat V MCC at Quinns

September:

- Attended the Cricket Ireland Women Leadership workshop and networking event in Dublin.
- Put on a taster at Limerick Sportsability event at UL Arena.
- Attended a Munster officers workshop in Cork.

October:

- Held a "teach the teacher" event with Limerick Sports Partnership.
- Completed the online module as activators and followed up with schools to help launch cricket PE sessions.
- Completed Level 4 Cricket coaching badge.
- Coached a group of 30 TY students on how to be activators and get certified for Smash It camps.
- Began a 5-week cricket program at CBS in Sexton St Limerick.

November:

- Continued the 5-week cricket program at CBS in Sexton St Limerick.
- Coached a 5-week program at St. Sennans in Kilrush.

December:

- Finished school sessions and planned for 2025 school programs.

Overall:

A busy and successful 6 months with significant engagement with clubs, schools, and Sports Partnerships, and strong momentum for 2025.

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Operations Officer Report 2024

Introduction:

This report provides an overview of the Munster Cricket Union (MCU) Operations Officer's activities during 2024, culminating in January 2025. It builds upon the foundation laid in 2023, acknowledging the contributions of all those previously involved. The role, now full-time, continues to focus on the domestic running of the game, supporting leagues, cup competitions, youth representative teams, and the Munster Reds and Heat senior sides.

Operational Administration:

Building upon the established winter training programs, 2024 saw continued development across all age groups, including the women's and girls' U16 group. Key administrative tasks included:

- Finalising 2024 season standings and league tables.
- Comprehensive review of the 2024 season and planning for 2025, including league structures and fixtures.
- Creation of the 2025 venue timetable.
- Processing outstanding coach payments and settling Munster Reds expenses.
- Thorough budget review and planning for 2025.
- Processing invoices and managing financial reporting.
- Updating club registration and affiliation processes.
- Managing club entries for the 2025 season.
- Updating and maintaining cricket facilities at the MCU headquarters and purchasing new equipment.
- Successful installation of the new office space and management of office operations.

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Reds and Heat:

The Munster Reds and Heat squads continued training in Cork and Dublin, with ongoing strength and conditioning programs. The Operations Officer oversaw numerous matches, including Reds Cork series and a Heat game against the M.C.C.

Event Management:

2024 saw the successful hosting of numerous key events, including:

- Cup finals across various age groups and leagues.
- Inter-provincial matches, including the Reds Cork series.
- Pivotal role in the All Ireland T20 tournament and All Ireland Cup finals.
- Annual MCU Awards Ceremony.

Coaching and Player Development:

A significant focus was placed on developing coaching networks and youth programs:

- Development of a coaching network document and collaboration with Jeremy Bray.
- Organisation and facilitation of coach education workshops.
- Continued oversight of the winter development program for all groups.
- Conducted Jeremy Bray's coaching network sessions.
- Planning and preparation for Elite Youth Groups (U15/17s) and Development programs (U13s).
- Continued community outreach through the TY module at Mount Mercy School, UCC and MTU and activator training with Cricket Ireland.

Community and Club Engagement:

The Operations Officer continued to engage with clubs and the wider community:

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- Engagement with local cricket clubs, and looked to help clubs joining or lookinUnion..
- Continued communication and information sharing with all clubs.

Key Challenges and Opportunities:

- **Club Participation:** Addressing potential non-participation of clubs in leagues and ensuring timely and accurate club entries.
- **Coaching Network Expansion:** Reaching more coaches across Munster through effective communication and engagement.
- **Knock-Out Scheduling:** Finalising and addressing potential scheduling conflicts.
- **Youth Development:** Refining plans for Elite and Development programs.
- **Sponsorship Challenges:** Addressing the challenges of securing adequate sponsorship.

Future Plans:

- Finalise 2025 budgets and league structures.
- Continue to invest in player and coach development.
- Improve facilities and infrastructure.
- Strengthen relationships with clubs and stakeholders.

Personal Development:

Personal development remains an ongoing aspect of the Operations Officer's role, including continued engagement with Cricket Ireland and Sport Ireland initiatives.

Conclusion:

2024 saw significant progress in the operational management of cricket in Munster. The MCU is well-positioned for a successful 2025 season by addressing challenges and capitalising on opportunities. The Operations Officer will continue to develop strong operational capabilities and commitment to cricket's growth in Munster.

8.Munster Representative Cricket Report 2024

Munster Reds

Inter-Provincial Cup (IP50) 2024

Inter-Provincial Cup (IP50) 2024 Table

Inter-Provincial Cup (IP50) 2024

Matches

Teams

Table

Stats

Videos

Competition Winner: Leinster Lightning

	PLAYED	WON	LOST	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	NET RUN RATE
1 Leinster Lightning	6	3	2	1	0	3	17	0.95
2 Northern Knights	6	3	2	0	1	3	17	0.72
3 Munster Reds	6	3	3	0	0	1	13	-0.53
4 North West Warriors	6	1	3	1	1	1	9	-0.99





















ORDER IN THE TABLE DETERMINED BY:

1. Total Points, 2. Number of Wins, 3. Head to Head (Total Points in Matches between each Team), 4. Bonus Points, 5. Net Run Rate ('NRR For' minus 'NRR Against' over the whole competition)

POINTS AWARDED:





















Won - 4, Lost - 0, Tied - 0, No Result - 2, Abandoned - 2, Bonus Point (Run Rate 1.25x Opponents') - 1

Munster Reds Batting Inter-Provincial Cup

Most Runs				Show All	Highest Scores				Show All
1		PJ Moor	154		1		PJ Moor	130	
2		M Andrianatos	153		2		M Andrianatos	60*	
3		OG Metcalfe	120		3		M Andrianatos	59	
4		L McCarthy	113		4		AR Frost	55	
5		AR Frost	92		5		OG Metcalfe	53	
6		B Kruger	77		6		OG Metcalfe	49	
7		C McCullough	39		7		L McCarthy	46	
8		M Frost	33		8		L McCarthy	41*	
9		J Dickson	27		9		B Kruger	31	
10		N Damgaard	26		10		J Dickson	27	

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Munster Reds Bowling Inter-Provincial Cup

Most Wickets			Show All	Best Bowling			Show All
1		L. McCarthy	12	1		L. McCarthy	5-31
2		JJS Manley	9	2		P Francis	4-43
3		M Frost	8	3		JJS Manley	4-57
4=		C Campher	5	4		JJS Manley	3-26
4=		B Kruger	5	5		GJ Delany	3-31
4=		P Francis	5	6		B Kruger	3-39
7		GJ Delany	3	7		C Campher	3-43
8=		N Damgaard	2	8		M Frost	3-44
8=		M Weldon	2	9		M Frost	2-29
8=		BC White	2	10		M Weldon	2-35

Inter-Provincial Trophy (IP20) 2024

Inter-Provincial Trophy Table

Inter-Provincial Trophy (IP20) 2024

Matches

Teams

Table

Stats

Videos

Competition Winner: Leinster Lightning

		PLAYED	WON	LOST	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	NET RUN RATE
1	Leinster Lightning	9	7	1	0	1	4	34	2.03
2	Northern Knights	9	5	3	1	0	3	25	1.41
3	Munster Reds	9	2	6	1	0	1	11	-2.14
4	North West Warriors	9	2	6	0	1	1	11	-2.06

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POINTS AWARDED:











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Munster Reds Batting Inter-Provincial Trophy

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Most Runs

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1		C Campher	95
2		M Andrianatos	67
3		B Kruger	58
4		GJ Delany	54
5		L McCarthy	47
6		AR Frost	44
7		N Damgaard	43
8		JJS Manley	41
9		OG Metcalfe	31
10		PJ Moor	30

Highest Scores











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1		C Campher	50*
2		M Andrianatos	48
3		GJ Delany	44
4		B Kruger	33
5		L McCarthy	31

Munster Reds Bowling Inter-Provincial Trophy











Most Wickets

[Show All](#)

1		JJS Manley	12
2		C Campher	7
3		L McCarthy	5
4=		C McCullough	4
4=		BC White	4
6=		M Frost	3
6=		N Damgaard	3
8=		P Francis	2
8=		M Weldon	2
10		B Kruger	1

Best Bowling

[Show All](#)

1		C Campher	4-15
2		C McCullough	4-25
3		JJS Manley	3-12
4		N Damgaard	3-16
5		JJS Manley	3-34
6		M Frost	2-10
7		L McCarthy	2-12
8		M Weldon	2-16
9		JJS Manley	2-24
10		P Francis	2-25

Munster Heat

Munster Heat - 2024 Future Series

The Munster Heat is a vital youth cricket team within the Munster Cricket Union (MCU). This team serves as a crucial pathway for young, talented cricketers to progress to the senior Munster Reds side.

In 2024, The Heat had a disappointing season going winless from their six games played while two more succumbed to inclement weather were unfortunately abandoned.

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50 over table

One Day Table

	PLAYED	WON	LOST	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	NET RUN RATE
1 Emerging Knights	4	3	1	0	0	2	14	0.53
2 Leinster Lightning Bolts	4	2	1	0	1	2	12	1.63
3 Cricket Ireland Academy	4	2	1	0	1	1	11	0.5
4 Emerging Warriors	4	1	3	0	0	1	5	-1.34
5 Munster Heat	4	0	2	0	2	0	4	-1.45

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POINTS AWARDED:

Won - 4, Lost - 0, Tied - 0, No Result - 2, Abandoned - 2, Bonus Point (Run Rate 1.25x Opponents') - 1

T20 table

Twenty20 Table

	PLAYED	WON	LOST	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	NET RUN RATE
1 Leinster Lightning Bolts	5	3	1	0	1	2	16	1.95
2 Emerging Knights	5	3	2	0	0	1	13	0.09
3 Cricket Ireland Academy	4	2	1	0	1	1	11	0.62
4 Emerging Warriors	4	2	2	0	0	1	9	0.48
5 Munster Heat	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	-3.18

ORDER IN THE TABLE DETERMINED BY:

1. Total Points, 2. Number of Wins, 3. Head to Head (Total Points in Matches between each Team), 4. Bonus Points, 5. Net Run Rate ('NRR For' minus 'NRR Against' over the whole competition)

POINTS AWARDED:

Won - 4, Lost - 0, No Result - 2, Abandoned - 2, Bonus Point (Run Rate 1.25x Opponents') - 1

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Series Table Overall

Cricket Ireland Future Series 2024

Matches		Teams	Table	Stats		Videos					
			PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	TIED	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
1	Leinster Lightning Bolts		9	5	2	0	0	0	2	4	28
2	Emerging Knights		9	6	3	0	0	0	0	3	27
3	Cricket Ireland Academy		8	4	2	0	0	0	2	2	22
4	Emerging Warriors		8	3	5	0	0	0	0	2	14
5	Munster Heat		8	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	4






ORDER IN THE TABLE DETERMINED BY:

1. Total Points

Points calculated based on totals from additional tables

HEAT Batting Stats

T20











Most Runs			Show All
1		B Kruger	169
2		A Saghir	46
3		Z Khan	45
4		N Anjum	32
5		S Safi	23
6		E O'Sullivan	22
7		S Gautam	17
8		U Hassan Khan	16
9		C Stevenson	7
10		D Sumanasinghe	3

50 Overs

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Most Runs

[Show All](#)

1		S Safi	226
2		D Sumanasinghe	44
3		Z Khan	37
4		U Hassan Khan	36
5		N Anjum	29
6		T Prophet	28
7		B Kruger	24
8		K Kumar	16
9		M Brewster	15
10		E O'Sullivan	13

Highest Scores

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1		S Safi	104*
2		S Safi	84*
3		D Sumanasinghe	38*
4		S Safi	38
5=		T Prophet	27
5=		Z Khan	27
7		N Anjum	25

Heat Bowling Stats

T20

Most Wickets

[Show All](#)

1		E O'Sullivan	7
2=		S Safi	3
2=		Z Khan	3
4=		N Anjum	2
4=		B Kruger	2
6=		U Sherzad	1
6=		H Safi	1

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50 Overs







Most Wickets

[Show All](#)

1		S Safi	5
2=		E O'Sullivan	4
2=		M Brewster	4
2=		N Anjum	4
5		D Broom	1










Best Bowling

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1		S Safi	3-20
2		E O'Sullivan	3-22
3		M Brewster	3-30
4		N Anjum	3-33
5		S Safi	2-33
6		D Broom	1-25

Best Economy Rate

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1		H Safi	3.50
2		E O'Sullivan	3.64
3		S Safi	4.48
4		M Brewster	4.81
5=		D Broom	5.00
5=		B Kruger	5.00
7		N Anjum	6.36
8		T Prophet	6.40
9		Z Khan	7.43

Best Average

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1		S Safi	10.60
2		E O'Sullivan	12.75
3		N Anjum	17.50
4		M Brewster	19.25
5		D Broom	25.00

Munster Heat V MCC

A 13-man MCC squad travelled to Cork last week for their annual out-match tour against Munster Heat in a three match series.

Results:

Game 1 (50 overs): MCC win by 123 runs

Game 2 (20 overs): Munster Heat win by 9 wickets

Game 3 (10 overs): MCC win by 9 wickets

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9. Munster Youth Cricket Report 2024

Members: Tom Maxfield (chair),
Len Browne (operations),
Sarfraz Ramay,
Pat Donnelly,
Kingsley Jones,
Mark Marshall

First of all I would like to thank the committee members, operations and munster staff for their support over the past 12 months.

There has been some welcome changes over the past 12 months, the fixturing being taken under the operations remit is a very welcome change for all the clubs involved and the work being done by the development staff Hugh, Rory and Glen is fantastic to see and will hopefully lead to a swell in participation at youth level and hopefully a revitalised school league in the coming years.

There were some difficulties throughout the year particularly the fulfilment of fixtures for various reasons as well as the outcomes and feedback from the interprovincial training. A full review of the inter provincial training was undertaken with substantial changes to the winter training with the creation of both a developmental and a pathways squads. It is my opinion that a review of this setup will take place later in the summer and hopefully find the changes have made a positive impact.

One of the main issues still facing Munster cricket is the lack of clubs without a youth setup. Currently no club outside the premier league has a youth team and for Munster cricket to continue to grow clubs need to expand from solely providing men's cricket

This is my final report as chair of the pnp committee so would again like to thank all the staff and committee members over the past few years

Thomas Maxfield

Representative Match Results:

U15 Interpros

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The Munster U15 team had a mixed season. However, they showed real progression in their match play and tactics, and bonded well as a unit. This was the first opportunity for many of the boys to represent their province in the Cricket Ireland Inter Provincial series , and they conducted themselves extremely well and were a credit to the Munster Cricket Union (MCU).

U15 Squad:- H Ahsan, M Borisov, S Burkul, M Donnelly, J Khan, N Kumar, S Lakshman, R Magee, S Malik, C Milward Aherne, S O'Connell, C Ross, W Shields, C Shinde, A Ullah

Overall Table

Cricket Ireland Youth Interprovincial Boys U15 2024

Matches	Teams	Table	Stats	Videos							
			PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	TIED	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
1	Cricket Leinster U15 Boys		6	6	0	0	0	0	0	5	29
2	Northern Cricket Union U15 Boys		6	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	15
3	North West Cricket Union U15 Boys		6	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	13
4	Munster Cricket Union U15 Boys		6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0

ORDER IN THE TABLE DETERMINED BY:

1. Total Points











Points calculated based on totals from additional tables

Batting Stats

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Most Runs

[Show All](#)

1		Ayan Ullah	113
2		C Ross	109
3		S Burkul	61
4		W Shields	46
5		M Donnelly	22
6		H Ahsan	16
7		C Shinde	14
8		N Kumar	6
9=		R Magee	4
9=		J Khan	4

Highest Scores

[Show All](#)

1		S Burkul	50
2		Ayan Ullah	46*
3		Ayan Ullah	42*
4		C Ross	32
5		C Ross	29

Bowling Stats

Most Wickets

[Show All](#)

1		Ayan Ullah	5
2=		N Kumar	3
2=		W Shields	3
4=		M Donnelly	2
4=		C Ross	2
4=		S O'Connell	2
4=		C Shinde	2
8		R Magee	1

Best Bowling

[Show All](#)

1		Ayan Ullah	3-38
2		S O'Connell	2-18
3		C Shinde	2-33
4		N Kumar	2-37
5		C Ross	2-58
6		W Shields	2-65
7		N Kumar	1-0
8		M Donnelly	1-5

U17 Interprovincials

The Munster U17 team had a very competitive season with some excellent displays across all aspects of the game of cricket. They were a well balanced team with a strong batting lineup and a disciplined bowling attack. They will be looking to build on their success in 2024.

U17 Squad: - M Ahmadzai, A Divakaran, A Faizi, C Healy Browne, A Hull, I Khan, A Khurana, C Magee, R Maqsood, J McLaughlin, S Monmand, P Searra, W Shields, C Stevenson, D Sumanasinghe, S Sumanasinghe, A Ullah

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Overall Table:

Cricket Ireland Youth Interprovincial Boys U17 2024

Matches		Teams	Table	Stats								Videos
				PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	TIED	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
1	Cricket Leinster U17 Boys			7	6	0	0	0	0	1	4	30
2	North West Cricket Union U17 Boys			7	4	2	0	0	0	1	4	22
3	Northern Cricket Union U17 Boys			7	2	3	0	0	0	2	2	14
4	CI Invitational			4	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	7
5	Munster Cricket Union U17 Boys			7	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	2

ORDER IN THE TABLE DETERMINED BY:

1. Total Points


















Points calculated based on totals from additional tables

Batting Stats

Most Runs			Show All	Highest Scores			Show All
1		Ayan Ullah	93	1		D Sumanasinghe	45
2		D Sumanasinghe	82	2=		Ayan Ullah	41
3		P Searra	69	2=		Ayan Ullah	41
4		A Khurana	56	4		P Searra	38*
5		C Magee	38	5		D Sumanasinghe	28
6		C Stevenson	35	6		C Magee	27
7		A Divakaran	26				
8		M Ahmadzai	21				
9=		A Faizi	11				
9=		I Khan	11				

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Bowling Stats

Most Wickets			Best Bowling		
		Show All			Show All
1	 W Shields	5	1	 M Ahmadzai	3-32
2=	 Ayan Ullah	4	2	 Ayan Ullah	2-17
2=	 M Ahmadzai	4	3	 S Sumanasinghe	2-21
4=	 S Sumanasinghe	3	4	 S Monmand	2-22
4=	 P Searra	3	5	 C Magee	2-27
4=	 A Khurana	3	6	 A Khurana	2-34
7=	 S Monmand	2	7=	 Ayan Ullah	2-39
7=	 C Magee	2	7=	 P Searra	2-39
9	 C Healy Browne	1			

MCU v LCU Annual Series 2024 - Historic Series win for MCU U15 Boys

It has become a tradition that Leinster travel to Cork for a friendly series after the completion of the Youth Interpros. 2024 was no exception, and Farmers Cross welcomed Brían O'Rourke and his charges for two highly anticipated 50 over fixtures.

Match 1: Wednesday 7th August. Leinster batted first and put 244 on the board with Ayan Ullah scoring 91. In reply needing nine runs to win from the last over Munster were able to score eight meaning the match ended in a tie.

Match 2: Thursday 8th August. Leinster won the toss, and elected to bowl. Ayan Ullah's unbeaten 120 helped Munster post 230/7. In reply Leinster were bowled out for 226 in another close game giving Munster a series win 1-0.

U13 North-West Invitational Tournament

In September our Under 13 squad travelled to the north west to participate in an annual tournament.

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Day one: Cold and wet conditions meant only one game was completed and it was reduced to a T10 against the Northern Cricket Union who managed to chase a target of 42 losing only one wicket.

Day Two: In the first game, versus North-west 2nds, MCU were put into bat and posted 101-4. NWCU reached the target of 102 in the 19th over.

In the second match of the day Northern Cricket Union II batted first and posted a score of 155-10. In reply Munster scored 106-7 to lose by 49 runs

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William Shields

One of the highlights for our youth section in 2024 was undoubtedly the call up for William Shields to the Ireland u15 squad for the BA Festival and Celtic Cup.



MCU Youth Leagues 2024.

In the 2024 season league and cup games were played at U13 and U15 while a T20 league was played at U17.

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MCU U13 Superleague 2024

MCU U13 Superleague 2024

Matches	Teams	Table	Stats	Videos						
			PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	TOTAL POINTS	NET RUN RATE
1	Limerick CC U13 XI Mungret Mavericks		6	5	0	0	0	1	25	4.08
2	Cork Harlequins CC U13 XI STORMERS		6	4	2	0	0	0	20	1.79
3	Cork County CC U13A SHARKS		9	4	3	0	0	1	20	-0.86
4	Cork County CC U13B TIGERS		9	3	4	0	0	1	15	-2.03
5	County Galway CC U13 XI		6	1	0	0	0	3	5	0.18
6	County Kerry U13 XI SUPERNOVAS		8	0	8	0	0	0	0	-1.65
ORDER IN THE TABLE DETERMINED BY:										
1. Total Points, 2. Net Run Rate ('NRR For' minus 'NRR Against' over the whole competition), 3. Head to Head (Total Points in Matches between each Team)										
POINTS AWARDED:										
Won - 5, Lost - 0, Tied - 3, No Result - 0, Abandoned - 0										

Winners - Limerick CC

MCU U13 T20 Cup 2024

4 AUG 2024	MATCH COMPLETE	 Limerick CC U13 XI	120/5	MATCH CENTRE
	Croker's Oval, Ballyneety MCU U13 T20 Cup - Twenty20	 Cork County CC U13 XI	110/8	
	Limerick CC U13 XI won by 10 runs			
20 JUL 2024	MATCH COMPLETE	 County Galway CC U13 XI	76/4	MATCH CENTRE
	Adare Manor, Limerick MCU U13 T20 Cup - Twenty20	 Cork County CC U13 XI	77/4	
	Cork County CC U13 XI won by 6 wickets			
	MATCH COMPLETE	 Limerick CC U13 XI	108/6	MATCH CENTRE
	Adare Manor, Limerick MCU U13 T20 Cup - Twenty20	 Cork Harlequins CC U13 XI	92/7	
	Limerick CC U13 XI won by 16 runs			

Winners - Limerick CC

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MCU U15 Superleague 2024

MCU U15 Superleague 2024

Matches	Teams	Table	Stats	Videos								
					PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	TOTAL POINTS	NET RUN RATE
1	Limerick CC U15 XI Dooradoyle Daredevils				4	4	0	0	0	0	20	4.4
2	Cork County CC U15 XI COLTS				6	3	3	0	0	0	15	-1.22
3	Cork Harlequins CC U15 XI TYPHOONS				4	2	1	0	1	0	10	-0.52
4	County Galway CC U15 XI				4	1	3	0	0	0	5	0
5	County Kerry CC U15 XI STINGRAYS				6	1	4	0	1	0	5	-5.52
ORDER IN THE TABLE DETERMINED BY:												
1. Total Points, 2. Net Run Rate ('NRR For' minus 'NRR Against' over the whole competition), 3. Head to Head (Total Points in Matches between each Team)												
POINTS AWARDED:												
Won - 5, Lost - 0, Tied - 3, No Result - 0, Abandoned - 0												

Winners - Limerick CC

MCU U15 T20 Cup 2024

MCU U15 T20 Cup 2024

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Competition Winner: Cork County CC U15 XI

		PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	TOTAL POINTS	NET RUN RATE
1	Cork County CC U15 XI	5	4	0	0	1	0	20	3.54
2	Limerick CC U15 XI	6	4	2	0	0	0	20	0.9
3	Cork Harlequins CC U15 XI	5	2	2	0	1	0	10	-0.32
4	County Galway CC U15 XI	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	-3.31
5	Kerry CC U15 XI	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	-7.34

ORDER IN THE TABLE DETERMINED BY:

1. Total Points, 2. Net Run Rate ('NRR For' minus 'NRR Against' over the whole competition), 3. Head to Head (Total Points in Matches between each Team)

POINTS AWARDED:

Won - 5, Lost - 0, Tied - 3, No Result - 0, Abandoned - 0

Winners - Cork County CC

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MCU U17 T20 Superleague 2024

MCU U17 T20 Superleague 2024

Matches	Teams	Table	Stats	Videos						
			PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	TOTAL POINTS	NET RUN RATE
1	Cork Harlequins CC U17 XI	HURRICANES	6	5	0	1	0	0	28	1.26
2	Cork County CC U17 XI	STRIKERS	6	3	2	1	0	0	18	-0.46
3	Limerick CC U17 XI	LIMERICK SULTANS	6	3	3	0	0	0	15	-0.64
4	County Galway CC U17 XI		6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
ORDER IN THE TABLE DETERMINED BY:										
1. Total Points, 2. Net Run Rate ('NRR For' minus 'NRR Against' over the whole competition), 3. Head to Head (Total Points in Matches between each Team)										
POINTS AWARDED:										
Won - 5, Lost - 0, Tied - 3, No Result - 0, Abandoned - 0										

Winners - Cork Harlequins CC

11. Competitions 2024

T20 League Winners

Premier	Cork Harlequins I
Division 1	Cork County II
Division 2	Cork County III
Division 3	Lismore I
Division 3 Shield	Limerick Blasters III

Cup Winners

Senior Cup	Cork County I
Junior Cup	Limerick CC II
Minor Cup	Cork County III

Limited Overs Leagues Winners

Premier	Cork County I
Division 1	Cork County II
Division 2A	Cork County III
Division 2B	Cork Harlequins III
Division 3A	United Cricket Clonmel II
Division 3B	Nenagh II

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Super Cup	Limerick CC
League T10	County Galway CC

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U13 T20	Limerick CC
U13 League	Limerick CC
U13 T20	Cork County
U15 League	Limerick CC
U17 T20	Cork Harlequins

League Tables and Cups Finals Day

T20 Leagues

Premier Division T20 League

MCU Premier T20 League 2024

Matches Teams Table Stats Videos									
Competition Winner: Cork Harlequins CC 1st XI									
		PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	TOTAL POINTS	NET RUN RATE
1	Cork Harlequins CC 1st XI	6	6	0	0	0	0	135	1.86
2	Cork County CC 1st XI	6	5	1	0	0	0	119	1.7
3	County Galway CC 1st XI	6	4	2	0	0	0	103	1.02
4	County Kerry CC 1st XI	6	3	3	0	0	0	74	1.38
5	Midleton CC 1st XI	6	1	5	0	0	0	38	-0.39
6	Limerick CC 1st XI	6	1	5	0	0	0	32	-2.39
7	UCC CC 1st XI	6	1	5	0	0	0	24	-3.16
ORDER IN THE TABLE DETERMINED BY:									
1. Total Points, 2. Net Run Rate ('NRR For' minus 'NRR Against' over the whole competition), 3. Head to Head (Total Points in Matches between each Team)									
POINTS AWARDED:									
Won - 20, Lost - 0, Tied - 12, No Result - 0, Abandoned - 0									

Winners: Cork Harlequins CC



Division 1 T20

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1 JUN 2024	MATCH COMPLETE		Limerick CC 2nd XI	112	MATCH CENTRE
			Cork County CC 2nd XI	113/4	
	Croker's Oval, Ballyneety MCU Division 1 T20 Cup Finals Day - MCU Twenty20 Match				
	Competition Centre				
	MATCH COMPLETE		Limerick CC 2nd XI	159/3	MATCH CENTRE
			Cork Harlequins CC 2nd XI	129/7	
	Croker's Oval, Ballyneety MCU Division 1 T20 Cup Finals Day - MCU Twenty20 Match				
	Competition Centre				
	MATCH COMPLETE		Cork County CC 2nd XI	172/6	MATCH CENTRE
			Limerick Blasters CC 1st XI	165/6	
	Croker's Oval, Ballyneety MCU Division 1 T20 Cup Finals Day - MCU Twenty20 Match				
	Competition Centre				
Cork County CC 2nd XI won by 6 wickets					
Limerick CC 2nd XI won by 30 runs					
Cork County CC 2nd XI won by 7 runs					

Winners: Cork County CC







Division 2 T20

2 JUN 2024	MATCH COMPLETE		Cork County CC 3rd XI	208/8	MATCH CENTRE
	Lisronagh Castle Grounds, Clonmel				
	MCU Division 2 T20 Cup - MCU Twenty20 Match		United Cricket Clonmel 1st XI	185	
	Competition Centre	Cork County CC 3rd XI won by 23 runs			

Winners: Cork County CC

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Division 3 T20

13 JUL 2024	MATCH COMPLETE	 Lismore CC 1st XI	220/6	MATCH CENTRE
	Townparks, Middleton MCU Division 3 T20 League Cup - MCU Twenty20 Match	 Cork Harlequins CC 4th XI	113/7	
	Lismore CC 1st XI won by 107 runs			
	MATCH COMPLETE	 United Cricket Clonmel 2nd XI	154/4 (18)	MATCH CENTRE
	Townparks, Middleton MCU Division 3 T20 League Cup - MCU Twenty20 Match	 Cork Harlequins CC 4th XI	160/3 (17.4/18)	
	Cork Harlequins CC 4th XI won by 7 wickets			
	MATCH COMPLETE	 Lismore CC 1st XI	145/5	MATCH CENTRE
	Townparks, Middleton MCU Division 3 T20 League Cup - MCU Twenty20 Match	 Nenagh CC 3rd XI	39/4 (7/10)	
	Lismore CC 1st XI won by 47 runs (DLS method)			

Winners: Lismore CC


Division 3 Shield T20

20 JUL
2024

MATCH COMPLETE

Croker's Oval, Ballyneety
MCU Division 3 T20 League Shield - MCU
Twenty20 Match


Competition Centre



Cork County CC 4th XI

138/6

MATCH CENTRE



Limerick Blasters CC 3rd XI


144/4

Limerick Blasters CC 3rd XI won by 6 wickets

MATCH COMPLETE

Croker's Oval, Ballyneety
MCU Division 3 T20 League Shield - MCU
Twenty20 Match


Competition Centre



Cork County CC 4th XI

108/8

MATCH CENTRE



County Kerry CC 4th XI


88/8

Cork County CC 4th XI won by 20 runs

MATCH COMPLETE

Croker's Oval, Ballyneety
MCU Division 3 T20 League Shield - MCU
Twenty20 Match


Competition Centre



Cork County CC 5th XI

106

MATCH CENTRE



Limerick Blasters CC 3rd XI

107/4







Limerick Blasters CC 3rd XI won by 6 wickets

Winners: Limerick Blasters CC

Limited Overs Competitions








Premier Division

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MCU Premier Division								
Round 10								
Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	NR	BPs	TP	%
 Cork County CC 1st XI	10	6	1	0	1	26	146	83%
 County Galway CC 1st XI	10	7	2	0	1	25	165	73%
 Cork Harlequins CC 1st XI	10	6	3	0	1	14	134	60%
 Limerick CC 1st XI	10	3	7	0	0	20	80	32%
 Midleton CC 1st XI	10	1	6	0	3	18	38	22%
 County Kerry CC 1st XI	10	2	6	0	2	0	32	16%






Champions: Cork County CC

Division 1

MCU Division 1								
Round 12								
Team	PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	NR	BP	TP	%
 Cork County CC 2nd XI	12	10	1	0	1	33	233	85%
 Limerick CC 2nd XI	12	10	1	0	1	29	229	83%
 Clare CC 1st XI	11	5	3	0	3	13	113	57%
 Limerick Blasters CC 1st XI	12	6	6	0	0	31	151	50%
 Cork Harlequins CC 2nd XI	12	5	6	0	1	30	130	47%
 Midleton CC 2nd XI	11	3	6	0	2	0	89	40%
 County Kerry CC 2nd XI	11	3	6	0	2	0	82	36%
 Nenagh CC 1st XI	12	2	8	0	2	0	63	25%
 UCC CC 1st XI	11	1	8	0	2	0	35	16%

Champions: Cork County CC






Division 2A

MCU Division 2A								
Round 12								
Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	NR	BPs	TP	%
 Cork County CC 3rd XI	12	9	2	0	1	36	216	79%
 Nenagh CC 2nd XI	12	7	4	0	1	25	165	60%
 Limerick Blasters CC 2nd XI	12	6	5	0	1	34	154	56%
 Limerick CC 3rd XI	12	3	7	0	2	16	76	30%
 United Cricket Clonmel 1st XI	12	2	9	0	1	12	52	19%

Champions: Cork County CC







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Division 2B

MCU Division 2B									
Round 12									
	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	NR	BPs	TP	%
	Cork Harlequins CC 3rd XI	12	6	3	0	3	19	139	62%
	Clare CC 2nd XI	12	6	4	0	2	25	145	58%
	Midleton CC 3rd XI	12	4	4	0	4	19	99	50%
	County Kerry CC 3rd XI	12	4	4	0	4	18	98	49%
	Waterford & District CC 1st XI	12	3	8	0	1	34	94	34%






Champions: Cork Harlequins CC

Division 3A

MCU Division 3A									
Round 10									
	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	NR	BPs	TP	%
	United Cricket Clonmel 2nd XI	10	8	1	0	1	33	193	86%
	Cork County CC 4th XI	10	5	3	0	2	23	123	62%
	Cork Harlequins CC 4th XI	10	3	3	0	4	11	71	47%
	County Kerry CC 4th XI	10	3	4	0	3	14	74	42%
	Limerick Blasters CC 3rd XI	10	2	6	0	2	20	60	30%
	Limerick CC 4th XI	10	2	6	0	2	0	49	25%

Champions: United Cricket Clonmel

Division 3B

MCU Division 3B									
Round 8									
	Team	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	NR	BPs	TP	%
	Nenagh CC 3rd XI	8	8	0	0	0	26	186	93%
	Lismore CC 1st XI	8	5	3	0	0	33	133	67%
	Clare CC 3rd XI	8	5	3	0	0	15	115	58%
	Midleton CC 4th XI	8	1	6	0	1	8	28	16%
	Cork Harlequins CC 5th XI	8	0	7	0	1	8	8	5%

Champions: Nenagh CC

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Women's T10 League

MCU Womens T10 League 2024

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Competition Winner: County Galway CC Womens 1st XI

		PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	TOTAL POINTS	NET RUN RATE
1	County Galway CC Womens 1st XI	10	6	2	1	0	1	13	0.57
2	Cork County CC Womens 1st XI	10	5	5	0	0	0	10	-0.25
3	Limerick CC Womens 1st XI	10	2	6	1	0	1	5	-0.29

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POINTS AWARDED:

Won - 2, Lost - 0, Tied - 1, No Result - 0, Abandoned - 0

Champions County Galway CC

12. Individual/Team Award Winners

T20 League

Premier Division

Batting	Mark Adrianatos	Cork County CC
Bowling	Amit Singh Dangi	Cork Harlequins CC

Division 1

Batting	George Raju	Limerick Blasters CC
Bowling	Manoj Sharma	Limerick CC

Division 2

Batting	Farrukh Fiaz	County Kerry CC
Bowling	Babar Ali	United Cricket Clonmel

Division 3

Batting	Miguel Carolino	Lismore CC
Bowling	Michael Talbot	Lismore CC

Limited Overs Leagues

Premier Division

Batting	Sumantu Powale	Cork Harlequins CC
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Bowling	Jayesh Juenja	Galway CC
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Division 1

Batting	Robert Duggan	Cork County CC
Bowling	Sid Joshi	Cork County CC

Division 2A

Batting	Rahul Sethi	Cork County CC
Bowling	Ishaan Singh Seehra	Cork County CC

Division 2B

Batting	Jatin Jaitley	Cork Harlequins CC
Bowling	Rashid Tayyab Khalily	Waterford & District CC

Division 3A

Batting	Libin Phillip	County Kerry CC
Bowling	Jithu Cherlan	United Cricket Clonmel

Division 3B

Batting	Guna Nanjappa	Lismore CC
Bowling	Praveen Pyda	Nenagh CC

Women's Batter of the Season	Sara Kamel	Cork County CC
Women's Bowler of the Season	Jaagriti Thakur	Galway CC
U13 Leagues Batter of the Season	Elam Momand	Cork County CC
U13 Leagues Bowler of the Season	Behroz Athar Khan	Limerick CC
U15 Leagues Batter of the Season	Ayan Ullah	Limerick CC
U15 Leagues Bowler of the Season	Eshan Tanveer	Limerick CC

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U17 Leagues Batter of the Season	Ayan Ullah	Limerick CC
U17 Leagues Bowler of the Season	Preston Searra	Cork Harlequins CC
MCU Emerging Female Player of the Year	Sasindi Guruge	Galway CC
MCU U13 Female Player of the Year	Alex Costello	Cork County CC
MCU U16 Female Player of the Year	Ciara Spalding	Cork County CC
MCU U13 Male Player of the Year	Yousaf Ramay	Limerick CC
MCU U15 Male Player of the Year	Ayan Ullah	Limerick CC
MCU U17 Male Player of the Year	Dineth Sumansinghe	Cork Harlequins CC
MCU HEAT Player of the Year	Brandon Kruger	Munster Heat
MCU REDS Player of the Year	Liam McCarthy	Munster Reds
MCU REDS Player of the Year	Liam McCarthy	Munster Reds
MCU Cricket Team of the Year	Cork County Thirds	Cork County CC
MCU President's Award	Mortimer Kelleher	
MCU Spirit Of Cricket Award	Joe O'Mahoney	
MCU Cricket Team of the Year	Cork County Thirds	Cork County CC
MCU Umpire of the Year	James Spencer	