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ANNUAL REPORT

2018 SEASON

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SECTION 1 – 2017-18 REVIEW

MANAGEMENT BOARD (unincorporated charity – to 31 March 2018)

PRESIDENT	Clarence Hiles
CHAIRMAN	Alan Waite
VICE-CHAIRMAN	Sam Beckett
HON SECRETARY	Jack Quinn
HON TREASURER	Kailash Chada
DIRECTORS	Neale Matthews (Domestic Cricket) Brian Walsh (Representative Cricket) Richard Johnson (Finance & Sponsorship)
ASSISTANT DIRECTORS	Roger Bell (Domestic Cricket) Robin Haire (Representative Cricket) Murray Power (Finance & Sponsorship)
DIRECTORATE NOMINEES	Sandi Harrison (Domestic Cricket) Andrew Rose (Representative Cricket) Alastair Burton (Finance and Policy)
CLUB NOMINEES	Wylie McKinty David Skelton
GENERAL MANAGER	Angela Platt
GENERAL SECRETARY	Bryan Milford

BOARD (Charitable Company – from 1 April 2018)

CHAIRMAN	Alan Waite
VICE-CHAIRMAN	Sam Beckett
HON TREASURER	Kailash Chada
DIRECTORS	Richard Johnson Neale Matthews Brian Walsh
COMPANY SECRETARY	Murray Power
GENERAL MANAGER	Angela Platt
GENERAL SECRETARY	Bryan Milford

COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS 2017-18

VICE-PRESIDENT	Richard Johnson	
CHILD WELFARE OFFICERS	Geoff Heyburn Owen Lambert	
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS	Richard White	
SPONSORSHIP OFFICER	Richard Johnson	
DOMESTIC CRICKET DIRECTORATE	Neale Matthews Gary Blair Sandi Harrison David Skelton	Roger Bell Sam Grant Andrew Rose
REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET DIRECTORATE	Brian Walsh Robin Haire	Alan Waite Andrew Rose
FINANCE & SPONSORSHIP DIRECTORATE	Richard Johnson Murray Power Peter Wood Alastair Burton	Kailash Chada Wylie McKinty Robin Walsh
COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE	Roger Bell Michael McDowell Wylie McKinty David Skelton Peter Shepherd Colin McCaughey David McKillen	Jack Quinn Staci Maxwell Ryan McMaster Kyle Weir Adrian Campbell Dave Williams Richard Johnson
DISCIPLINARY PANEL	Colin Webster Ian Dickie Jordan McClurkin	Tim Browne Harry McCammon Alan McMillan
APPEALS PANEL	Andrew Babington Carson McCullough Graeme Pollock	Harry McFadden Julie Knight

**NOMINEES TO CRICKET IRELAND
BOARD**

Alan Waite

Sam Beckett

**NOMINEES TO CRICKET IRELAND
CRICKET COMMITTEE**

Alan Waite

**NOMINEES TO CRICKET IRELAND
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Richard Johnson

Murray Power

INTER-PROVINCIAL/NORTHERN KNIGHTS

Head Coach

Manager

Selectors

Simon Johnston

Andrew Rose

Ryan Eagleson

Andrew White

Robin Haire

Simon Johnston

CRICKET OPERATIONS MANAGER

Uel Graham

CRICKET DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Callum Atkinson

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

IJ Anderson

JRW Boyce OBE

H Cranston (deceased 5 July 2018)

JC Hiles

JR Law

AJ Linehan

P Lunney

H McCrory

C Walker MBE

ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MANAGEMENT BOARD (Unincorporated Charity – to 31 March 2018)

	Possible	Actual
A Waite	3	3
S Beckett	3	3
J Quinn	3	2
K Chada	3	2
A Burton	3	3
R Haire	3	2
N Matthews	3	2
R Johnson	3	3
B Walsh	3	2
R Bell	3	3
M Power	3	2
S Harrison	3	2
A Rose	3	2
W McKinty	3	3
D Skelton	3	3
(A Platt	3	3)
(B Milford	3	3)

BOARD (Charitable Company – from 1 April 2018)

	Possible	Actual
A Waite	3	3
S Beckett	3	3
K Chada	3	3
R Johnson	3	3
N Matthews	3	3
B Walsh	3	3
(C Hiles	3	2)
(A Platt	3	2)
(M Power	3	2)
(B Milford	3	3)

DOMESTIC CRICKET DIRECTORATE

	Possible	Actual
N Matthews	2	2
R Bell	2	1
S Harrison	2	1
G Blair	2	2
S Grant	2	1
D Skelton	2	2
A Rose	2	0
(A Platt	2	2)
(B Milford	2	2)

FINANCE AND SPONSORSHIP DIRECTORATE

	Possible	Actual
R Johnson	6	6
M Power	6	6
K Chada	6	6
R Walsh	6	4
A Burton	6	4
W McKinty	6	5
P McMorran	6	6
P Wood	6	5
(A Platt	6	6)
(B Milford	6	6)

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET DIRECTORATE

B Walsh
A Rose
A Waite
S Johnston
A White
R Eagleson
R Haire (resigned during year)
Head Coaches of under-age teams (as required)

The work of the Representative Cricket Directorate differed from the other Directorates in that meetings consisted of numerous selection meetings to select Knights and Emerging Knights teams and squads throughout the year.

There were also many meetings of all the coaches of the under-age teams to select teams and squads for various representative competitions and tours. There were also several meetings of squad management teams to discuss arrangements for matches, tours etc.

The Director, Assistant Director and elected members of the Directorate participated fully in this.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 133rd season – 2018

On behalf of the Northern Cricket Union (NCU) Board of Directors and Staff, welcome to the Annual Report for the 2018 Season. This compilation of Staff and Volunteer inputs hopefully provides a useful insight into the Union's key activities and achievements during the season. The report covers a range of information relating to Youth, School, Club and Interprovincial competitions, demonstrating the large volume of cricket that has taken place this season. The report also highlights the significant work undertaken by the valuable volunteers serving on our various Directorates and Committees, as well as those who serve on the Board of Directors.

The volume of work of the Union now covers continues to grow. Whilst this shows great progress in many areas of our operations it also results in more challenges as our resources are stretched to capacity. The NCU domestic competitions, club development and representative cricket at senior and youth levels all combine during the season to ensure an ever-increasing workload for our volunteers, in particular our administrators, who are in the main volunteers. Thanks must go to all our volunteers for the valuable contribution they make and for the time they give each year to enable the delivery of cricket at all levels throughout the NCU.

General Manager, Angela Platt, has settled well into her role since her appointment last year. She has supported the Board of Directors with the implementation of improvements within our Governance systems, particularly around our Information Management System, our Accounts Management Package and our compliance with GDPR and other legislation requirements, all of which have been significant pieces of work this season. Angela has also secured a wide range of grants to support the delivery of the Unions programmes and this will continue to be a key target in the coming years. This appointment would not have been possible without financial investment from Cricket Ireland and Sport Northern Ireland and we thank them for that continued investment.

In May 2018 the Union was delighted to appoint Uel Graham to the newly created role of Cricket Operations Manager, a role which is supported by Cricket Ireland investment. Uel joined our excellent team of staff and has played a significant role so far in improving the delivery of our cricket operations. He joins an excellent administrative team which also includes our General Secretary, Bryan Milford. Bryan's work is wide and varied but is essential as the main communications role within the Union. His work is often unseen but his experience and knowledge of the NCU is invaluable as we continue our progress in the coming years.

The Union's Cricket Development Officer, Callum Atkinson, has been working hard over the summer months to deliver our development programmes with many clubs and schools having benefitted from his work to date. We are grateful to the Ulster University for their financial support to jointly fund the role and enable the appointment on a more permanent basis. We look forward to developing our partnership with Ulster University over the coming years.

Cricket Ireland's Development Officers for the region, Nigel Jones and Simon Johnston, have also seen further developments in services provided to the Union's clubs to develop stronger links with schools and support the coaching teams within clubs. We know that we must strive to ensure we continue that support through the Development Officers to provide continued support to our clubs in these challenging times.

The 2018 season has seen record numbers being involved in our regional development squad programme (RDS) for boys' and girls' squads as well as our Emerging Knights programme. We also saw a significant increase in the number of competitive games provided for our talented young players through our representative squads with various tours occurring the summer months. We look forward to seeing those young players progress through our player pathway programmes in the years to come. We are indebted to the dedication and commitment of the many coaches involved in delivering those programmes and activities during the season as they simply wouldn't happen without our excellent coaches at all levels.

During the season the Northern Knights programme, led by Head Coach, Simon Johnston, and Manager, Andrew Rose, has also evolved to include wider player development through our Emerging Knights programme. In a challenging season with many unfortunate injuries to key squad members the players called up from the Emerging programme performed well. Thanks must go to the coaches and players representing the Northern Knights during the past season as their contribution, in addition to their club commitments, has been exceptional.

A significant highlight during the 2018 season was the success of the inaugural NCU U16 Cricket Festival which we hosted in August. The tournament involved our NCU U16 Boys team and visiting teams from Cornwall, Ipswich and Yorkshire. Our thanks must go to Uel Graham who organised the tournament superbly and Belfast City Council for their financial support to enable the event to happen. We look forward to hosting similar events in the future.

The summer also saw some key highlights for Cricket Ireland. The First Test Match against Pakistan in Malahide in May was a special occasion. Despite the weather conditions on day one the following four days of play were a great spectacle for fans of both teams and a fitting occasion for Ireland's historic first test. June also saw India come to Dublin to play in two T20 games against Ireland. Fantastic occasions with a carnival atmosphere thanks to the large contingent of Indian fans in the 8000 strong crowd packed into Malahide. Congratulations to Cricket Ireland for hosting two fantastic events that supporters thoroughly enjoyed. There is no doubt that we continue to face challenges as we transition to full member status in the coming years, but it is great to see such high calibre opposition playing competitive games in Ireland. Congratulations must go to Cricket Ireland Chairman, Ross McCollum, and CEO, Warren Deutrom, who continue to lead the organisation on the World stage.

Congratulations must also go to the Ireland Women's team who have qualified for the ICC Women's World T20 tournament in the Caribbean in November. Unfortunately, we have no representation from NCU in the squad this time around but with the great work going on to develop the Women's game locally we look forward to seeing NCU women represent Ireland on the world stage in the coming years.

Once again it has been a busy season for everyone involved in cricket and one that saw us enjoy near perfect weather conditions for much of the season and very few weather interruptions. We have been able to add to our professional staff team during the past year to support our work. However, we are mindful of the fact that the delivery and development of cricket continues to be dependent on the large number of volunteers at Branch and club level who give their free time to assist with the many cricket events and programmes delivered throughout the year.

On behalf of everyone in the NCU I also extend our sincere thanks to the many clubs who have assisted us in providing their facilities during the season to enable us to host a range of competitions, representative games and practice sessions. Your support is greatly appreciated.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank those who are now standing down from the Board after many years of great service to the Union. They all contributed so much to the NCU and whilst their input will be missed by the other Directors, I am sure they will continue to volunteer their time to support the Union in other ways over the coming years.

Thank you to everyone for their contribution to cricket during the past year. For some it won't be a long break as the NCU indoor winter RDS programmes for girls and boys are scheduled to begin in October. However, I hope you all enjoy a break from cricket and come back refreshed and ready to embrace the new 2019 season.

Alan Waite
Chairman

DOMESTIC CRICKET DIRECTORATE

The priority remains the provision and advancement of cricket at all levels. This must be set within a framework of regulations for the avoidance of “unfairness” as much as possible. To that end, “flexibility” remains the key. For example, clubs have benefitted from the ability to play more than 1 game on the same day. As the season gets increasingly squeezed and the availability of facilities reduced, this might be a template worth greater consideration.

The NCU remains open to the clubs regarding the playing regulations and bye-laws, and same are under continuous review. Clubs continue to be consulted on important issues, and their input appreciated.

The start of every recent season appears to have come with a degree of controversy. This season it was the amalgamation of sections 2 and 3 of the Senior League. The pros and cons were discussed at length and whatever decision made was never going to meet with universal approval. The current situation is not ideal, and the Directorate through the Union have published plans in advance of this season as to the intentions moving forward, so as all teams were aware of what they were likely to be paying for this season.

On a happier note, it appears that the local competition structures are meeting the majority of requirements, although that is not to say that everyone will be happy or minor changes should not be made if deemed appropriate.

Women’s cricket remains a priority with the introduction of youth inter provincials; winter age group coaching; and a change in the rules to help with the development of our stronger payers by permitting double registration with Leinster, provided priority is given to local fixtures. Congratulations especially to Cara Murray, now a fully-fledged Ireland international. I am confident there will be more to following the near future.

Youth cricket is an area both of success – interprovincial cricket and All Ireland Club cricket being great examples. I want to specifically recognise the performances of Instonians’ under 11s and under 13s. The future looks very bright at Shaw’s Bridge. Unfortunately, under the surface, the number of youth games not being fulfilled has not improved, not even with the excellent early summer weather. This is a major concern.

Applications to take up the club funds made available for equipment and ground improvements were more numerous this season, and the NCU gave priority to clubs who had not benefited in the previous season. It is expected that this funding will again be available next year, and clubs should be addressing their minds already to what benefits they might be able to obtain from a grant.

Club accreditation is progressing but is not yet complete. Clubs which do not have the basic accreditation must move to attain same immediately or may ultimately find themselves unable to partake in NCU competitions. The Union have provided a number of free courses and advised clubs on the requirements. The development/club officers remain willing and able – so if you are part of one of the few non-compliant clubs – pick up the phone or email as soon as possible.

The CDO along with the other CI officers provided coaching and event assistance throughout the summer, the feedback being very encouraging. The CDO's are keen to help. If you have a "need" that you think they might be able to meet, again pick up the phone or send an email.

As stated in last year's report "Registrations and starrings" have always been a "hot topic", with allegations of either deliberate abuse, or accidental misunderstanding". The Union is taking more steps to try and enforce the property implementation of the starring system. This will continue.

Finally, as Director, I want to thank everyone involved in the Directorate and our sub-committees for their unerring support and hard work. It is remarkable the time you give up for the love of the game. Administrators are not always appreciated but I can assure you of my appreciation.

FINANCE AND SPONSORSHIP DIRECTORATE

Kailash Chada has just completed three years as Honorary Treasurer having prepared the Union's first two sets of accounts to 31st March 2017 and 31st March 2018 under the Charities Account as a result of the Union having been granted charitable status on 3rd August 2015; his next set of accounts to 31st March 2019 will be the first in the Union's history to be prepared as a Limited Company as the Union incorporated on 1st April 2018. The Union's thanks are due to Murray Power who, as the Company Secretary, has guided the Board in its deliberations during the past year.

In early May 2018 the Board appointed Uel Graham to be its first Cricket Operations Manager and he has joined a four strong staff who have regular meetings on the Hillhall Road with the NCU Board Chairman. The funding for Uel's employment has been covered entirely by Cricket Ireland as is Angela Platt's post as General Manager and the Union is grateful for their continued support. In addition, Callum Atkinson was appointed as the Union's first Development Officer from 1st December 2016, a post which is being jointly funded with Ulster University whilst Bryan Milford recently completed ten years as our very efficient General Secretary.

During the past year a number of Gift Aid donations have been made by prominent friends of the NCU which has been of mutual financial benefit to the Donor and the Union itself. These donations have allowed the Union to increase its cricket activities as well as assisting with some necessary expenditure.

Sponsorship is the lifeblood of all sporting bodies and this Union is no different. During the winter the Union secured a new sponsor of the Senior League for the 2018 season when David Robinson of Robinson Services signed a three-year sponsorship until the end of 2020 season. The following month Gallagher extended their sponsorship of the Senior Challenge Cup and the Women's Challenge Cup also until the end of the 2020 season and the Union is grateful for their support, both financially and also their presence at cricket grounds during the summer. Other major sponsors continued to support the Union in the form of Lagan Valley Steels (Twenty20 Cups), PWC (Junior Knights), Gardiner Brothers (Women's Leagues) and the Ulster Bank (who extended their sponsorship of Schools Cricket through the Schools' Cup and Schools Tour until the end of 2019 season). There are still a number of sponsorships to be filled and Angela Platt and Alastair Burton intend to seek new sponsors during the coming winter.

In the spring of 2018 local cricket suffered a huge loss with the sudden death of David Holmes; but within months Jonny Morton and Ollie Thorpe succeeded him at the News Letter, Wylie McKinty agreed to look after social media for Gallagher, Robin Walsh offered to look after both the launch of Robinson Services sponsorship and Gallagher sponsorship renewal as well as their respective presentation evenings and cup draws with Richard White continuing his efficient publicity of Knights' cricket. The Union is grateful for all their support and Angela Platt is going to arrange a meeting this winter to review the past season and plan for the next year.

During the past six months on-line banking arrangements have been put in place whilst an accounts package has been installed with effect from 1st April 2018 which will enable quicker and more accurate information to be made available to the Board and various Directorates.

Cricket Ireland will continue to support local cricket by offering applications from their “Club Facility Grant Fund” for a third consecutive year and it is anticipated these monies will be made available to clubs during the winter months.

I am standing down as Director of Finance & Sponsorship after three enjoyable years and would like to thank the following for their support and advice over that period:

- **Chairman** Alan Waite and his predecessor Andy Clement
- **General Manager** Angela Platt
- **General Secretary** Bryan Milford
- **Committee Members** Billy Boyd, Kailash Chada, Wylie McKinty, Murray Power
Darren Ross, Robin Walsh, Peter Wood, Alastair Burton and
Peter McMorran

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET DIRECTORATE

Northern Knights

This was the second year under Head Coach Simon Johnson. Despite unprecedented injuries and unavailability of key players, not once did his head drop and he provided superb leadership throughout a very testing year. For virtually the complete season he was deprived of his pace bowlers with injuries to Nathan Smith, Robert McKinley, Nikolai Smith, Mark Adair, Stephen Bunting and the limited availability of Graeme McCarter and Peter Aiken. On top of the injuries to the fast bowlers, the captain James Shannon only played four games due to injuries. Gary Kidd also broke a finger, James McCollum was injured, and Adam Dennison and Ally Shields were unavailable for three-day matches.

For the second season in a row unfortunately we again were never able to field our full strength first choice XI in any match. There is no doubt that if we can get our best players out on the pitch, we can be very competitive and will win games of cricket. This is very frustrating, particularly for the coach, who worked hard all winter on set plans and players and then was unable to execute these plans.

With limited funding available several items requested, such as a Merlin bowling machine, physio etc were not possible to be provided, and any available extra funds were invested into the Emerging Players programme. We feel this is the right thing to do and we would hope to expand this initiative further and resource it better. This year this initiative worked very well, with a number of young players taking their chance and progressing to the senior Knights.

The commitment of the players is to be admired with many using most of their annual leave to play for the Knights. However the workload of the players has become a major issue with the increased activity of the Wolves, and now the Academy, and players being asked to play and train with both the Wolves and national squads. This is on top of their commitment to the Knights and their clubs. It is however heartening that none of players ever complained about any of this, they just got on with it and made the best of what we had. The team spirit was excellent all year with winter training and bonding helping greatly.

The **T 20 Interprovincial Competition** is now our strongest format, partly because it is the one that we have the widest availability of our players. We won three matches from six and we were without James Shannon in four of six matches. Shane Getkate, who captained the team really well for most of the season, performed particularly well in the T 20 format and enhanced his chances for further representative honours.

In the **50-over Interprovincial Competition** we had to play every match with only two seamers and results therefore reflected this. Although we only won one of the four matches, we were very competitive in the two matches against Leinster, suffering because of the lack of pace bowlers. We won one and lost one against the North West. Harry Tector was stand out for us in this competition all year, consistently showing older more experienced players the way to play. With everyone fit we will be very competitive in this format.

In the **3-Day First Class Competition** we only drew one match and lost three, one being the match against Leinster at Comber where we declared when in a strong position, in an effort to force a win. We found the North West, with three county players currently playing, a big challenge. With Shannon not available for most of year our batting line up was basically held together single handily by James McCollum who was incredible in this format and hopefully will be rewarded with senior caps in near future. With a patchwork pace attack and lack of availability it was inevitable that we were going to struggle in this format. One bonus was the return to form of James Cameron Dow in the second half of the season.

Summary

Harry Tector and Neil Rock were fantastic additions to the group and fitted in brilliantly both on and off the field and their commitment to training was exceptional. The two boys were up to training most weeks during the week and overall their commitment was excellent. Harry Tector, although only 19 was a class act and was rewarded by his Wolves caps. Neil Rock struggled a little at the start of the year but came on strongly towards the end and his class was evident for all to see. Hopefully the boys will remain for another year.

With James Shannon unavailable to captain the side most of the year, (which was a hammer blow), Shane Getkate stepped in admirably and with the unexpectability of it all and the resources at his disposal he did a very good job.

One massive positive was our Wolves representation throughout the year with James Shannon, James McCollum. Shane Getkate, James Cameron Dow, Harry Tector and Nathan Smith all playing matches. Neil Rock must have a great chance of getting game time for the Wolves next year. As a union we are now seen as one that is capable of producing and helping develop potential Irish cricketers, and the credit for this goes to coach Simon Johnston.

The Andrew White Academy

The Andrew White NCU Cricket Academy has continued to go from strength to strength. It has evolved over the last three years and its primary focus is on the 17-23 age group, seeking to prepare players who are potential future Northern Knights representatives.

Specific skill sessions led by Simon Johnston, Andrew White and Eugene Moleon were complimented with workshops that integrated other key aspects of their games, both physically and mentally, in the hope of improving players all round games.

The Academy programme culminated in a fantastic tour of South Africa and we look forward to another year of how the players will be challenged in order to reach the next level.

Youth and Development Cricket

The autumn Regional Development Programme started in the middle of October 2017 with over 200 boys and girls from U9 to U17 nominated from over 25 clubs to attend coaching sessions, based across three locations. Ulster University Jordanstown hosts the bulk of the boys programme,

Antrim Forum the Boys U9/U10s and Wallace HS the Girls and Women's programmes. Each age group was reduced post-Christmas, with further reductions as we moved towards Easter ahead of Inter-provincial squad selections.

Club coaches were invited to attend sessions with some 25 coaches and volunteers delivering over 80 hours of coaching between October and December 2017.

This year the NCU undertook another major Youth Tour to South Africa. In the new year Junior and Senior Developments squads of 14 were selected to tour in March 2018. Both the Junior and Senior squads performed very well in Cape Town with a number of the Senior squad playing for the Emerging Knights and Knights in the summer. The NCU are indebted to Chairman, Alan Waite, for his strenuous efforts in ensuring this trip was a huge success both on and off the field.

Following on from South Africa, NCU teams performed well during the summer. The Under 15 and Under 17 Inter-provincial series took place in late June/early July with the NCU U15s finishing second and U17s winning their tournament on net run rate. The NCU then played Leinster home and away at both U11 and U13 age groups. The U13s beat Leinster in both games with the U11s winning one and losing one.

Youth cricket in the NCU also showed its strength in Ireland at club level. Instonians Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 15s won all three cups in the NCU and went on to win the 'All Ireland' Under 11 and Under 13 club cups.

The NCU also hosted their inaugural Belfast Festival, with guest teams from Ipswich, Cornwall and Yorkshire joining an NCU U16 squad who all resided at Campbell College with games played at Belmont and Stormont. The NCU won the Festival on net run rate.

Tours to Great Britain also took place:

* The U11s and U14s represented NCU in the prestigious West Cricket Festival at Kings College, Taunton

* The U13s played in the West of Scotland Festival, against East and West of Scotland. The NCU beat both and won this trophy, after a three-year gap.

Thanks go to coaches and tour managers who supported the young players as part of their ongoing development.

The autumn/winter programme for U9/U11/U13/U15 & U17 boys and U15 Development and U17 performance squads for girls commences in October 2018 with over 300 nominations from 23 clubs participating, again across three separate training venues.

Brian Walsh
Representative Director

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Twenty-one disciplinary reports were submitted by umpires during the season.

Level 1 offences proven	17
Level 2 offences proven	3
Disrepute charge proven	1

Penalties awarded:

Suspension for two matches	3
Reprimand and warning as to future conduct	18

Clubs:

Premier League	6
Senior League 1	9
Senior League 2	4
Junior League 1	2

Twenty disciplinary reports were received in the 2016 season.

APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Appeals Committee considered one appeal from a club during the season. The appeal was upheld.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner was held in the Clayton Hotel, Belfast on 6 October 2018 with 200 people present.

The principal guest and speaker was former England Cricketer Graham Gooch.

SPONSORS

The Union wishes to record its sincere thanks to all its sponsors and encourages all members to support them.

The following Companies and Bodies sponsored the Union in 2018:

Robinson Services	Men's Premier and Senior Leagues
Ulster Bank Ltd	Schools' Cup
PwC	Junior Knights
Gallagher Insurance	Challenge Cup (Men's & Women's)
Lagan Valley Steels	Twenty20 Cup, Trophy and Shield
Gardiner Brothers	Women's Premier and Senior League
GMcG	Junior Cup
Cleaver Black	Minor (Lindsay) Cup
Norman Shannon & Co.	Under 11 League
Gribben & Watt Financial Planning	Quoile Cup
The Stoveyard	Northern Knights Kit Bags
Cartwrights Sports	Premier & Senior League Player of the Year Awards

THANKS

The Union wishes to record its thanks to the Schools and Clubs who made their facilities available during the 2018 season for cup finals and representative matches. It is appreciated that especially in times of inclement weather the burden that this can impose, and the Union recognises that it could not carry out its cricketing programme without the generosity support of our Schools and Clubs.

OBITUARIES

Hubert Cranston

Hubert Cranston passed away at the age of 81, after a long illness.

He was a one club man having played cricket at Methodist College Belfast and then at Collegians where he played for both the 1st and 2nd Elevens, captaining the latter over many seasons. He was an opening bowler who gathered a surprising amount of pace with a relatively short run up.

An accountant by profession with Grant Thornton, he served on many NCU Committees before becoming Honorary Secretary in 1986. After retiring from the post in 1990 his service to the Union was recognised by being awarded Honorary Life Membership.

Hubert was a regular attendee at the Annual Dinner where he always enjoyed renewing old acquaintances.

David Holmes

David Holmes died on 8 January 2018.

He was the cricket correspondent for the News Letter and a well-known and popular figure at all clubs throughout the Union.

He pioneered the use of social media to publicise the game.

David had been an enthusiastic cricketer with Instonians and served for a period as the Union's sponsorship officer.

Wilson Scott

Wilson Scott who died in April 2018 played four matches for Ireland after making his debut in 1958 versus New Zealand at Ormeau. He took five wickets for Ireland, remarkably all his victims being Test players.

Representative honours were also gained playing for the NCU and for the North.

Wilson started his career at Cliftonville before going on to become a club stalwart at Woodvale.

He played for Woodvale in the 1961 Challenge Cup Final though they were defeated by Lisburn. In later years he captained the Woodvale 2nd and 3rd XIs to trophies.

SECTION 2 – RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to:

Arthur Bowron of Templepatrick on the award of a BEM in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List;

Carrickfergus Cricket Club which celebrated its 150th anniversary;

Ryan Eagleson on winning the 2017 Cricket Ireland Coach of the Year;

Instonians Cricket Club on winning the All Ireland U11 and U13 Cups;

Nigel Jones of CIYMS on winning the 2017 Cricket Ireland Club Player of the Year;

Jacob Mulder of CIYMS on winning the 2017 International Emerging Player of the Year;

Cara Murray (Saintfield) who made her debut for Ireland at both T20 and ODI level;

James Shannon of Instonians on winning the 2017 Inter-provincial Player of the Year;

Paul Stirling on winning the 2017 Ireland International Player of the Year;

Waringstown on winning the 2018 Irish Senior Cup and the 2017 Cricket Ireland Club of the Year Award.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS 2018

Premier League

Larry Warke Trophy for Batting	Adam Dennison of Waringstown
Sonny Hool Trophy for Bowling	Allen Coulter of CIYMS
Jack Bowden Trophy for Best All-Rounder	Andrew White of Instonians
Dai Jones Trophy for Wicket-keeping	Chris Dougherty of CIYMS

Senior Leagues Player of the Year

The winners were:

Premier League	Adam Dennison of Waringstown
Senior League 1	David Simpson of Lisburn
Senior League 2	Ross Bryans of Templepatrick

Hasley Cup

Young Player	Matthew Humphreys of Instonians
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Woman's Awards

Player of the Year	Nicky Niblock of Muckamore
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YOUTH CRICKET

Charles Beverland U11 League (Sponsored by Norman Shannon & Co, Solicitors)

U11 Division 1

Play-off

Instonians 147-3 (G Craigan 31 ret, M Holloway 27)

CSNI 116-8 (H West 29, L Crothers 2-6)

Instonians win by 31 runs

U11 Division 2

Play-off

Lisburn 214

Muckamore 140

Lisburn win by 74 runs

Quoile Cup (U11)

Derriaghy, 1 August

Lisburn 74-7 (C Gray 22, W Park 2-8, B McCausland 2-17)

Instonians 75-1 (W Park 26no, B McCausland 22no)

Instonians win by 9 wickets

U13 League Division 1

Play-off

CSNI 100-5

CIYMS 102-4

CIYMS win by 6 wickets

U13 League Division 2

Play-off

Templepatrick 83-8 (M Wylie 26)

Dundrum 16 (F Lutton 6-7)

Templepatrick win by 67 runs

Banogue Cup

Belmont, 9 August

CIYMS 99-4 (C McCullough 42, G Palmer 2-14, B McCausland 2-19)

Instonians 101-3 (R Ellerby 48, T Crothers 23no)

Instonians win by 7 wickets

U15 League Division 1

Play-off

Instonians 117 (B Beattie 29, J Dickson 20)

Donaghcloney Mill 79-6

Instonians win by 38 runs

U15 League Division 2

Play-off

Templepatrick 121-0 (E Wilson 50ret, M Braniff 46no)

North Down 66-7 (N Crooks 3-12)

Templepatrick win by 55 runs

Graham Cup

Osborne Park, 22 June

CIYMS 105-7 (A Wylie 2-16)

Instonians 106-1 (A Wylie 52no, M Humphreys 35)

Instonians win by 9 wickets

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

U17 Inter-Provincials

Bleachgreen, 3 June

NCU 270 (H Warke 117, A Reid 67)

NWCU 185 (L Allison 3-48)

NCU win by 85 runs

Belmont, 2 July

Southern XI 259 (L Allison 4-43)

NCU 209 (J Hunter 68, O Metcalfe 33)

Southern XI win by 50 runs

Belmont, 3 July

LCU 142 (A Simmonite 3-13, J Hunter 3-20)

NCU 117 (R Malone 53)

LCU win by 25 runs

Campbell College, 5 July

NCU 151-5 (O Metcalfe 48, J Hunter 36)

Southern XI 123 (M Glass 3-13)

NCU win by 28 runs

Carrickfergus, 5 July

NCU 140-5 (R Malone 45, H Warke 43)

NWCU 128

NCU win by 12 runs

Campbell College, 6 July

NCU 179-6 (M Burton 46, R Malone 44, H Warke 29)

LCU 136 (A Simmonite 4-27, M Glass 3-31)

NCU win by 43 runs

	P	W	L	Pts
NCU	6	4	2	8
Southern XI	6	4	2	8
LCU	6	3	3	6
NWCU	6	1	5	2

NCU win title on NRR

Squad

Nathan Doak
Michael Glass
Archie Johnston
Adam Simmonite
James Hunter
Oliver Metcalfe
Luke Allison
Reece Malone
Ethan Hanna
Max Burton
Harry Warke
Adam Clarke
Adam Reid

NCU U16 Festival

Stormont, 13 August

NCU 241 (M Glass 59, A Johnston 56, R Malone 54)

Cornwall CB 173 (M Glass 4-22, L Allison 3-34)

NCU win by 68 runs

Belmont, 14 August

NCU 164 (M Glass 60, S McLarnon 39)

St Joseph's 139-6 (M Glass 3-14)

St Joseph's win by 4 wickets DLS Method

DLS Method par score: 135 in 37 overs

Belmont, 15 August

NCU 230 (M Daly 54, A Johnston 54)

Yorkshire SCA 225-6

NCU win by 5 runs

	P	W	L	Pts	NRR
NCU	3	2	1	4	0.314
St Joseph's	3	2	1	4	0.302
Cornwall CB	3	2	1	4	0.232
Yorkshire SCA	3	0	3	0	-0.921

Squad

Luke Allison
Ben Beattie
Matthew Daly
Michael Glass
Ethan Hanna
Matthew Humphreys
Archie Johnston
James Lambert
Reece Malone
Sam McLarnon
Hugh Minford
Michael Waite
Euan Wilson
Adam Wylie

U15 Inter-Regionals

Wallace Park, 10 June

NWCU 198 (M Humphreys 3-26)

NCU 199-6 (M Humphreys 42, S Topping 29, B Beattie 29)

NCU win by 4 wickets

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LCU 312-7

NCU 204 (M Humphreys 59)

NCU win by 108 runs

The Hills, 26 June

NCU 147

Southern XI 150-3

Southern XI win by 7 wickets

Kenure, 28 June

LCU 225-6

NCU 132 (A Wylie 35)

LCU win by 93 runs

The Hills, 28 June

NCU 126-8 (A Wylie 38, M Humphreys 31)

NWCU 124-8 (M Humphreys 3-24)

NCU win by 2 runs

Kenure, 29 June

Southern XI 90 (J Lambert 3-17)

NCU 92-8

NCU win by 2 wickets

	P	W	L	Pts
LCU	6	6	0	24
NCU	6	3	3	12
Southern XI	6	2	4	8
NWCU	6	1	4	4

Squad

Ben Beattie
 Shane Burke
 Matthew Daly
 Matthew Halliday
 Matthew Humphreys
 Adam Kennedy
 James Lambert
 Adam Ly
 James Rose
 Sam Topping
 Michael Waite
 Eاون Wilson
 Adam Wylie

U14

West Cricket Festival

24 July

NCU 97 (C McCullough 26)
 Cheshire 98-1

Cheshire win by 9 wickets

25 July

Northants 346 (J Rose 2-60)
 NCU 93

Northants win by 253 runs

26 July

NCU 194 (M Daly 85)
 Kent 195-4 (H Dyer 2-39)

Kent win by 6 wickets

Squad

Mohammed Aahil
 Sam Allister
 Matthew Daly
 Harry Dyer
 Rory Ellerby
 Matthew Halliday
 David Kane

Adam Kennedy
Finn Lutton
Adam Ly
Stuart McCollum
Carson McCullough
James Rose
Sam Topping

U13

Stormont, 8 August

LCU 190-6

NCU 191-5 (R Ellerby 66no, S Topping 54, R Matthews24)

NCU win by 5 wickets.

Ringcommon, 10 August

NCU 183 (R Ellerby 73, S Topping 60)

LCU 120 (C McCullough 3-13, D Kane 3-17)

NCU win by 63 runs

Squad

Mohammed Aahil
Sam Alister
Tom Crothers
Harry Dyer
Rory Ellerby
Ryan Hunter
David Kane
Adam Leckey
Finn Lutton
Ryan Matthews
Carson McCullough
George Palmer
Sam Topping

UI3 West of Scotland Triangular Tournament (NCU played as Belfast)

Edinburgh 152-9 (D Kane 3-17, F Lutton2-20), H Dyer 2-27)

Belfast 153-1 (R Hunter 50 ret, S Topping 50 ret)

Belfast win by 9 wickets

Belfast 157-8 (R Ellerby50 ret, R Hunter 35, G Palmer 22no)

Glasgow 149-3

Belfast win by 8 runs

	P	W	L	Pts
Belfast	2	2	0	2
Glasgow	2	1	1	2
Edinburgh	2	0	2	0

Squad

Rory Ellerby
 Mohammed Aahil
 Tom Crothers
 Harry Dyer
 Ryan Hunter
 David Kane
 Adam Leckey
 Finn Lutton
 Ryan Matthews
 Carson McCullough
 George Palmer
 Sam Topping

U11

11 August

NCU 73

LCU 74-4

LCU win by 6 wickets

16 August

LCU 137-8

NCU 138-7 (A Leckey 65)

NCU win by 3 wickets

Squad

Matthew Collum
 Darcy Donnelly
 Jed Dornan
 Ollie Dyer
 Mark Hanna
 Adam Heasley
 Daniel Henry
 Michael Holloway
 Adam Leckey
 Ben McCausland
 Harry Ord
 James West
 Max Wilmott
 Sebastian Yeates

West Cricket Festival

22 July

California 214 (A Leckey 2-21)

NCU 190 (B McCausland 53, J West 32)

California win by 24 runs

23 July

NCU 226 (B McCausland 56no, A Leckey 51no)

Cambridge 221 (M Wilmott 4-41)

NCU win by 5 runs

24 July

Zeal Academy 270-8 (M Hanna 2-33)

NCU 90

Zeal Academy win by 180 runs

Squad

As for inter-provincials.

SCHOOLS' CRICKET

Representative Matches

Tuesday 19 June v MCC at Campbell College

MCC 224-5 dec (46 overs, RTL Willis 95, FPA Simon 70, AW Hawkins-Kay 32, GG McFaul 2-37)

Ulster Schools' XI 21-0 (5 overs)

Match abandoned

Selection for Interprovincial

BJ Rose (RBAI) (Captain), MH Burton (Belfast Royal Academy), V Chopra (Coleraine Grammar School), M Foster (Regent House School), JM Hunter (Methodist College Belfast), GRJ Kennedy (Limavady Grammar School), GG McFaul (North West Regional College), KW Magee (Foyle College), JPA Metcalfe (RBAI) (w/k), OG Metcalfe (RBAI), M Poskitt (Coleraine Grammar School), JCT Waite (RBAI).

Kennedy subsequently had to withdraw due to injury and his place was taken by JJ Glass (Ballymena Academy).

Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27 June at Osborne Park, Belfast

Southern Schools 310-7 (55 overs, AJ Vincent 134, HT Tector 63, P Lynch 38, R McGovern 25, Foster 3-35) & 181 (39.1 overs, P Masterson 77, D O'Halloran 30, F O'Sullivan 28, McFaul 4-47, Hunter 2-5, Foster 2-25)

Ulster Schools 273-9 (55 overs, Hunter 100no, Foster 26no, Poskitt 21, Burton 20, Tector 4-71, S Stanton 2-50) & 224-3 (37.5 overs, Hunter 63no, Poskitt 62no, Burton 31, Waite 26)

Ulster Schools won by seven wickets

Irish Schools' Selection

Rose, Chopra, Foster, Glass, Hunter, JPA Metcalfe and Poskitt were selected to play for the Irish Schools against Ireland U17. Rose and Chopra subsequently had to withdraw and were replaced by Magee and RE Malone (Friends' School Lisburn).

Ulster Schools' Tour

Tour Party

Rose (Captain), Foster, Glass, Hunter, R Logue (Holy Cross College), M McCloskey (Foyle College), T McCord (Sullivan Upper School), Magee, Malone, JPA Metcalfe, OG Metcalfe, Poskitt, Waite and HSL Warke (Belfast Royal Academy).

Monday 16 July at Shawholm, Glasgow (Pro40)

Western Warriors U18 178-7 (40 overs, GM Chambers 42no, JL Oliver 39, KS Dhami 27, R Khan 25 no, Rose 2-27)

Ulster Schools 144 (29.1 overs, Poskitt 48, Warke 25, R Khan 5-25, A Qureshi 2-25, I Malik 2-34)

Western Warriors U18 won by 34 runs

Tuesday 17 July at Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow (50 overs)

Western Districts CU Select XI 309 (50 overs, I Mughal 113, G Taylor 54, A Gul 41, J Fennah 27, Logue 4-43, Glass 2-69)

Ulster Schools 233-7 (50 overs, Poskitt 66, Rose 29no, Hunter 28, Magee 27)

Western Districts CU Select XI won by 76 runs

Wednesday 18 July at New Williamfield, Stirling
Quadrangular T20 tournament

Ulster Schools 156-5 (20 overs, Poskitt 59, OG Metcalfe 53, C Dutia 3-17, C Clarkson 2-26)
Eastern Knights U18 142-7 (20 overs, C Ashforth 44, A Shah 23, Hunter 2-27, Foster 2-39)
Ulster Schools won by 12 runs

Caledonian Highlanders U18 140-4 (20 overs, C Garden 33, C Robertson 28no, McCord 2-14)
Ulster Schools 123-8 (20 overs, Magee 33no, C Robertson 3-15, J King 2-25, D Kidd 2-25)
Caledonian Highlanders won by 17 runs

Ulster Schools 108 (18.3 overs, Hunter 43, Malone 26, A Qureshi 4-16, A Shakoor 2-12, T Jones 2-26)
Western Warriors U18 109-5 (14.1 overs, T Jones 38, Z Ahmad 25, Malone 2-12, Magee 2-18)
Western Warriors won by five wickets

Thursday 20 July at Titwood, Glasgow (50 overs)

Ulster Schools 145 (47 overs, OG Metcalfe 30, Magee 23, Waite 23, Glass 21no, B McMullen 4-21, GM Chambers 3-20)
Western Warriors 'A' 147-2 (23 overs, S Khan 67, B McMullen 34no, Z Ashraf 21)
Western Warriors 'A' won by eight wickets

Competitions

Ulster Bank Schools' Cup

Final

Methodist College Belfast 154-8 (33 overs, A Reid 50, M Lyttle 30, D Keane 3-36)
RBAI 69-3 (18 overs, JCT Waite 37no)

Methodist College Belfast won by 9 runs (DLS)

Ulster Bank Schools' Plate

Final

Ballyclare High School 91-9
RBAI 2nd XI 57

Ballyclare High School won by 34 runs

Gordon McCullough Memorial Cup

Final Placings

1st RBAI, 2nd Foyle College, 3rd Belfast Royal Academy & Sullivan Upper School, 5th Campbell College & Methodist College Belfast, 7th Bangor Grammar School & Limavady Grammar School, 9th Ballymena Academy, Down High School, Grosvenor Grammar School & Wallace High School, 13th Ballyclare High School, Coleraine Grammar School, Friends' School Lisburn & Regent House School.

Winners - RBAI

Sherrygroom Cup

Not Contested

Duke of Abercorn Memorial (2nd XI) Cup

Final

Methodist College Belfast 121-6 (R Yousuf 53)

Belfast Royal Academy 97

Methodist College Belfast won by 24 runs

Under 15 Cup – W H Shirlow Trophy

Final

RBAI 162-5 (AJ Wylie 77, JM Dickson 47)

Strabane Grammar School 163-4

Strabane Grammar School won by six wickets

Under 15 Plate – Jubilee Trophy

Final

Royal School Armagh 72 (J Hazleton 37, O Reynolds 3-11, C Allison 2-3, K Saggu 2-10)

Foyle College 74-2 (B Higgins 27no)

Foyle College won by eight wickets

Under 14 Cup – Derriaghy Cup

Final

RBAI 'A' 116-6 (JA Rose 69, AHD Ly 23, M Campbell 3-19, B Crumley 2-20)

Strabane Academy 47 (R McConnell 4-3, RJ Craigan 3-15, Rose 2-7)

RBAI 'A' won by 69 runs

Under 14 Plate

Final

Foyle College 117-5 (R Higgins 39, J McKillop 32)

Bangor Grammar School 98-7

Foyle College won by 19 runs

Under 13 Cup (East) – Mourne Cup

Final

RBAI 'A' 126-8 (D Hogg 27, L Miller 5-22)

Campbell College 'A' 127-6 (H Dyer 71no, R Hunter 27, Z Pallin 2-10)

Campbell College won by four wickets

Under 13 Cup (East) – Mourne Plate

Final

Ballyclare High School 61-9 (D Solomon 3-7)

Campbell College 'B' 63-3 (J Scarlett 2-3)

Campbell College 'B' won by seven wickets

Under 13 Cup (West) - Slemish Cup

Final

Foyle College 121-4 (J McKillop 36, J Gamble 27)

Limavady Grammar School 37 (O Reynolds 4-9)

Foyle College won by 84 runs

Under 13 Cup (West) - Slemish Plate

Final

Coleraine Grammar School 93-8 (A Block 22, O Stinson 2-18, C McCorriston 2-17)

Ballymena Academy 56 (J Ilsley 4-8)

Coleraine Grammar School by 37 runs

Under 13 Championship – Moyallen Shield

Final not played - Campbell College shared with Foyle College

Under 12 Cup (A) - Centenary Cup

Final

RBAI 'A' 97-7 (T Crothers 53)

Methodist College Belfast 37

RBAI 'A' won by 60 runs

Under 12 Cup (A) - Centenary Plate

Final

RBAI 'B' 73-8 (A Farrell 3-15, T Bell 2-15)

Sullivan Upper School 74-0 (N Shine 48no)

Sullivan Upper School won by ten wickets

Under 12 Cup (B) - Wesley Ferris Cup

Final

Lurgan Junior High School 153-1 (D Alexander 77no, F Cunningham 50no)

RBAI 'C' 95-5 (B Hamilton 22, H Kotkate 20)

Lurgan Junior High School won by 58 runs

Under 12 Cup (B) - Wesley Ferris Plate

Final

Coleraine Grammar School 90-4 (20 overs, J McIldare 42no)

Antrim Grammar School 91-0 (13.4 overs, J Keates 36no, S Magee 33no)

Antrim Grammar School won by ten wickets

Under 11 League

Won by Inchmarlo (round-robin)

Girls' Under 19 Cup

Final

Strabane Academy 149-9 (11 overs)

Foyle College 28

Strabane Academy won by 121 runs

Girls' Under 15 Cup

Final

Methodist College Belfast 118-3

Wallace High School 67

Methodist College Belfast won by 51 runs

Girls' Super 8s Trophy

Final

Wallace High School beat Strathearn School

INTER-PROVINCIALS

Inter-Provincial Championship (3 day)

29 - 31 May (The Green, Comber)

Northern Knights 263 (J McCollum 87, S Getkate 70)
Leinster Lightning 286 (H Tector 3-28, J Cameron-Dow 3-64)
Northern Knights 272-5 dec (J McCollum 84, J Shannon 66, C Dougherty 36)
Leinster Lightning 268-5

Leinster Lightning win by 5 wickets. Northern Knights 7 points, Leinster Lightning 23 points.

2 - 4 July (The Green, Comber)

Northern Knights 250 (J McCollum 116, J Cameron-Dow 39, S Getkate 38)
North West Warriors 446 (J Cameron-Dow 5-101)
Northern Knights 210 (C Dougherty 74, M Adair 36)
North West Warriors 15-0

North West Warriors win by 10 wickets. Northern Knights 6 points, North West Warriors 24 points.

17-19 July (Bready)

North West Warriors 266 (J McCollum 5-32, M Adair 3-33)
Northern Knights 188 (M Ellison 65, M Adair 32)
North West Warriors 303-7 dec (H Tector 4-70)
Northern Knights 201 (J McCollum 48, M McCord 46, S Getkate 31)

North West Warriors win by 140 runs. Northern Knights 5 points, North West Warriors 22 points.

4-6 September (Sydney Parade)

Northern Knights 440-9 dec (J McCollum 93, M Adair 91, M Ellison 64, H Tector 52, S Getkate 43, J Shannon 25)
Leinster Lightning 448 -7 (J Cameron-Dow 2-92)

Match Drawn Leinster Lightning 10 points, Northern Knights 9 points,

	P	W	D	L	BP	Pts
North West Warriors	4	2	2	0	28	64
Leinster Lightning	4	1	3	0	20	49
Northern Knights	4	0	1	3	24	27

Leinster Lightning deducted one point for slow over rate.

Inter-Provincial Cup (50overs)

28 May (Stormont)

Northern Knights 226 (H Tector 84, J Shannon 41)

North West Warriors 227-2

North West Warriors win by 8 wickets. Northern Knights 0 points, North West Warriors 4 points.

4 June (Milverton)

Leinster Lightning 277-6

Northern Knights 224 (N Rock 47, J Shannon 43, Ni Smith 40)

Leinster Lightning win by 53 runs. Northern Knights 0 points, Leinster Lightning 4 points.

1 July (Stormont)

Northern Knights 235-9 (H Tector 68*, J McCollum 42, M Ellison 31)

Leinster Lightning 239-7 (A Malan 3-51)

Leinster Lightning win by 3 wickets. Northern Knights 0 points, Leinster Lightning 4 points

16 July (Eglinton)

North West Warriors 139 (S Bunting 4-20)

Northern Knights 141-8 (C Dougherty 46)

Northern Knights win by 2 wickets. Northern Knights 5points, North West Warriors 0 points

	P	W	NR	L	BP	Pts
Leinster Lightning	4	3	1	0	1	15
North West Warriors	4	1	1	2	0	6
Northern Knights	4	1	0	3	1	5

Inter-Provincial T20 Trophy

18 May (Stormont)

North West Warriors 166-5 (N Jones 2-21)

Northern Knights 141 (N Jones 57, A Shields 40)

North West Warriors (4 points) win by 25runs

25 May (Shaw's Bridge)

Leinster Lightning 178-6 (S Getkate 3-23)

Northern Knights 140 (J Shannon 35, H Tector 26)

Leinster Lightning (5 points) win by 38 runs

8 June (The Mardyke)

Northern Knights 195-5 (G Wilson 80, G Thompson 50no)

Munster Reds 156-6 (G Kidd 2-27, J Shannon 2-29)

Northern Knights (5 points) win by 39 runs

6 July (Sydney Parade)

Leinster Lightning 207-5 (M Adair 2-40)

Northern Knights 180-9 (S Getkate 45, H Tector 36, A Dennison 27)

Leinster Lightning (4 points) win by 27 runs

7 July (Sydney Parade)

Northern Knights 165 (A Dennison 35, P Eakin 25)
Munster Reds 126 (S Getkate 3-28, J Mulder 3-18)

Northern Knights (5 points) win by 39 runs

8 July (Sydney Parade)

Northern Knights 193 (G Thompson 80, S Getkate 41, M Adair 33)
North West Warriors 144-5 (S Getkate 2-17)

Northern Knights (5 points) win by 49 runs

	P	W	L	BP	Pts
Leinster Lightning	6	5	1	3	23
Northern Knights	6	3	3	3	15
North West Warriors	6	2	4	0	8
Munster Reds	6	0	4	0	8

The following players represented the Northern Knights:

	IPC	IP50	IP20
MR Adair	3	2	6
S Bunting		1	
J Cameron-Dow	4	2	4
A Dennison		3	4
C Dougherty	4	1	
PS Eaglestone	2		
P Eakin		3	
MP Ellison	4	3	
SG Getkate	4	4	6
GE Kidd	2	3	2
N Jones			5
J Magee	1		
A Malan		1	
J Matchett	1		
GJ McCarter		3	2
JA McCollum	4	3	3
MAC McCord	1		
J Mulder	1	3	6
N Rock	4	4	6
JNK Shannon	2	3	1
A Shields		1	5
Na Smith	1		
Ni Smith	1	2	1
HT Tector	4	4	6
GJ Thompson		1	6
ATD Wright	1		

CUP COMPETITIONS 2018

Gallagher Challenge Cup – Final

The Green, Comber, 27 July

CSNI 285 - 4 (M Ellison 139no, A Malan 52, L Nelson 3-43)

Waringstown 289-4 (A Dennison 145no, J McCollum 73)

Waringstown win by 6 wickets

Man of the Match: Adam Dennison (Waringstown)

Junior Cup (sponsored by GMcG) – Final

Moylena, 4 August

Templepatrick 225-8 (R Greer 29, R Bryans 25, D McFadden 39, M Stewart 57no, J Terrett 3-36, D Menaul 2-33, W Muhammad 2-51)

Cliftonville Academy 176-7 (M Palmer 26, J Terrett 29, D Menaul 46, R Bryans 3-39)

Templepatrick win by 49 runs

Man of the Match: Michael Stewart (Templepatrick)

Intermediate Cup - Final

Bangor, 11 August

Donaghcloney Mill II 230 (R Lyttle 102, C Woods 54, C Hylands 35, A Montgomery 5-49, C Halliday 3-29, C Magee 2-44)

Cliftonville Academy II 167 (D Greenlees 38, M Shields 20, C Woods 4-38, B Topping 2-4)

Donaghcloney Mill II win by 38 runs (DLS)

DLS par score was 205 in 32 overs

Man of the Match: Conor Woods (Donaghcloney Mill II)

Minor (Lindsay) Cup (sponsored by Cleaver Black) – Final

Laurelvale, 18 August

Muckamore IV 137 (M Mohandas 41, D Jose 32, J Neill 3-13, M Smyth 3-22, J Gibson 3-4)

CSNI IV 142-4 (J Gibson 44, Amit 36, M Smyth jnr 24no, A Oduvelil 2-25)

CSNI IV win by 6 wickets

Man of the Match: Johnny Gibson (CSNI IV)

Minor Qualifying Cup– Final

Larne, 18 August

Templepatrick III 107-9 (P Ramsay 3-21, M Lyle 2-9, E Wilson 2-14)

Larne II 108-3 (T Dempsey 36, D McKinley 31no, J Canning 2-23)

Larne II win by 7 wickets

Man of the Match: Trevor Dempsey (Larne II)

Twenty20 Cup Final

Sponsored by Lagan Valley Steels

The Lawn, 29 July

North Down 143-7 (R Pretorius 38, R Haire 37, L Nelson 4-18)

Waringstown 145-3 (J Hall 91no, A Dennison 31, R Haire 3-26)

Waringstown win by 7 wickets

Man of the Match: Lee Nelson (Waringstown)

T20 Trophy Final

Sponsored by Lagan Valley Steels

The Lawn, 29 July

Holywood 84 (M Yeates 3-18, M Gartland 3-18, T Magowan 2-11)

Downpatrick 85-5 R Smyth 27, A Haire 2-9)

Downpatrick win by 5 wickets

Man of the Match: Mark Yeates (Downpatrick)

Twenty20 Shield Final

Sponsored by Lagan Valley Steels

The Cloughan, 19 July

BISC 112-9 (A Pandita 30, A Bhattacharaya 22, J Busby 2-31, M Stewart 2-22)

Templepatrick 113-4 (A Smith 38, J Jackson 23, R Bryans 27, B Krishali 2-30)

Templepatrick win by 6 wickets

Man of the Match: A Smith (Templepatrick)

LEAGUE TABLES – 2018

Robinson Services Premier League

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
CIYMS	14	13	0	1	0	52
Waringstown	14	8	0	5	1	32
Carrickfergus	14	7	0	6	1	28
Instonians	14	7	0	7	0	28
CSNI	14	6	0	7	1	24
North Down	14	5	0	6	3	20
Muckamore	14	5	0	8	1	20
Armagh	14	1	0	12	1	4

all tied placings decided by Net Run Rate

Robinson Services Senior League Section 1

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Lisburn	18	15	0	3	0	60
Holywood	18	14	0	4	0	56
Bangor	18	12	0	5	1	48
Downpatrick	18	10	0	8	0	40
Woodvale	18	9	0	8	1	36
Derrriaghy	18	8	0	9	1	32
Cregagh	18	6	0	12	0	24
Donacloney Mill	18	5	0	13	0	20
Lurgan	18	5	0	12	1	20
Laurelvale	18	4	0	14	0	16

all tied placings decided by Net Run Rate

Robinson Services Senior League Section Two

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Templepatrick	14	14	0	0	0	56
Ballymena	14	12	0	2	0	48
Cliftonville Academy	14	12	0	2	0	48
Saintfield	14	10	0	4	0	40
Monaghan	14	9	0	5	0	36
BISC	14	8	0	6	0	32
Cooke Collegians	14	7	0	6	1	28
Belfast SuperKings	14	5	0	9	0	20
Donaghadee	14	5	0	9	0	20
Victoria	14	5	0	9	0	20
Larne	14	4	0	9	1	16
Ards	14	4	0	9	1	16
Drumaness	14	3	1	9	1	14
Dunmurry	14	3	1	10	0	14
Dundrum	14	1	0	13	0	4

all tied placings decided by Net Run Rate

Junior League 1

	P	W	T	L	V	Pts
Waringstown II	14	10	0	4	0	40
Muckamore II	14	9	0	5	0	36
CSNI II	14	8	0	5	1	32
CIYMS II	14	6	0	8	0	24
Waringstown III	14	6	0	8	0	24
Carrickfergus II	14	6	0	6	2	24
Instonians II	14	6	0	7	1	16*
Lisburn II	14	3	0	11	0	12

**Instonians II deducted 8 points for starring irregularities*

Junior League 2

	P	W	T	L	V	Pts
North Down II	14	13	0	1	0	52
Armagh II	14	9	0	4	1	32*
Bangor II	14	7	0	6	1	28
Donacloney Mill II	14	7	0	6	1	28
Woodvale II	14	6	0	8	0	24
Cliftonville Academy II	14	6	0	7	1	24
CSNI III	14	4	0	9	1	16
Ballymena II	14	1	0	12	1	4

** Armagh II deducted 4 points*

Junior League 3

	P	W	T	L	V	Pts
Downpatrick II	14	12	0	2	0	48
Derriaghy II	14	9	0	5	0	36
Cregagh II	14	7	0	6	1	28
Holywood II	14	6	1	7	0	26
Laurelvale II	14	6	1	7	0	26
Muckamore III	14	5	0	8	1	20
Instonians III	14	6	0	6	2	16*
Saintfield II	14	2	0	12	0	0*

**Saintfield II deducted 8 points*

**Instonians III deducted 8 points for starring irregularities*

all tied placings in Junior Leagues decided by previous year's results

Junior League 4

	P	W	T	L	V	Pts
Templepatrick II	14	14	0	0	0	56
CIYMS III	14	10	0	3	1	40
North Down III	14	7	0	6	1	28
Derriaghy III	14	5	0	7	2	20
Cliftonville Academy III	14	4	0	6	4	16
Cooke Collegians II	14	3	0	9	2	12
Instonians IV	14	4	0	9	1	8*
Lurgan II	14	3	0	10	1	-4*

**Lurgan II deducted 16 points*

**Instonians IV deducted 8 points for starring irregularities*

Junior League 5

	P	W	T	L	V	Pts
Woodvale IV	14	12	0	2	0	48
Woodvale III	14	10	0	3	1	40
CSNI IV	14	9	0	5	0	36
Lisburn III	14	7	0	6	1	28
Bangor III	14	7	0	7	0	28
Muckamore IV	14	5	0	9	0	20
Ballymena III	14	3	0	10	1	8*
Armagh III	14	1	0	12	1	-8*

**Armagh III deducted 12 points*

**Ballymena III deducted 4 points*

Junior League 6

	P	W	T	L	V	Pts
BISC II	14	13	0	1	0	52
Donacloney Mill III	14	10	0	4	0	40
Carrickfergus III	14	9	0	5	0	36
Carrickfergus IV	14	6	0	6	2	24
Donaghadee II	14	5	0	8	1	20
Waringstown IV	14	5	0	8	1	20
CSNI V	14	4	0	10	0	16
Dundrum II	14	2	0	12	0	8

all tied placings in Junior Leagues decided by previous year's results

Junior League 7

	P	W	T	L	V	Pts
Laurelvale III	14	10	0	3	1	40
Templepatrick III	14	9	0	5	0	36
Victoria II	14	8	0	6	0	32
CIYMS IV	14	6	0	7	1	24
Muckamore V	14	6	0	8	0	24
Larne II	14	7	0	7	0	20*
Saintfield III	14	6	0	8	0	20*
Muckamore VI	14	3	0	11	0	12

**Larne II deducted 8 points*

**Saintfield III deducted 4 points*

Junior League 8

	P	W	T	L	V	Pts
BISC III	9	7	0	2	0	28
Donacloney Mill IV	9	7	0	2	0	28
Cregagh III	9	5	0	3	1	20
Templepatrick IV	9	5	0	4	0	20
CIYMS V	9	4	0	5	0	16
Ards II	9	3	0	5	1	12
North Down IV	9	3	0	5	1	12
Monaghan II	9	3	0	5	1	12
Cliftonville Academy IV	9	2	0	5	2	8
Instonians V	9	2	0	5	2	0*

**Instonians V deducted 8 points for starrng irregularities*

all tied placings in Junior Leagues decided by previous year's results

Midweek League

SECTION A

	P	W	T	L	V	Pts
Instonians	5	4	0	1	0	16*
Muckamore A	5	4	0	1	0	16*
Waringstown	5	4	0	1	0	16*
Cooke Collegians	5	2	0	3	0	8
PSNI	5	1	0	4	0	4
Botanic	5	0	0	5	0	0

SECTION B

	P	W	T	L	V	Pts
Cliftonville Academy	5	4	0	1	0	16
Grosvenor	5	3	0	2	0	12*
CSNI	5	3	0	2	0	12*
Allstate	5	2	0	3	0	8
Muckamore B	5	2	0	3	0	8
Carrickfergus	5	1	0	4	0	4

**Section A - 3 teams were equal on points & head to head - Lots were drawn and Instonians topped group.
Muckamore A won playoff v Waringstown to decide runner up in group.*

**Section B - Grosvenor finish 2nd on head to head result*

Semi-finals

8th August

Muckamore A 93 (Shakeel 30ret, B Greenlees 2-21, R Wilson 5-22)

Cliftonville Academy 96-5 (R McSuite 23, R Wilson 32ret), D Kumar 3-16)

Cliftonville Academy beat Muckamore A by 5 wickets

25th July

Grosvenor 90 (C Cahoon 30ret, R McCullough 2-24, B Alexander 4-13)

Instonians 91-2 (B Alexander 34ret, N Alexander 23no)

Instonians beat Grosvenor by 8 wickets

Final - 15th August at The Castle Grounds

Cliftonville Academy 132-6 (B Greenlees 22, B Kane 30ret, R McKnight 30ret, M Shields 30ret)

Instonians 133-9 (R McKibbin 31ret, B Alexander 30ret, P Dickson 22, A Wilson 2-29,

B Cartwright 2-5)

Instonians beat Cliftonville Academy by 1 wicket

Women's Premier League

	P	W	T	L	V	Pts
Muckamore	7	6	0	1	0	24
Lurgan	7	4	0	3	0	16
CSNI	7	4	0	3	0	16
North Down	8	3	0	6	0	12
Waringstown	7	1	0	6	0	4

Women's Division 1

	P	W	T	L	V	Pts
Instonians	5	4	0	0	1	16
CSNI II	3	1	0	2	0	4
North Down II	4	1	0	3	0	4
Donacloney Mill	2	0	0	1	1	0

2018 NCU PREMIER LEAGUE & CHALLENGE CUP BATTING AVERAGES (Min 350 runs)

	Name	Club	M	Inn	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
1	R Pretorius	North Down	13	13	2	782	188	71.09
2	J van der Merwe	CSNI	17	12	5	443	82*	63.29
3	A Dennison	Waringstown	17	17	3	875	147	62.50
4	M McGillivray	CIYMS	17	14	6	494	98*	61.75
5	A Malan	CSNI	14	14	1	774	140	59.54
6	R Hunter	CIYMS	15	13	5	428	77*	53.50
7	F Iqbal	Muckamore	10	10	2	398	80*	49.75
8	M Ellison	CSNI	17	17	1	697	139*	43.56
9	S van Schalkwyck	Armagh	9	9	0	391	142	43.44
10	N Jones	CIYMS	17	16	2	581	86*	41.50
11	M Gilmour	Carrickfergus	14	14	2	494	135*	41.17
12	J Hall	Waringstown	17	17	2	617	109	41.13
13	D Graham	North Down	12	12	1	441	126*	40.09
14	A White	Instonians	16	13	0	513	77	39.46
15	C Dougherty	CIYMS	17	17	3	552	94	39.43
16	G Thompson	Waringstown	17	15	4	417	93	37.91
17	S Khan	Waringstown	16	14	0	454	126	32.43
18	J McClurkin	Instonians	14	13	1	386	109	32.17
19	A Shields	North Down	13	13	1	373	83*	31.08
20	A Adey	Muckamore	12	12	0	353	72	29.42
21	S Getkate	Instonians	16	15	1	406	79	29.00
22	M Topping	CSNI	16	16	2	357	56*	25.50
23	J Matchett	CIYMS	16	16	1	374	73	24.93

2018 NCU PREMIER LEAGUE & CHALLENGE CUP BOWLING AVERAGES (Min 20 wickets)

	Name	Club	M	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	BBowl	Avg
1	A Coulter	CIYMS	16	126.5	15	443	40	6-6	11.08
2	M McGillivray	CIYMS	17	109.5	13	337	27	3-12	12.48
3	G Kidd	Waringstown	15	122.1	16	464	29	5-14	16.00
4	J Mulder	CIYMS	16	74.0	3	349	21	5-22	16.62
5	A White	Instonians	16	112.3	9	427	25	5-28	17.08
6	R Pretorius	North Down	13	92.5	12	412	22	5-27	18.73
7	K McCallan	Waringstown	13	110.5	9	405	20	4-34	20.25
8	A Malan	CSNI	14	127.0	9	530	25	4-34	21.20
9	M McCord	Carrickfergus	14	106.1	4	460	21	5-36	21.90
10	S Getkate	Instonians	16	104.0	4	463	20	3-28	23.15
11	B Adair	CSNI	16	117.0	13	510	21	4-25	24.29
12	M Topping	CSNI	16	112.2	6	539	22	4-28	24.50
13	P Eaglestone	Waringstown	17	112.5	9	586	21	3-18	27.90

2018 NCU PREMIER LEAGUE & CHALLENGE CUP FIELDING – LEADING WICKET-KEEPERS

	Name	Club	M*	Catches	Stumpings	Total
1	C Dougherty	CIYMS	16	29	2	31
2	M McClean	Waringstown	14	15	6	21
3	J Metcalfe	Instonians	15	17	3	20
4	M Gilmour	Carrickfergus	12	14	1	15
5	G McCarter	Armagh	14	9	4	13
6	J Magowan	Muckamore	12	9	4	13
7	A Johnston	CSNI	15	7	2	9
8	J Hunter	North Down	5	6	0	6

***Matches as keeper – Min 5 matches**

2018 NCU PREMIER LEAGUE & CHALLENGE CUP FIELDING – CATCHES (Min 6 catches)

	Name	Club	M	Catches
1	N Jones	CIYMS	17	17
2	A White	Instonians	16	15
3	J Cameron-Dow	CIYMS	17	14
4	A Malan	CSNI	14	12
5	S Getkate	Instonians	16	12
6	J Kennedy	CSNI	13	11
7	S Khan	Waringstown	16	11
8	M Ellison	CSNI	17	8
9	G Thompson	Waringstown	17	8
10	K McCallan	Waringstown	13	7
11	A Haggan	Carrickfergus	14	7
12	F Iqbal	Muckamore	10	6
13	N Gill	Muckamore	12	6
14	A Shields	North Down	13	6
15	R Hunter	CIYMS	15	6
16	P Eaglestone	Waringstown	17	6