

PRIZE STRUCTURE

£168,700 of the £859,986 Benson and Hedges sponsorship of this event will go in prize money for teams or individuals.

The breakdown is as follows:

- The Champions will win £43,000 (and hold, for one year only, the Benson and Hedges Cup)
- For the Runners-up £22,000
- For the losing Semi-finalists £11,000
- For the losing Quarter-finalists £5,500

ADDITIONAL TEAM AWARDS

The winners of all matches in the Group stages of the Cup will receive £850



INDIVIDUAL GOLD AWARDS

There will be a Benson and Hedges Gold Award for the outstanding individual performance at all matches throughout the Cup.

- These will be:
- In the Group matches - £275
 - In the Quarter-finals - £400
 - In the Semi-finals - £450
 - In the Final - £950

The playing conditions and Cup records are on the reverse.

HOLDERS

Surrey County Cricket Club

BENSON and HEDGES CUP 1998

ESSEX v IRELAND

40p

at County Ground, Chelmsford
on 4th May 1998

SCORERS:

C. F. DRIVER & DR. E. M. POWER

GROUP D

For playing conditions and hours of play see overleaf

ESSEX COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

WOULD LIKE TO THANK BENSON & HEDGES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF CRICKET AND THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF THE BENSON & HEDGES CUP

UMPIRES:

J. C. BALDERSTONE & G. SHARP

TOSS WON BY:

ESSEX WHO CHOSE TO BAT

*Captain +Wicketkeeper

RESULT:

ESSEX won by 171 runs

ESSEX (2)

1	D. D. J. ROBINSON	c DUNLOP b HEASLEY	114
2	S. G. LAW	c PATTERSON b EASLESON	46
3	*N. HUSSAIN	c DWYER b HEASLEY	79
4	R. C. IRANI	c PATTERSON b McCALM	69
5	A. P. GRAYSON	c JOYCE b HEASLEY	16
6	S. D. PETERS	Run out	1
7	+R. J. ROLLINS	st PATTERSON b McCRUM	1
8	A. P. COWAN	Not out	2
9	M. C. ILOTT		
10	N. F. WILLIAMS		
11	P. M. SUCH		

IRELAND (0)

1	J. A. M. MOLINS	c HUSSAIN b IRANI	9
2	W. K. McCALLAN	b WILLIAMS	19
3	+A. D. PATTERSON	c ROLLINS b SUCH	10
4	N. C. JOHNSON	b GRAYSON	53
5	E. C. JOYCE	b GRAYSON	40
6	*A. R. DUNLOP	c ROLLINS b ILOTT	24
7	R. L. EAGLESON	Not out	15
8	D. HEASLEY	c LAW b WILLIAMS	9
9	P. McCRUM	Not out	
10	M. DWYER		
11	G. NEELY		

Extras: Byes..... Legbyes.....
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TOTAL 359-7

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FALL OF WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
86	219	316	352	355	356	359		
BOWLING	O	M	R	W				
McCRUM	10	0	60	2				
EASLESON	10	1	36	1				
NEELY	3	0	32	0				
HEASLEY	7	0	77	3				
DWYER	10	0	37	0				
JOHNSON	7	0	62	0				
McCALLAN	3	0	28	0				

FALL OF WICKETS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
33	39	63	115	165	168	181		
BOWLING	O	M	R	W				
COWAN	9	2	26	1				
IRANI	7	2	14	0				
WILLIAMS	6	0	46	2				
IRANI	8	1	43	1				
SUCH	10	0	39	1				
GRAYSON	10	2	38	2				

TOTAL RUNS SCORED AT END OF EACH OVER

ESSEX	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
IRELAND	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
ESSEX																									
IRELAND																									

NEXT HOME MATCH: BENSON & HEDGES CUP MATCH
v MIDDLESEX AT CHELMSFORD - 7TH MAY.

PLAYING CONDITIONS

DURATION

One innings (each limited to 50 overs) per side.

All matches to be completed in one day if possible, but two days are allocated in case of weather interference, in the knock-out stages of the competition. No reserve days are scheduled for group league matches.

HOURS OF PLAY

The normal scheduled hours of play will be 11.00am to 6.45pm.

If, in a delayed start or interrupted match, in the knock-out stages of the competition the Umpires are satisfied that a result cannot be obtained on the first day, Close of Play will be at 8.00pm.

INTERVALS

There will normally be two sessions of play of 3 hours 30 minutes each, separated by a single interval of 45 minutes from 2.30pm to 3.15pm. The timing and duration of the interval can be varied in situations where the innings of the side batting first is delayed or interrupted.

LENGTH OF INNINGS

- Each team shall normally bat for 50 overs unless all out earlier.
- The number of overs available to the team batting second may be reduced if that team has earlier failed to bowl its full quota of overs by the scheduled time for the interval.
- Any rearrangement of the number of overs that may be necessary in a delayed start or interrupted match will only be made on the final scheduled day of the match, and will be based on a rate of 15 overs per hour in the time available for play up to 6.45pm. Wherever possible, both teams will be given the opportunity of batting for the same number of overs. If the number of overs in the first innings is reduced, a fixed time will always be specified for the completion of its innings.

THE RESULT

A result can only be achieved in the match (either by means of an outright win or, if the number of overs in the second innings is reduced, on the basis of the Duckworth/Lewis method for calculating the target score) provided that the side batting second has had the opportunity of batting for at least 10 overs. In a tied match, where both sides have had the opportunity of batting for the full 50 overs, the team losing the lesser number of wickets shall win. If the result cannot be decided by the above, the winner shall be the team with the higher score after 15 overs, or if still equal after 14 overs, or if still equal after 13 overs etc.

If, due to suspension of play after the start of the match, the number of overs in the innings of either team has to be revised to a lesser number than that originally allotted (minimum 10 overs), then a revised target score will be set for the number of overs which the team batting second will have the opportunity of facing, this revised target being calculated by the Duckworth/Lewis method.

If it is impossible to achieve a result in a group league match, it shall be declared 'No Result'. In the event of no result being obtained in a knock-out match, a 'bowl-out' contest shall take place provided that circumstances (outdoors or indoors) permit. If such a contest is not possible, the result shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

POSITIONS OF FIELDERS AT INSTANT OF DELIVERY

- There must be no more than five fielders on the leg side.
- For the first 15 overs of each innings a minimum of seven fielders, plus the bowler and wicket-keeper, must be within the fielding 'circle' marked on the outfield.
- For the remaining overs of each innings a minimum of four fielders, plus the bowler and wicket-keeper, must be within the fielding circle.
- For the first 15 overs of each innings there must be a minimum of two stationary fielders, excluding the wicket-keeper, within 15 yards of the striker or in orthodox slip positions.
- Where the number of overs of the first innings is reduced, the number of overs in regard to the restrictions in (ii) and (iv) will be reduced proportionately in a ratio of 15:50 (30%). The restrictions in (ii) and (iv) will be maintained for the same proportion of the second innings as they were maintained for the first innings (fractions of overs to be ignored).
- If there is an infringement of any of the above restrictions, the square leg Umpire will call and signal 'No Ball'.

NUMBER OF OVERS PER BOWLER

In a 50 over match no bowler may bowl more than 10 overs in an innings. In a match where the innings of either or both teams is reduced before or after the start of the match, no bowler may bowl more than one-fifth of the revised total number of overs in the innings (rounded up to the next whole number of overs as is necessary to make up the balance) unless such a number has already been exceeded before the interruption.

SHORT-PITCHED BOWLING

Any ball which passes, or would have passed, above shoulder height of the striker standing upright at the crease, shall be called and signalled 'No Ball'.

NO BALLS

Two penalty runs shall be awarded to the batting side for each No Ball bowled, in addition to any runs scored from the delivery.

STRUCTURE OF COMPETITION

QUALIFYING GROUPS*

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
Lancashire	Derbyshire	British Universities	Essex
Leicestershire	Durham	Gloucestershire	Glamorgan
Minor Counties	Scotland	Hampshire	Ireland
Northamptonshire	Worcestershire	Kent	Middlesex
Nottinghamshire	Yorkshire	Somerset	Sussex
Warwickshire		Surrey	

*As drawn by the ECB

Each team plays the others in its group once, on a league basis, with the top two teams in each group qualifying for the Quarter-finals. The winning team in each group will have an 'automatic' home tie in the Quarter-finals and will be drawn to play one of the four runners-up.

POINTS SYSTEM FOR GROUP MATCHES

- Winning team 2 points.
- In a 'No Result' match, 1 point to each team.
- In the event of two or more teams in any group having an equal number of points, their positions in the table shall be based on the higher net run-rate achieved in all group league matches in which the side batting second is scheduled, at the start of its innings, to bat for 25 overs or more.

A team's net run-rate is its own overall run-rate in all its group league matches (ie total runs scored x 100 divided by balls received) minus the combined cumulative run-rate of its opponents in those same matches (calculated on the same basis). In the event of a team being all out in less than its full quota of overs, the calculation of its run-rate shall be based on the full quota of overs to which it would have been entitled and not on the number of overs in which it was dismissed.

NOTE: If any team has not received 25 overs or more in all its group league matches, 20 overs (then 15 overs, 10 overs etc.) will constitute a match for calculation purposes only.

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP RECORDS

(Up to and including the 1997 Final)

*denotes not out or unfinished

HIGHEST TOTAL

388-7 Essex v Scotland (in 55 overs), at Chelmsford, 1992.

The highest total by a side batting first and losing is 312-5 in 55 overs by Leicestershire against Lancashire (Old Trafford) 1995.

The highest total by a side batting second and winning is 318-5 in 54.3 overs by Lancashire against Leicestershire (Old Trafford) 1995.

LOWEST TOTAL

50 Hampshire v Yorkshire (in 27.2 overs) at Headingley, 1991.

BIGGEST VICTORIES

19 victories by 10 wickets have been recorded. Most recent:

10 wickets Kent beat Ireland at Comber, 1995.

10 wickets Yorkshire beat Scotland at Glasgow, 1995.

10 wickets Worcestershire beat Scotland at Worcester, 1995.

NARROWEST WINS

Off the last ball on 33 occasions.

Most recent: Kent beat Surrey by 4 wickets (Oval) 1997.

Essex beat Middlesex by 1 wicket (Lord's) 1997.

TIED MATCHES

Yorkshire beat Derbyshire on superior run rate at 25 overs (Derby) 1997.

Lancashire beat Warwickshire by losing fewer wickets (Edgbaston) 1997.

DECISION ON TOSS OF A COIN

Middlesex beat Gloucestershire (QF) (Bristol) 1983.

DECISION BY BOWLING AT STUMPS

Derbyshire beat Somerset 6-3 (QF) (Taunton) 1993.

Warwickshire beat Kent 5-4 (QF) (Edgbaston) 1994.

HIGHEST MATCH AGGREGATE

631 runs (for 15 wickets) Kent v Somerset at Maidstone, 1996.

LOWEST MATCH AGGREGATE

120 (for 10 wickets) in a 10 over match,

Middlesex v Essex (Lord's) 1977.

123 (for 11 wickets) Sussex v Middlesex (Hove) 1978.

RECORD PARTNERSHIPS

1st 252 V.P. Terry and C.L. Smith Hampshire v Combined Universities at Southampton, 1990.

2nd 285* C.G. Greenidge and D.R. Turner Hampshire v Minor Counties (South) at Amersham, 1973.

3rd 269* P.M. Roebuck and M.D. Crowe Somerset v Hampshire at Southampton, 1987.

4th 184* D. Lloyd and B.W. Reidy Lancashire v Derbyshire at Chesterfield, 1980.

5th 160 A.J. Lamb and D.J. Capel Northamptonshire v Leicestershire at Northampton, 1986.

6th 167* M.G. Bevan and R.J. Blakey Yorkshire v Lancashire at Old Trafford, 1996.

7th 149* J.D. Love and C.M. Old Yorkshire v Scotland at Bradford, 1981.

8th 109 R.E. East and N. Smith Essex v Northamptonshire at Chelmsford, 1977.

9th 83 P.G. Newman and M.A. Holding Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge, 1985.

10th 80* D.L. Bairstow and M. Johnson Yorkshire v Derbyshire at Derby, 1981.

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL INNINGS

298 hundreds in the competition.

198* G.A. Gooch for Essex v Sussex (Hove) 1982.

BEST BOWLING FIGURES

148 five wickets in an innings in the competition.

7-12 W.W. Daniel for Middlesex v Minor Counties (East) at Ipswich, 1978.

QUICKEST VICTORY

2.12pm Middlesex beat Sussex by 8 wickets at Hove, 1978.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1972 Leicestershire. 1973 Kent. 1974 Surrey. 1975 Leicestershire.

1976 Kent. 1977 Gloucestershire. 1978 Kent. 1979 Essex.

1980 Northamptonshire. 1981 Somerset. 1982 Somerset.

1983 Middlesex. 1984 Lancashire. 1985 Leicestershire. 1986 Middlesex.

1987 Yorkshire. 1988 Hampshire. 1989 Nottinghamshire. 1990 Lancashire.

1991 Worcestershire. 1992 Hampshire. 1993 Derbyshire.

1994 Warwickshire. 1995 Lancashire. 1996 Lancashire. 1997 Surrey.

LEADING GOLD AWARD WINNERS

22 G.A. Gooch (Essex)

11 K.J. Barnett (Derbyshire).

11 M.W. Gatting (Middlesex).

11 G.A. Hick (Worcestershire).

11 T.E. Jesty (1 Lancashire/3 Surrey/7 Hampshire).

11 B. Wood (1 Derbyshire/10 Lancashire).

10 I.C. Balderstone (Leicestershire).

10 I.T. Botham (1 Durham/3 Worcestershire/6 Somerset).

