

## **BIG SUCCESSES for YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS**

The 24<sup>th</sup> ESCA Bunbury under 15 Cricket Festival at Chester produced another feast of cricket with four Yorkshire boys recording outstanding performances and being selected from the Festival to go forward in a national group of 22 to receive specialized coaching at the ECB's National Cricket Performance Centre at Loughborough University next week.

They were pace bowlers

Lewis STABLER (Richmond School & Richmond CC)

Curtis FREE (Hall Cross School & Doncaster Town CC)

Jack HOLT (Scalby School & Scarborough CC)

and all rounder

Will RHODES (Cottingham High School & Cottingham CC)

Lewis STABLER also took the Best Bowler Award with his penetrating left arm pace and was also awarded one of four David English Bunbury Scholarships to include a week's training with the full England squad at Loughborough University.

Yorkshire's captain Jonathan TATTERSALL won the Market Form Best Fielder award presented at the glittering festival dinner at Chester Racecourse Banqueting Suite attended by ECB's top brass and MCC President John Barclay & Chief Exec Keith Bradshaw

Yorkshire supplied 8 boys for the North squad of 14 and lost by 3 runs to London & East who went on to win the Festival – the others were batsmen Kris Ward who captained the North and Jamie McNichol along with under 14 wicket keeper Barney Gibson.

Yorkshire's other age group teams have also enjoyed a very successful summer with the under 15 "B" and under 12 "A" teams both victorious at their Ampleforth Festivals. The under 14's won their Festival at Taunton and have won all eight of their qualifying matches in the ECB County Cup and now go forward to the semi final/final play offs at Oakham School on 17-18 August.

The under 15's have also qualified from the north group to reach their semi final/final play offs also at Oakham on 19-20 August.

The under 13 boys are also unbeaten in the County Cup Competition with 5 wins but came unstuck with weather at the Taunton Festival although recording a comprehensive victory over the eventual winners Kent.



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