**The History and Evolution of the Limited Overs U17 National Schools Cricket Cup (2018) & Girls Cups**

**BOYS** In 2010 **The School Sports Magazine** ran the first ever National Schools U17 Cup.

The cup, under the firm leadership of Phil Tulser and excellent administration of Julie Penrose

provided schools across the country with an exciting and challenging competition

from 2010 to 2017. It complimented well, the shorter and more explosive HMC National T20.

Whilst annually some 40+ schools enjoyed the 40 overs **School Sports Magazine** cup a number of

schools have struggled to compete in both because of over stretched resources and increasing

demands from other quarters. After the 2017 final School Sports Magazine dropped the competition.

In 2017-18 the gradual conversion back to linear A levels helped Masters IC of Cricket access more

players in the Lower 6th and so ‘**The Cricket Paper** **National Schools U17 Cup’,** which is played over 35 overs with coloured balls and coloured clothing (where possible), was born. I firmly believe it offers an excellent opportunity to our schoolboy cricketers to test their skills, to a high, level against unfamiliar opponents across the length and breadth of the country.

In 2020 the Covid pandemic obviously caused the cancellation of the competition but in **2021 Eton College won a fantastically close final beating the previous holders Bromsgrove School at Loughborough University**

**Previous Winners & Runners Up (The School Sports Magazine National U17 Cup 2010-2017/ The Cricket Paper National Schools U17 Cup 2018- present)**

2010 **Bedford School** beat Myerscough College, Preston

2011 **Filton College, Bristol** beat Huddersfield New College

2012 **Gillingham School** beat Shrewsbury School

2013 **Shrewsbury School & Portsmouth Grammar School Shared**

2014 **Bedford School** beat Bradfield College

2015 **Portsmouth Grammar School** beat Sedbergh School

2016 **Millfield School** beat Shrewsbury School

2017 **Merchant Taylor’s School, Northwood** beat Shrewsbury School

**2018 Millfield School beat Bedford School**

**2019 Bromsgrove School beat Bede’s School Hailsham**

**2020 COVID PANDEMIC – the competition did not take place**

**2021 Eton College beat Bromsgrove School**

**9 different winners in 10(11) years !!!**

*‘****The Cricket Paper National Schools U17 Cup’***

***Andy Barnard Master IC Cricket Shrewsbury School and Cup Organiser***

**GIRLS**

After failing to get the HMC Cricket Committee to run a girls U18 T20 competition, similar to the boy’s successful model, Shrewsbury School created the ‘Shrewsbury **School Girls U18 T20’** in 2019.

The competition ran well and Felsted won the final at Moseley CC. In 2020, The School Sports Magazine decide to run their own Girls U18 T20, so we opted for a ‘**Shrewsbury School 100 Ball Girls U18 Cup Competition’** which drew an entry of 30 schools (see 2020 draw attached). In 2020 the Covid pandemic obviously caused the cancellation of the competition but in **2021 Shrewsbury School beat Bedes School Hailsham at the Ageas Bowl, Southampton.**

‘**Shrewsbury School 100 Ball Girls U18 Cup Competition’**

 ***Gwenan Davis Head of Girl’s Cricket Shrewsbury School and Cup Organiser***