

Middlesex Junior Cricket Finals Day 2026

It was Saturday morning, 7:15am on March 21st. The senior men's Middlesex side had already experienced their first day outdoors on the day before & here we were preparing for the end of a long indoor season.



Finals day at Lord's is a long one with preparations beginning before proceedings can get underway at 8:15am for the U10s but the early start doesn't seem to put anyone off & all who come seem to relish & enjoy their experience no matter how early the start.

The players' performances & results throughout the season have led to this day & those of us there to witness the matches were impressed by the high standard & spirit they were played in. A commendation to all the coaches & age group managers.

There's plenty of people to thank but first the match reports:-

Ealing U10s Win MJCA Indoor Final at Lord's
Ealing U10s produced a great team performance at Lord's against a strong Roehampton & Fulham side to secure the MJCA Indoor title, rounding off a fun winter with a display built on excellent attitude and camaraderie.

After an enthusiastic warm-up in the indoor school, the boys settled quickly into the

occasion. Roehampton & Fulham won the toss and chose to bat first. Ealing opened the bowling with **Oli and Rohan**, who delivered a tidy spell that limited early scoring. The second group of bowlers — **Archie, Aaren and Alex** — maintained the pressure with accurate lines and determination.

In the middle overs, **Louie, Bheem and Alex** continued to restrict Fulham & Roehampton, picking up wickets at useful moments. The innings was closed out by **Sam, Louie and Bheem**, who picked up more wickets and kept things tight. This combined with some wonderful fielding ensured the opposition finished on a net score of **39**.

Ealing approached the chase with calmness, building steadily across the four batting pairs.

- **Bheem and Aaren** set a solid platform in the opening overs.
- **Sam and Archie** kept the score ticking over thanks to quick running between the wickets.
- **Louis and Rohan** created an excellent partnership in the middle order.
- **Oli and Alex** completed the innings with composed batting to keep Ealing ahead of the required rate.

It was a performance in which every player made an important contribution.

Much joy and excitement at the end of the game, this was a truly memorable day for the boys. Thanks to the parents for all their support and also to the MJCA – particularly Peter Hollman – for organising this fantastic competition

8:15am	U10s	Ealing A	Beat	Fulham & Roehampton	92-39	7-0	Louie (Ealing)
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South Hampstead Girls U11s dominated their age group

9:25am	GU11s	South Hampstead	Beat	Stoke Newington	125-16	7-0	Lily (South Hampstead)
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Both teams arrived with big smiles and a relaxed and excited vibe. The teams started watching the second innings of the mixed U10 final with their excitement building. The respective team captains were called forward by the umpires for the all-important toss.

Stoke Newington tossed the coin and South Hampstead called heads and it was heads.

South Hampstead elected to bat first, as they have done in all their indoor matches this competition. The teams gathered together with their teammates and waited for the conclusion of the U10 final.

Stoke Newington and the opening pair from South Hampstead took the field. You could see the positive nervous excitement on the girls faces and then we were off. The first ball was a dot, the excitement continued to build. The second ball resulted in 4 runs, with the third ball scoring 3 runs.

The opening pair for South Hampstead put on a commanding 53 runs. The next two pairs steadily built the team total, with pair two (23) and pair three (22) putting together 20+ partnerships, resulting in South Hampstead being 2 runs shy of 100 as the final pair took to the field.

The final pair closed out the South Hampstead innings without losing a wicket, taking the score past 100, with two overs to go. The collective team batting effort by South Hampstead set Stoke Newington a formidable target of 126 to win, on a day where only one other team was able to post a score in excess of 100 (that being the victorious team in the mixed U17 competition).

It was now time for Stoke Newington to bat. South Hampstead took to the field looking to defend their total of 125. The opening pair from Stoke Newington put on a confident 20 runs. With the tension building, South Hampstead pulled together as a team. Their bowling and fielding proving too strong (which included a hat trick) with South Hampstead successfully defending their total.

Both teams maintained their smiles throughout the match and presentations that followed. The match was played in a competitive but friendly manner, with players and their fans applauding the excellent cricket that was on display (whether for their team or the opposition) - an excellent example of how cricket should be played.

Women and girls at South Hampstead continue to break new ground. This victory follows South Hampstead entering their first competitive women's competition (finishing second) in 2025.

South Hampstead looks forward to competing against Stoke Newington through-out the summer and would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Stoke Newington (and all the other teams that competed in the competition) for the way the match was played. It's great to see so many young girls enjoying the sport and competing at such a high-level.

Established in 2022, South Hampstead girls programme has gone from strength to strength, with over 80 girls attending our summer and winter training, representing the club in fixtures and attending our popular holiday camps. This has expanded to include the establishment the first South Hampstead Women's team in 2025.



OMT Titans Clinch U11 MJCA Indoor 2025/26 Title at Lord's

10:35am	U11s	Stanmore A	Lost to	Old Merchant Taylor's	57-59	2-5	Shayan (Stanmore)
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The iconic Lord's Cricket Indoors provided a fitting stage for a thrilling morning of junior cricket, as Stanmore U11 A faced OMT Titans U11 A in the Middlesex Junior Cricket Association Indoor Final. Both sides arrived unbeaten after weeks of competition, but it was OMT Titans who held their nerve to emerge as champions.

Stanmore U11 A won the toss and elected to bat, posting a competitive total of 57 runs. OMT Titans responded with a disciplined bowling performance, keeping the score within reach and setting up a tense chase.

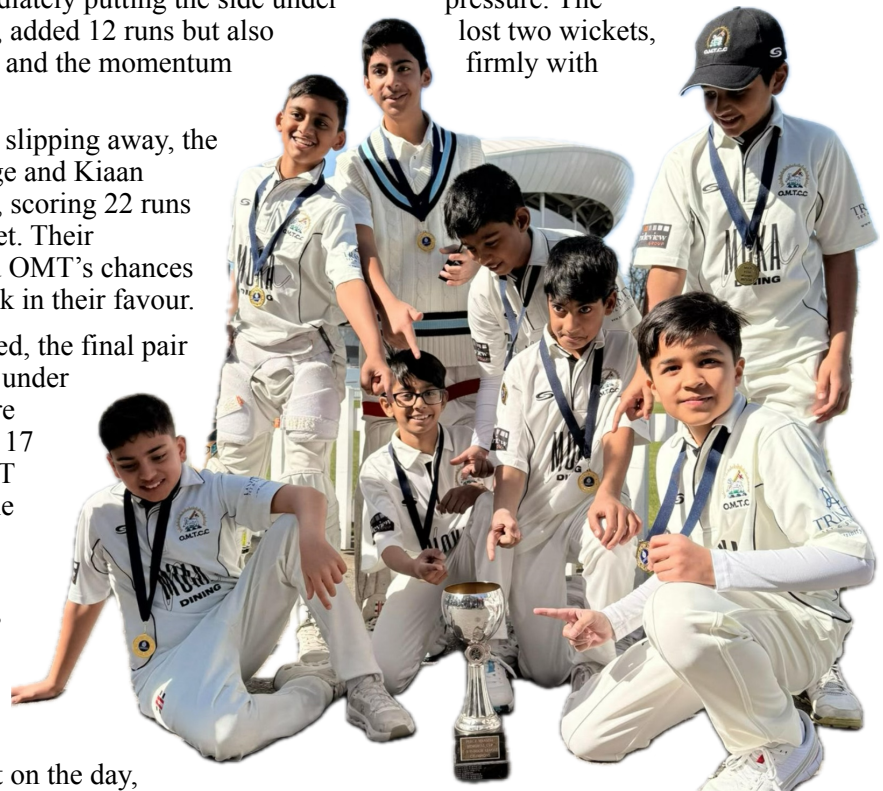
OMT Titans were missing key players Shlok and Joshil—both instrumental in their run to the final—due to a school commitment. However, under the leadership of captain Neil, the team showed remarkable resilience.

Chasing 58, OMT's innings got off to a difficult start. The opening pair of managed a net 8 runs, losing three wickets and immediately putting the side under pressure. The second pair, Miika and Vivaan, added 12 runs but also lost two wickets, leaving OMT with a steep task and the momentum firmly with Stanmore.

Just as the match seemed to be slipping away, the tide turned dramatically. George and Kiaan produced a pivotal partnership, scoring 22 runs while conceding just one wicket. Their controlled aggression reignited OMT's chances and shifted the momentum back in their favour.

With the match delicately poised, the final pair of Shayan and Krish delivered under pressure. Displaying composure beyond their years, they added 17 runs without loss, guiding OMT Titans to victory and sealing the championship in style.

It was a complete team performance from OMT Titans—built on resilience, partnerships, and calm execution under pressure. Stanmore U11 A can take pride in a strong campaign, but on the day, OMT's fighting spirit proved decisive.



OMT Titans U11 A are crowned Middlesex Indoor Champions for 2025/26, completing an unbeaten and memorable run to the title.

11:45am	GU13	Ealing	Beat	Old Camdenians	67-59	6-1	Aarya (Ealing)
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Cricket is often at its most exciting when it is a fair contest between bat and ball. The U13 girls final provided further evidence that this is the case.

Both teams came to the final with a record of scoring heavily and posting three figure scores in earlier rounds. One look at the luxuriant surface and long boundary of Lord's suggested that this was unlikely to be the case in the final.

Old Camdenians elected to field and Ealing made a steady start with the bat, though were pegged back by the consistent fall of wickets, Partnerships of 17, 24, 18 and 8 saw Ealing progress to a respectable but certainly not insurmountable net score of 67. Swara, Aleena and Sienna all batted well and contributed good runs without losing wickets. Old Camdenians bowled well taking a total of seven wickets. Most of them bowled well as they consistently attacked the stumps.

In the Old Camdenian innings, the pressure was immediately applied in an excellent first over by Arya, with two wickets in the first four balls. This put Old Camdenians on the back foot, and was perhaps the decisive period of the match. In the second pair both Julia and Aditi bowled accurately and constrained the Old Camdenians to a run a ball. Just as it looked as though the batting side were getting back into the game in the sixth over, an excellent piece of fielding and equally good take from Emma produced a very sharp runout that turned the game again in Ealing's favour. A crucial pair of wickets in the 7th over from Viha really put the game firmly in the West London side's favour, as did another in the 9th.

The final Old Camdenians pair needed 36 to win off as many balls. They batted valiantly, producing the biggest partnership of the match, and yet it was not to be; they entered the final over needing 16 and a disciplined and controlled fielding performance left them eight short on 59.



Ealing retained their title in a final between two very good sides.

OMT Crowned U13 MJCA Indoor Champions at Lord's

On a bright and sunny Saturday morning (21 March 2026), the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground hosted a thrilling final of the U13 MJCA Indoor Cricket Tournament. Local rivals Old Merchant Taylors (OMT) and Stanmore faced off, with OMT entering the match as the only unbeaten team in the competition—in just their second year in the tournament—while Stanmore brought with them a strong reputation as a consistently competitive and well-established side.

Adding to the occasion, OMT arrived to the news that their U11 side had already secured victory against Stanmore earlier in the day, meaning the pressure was on the U13s to complete a memorable double over their rivals.

OMT captain Kiyan Patel won the toss and elected to field—an inspired decision that set the tone for the match. Demonstrating excellent discipline and energy in the field, OMT applied consistent pressure from the outset. Tight bowling, sharp catching, and smart runouts saw Stanmore lose wickets at regular intervals. A standout final over from Sam, with Stanmore looking to accelerate the scoring, included three crucial wickets that swung the momentum dramatically and reduced their total to 49.

In response, OMT's batting unit showed composure and confidence. The opening pair laid a strong foundation with 29 runs, before the second pair accelerated the scoring to 56, putting the team firmly in control.

Stanmore, however, lived up to their reputation and fought back admirably, taking three quick wickets during OMT's third pair to briefly raise hopes of a comeback. Any momentum was quickly halted by OMT's final pair, who delivered a composed and attacking finish, guiding the team to a commanding total of 91 and sealing a convincing victory.

Sam Agarwal (OMT) was deservedly named MVP for his outstanding all-round performance, contributing significantly with bat, ball, and in the field. His efforts epitomised the high standards maintained by OMT throughout the tournament, as they secured the title with an unbeaten record.

12:55pm	U13	Old Merchant Taylor's Titans	Beat	Stanmore C	91-49	6-1	Sam (OMT)
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Ealing shine at Lord's to claim GU15 crown over Old Camdenians

Fresh from a nail-biting GU13 final between the same clubs that went to the last over, anticipation crackled around Lord's. Friends and families packed the balcony for the sequel as Ealing and Old Camdenians—familiar rivals and respected peers on the Middlesex circuit—took centre stage for the GU15 title. Ealing, missing two key players from recent rounds including their first-choice wicketkeeper, leaned into a tight, resilient squad that has grown together all season.

Put in after losing the toss, Ealing set about building something above par. The openers laid a calm platform with 26 without loss. Old Camdenians hit back in the second pair—two wickets and just eight runs—to tilt the balance. But Ealing finished strongly:

the final two pairs added 31 and 32 with only two more dismissals. Ninety-seven felt a proper target at Lord's, underpinned by composed, wicketless innings from Vianna, Suhana, Nishka and Prabseerat, all scoring at a healthy clip.

The chase stayed finely poised deep into the second half. At the last ball of the eighth over, Old Camdenians were 57—ahead of Ealing's 49 at the same stage and very much in the hunt. Then came the turn. Suhana struck for Ealing's third wicket, and the attack seized the moment. With the game on the line, Nishka, Suhana, Prabseerat and Anshi tightened the screws, conceding just 13 in the next four overs and striking regularly as Old

Camdenians were forced to chance their arm.



Ealing's fielding underpinned that squeeze and showcased the squad's depth. Nishka's safe hands produced three crucial catches, while Maddy was outstanding with the gloves—tidy, composed and alert throughout. Anshi captained the side brilliantly providing both confidence and composure to her teammates with both bat and bowl as well as in the field. A deserved nod, too, to Swara and Sanaa—both playing up age groups; Swara especially after captaining the GU13s earlier and then stepping up again on the big stage.

In the end, Ealing pulled away for a comfortable finish to a hard-fought contest. It was a performance built on focus, togetherness and a next-player-up mentality, delivered with the mutual respect that defines this rivalry. Old Camdenians pushed us, as they always do, and the friendships across both squads are part of what makes Middlesex girls' cricket special. On this day, the trophy headed deservedly to Ealing—capped by cheers from a balcony still buzzing after that earlier GU13 thriller.

MJCA U15 Indoor Final. OMT Titans v Winchmore Hill

It was a bright sunny day at Lord's perfect for cricket outdoors, but after a long winter OMT Titans and Winchmore Hill squared up at the Indoor Centre for the MJCA U15s Boys Indoor Final.



The undefeated OMT Titans arrived at this indoor final fielding a team of U14 players that were playing up a year. The core of the team that were at Lord's the previous summer as Joint Winners of the ECB U13 National Club Championship.

OMT Titans won the toss and elected to field.

With a combination of pace and spin, OMT Titan bowlers dominated the first two batting pairs by taking a total of five wickets, leaving the score at 11 runs after 6 overs. Wickets were shared amongst Ridansh, Ashmeet, Arnav and Arjun, with a further bowling contribution from Ansh. Winchmore Hill bravely battled away, but two wickets by Ashmeet in the last over of the innings pegged back the score to 51.



Coming out to bat first for OMT Neil and Mo quickly took charge, rotating the strike with sharp running and pushes through the gaps. With no drama and by the end of the third over they posted 34 on the scoreboard, cementing the OMT Titans response and more than halfway to the Winchmore Hill target.

County batsmen Arjun and Dwij followed. Looking comfortable, striking the ball with purpose they pushed on with clinical execution. By the end of six overs, at the halfway stage, the pair had reached 59 runs, surpassing the Winchmore Hill score. Despite continued resolve from Winchmore Hill, picking up a few wickets along the way, it was not a case of just holding onto that lead. OMT batsmen pressed on with composure and certainty to reach a final score of 85 to win the match.

Ashmeet was player of the match for his bowling performance and 3 wicket contribution. Overall, a team effort with commanding bowling and batting performances from OMT Titans in the first half of each innings proved a winning formula.

4:25pm	GU17	Old Camdenians	Lost to	North London	77-84	1-6	Lottie (North London)
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MJCA U17s Girls Indoor Cricket Final 21st March 2026

North London Cricket Club v Old Camdenians Cricket Club, NLCC won by six runs (84 to 78)



The senior girls event of the indoor cricket finals day at the Home of Cricket was wonderfully set up and did not disappoint. Old Camdenians, the Harlem Globetrotters of the U17s girls club teams, and in their previous guise (Highgate CC) the current champions, came into the match as clear favourites having won every match in the round robin phase including against North London CC, with an All Stars team packed with experience and quality taken from both Middlesex and Essex pathways, led by that master of tournament play, Johan de Silva. The David of the piece was North London Cricket Club, for whom it was an inaugural competition with an U17s girls team, albeit made up of a close-knit group having played and grown-up together in younger age groups at their home in the North London Cot.

The auguries were good for North London, whose captain and leader, Alice Whitmore, won the toss and chose to bat first, desiring to set a high target to defend. It was not quite to be. Batting was difficult on a bouncing track, with Old Camdenians bowlers, led by Dia, operating a stranglehold over NLCC's batters. Just when each pair thought they were accruing a decent partnership, OCs would take a wicket, in this form of the game resulting in a deduction of 5 runs. Camdenians fielding was tight and boundaries were enormously difficult to find, with just the Captain taking a single 4. Instead batting was attritional, each pair running hard whenever the opportunity presented itself, leading to what seemed at the half-way stage a below par score of 84 runs after the 12 overs, an average (after the deductions for wickets taken) of exactly 7/over.

Coach, Freddie Issitt, and captain, enthused the NL team with a half-time pep talk and this was immediately rewarded by the OC's opener nicking off a wickedly swinging ball of Allegra Stenton, in her first competitive outing for North London, caught by wicket-keeper Isabel Grady. Bowling and fielding attritional treatment by North London followed, continuing the pattern of the first innings, with North's fielders proving as adept as the OC team in operating the stranglehold. Superb run-outs by Lottie Whitmore, awarded Most Valuable Player, and Lucy Townend, and great catching all round kept a lid on OCs' run accruals. The match ebbed and flowed with OCs sometimes ahead of the rate needed to achieve the target of 85 and sometimes behind, but neither side ever decisively in front.

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At three overs to go, it looked as if the OCs were noses ahead, the final batting pair came including the OCs' captain, Dia, with just 19 needed. North London had, however, also kept their best until last. One over to go and the target was 9 runs. Nerves and mistakes coming in, particularly as the OCs pushed for runs that weren't there. Tight bowling by North's captain Alice, meant that the OCs target with just two balls to go returned back to 9. Then an imperious 6 scored by Dia off the penultimate ball, left the equation as this: no runs and North London win; one run a tie and super over required; two runs or more and Old Camdenians win...

The final ball was hit skilfully and the OCs set off and got the first run. Seeing victory in their grasp they ran for a second, but North London's fielding was too good and with iron wicket keeping from Isabel Grady took a run-out, meaning minus 5 runs (and the first run scrubbed off) and a win for North London Cricket Club, 84 runs meets 78 runs. In scenes reminiscent of England's victory in the 2019 ODI World Cup Final, the win had been secured by NLCC by the barest of margins.

Johan- thanks for a great match!



Stanmore u17's v Highgate u17's

With another Lord's final the boys had reached, the feeling and excitement remained the same.

Highgate won the toss and elected to field, which we preferred, so both teams were happy. The boys had played in a number of Lord's finals, though the team talk was the same, build partnerships, play your natural game, and enjoy the day!! Each of Stanmore pairings made solid contributions, with the loss of only a handful of wickets. Stanmore ended up scoring an impressive 121.

We were quietly confident in defending the score however, it was always difficult to know whether 121 would be a winning score. Our team talk was to keep the pressure on Highgate by taking regularly wickets and do your best to hold onto your catches.

Our opening bowlers kept it very tight and were taking wickets regularly, which really made it difficult for Highgate batsmen.

We held onto some superb catches, and a number of quick wickets taken by Aaryan, our MVP, really hampered the Highgate batsmen. All our bowlers kept taking wickets, which made it very difficult for Highgate batsman, who finished on 40.

Stanmore won the indoor final and retained the cup, with Stanmore's experience really showing.

Thank you to all the umpires, scorers, who assisted in the whole tournament, and a special thanks to Peter for all the hard work and dedication in ensuring the tournament ran smoothly and successfully yet again.

Raakesh - Team Manager and coach.

Stanmore Team

Rian (c), Rhian, Aahil, Aaryan, Connor, Shaurya , Lior, Pranay



As well as the 17s cup, the picture here shows the side had been presented with the **Victor Ludorum** Cup which is awarded to the club with the most points attained across the competitions for all their sides entered with points attained for fixtures & wins & points lost for withdrawals & concessions.

Stanmore successfully retained the cup for the 5th consecutive year but it was the most competitive yet.

Position	Club	Points
1st	Stanmore	110
2nd	Ealing	99.5
3rd	South Hampstead	59
4th	Stoke Newington	56
5th	Wycombe House	50
6th	Old Merchant Taylor's	49
7th	North Middlesex	48
8th	Winchmore Hill	45
9th	Primrose Hill	42
10th	Old Camdenians	39.5

Thank You

My thanks goes out to all those who have helped make the competitions as successful as they have become growing year on year. In particular, Ashish Lahklani who as well as being Lead Umpire has arranged all the appointments of officials & to all of them for facilitating & running all the matches. The MJCA committee especially James Grigg & Clifford Pile for their ongoing support & Salin Talavdekar for running the finance & Robert Tripp for his technical & PlayCricket support & all those who helped present on Finals Day including the Seaxe Club's chairman Glen Birkwood. Finally, to those coaches & parents & age group managers who make it possible for the players & of those, those who go beyond & send in their feedback & take their teams to Birmingham & beyond. Thank you for embracing this format & giving your players the opportunity.

Review : Indoor Season 2025/26

As you can see Finals Day was as entertaining as ever. Lots of very happy children & parents & great support from our officials & an array of presenters who I was delighted could attend. But this was a culmination of a season starting back in early November.

The good news is that back in September, 42 clubs entered 189 sides (162 in 2024/25). We completed 378 matches from a scheduled 452 league games in 10 age group competitions across 6 venues + 2 new sites held test events so the roster will expand further in 2026/27.

On the down side we had 83 cancellations / forfeits / concessions / no shows. Many of these were replaced by friendly matches so the venues were used & the clubs could cover their charges with match fees but there were still too many occasions where the venues stood idle & the club were invoiced for the full cost of 2 hours charges which we would of course prefer to avoid.

While all is done to help with scheduling games at the closest venues & on days & at times that suit, it's important for the clubs to truly gauge the level of commitment at player level & one club is now considering charging parents deposits for each player to help mitigate against player withdrawal. Perhaps something for other clubs affected to consider?

Looking forward, 18% non completion of fixture rate is too high & creates enormous avoidable levels of administration & time, so some competitions will be reorganised with 4 teams per 3 hour slot with the 2 losers returning at a future match day until later rounds. This will mean a late withdrawal will still allow for the easy fix leaving 3 sides to play 2 matches.

Another change will mean more early round matches in leagues where every team will play 4 different sides across 2 match days or even 6 over 3 before the qualifiers. I will see what's possible & favour those age groups where concessions are lower.

You can expect to see changes too with venues. Lord's will remain for Finals day & qualifiers played at Gunnersbury, Totteridge & PMK but the reliability of CCF & the unsuitability of the interim Archers will mean less or no games there. Instead successful trials at Latymer (for U10s U11s GU11s) & Hendon School (U10 - U13) & Queens Park Community School (2 venues, all ages) will be engaged. Remember if you come across a venue near you let me know so I can check it out.

As well as these, other venues have been identified & more test events will be held this October. Further afield, I have heard that there are now purpose built playing arenas in Brighton which is nearer than Birmingham! So I will follow up for those sides looking to get more involved & pursue the indoor pathway.

Until then, have a fantastic summer in the great outdoors.