

# Teenage talent wins 50th final

TWO talented teenagers took the North Devon KO Cup back to Bideford for the first time since 1984.

Seventeen-year-old Neil Bettiss hit 64 of their total of 148-5 on a damp, murky night at Instow.

And 15-year-old Chris Jenn claimed the scalps of Hatherleigh's first three batsmen in his first three overs to leave them chasing an impossible dream.

In the end last year's beaten finalists bravely scrambled together 115 runs in the gathering gloom, but it was Bideford who went home with the silverware and Bettiss who won the Bob

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Harding Man of the Match Trophy.

He and Matt Allin (23) gave their side the perfect platform for a big total with a stand of 65, and Ian Hayter's firm hitting kept Hatherleigh on the back foot.

He made 26 in a partnership of 62 as Bettiss showed the rull range of his strokeplay and a score of well in excess of 150 was on the cards until Sandro Lucioni came on to bowl the last two overs from the pavilion end.

Lucioni had Hayter superbly caught on the boundary by Nerf Davey and Bettiss stumped in his first eight balls and took two more

wickets in his second over to give Hatherleigh a glimmer of hope.

That glimmer disappeared, though, when Jenn won two lbw decisions in his first over and took the crucial wicket of skipper Andy Bennett in his third.

The rest kept chipping away under the guidance of Nick Rogers, who top-scored with 30, but very straight bowling restricted them to 1s and 2s and denied the boundaries they needed to keep up with the scoring rate.

Tony Allin took 2-18 and Chris Luxton 3-30 and all Hatherleigh were able to do was make sure the scoreboard looked respectable.

## Scoreboard

**Bideford:** Bettiss 64; M. Allin 23, Hayter 26, Elworthy 2, Webbe 5, North n.o. 9, extras 19; total (for 5) 148. (DNB - Fishleigh, Luxton, T. Allin, Bradbeer, Jenn). Bowling: Rogers 4-0-22-0, R. Tidball 4-0-28-0, Lavis 3-0-34-1, Cherrington 3-0-26-0, Douglas 2-0-18-0, Lucioni 2-0-13-4.

**Hatherleigh:** R. Tidball 23, Jelley 2, Reynolds 2, Bennett 15, Davey 13, Rogers 30, Withey 4, Douglas 2, Cherrington 1, Lucioni 10, Lavis n.o. 6, ext-ras 7; total 115. Bowling: Bradbeer 3.2-0-23-1, Jenn 4-0-23-3, T. Allin 4-0-18-2, Luxton 4-0-30-3, Bettiss 2-0-20-0.

**Umpires:** Jack Neville & Richard Smith.



*Back: Kevin Fishleigh, Chris Jenn, Neil Bettiss, Rob North, Ian Hayter, Fergie Bradbeer  
Front: Chris Luxton, Matt Allin, Steve Elworthy, Tony Allin, Andy Webbe*