

ISIS Six-A-Side

2003 Season

Winners:	Astons
Runners-Up:	Charlton-on-Otmoor
Batting Award:	Usman Latif (Chris Williams VI)
Bowling Award:	Keith Whiter (Isis A)

<u>Group</u>	<u>Batting First</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Bowling First</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Results</u>
Preliminary	U.O.H.	71-2	University Offices	39-3	UOH won by 32 runs
Preliminary	Isis B	64-2	Charlton-on-Otmoor	65-1	Charlton won by 4 wkts
Preliminary	Chris Williams VI	50	Isis A	52-2	Isis A won by 3 wickets
Group 1	Isis A	47-4	Charlton-on-Otmoor	48-0	Charlton won by 5 wkts
Group 2	University Offices	41-3	Astons	42-3	Astons won by 2 wkts
Group 2	Chris Williams VI	82-2	Isis B	64-3	CW VI won by 18 runs
Group 1	U.O.H.	52	Isis A	54-1	Isis A won by 4 wkts
Group 2	University Offices	59-2	Chris Williams VI	60-0	CW VI won by 5 wkts
Group 2	Astons	73-1	Isis B	39-5	Astons won by 34 runs
Group 1	Charlton-on-Otmoor	56-3	U.O.H.	41-2	Charlton won by 15 runs
Group 2	Isis B	56-2	University Offices	52-3	Isis B won by 4 runs
Group 2	Astons	77-2	Chris Williams VI	74-1	Astons won by 3 runs
FINAL	Astons	59-1	Charlton-on-Otmoor	53-2	Astons won by 6 runs

A big thank you was sent to all the teams who participated and made this inaugural event such a success. A hasty preliminary round was established when one team pulled out late, and this decided who played in which group, with Astons receiving a free place in Group 1. Astons and Charlton-on-Otmoor contested a great final in the rain. Game of the match must have been Astons versus the Chris Williams VI, which went right to the wire with the all important wicket of big-hitting Usman Latif being taken with the penultimate ball of the match, and with only 3 runs required. Nick Wyatt organised the teams, Paul Jacobs got the trophies and the rest of the Isis boys scored and did various other administrative tasks on the day, including raffle donations.

Everyone enjoyed this experimental day so much that it was hoped the Isis 6-a-side would become a firm favourite in the annual Oxfordshire friendly cricket calendar.

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2004 Season

Winners:	Isis A
Runners-Up:	Wayfarers
Batting Award:	A. Younis (Wayfarers)
Bowling Award:	J. Whiteley (Wayfarers)

<u>Group</u>	<u>Batting First</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Bowling First</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Results</u>
Match 1	Astons	51-4	Isis A	52-2	Isis won by 3 wickets
Match 2	Enstone	53-1	Isis B	48-1	Enstone won by 5 runs
Match 3	U.O.H.	57-3	Wayfarers	61-1	Wayfarers won by 4 wickets
Match 4	Isis A	67-2	Isis B	51-1	Isis A won by 16 runs
Match 5	U.O.H.	95-2	Astons	96-1	Astons won by 4 wickets
Match 6	Enstone	49-4	Wayfarers	50-0	Wayfarers won by 5 wickets
Match 7	U.O.H	78-1	Isis B	42-1	U.O.H won by 36 runs
Match 8	Wayfarers	52-3	Isis A	53-2	Isis won by 3 wickets
Match 9	Astons	66-2	Enstone	70-2	Enstone won by 3 wickets
Match 10	U.O.H	68-2	Isis A	71-0	Isis A won by 5 wickets
Match 11	Isis B	49-2	Wayfarers	52-1	Wayfarers won by 4 wickets
Match 12	Enstone	68-1	U.O.H.	48-1	Enstone won by 20 runs
Match 13	Astons	54-1	Wayfarers	58-1	Wayfarers won by 4 wickets
Match 14	Enstone	60-2	Isis A	61-2	Isis A won by 3 wickets
Match 15	Isis B	47-3	Astons	48-2	Astons won by 3 wickets
FINAL	Wayfarers	70-0	Isis A	72-0	Isis A won by wickets

With two teams pulling out at the eleventh hour, the 2004 competition was reduced to six teams and a round-robin was played, with the top two finishers ending the tournament in a final. That was contested by Wayfarers and Isis A, and was marked by the loss of no wickets throughout. Eventually it was Isis, undefeated on the day, who won in dramatic fashion by surpassing the difficult Wayfarers total of 70-0 with one ball to spare.

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2005 Season

Joint Winners:	University Offices Charlton-on-Otmoor
Batting Award:	Asim Rahman (Univ.Offices)
Bowling Award:	Joe Organ (Astons)

<u>Group</u>	<u>Batting First</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Bowling First</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Results</u>
Group 1	Isis B	61-2	Enstone	64-2	Enstone won by 3 wickets
Group 1	Enstone	60-2	Wayfarers	52-3	Enstone won by 8 runs
Group 1	Charlton-on-Otmoor	54-2	Isis B	50-1	Charlton won by 4 runs
Group 1	Wayfarers	58-3	Charlton-on-Otmoor	62-1	Charlton won by 4 wickets
Group 1	Isis B	37-2	Wayfarers	39-0	Wayfarers won by 5 wickets
Group 1	Enstone	43-0	Charlton-on-Otmoor	44-1	Charlton won by 4 wickets
Group 2	Astons	59-2	Isis A	39-4	Astons won by 20 runs
Group 2	U.O.H.	70-2	University Offices	71-0	Offices won by 5 wickets
Group 2	Isis A	57-2	U.O.H.	58-0	U.O.H. won by 5 wickets
Group 2	Astons	49-2	University Offices	51-0	Offices won by 5 wickets
Group 2	Astons	75-1	U.O.H.	38-3	Astons won by 37 runs
Group 2	Isis A	61-2	University Offices	63-1	Offices won by 4 wickets
Semi-Final 1	Charlton-on-Otmoor	46-4	Astons	39-5	Charlton won by 1 wicket
Semi-Final 2	University Offices	76-2	Enstone	67-1	Offices won by 9 runs
FINAL	Charlton-on-Otmoor	78-2	University Offices	78-4	Draw Agreed

The third Isis Six-A-Side tournament got off to an early start on a warm and sun-drenched mid-July day, and for the first time the tournament was played in its conceived format. On paper University Offices were favourites for the competition, but six-a-side cricket is never that predictable and the day saw some closely fought contests. Unfortunately Enstone and Astons both suffered the loss of players at the eleventh-hour, but to their credit graced the day by turning up short-handed. Their participation was assured by the begging, borrowing and stealing of players and what a fantastic effort this was, as both teams made it through to the semi-finals as group runners up. Unfortunately, they met strong opposition though and it was Charlton-on-Otmoor and University Offices who won through and contested the final. And what a final it turned out to be, when in a last-ball scramble Offices matched a good Charlton score of 78. After much debate and deliberation, the two exhausted sides then agreed to share the winners spot, typifying the camaraderie of the day. Individual awards were received by Asim Rahman (most runs) and Joe Organ (best bowling economy).

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2006 Season

Winners:	United Oxford Hospitals
Runners-Up:	Astons
Batting Award:	B. Ferrara (UOH)
Bowling Award:	J. Appleton (Charlton)

<u>Group</u>	<u>Batting First</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Bowling First</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Results</u>
Group 1	Charlton-on-Otmoor	72-0	Isis B	38-4	Charlton won by 34 runs
Group 1	Wayfarers	58-1	Charlton-on-Otmoor	55-2	Wayfarers won by 3 runs
Group 1	Isis B	39-1	Wayfarers	41-0	Wayfarers won by 5 wickets
Group 1	Isis B	44-5	Charlton-on-Otmoor	49-1	Charlton won by 4 wickets
Group 1	Charlton-on-Otmoor	65-3	Wayfarers	70-3	Wayfarers won by 2 wickets
Group 1	Wayfarers	81-0	Isis B	46-1	Wayfarers won by 34 runs
Group 2	Astons	68-2	Isis A	56-5	Astons won by 12 runs
Group 2	U.O.H.	95-1	Astons	64-3	U.O.H. won by 31 runs
Group 2	Isis A	73-2	U.O.H.	74-1	U.O.H. won by 4 wickets
Group 2	Isis A	52-3	Astons	53-2	Astons won by 3 wickets
Group 2	Astons	78-3	U.O.H.	50-3	Astons won by 28 runs
Group 2	U.O.H.	50-5	Isis A	54-1	Isis A won by 4 wickets
Semi-Final 1	Wayfarers	45-5	U.O.H.	46-1	U.O.H. won by 4 wickets
Semi-Final 2	Astons	68-0	Charlton-on-Otmoor	55-4	Astons won by 13 runs
FINAL	Astons	65-4	U.O.H.	66-0	U.O.H. won by 5 wickets

Sadly, two sides withdrew just before the tournament and so we tried another new format, with the six sides elected into two groups, each team playing the other two twice, once starting the batting and once starting the bowling. The sun once again beat down from a cloudless sky right from the off and after an excellent competition it was U.O.H. and Astons who contested the final. We've had some great finishes in this tournament, but this one was hard to beat for tension and drama. U.O.H. had bowled well at the young Astons side, but despite that, Astons were still able to amass a creditable 65 runs through the excellent running of Ralph Smith and the hard-hitting of Dan White. Nevertheless, with Neil Ferreira in scintillating form with the bat all day, and the dependable Andy Milne as his partner, you always fancied Hospitals would nick this one unless Astons bowled and fielded out of their skins. Well, while Hospitals never lost a wicket in this final innings, they very nearly lost the match. With typical competitive verve, the Astons fielders had set about their task with aplomb and as the fifth and final over was set to commence, Hospitals were still short of the target. After five balls of that over, they still needed six runs to tie the scores and win by virtue of losing less wickets. Imagine the anguish then as that final ball resulted in two deliveries, both adjudged wide at a penalty of three runs each, with a further run taken on the last. Perhaps this was a fitting end given that Hospitals had not won the competition before, but spare a thought for poor old Stuart Morgan who was given the unenviable task of bowling that last and fateful over.

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2007 Season

Winners:	Charlton-on-Otmoor
Runners-Up:	United Oxford Hospitals
Batting Award:	James Venables (U.O.H.)
Bowling Award:	Will Cooper (Charlton)

<u>Group</u>	<u>Batting First</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Bowling First</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Results</u>
Preliminary	Isis B	50-2	Charlton B	39-4	Isis B won by 11 runs
Preliminary	Isis A	45-1	Charlton A	49-0	Charlton A won by 4 wkts
Preliminary	U.O.H.	52-3	Astons	54-2	Astons won by 3 wickets
Group 1	Isis B	55-2	Charlton A	58-1	Charlton A won by 4 wkts
Group 2	Charlton B	51-2	Isis A	54-0	Isis A won by 5 wkts
Group 2	U.O.H.	105-1	Enstone	46-4	U.O.H. won by 59 runs
Group 1	Astons	55-1	Isis B	56-2	Isis B won by 3 wkts
Group 2	Charlton B	60-2	U.O.H.	44-5	Charlton B won by 16 runs
Group 2	Isis A	71-3	Enstone	39-3	Isis A won by 32 runs
Group 1	Charlton A	41-5	Astons	44-3	Astons won by 2 wkts
Group 2	Charlton B	56-1	Enstone	57-1	Enstone won by 4 wkts
Group 2	Isis A	64-2	U.O.H.	54-4	Isis A won by 10 runs
Semi-Final 1	Astons	61-1	U.O.H.	63-1	U.O.H. won by 4 wkts
Semi-Final 2	Isis A	42-3	Charlton A	44-1	Charlton A won by 4 wkts
FINAL	Charlton A	66-1	U.O.H.	36-3	Charlton A won by 30 runs

In the Isis 20th anniversary six-a-side, the teams reverted to the 2003 format when Wayfarers were forced to withdraw from the competition. A preliminary round was drawn which decided the playing order and groupings, Enstone winning a free bye into the four-team Group 2. While they didn't win the individual trophies, Jack Hart's 51 against Enstone and Keith Ponsford's hat-trick in the first game of the day were the Isis highlights. Earlier, Enstone were lucky to face an on-form UOH line-up and were set a competition record target of 105 in their opening match. There was much scratching of heads to decide the semi-final placing, where teams on equal points after the group matches were involved in bowl-offs, which Charlton-on-Otmoor 1's securing second spot in Group 1 and UOH doing the same in Group 2, both going on to contest the final. Amidst a month of rain, we were lucky for respite throughout the day, and while the final ended in poor light, we enjoyed pleasant weather throughout. Congratulations to Charlton who won the final convincingly and secured the trophy in their own right for the first time in the history of the competition.

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2009 Season

Winners:	Wayfarers
Runners-Up:	Appleton
Batting Award:	Mursaleen (Wayfarers)
Bowling Award:	Maseh (Wayfarers)

<u>Group</u>	<u>Batting First</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Bowling First</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Results</u>
Preliminary	Isis	37-3	Wayfarers	40-1	Wayfarers won by 4 wkts
Preliminary	ELSAT (Elsevier)	58-1	Appleton	48-1	ELSAT won by 10 runs
Preliminary	Keen Cricketers	55-0	Enstone	57-0	Enstone won by 5 wks
Group 2	Isis	58-1	Charlton-on-Otmoor	59-0	Charlton won by 5 wkts
Group 2	Appleton	74-1	Keen Cricketers	42-4	Appleton won by 32 runs
Group 1	Wayfarers	68-0	ELSAT (Elsevier)	47-4	Wayfarers won by 31 runs
Group 2	Isis	52-2	Appleton	54-2	Appleton won by 3 wkts
Group 1	Enstone	36-3	Wayfarers	39-1	Wayfarers won by 4 wkts
Group 2	Keen Cricketers	34-2	Charlton-on-Otmoor	36-1	Charlton won by 4 wickets
Group 1	Enstone	63-1	ELSAT (Elsevier)	64-2	ELSAT won by 3 wkts
Group 2	Appleton	46-2	Charlton-on-Otmoor	43-5	Appleton won by 3 runs
Group 2	Isis	63-1	Keen Cricketers	36-3	Isis won by 27 runs
Semi-final 1	Wayfares	81-1	Charlton-on-Otmoor	40-4	Wayfarers won by 41 runs
Semi-final 2	Appleton	42-3	Enstone	42-3	Appleton won a bowl-off 2-1
FINAL	Wayfarers	67-1	Appleton	49-1	Wayfarers won by 18 runs

Another difficult lead up to the 2009 competition saw three teams drop out and two come in and we were pleased to welcome newbies Keen Cricketers and works team ELSAT. A hastily prepared draw was made on the eve of the competition and all was set fair for another Isis Sixes. The weather forecast leading up to the day was poor, but in fact the morning saw bright sunshine, blue skies, fluffy white clouds and England batting the second innings with a healthy lead at Lords. The preliminary round to decide the groupings set the pace and the competition ran like clock-work throughout the day. There were certainly some close-run matches in the group stages; for example Charlton snatching a last ball win over Isis and then losing by only 3 runs to Appleton in their final group game. The semi-finals saw Wayfarers play Charlton, and Appleton play Enstone. While Wayfarers secured their place in the final with the biggest total of the day, the other semi-final could not have been closer. Two Enstone wickets fell in dramatic fashion in the final over with only one run needed for the win, and so a bowl-off was held with Appleton snatching their place 2-1 as the light started to fade. Wayfarers showed their youthful class with both bat and ball and were worthy winners in the final, though with obvious teamanship and camaraderie Appleton made a great effort to catch up in the rain.