

The FIFTY

Once again, we can proudly deliver you the report of the all-new Format THE FIFTY.

Following on from the Success of last two years of the Women's 50 ball cricket softball tournament brought to you by Sports pathways CIC this year we brought you 'THE FIFTY' same rules, same passion, new location, new collaboration!

24th September 2023 was the date when a new milestone was achieved.

Around May 2023 the planning process commenced, an inspiring Community coach, Dream Big Desi Women Samiah Haleem offered me her support and hospitality by inviting the event to take place at Cavaliers & Carrington CC in Nottingham.

Aa Sporting Pathways We have collectively hosted our last 11 Events in Birmingham, and this was the first outside of our region. A development in creating a bigger audience for girls in cricket nationwide.

Summer Sessions were booked for the local girls to participate in which allowed more players to join and as a Sporting Pathways Promise each player who signed up was given an exclusive discount of 15% for a7sport kit wear, they were also given each a Birmingham Phoenix Goody Bag just for taking part.

We managed to secure some great sponsors this year so a Special Thank You to CTP, CWU, A7 Sports, Chaii wala, Pak foods and Health & Wellbeing Community Champions. This supports community organisations like us so we can continue bringing opportunities to girls & women continually.

Registration opened in which we managed to register over 50 players, 4 teams in total some players from past events and lots of new faces for an exciting fun day.

The day arrived as per usual, Players turned up & team photos were taken. The day was dedicated to a very devoted Brother who passed away recently, Nasir Pasha who gave a lot of time & support for the club which was good to see as funds raised were towards a great cause. His family intend to build a Water Well for him soon.

Nothing is always perfect as planned and that's the sweetness of trying new ideas and never giving up even if things fall apart. The weather was slightly gloomy with overcast, spells of rain. Player tops were lost in transition and delayed for delivery which resulted in players to wear bibs. Due to the weather the Bouncy castle was unsafe to be blown up which meant less children around on the day. However, despite all these drawbacks we found success in ways we couldn't even imagine.

What was exciting about this year's event was introducing a renowned female umpire to the Day, an affiliate recommended by Sue Redfern. Her generosity and commitment to women's sports was a delight to watch as it inspired many girls during the day to take up umpiring in the Future. A special Thank You to Clare Gardener for your time and experience on the game of women's cricket. Not to forget Thank You to Dave Clarke who was our square leg Umpire, a father of one of the players on the day & a Head Coach for West Bromwich Dartmouth Cricket Club. From Volunteers Umpires, Scorers & everyone behind the scenes who come together to make days like these possible! You are the true heroes that we must continue to celebrate.

Brief introduction took place followed by the toss & here are how the games unfold-

Fixtures: Match 1: MANCHESTER ORIGINALS vs BIRMINGHAM PHEONIX

The first game saw our new players to the format go into bat, a game that requires you to play to each ball as time starts ticking. Birmingham Phoenix took on the odds of making big runs but the big shots that were skied kept falling short into the hands of the fielders. Playing out to all 50 Balls, the highest scorer was the extras for them giving them a total of 35 Runs. Was this enough to defend against a team who are the Double Champions on both previous Annual Events.

Manchester Originals did just that, sending out their openers to make a clear statement that they are here to stay. An interesting 37 Run partnership with Nafisa hitting 36 runs & not out crushed the newbies. Manchester Originals reached their target in just 20 Balls. Nafisa hit 3 massive sixes with I that hit a car causing a bit of a stir for onlookers. A claimed footballer didn't shy away from Smashing any loose deliveries, a big blow for the first game to set the tone for the rest of the day. She was a treat to watch for sure!

Match 2: OVAL INVINCIBLES vs TRENT ROCKETS

Next in was Oval Invincibles who chose to bat first, A team with a mix of old & new players to the side. The batting line up was fit to getting a decent score, but it was Zainab Patel the pick of the bowlers who skittled through the order. She casually picked up 5 wickets making it easy work for the team. Oval Invincibles completed with 25 Runs on the board & with 9 wickets down. Was Trent Rockets going to making easy work of this? A team with some great young talent came to the wicket composed & ready to complete the task. Fatima dominated the batting whilst Imaan provided the support. 31 Runs were made within 28 balls with the help of 10 extras to the score.

Winners of each game qualified for the Final this left with the teams knocked out to play for 3rd Place.

Match 3: 3rd Place Play Off Match Birmingham Pheonix v Oval Invincibles

Having won the toss Oval Invincibles put Birmingham Phoenix into bat first as seen by previous games, teams chasing had a better advantage. Birmingham Phoenix seemed to have reversed the batting order around for this game & somehow it was lovely to see the spirit of the game being lifted allowing every player on both sides to get involved. A very young side with a great future ahead delivered a fantastic innings finishing with 48 Runs in total, the highest score of the day for any team with Hayley Corbett top scoring 11 Runs.

Oval Invincibles had now everything to fight for, a great game set Salma opened the batting with Sireen who had never played Cricket before. It was a steady start for both sides, Runs were being made but by singles, boundaries were cut out by the athletic youngsters. A wicket fell & Zaynab joined Salma. Both batters having played before continued the momentum of the game finding only 10 Runs to win in 10 balls. More singles were made & finally Salma hit a boundary this brought the score to 6 Runs in 3 balls. Another shot struck which was heading to the square leg boundary, but it was superbly cut off by the fielders leaving them with 4 runs short of victory but a well-deserved win for Birmingham Phoenix who not only set a strong total on the board but also bowled great tight lines. Olivia Clarke set a great example of this by claiming 2 wickets for 9 runs in her 10 balls if being bowled.

FINAL

You think on paper you know who is taking home the trophy but that's not always the case, each team that signs up to play either joins for the experience or to socialise. I believe for both the teams we are now past that stage. A short prayer before each game Trent Rockets applied the same composure as any experienced team would do. They gave away very little of their weakness yet judged the situation well. Fatima Habib once again played her part as a batswoman who stuck at her job, scoring 25 Runs Not out without much support on the other end proved her resilience for her team. Manchester Originals chipped away taking 4 wickets in the 50 balls of them bowling. This limited to Trent Rockets completing their hits with 40 Runs to defend.

Manchester Originals a team that plays together regularly wasn't new to a situation like this, as much as they can entertain the crowd they are under the banner of great leadership. The opening pair went in to find a slight mix up from a run out that resulted in the first wicket loss. The Final is always the crucial game, so it is only normal to have such incidents to occur. No sign of any sixes so far, Manchester Originals batters Sairah & Chand attempted to carry the weight of the team. They gave some glimpse of hope as both Batters turned the singles into doubles. A late blunder by Trent Rockets bowling a No Ball gave Manchester Originals a new life, to hit the final 6 runs off 3 balls but they also fell short. Sairah giving her best to hit a boundary only for it to be caught on the final ball of the Game. 4 Runs short scoring 36 Runs it wasn't as easy as they suspected. What a way to witness such an intense game, at one point Alveena bowled to Sairah, From one Captain to another. Fatima Habib, you can pat yourself back on the back, not only did she bat her way through for her team but also bowled exceptionally well completing her spell with 2 for 6 Runs in 15 Balls.

Congratulations to Trent Rockets as the new Champions of THE FIFTY 2023.

A perfect Nail-biting final for a team who played with such elegance & belief which helped them cross the line despite all the odds!

During presentation we always like to thank our supporters, people behind the scenes & to welcome our special guest to the stage.

Cricket Wales Director, Full Time Doctor, Commentator, Coach & Mother of beautiful daughter Haaniya. Samara Afzal Was our special guest for the day, she not only inspired the girls with a speech about her cricketing life experience, but she also encouraged parents to allow girls to get involved into sports, the benefits & she was Captain of the talented Birmingham Phoenix team who won 3rd place after beating Oval Invincibles.

A Long-time friend & a pioneer to the Women's game, it was an honour to have Samara to leave her mark at The Fifty. She was presented by Clare a signed poster by Amy Jones for her contribution to the game & how she made sure all her players had some involvement of playing cricket even when it was as little as playing only 2 games for the day. Thank You Samara it was a pleasure!

The next appreciation prizes were presented out to Our Scorer of the day Qashif, our Umpires Clare & Dave, Our Organiser Samiah, our youngest player of the day aged only 7 Haaniya and our Lovely Jenny who was born with Downs Syndrome & crowned a champion as she played for The Trent Rockets.

We then asked each Captain to recommend us 3 players in their teams who are worthy of any prizes from pads, tennis rackets, t-shirt's, balls etc because of their outstanding performances.

4th Place

Oval Invincibles

Zaynab- Leadership skills

Sireen K- First cricket match

Laiba- Good Fielding

3rd Place

Birmingham Phoenix

Prabh Kaur

Olivia Clarke

Freya Adamson

Runners-Up

Manchester Originals

Nafisa Hadad-Smashing it with the Bat

Sairah Zafar-

Rabia Malik-

Winners

Trent Rockets

Fatima Habib

Zainab Patel

Imaan Effendi

50 W+G's 🏏 New Players 🧢 3rd Annual Event 🏆 1st Outside of Bham 🏠 16 Hijabi Cricketers 👩 #SueRedfern's Recommended Female Umpire 🏆 New 2023 Champions
🏏 #TrentRockets 🏏 Downs Syndrome Prize winner Jenny 🧑 With our Special Guest GP, Mother & Cricketer 🧑 #SamaraAfzal presented with the #AmyJones Poster 🏆
#TheFifty #SportingPathways Thank You for everyone that was involved!! Players, Umpires, Family Members, Volunteers & Supporters! Without you this would never be possible! 🏠
Maybe the ECB should sit with us next time when they want to make recommendations? 😞

No Tops & a bit of Drizzle Couldn't stop us from hosting THEFIFTY 🏏 Youngest Player 7 with Eldest at 54yrs old! 😞 A Nail-biting Final for the New Champions 🏆 🏆 Over £260 Raised
for Brother Pasha 🏠 4 Matches with 12 Exceptional Performances worthy of Prizes 🏠 #THEFIFTY #SportingPathwaysCIC 🏠 🏠

Thank you & hope to see you at our next event, stay tuned to our website & like page

Salma Bi

Sporting Pathways CIC

MATCH 1 BIRMINGHAM PHEONIX V MANCHESTER ORIGINALS**BATTING TEAM: BIRMINGHAM PHEONIX****1ST INNINGS****THE FIFTY
24.09.23**

BATTER	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1 OLIVIA CLARKE	CAUGHT	SAIRAH ZAFAR	0
2 OLIVIA MALEK	CAUGHT	SHAREEN NAWAZ	2
3 PARVEEN KAUR	CAUGHT	SHAREEN NAWAZ	0
4 FREYA ADAMSON	CAUGHT	ZARAH ANWER	0
5 RENA DISHA	RUN OUT	SAIRAH ZAFAR	2
6 SAMARA AFZAL	NOT OUT		5
7 PRABH KAUR	NOT OUT		4
8 MATILDA DISHA	DNB		
9 HAYLEY CORBETT	DNB		
10 SHIV AJULA	DNB		
11 KEIRA BATES	DNB		

HIGHLIGHTS**RABIA MALIK 2 WKTS FOR 3
RUNS**

RUNS 13
EXTRAS 22
**TOTAL 35 FOR 5
WICKETS**

BOWLING TEAM: MANCHESTER ORIGINALS		
RABIA MALIK	2 FOR 3 RUNS (10)	
ZUNAIRA KHAN	1 FOR 10 RUNS (10)	
SAIRAH ZAFAR	0 FOR 6 RUNS (10)	
AASMA HUSSAIN	1 FOR 5 RUNS (10)	
CHAND KHAN	0 FOR 8 RUNS (10)	

MATCH 1 BIRMINGHAM PHEONIX V MANCHESTER ORIGINALS**BATTING TEAM: MANCHESTER ORIGINALS****2ND INNINGS****THE FIFTY
24.09.23**

BATTER	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1 NAFISA HADAD	NOT OUT		36
2 CHAND KHAN	NOT OUT		1
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			

HIGHLIGHTS

NAFISA HADAD
THREE 6'S (1 HIT THE CAR)

PLAYER OF THE MATCH**NAFISA HADAD****MANCHESTER ORIGINALS WIN**

RUNS 37
EXTRAS 4
FOR 0
WKTS

TOTAL 41

BOWLING TEAM: MANCHESTER ORIGINALS		
MATILDA DISHA	0 FOR 20 RUNS (5)	
OLIVIA MALEK	0 FOR 0 RUNS (5)	
OLIVIA CLARK	0 FOR 3 RUNS (5)	
PARVEEN KAUR	0 FOR 18 RUNS (5)	

MATCH 2 OVAL INVINCIBLES V TRENT ROCKETTS**BATTING TEAM: OVAL INVINCIBLES****1ST INNINGS****THE FIFTY
24.09.23**

BATTER	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1 JACQUI DAKIN	LBW	FATIMA HABIB	2
2 FAIZA AASIM	BOWLED	ZAINAB PATEL	5
3 SALMA BI	BOWLED	ZAINAB PATEL	2
4 ZAYNAB AZAM	RUN OUT		1
5 HIRA JAN	BOWLED	ZAINAB PATEL	1
6 SIREEN K	BOWLED	ZAINAB PATEL	0
7 YASMA	RUN OUT		2
8 MAHMA S	BOWLED	ZAINAB PATEL	2
9 ARIANA K	NOT OUT		0
10 LAIBA	BOWLED	FATIMA HABIB	0
11 SAFAA	NOT OUT		0

HIGHLIGHTS**ZAINAB PATEL****5 WKTS FOR 10 RUNS****RUNS 15****EXTRAS 10****TOTAL 25 9 WICKETS**

BOWLING TEAM : TRENT ROCKETTS		
FATIMA HABIB	2 FOR 5 RUNS (15)	
ZAINAB PATEL	5 FOR 10 RUNS (15)	
IMAAAN EFFENDI	0 FOR 7 RUNS (15)	
ALVENA SAJID	0 FOR 3 RUNS (5)	

MATCH 2 TRENT ROCKETS V OVAL INVINCIBLES

BATTING TEAM: TRENT ROCKETS
2ND INNINGS

THE FIFTY
24.09.23

BATTER	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1 FATIMA HABIB	NOT OUT		17
2 IMAAN EFFENDI	NOT OUT		4

HIGHLIGHTS
FATIMA 17 RUNS
NO WICKETS DOWN

RUNS 21
EXTRAS 10

TOTAL 31 0 WICKETS

PLAYER OF THE MATCH
FATIMA 17 RUNS
NOT OUT
TRENT ROCKETS WIN BY 10 WKTS

BOWLING TEAM : OVAL INVINCIBLES	
ZAYNAB AZAM	0 FOR 17 RUNS (8)
SALMA BI	0 FOR 5 RUNS (15)
HIRA JAN	0 FOR 8 RUNS (5)

MATCH 3 BIRMINGHAM PHEONIX V OVAL INVINCIBLES

BATTING TEAM: BIRMINGHAM PHEONIX **THE FIFTY**
1ST INNINGS **24.09.23**

BATTER	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1 HAYLEY CORBETT	BOWLED	SALMA BI	11
2 SHIV JULA	BOWLED	HIRA JAN	5
3 KIERA BATES	NOT OUT		1
4 MATILDA DISHA	NOT OUT		1

HIGHLIGHTS
HAYLEY CORBETT
11 RUNS

RUNS 18
EXTRAS 32

TOTAL 48 FOR 2 WICKETS

BOWLING TEAM: OVAL INVINCIBLES		
ZAYNAB AZAM	0 FOR 12 RUNS (15)	
HIRA JAN	1 FOR 14 RUNS (15)	
FAIZA AASIM	0 FOR 6 RUNS (5)	
SAFAA	0 FOR 6 RUNS (2)	
SALMA BI	1 FOR 7 RUNS (10)	
JACQUI DAKIN	0 FOR 9 RUNS (7)	

MATCH 3 OVAL INVINCIBLES V TRENT ROCKETS

BATTING TEAM: OVAL INVINCIBLES
2ND INNINGS

THE FIFTY
24.09.23

BATTER	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1 SALMA BI	NOT OUT		17
2 SIREEN K	BOWLED	FREYA ADAMSON	1
3 ZAYNAB AZAM	LBW	OLIVIA CLARKE	7
4 HIRA JAN	BOWLED	OLIVIA CLARKE	0
5 SAFAA	NOT OUT		1

RUNS 26
EXTRAS 19
TOTAL 45 2 WICKETS

HIGHLIGHTS**OLIVIA 2 WKTS FOR 9 RUNS****IN 10 BALLS****PLAYER OF THE MATCH****OLIVIA 2 WKTS FOR 9 RUNS****BIRMINGHAM PHEONIX WIN**

BOWLING TEAM: BOWLING PHEONIX		
PRABH KAUR	0 FOR 8 RUNS (10)	
OLIVIA MALEK	0 FOR 7 RUNS (10)	
FREYA ADAMSON	1 FOR 5 RUNS (10)	
OLIVIA CLARKE	2 FOR 9 RUNS (5)	
SHIV AJULA	0 FOR 6 RUNS (5)	
SAMARA AFZAL	0 FOR 6 RUNS (5)	

FINAL TRENT ROCKETS V MANCHESTER ORIGINALS

BATTING TEAM: TRENT ROCKETS
1ST INNINGS

THE FIFTY
FINAL
24.09.23

BATTER	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1 IMAAN EFFENDI	BOWLED	AASMA HUSSAIN	5
2 FATIMA HABIB	NOT OUT		25
3 ZAINAB PATEL	RUN OUT	RABIA MALIK	2
4 ALVEENA SAJID	BOWLED	SAIRAH ZAFAR	0
5 UROOSA ARSHID	BOWLED	CHAND KHAN	2
6 AILA ANIS	NOT OUT		0
7 JENNY GRAY	DNB		
8 RIZWAN AKMAL KHAN	DNB		
9 IMAN SHAHID	DNB		
10 SABAH JAMIL	DNB		
11 SEEMA UPRETI	DNB		

HIGHLIGHTS

FATIMA 25 RUNS
NOT
OUT

RUNS 34
EXTRAS 6
FOR 4 WICKETS

TOTAL 40

BOWLING TEAM: MANCHESTER ORIGINALS		
RABIA MALIK	1 FOR 7 RUNS (15)	
CHAND KHAN	1 FOR 5 RUNS (15)	
SAIRAH ZAFAR	1 FOR 11 RUNS (15)	
AASMA HUSSAIN	1 FOR 5 RUNS (5)	
ZUNAIRAH KHAN	0 FOR 6 RUNS (5)	

FINAL TRENT ROCKETS V MANCHESTER ORIGINALS**BATTING TEAM: MANCHESTER ORIGINALS****THE FIFTY FINAL****24.09.23****2ND INNINGS**

BATTER	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1 ZARAH ANWER	CAUGHT	FATIMA HABIB	0
2 NAFEESA HADDAD	RUN OUT	ZAINAB PATEL	2
3 AASMA HUSSAIN	LBW	FATIMA HABIB	1
4 SAIRAH ZAFAR	CAUGHT	IMAN EFFENDI	9
CHAND KHAN	NOT OUT		7
6 KRUPA JOSHI	DNB		
7 CAMILLA REHMAN	DNB		
8 RAHIMA HUSSAIN	DNB		
9 SHAREEN NAWAZ	DNB		
10 ZUNAIRA KHAN	DNB		
11 RABIA MALIK	DNB		

12 NIDA BANO

RUNS **19**

EXTRAS **17**

FOR 4 WICKETS

TOTAL **36**

HIGHLIGHTS

FATIMA HABIB
2 WKTS FOR 6 RUNS

PLAYER OF THE MATCH

FATIMA HABIB
2 WKTS FOR 6 RUNS
IN 15 BALLS
TRENT ROCKETS WIN

THE FIFTY WOMENS 2023 CHAMPIONS**TRENT ROCKETS**

BOWLING TEAM:	TRENT ROCKETS	
FATIMA HABIB	2 FOR 6 RUNS (15)	
ZAYNAB PATEL	1 FOR 11 RUNS (15)	
IMAAN EFFENDI	1 FOR 7 RUNS (15)	
ALVEENA SAJID	0 FOR 2 RUNS (5)	