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With
**NICHOLAS
TUNNEY**

The success keeps rolling in for our sporting stars across south Bucks.

It was fantastic to see Louise Sugden get a deserved gold at the European Championships in France in the Para Power Lifting category. Louise had a brilliant Commonwealth Games in Australia a couple of months ago and the funding she is receiving from local charities is certainly aiding her efforts in trying to get to Tokyo in 2020.

As usual, at this time of year, the primary focus is on cricket and our sides are certainly having mixed fortunes so far this season.

The High Wycombe bandwagon keeps rolling on and they had a relatively easy win over Aston Rowant at the weekend.

Considering Aston Rowant beat the mighty Henley the game before, for Wycombe to win there

by six wickets was no mean feat and the bowling of Cam Parsons was mightily impressive in restricting their opponents.

For the first time this season, the opening partnership of Teddie Casterton and Nathan Hawkes were broken early but Dan Marles steadied the ship and scored a wonderful 90 to see the team home.

At the moment, everyone is contributing to the efforts and when all your players chip in with bat and ball it makes for a very dangerous outfit and if they can keep this form going, come September they could well be in the driving seat.

Bucks had a very good weekend in Banbury, beating Oxfordshire twice in the T20 knockout competition to give them a wonderful chance of reaching the next round.

Amersham suffered another chastening loss as they were defeated at home by Buckingham Town. Buckingham could call upon England opener Ben Duckett and when he was dismissed for four, Amersham had a sniff of defending their target.

However, they unfortunately succumbed to their rivals and a first win still awaits, which am sure will be around the corner.

It was fantastic to do a feature with Winter Olympian Jerry Rice this week, even though we are in the height of summer!

Jerry had a fantastic experience in Korea at the recent Winter Games and I spoke to him about his hopes and plans for the future

and what he does in the off-season.

I keep saying it but we are so, so lucky with the amount of sporting richness we have in this area.

We have a professional football team in League One and some really strong non-league outfits. In rugby, some wonderful teams who nurture talents to go further.

It is certainly a pleasure and privilege to report on all this good work and long may it carry on.



Louise Sugden

SIX OF THE BEST

Chesham v Amersham-
Saturday June 2

A famous local derby is happening this weekend as Chesham and Amersham lock horns once again to try and get those bragging rights.

Both sides haven't had the best of starts to the season so a win here for either team would go a long way to kick-starting their campaign.

Chesham have had two wins in the league, but lost last week



against the might of Harefield whilst Amersham have yet to record a victory and had a defeat to forget when they could only muster 105 against Buckingham Town.

Matt Rance and Andy Viney will

be key players in this game. Rance has not hit his straps quite yet but if he gets going, Chesham could have a good total on their hands and Amersham skipper Viney will be vital to his side's chances.

High Wycombe v
Oxford- Saturday June 2

In football, this is a huge rivalry for the M40 derby and in cricket, once again, both sides will be hoping to get one-upmanship over the other.

Last season was a slight disappointment for Wycombe but they have made a cracking start to the season with three wins on the bounce propelling them to the top of the league.

Oxford had a very productive term last time out but have started slowly in 2018 as they sit second from bottom.

It is early days still but Wycombe look a team full of confidence. With everyone chipping in lately with bat and ball, they are proving a hard team to stop.

Both openers were out cheaply last week but Marles took the game away from Aston Rowant. A repeat performance could see yet another triumph.

Falkland v Gerrards
Cross- Saturday June 2

Gerrards Cross suffered a setback

last weekend when they lost to Cove at home after a sparkling start to their 2018 season.

They have all the tools in their locker to have a successful campaign but face a tricky trip to Falkland on the back of a loss.

Dan Hampton has been in aggressive form with the bat so far this summer and a repeat of his heroics against North Maidenhead could see the opposition bowlers toil.

Amersham Hill v
Pinkneys Green-
Saturday June 2

Both Amersham sides have had

real struggles in the early part of the summer and both have winnable opportunities this weekend to get that priceless first win.

Hill had a very tough weekend against Pinner last time out with their top order decimated by some fast and nasty bowling.

Inspirational skipper Billy Ahmed opens for the side with bat and ball and although his bowling has been very good so far, he needs a few with the bat to keep Amersham in touch. If that clicks, Hill could be celebrating on Saturday evening.

Knotty Green v Pinner-
Saturday June 2

Knotty have made a decent start to 2018 and racked up more than 300 runs last weekend as they put Coleshill to the sword.

With a decent batting line-up, set to come up against a Pinner side who have a rapid bowling attack, this is set to be a very close encounter on what could be a run-filled pitch.

Aggarwal v Patel should be a battle to savour with the latter scoring back-to-back hundreds for Knotty and the former bagging a hatful of wickets this term, including a three-fer against Amersham Hill last week.

Little Marlow v

Harpsden- Saturday June
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A fixture that Little Marlow can look forward to after a battering at the hands of Denham last weekend by nine wickets.

Little Marlow had made a solid enough start before last Saturday and will hope that home comforts can put them back on the right track.

The home form has been consistent in their early matches.

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