"Catching History"
Final Report
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1. Introduction

Catching History

In 2024, Scotland achieved a historic cricketing milestone, participating in their first ever Women's World Cup. Just 24 years previously, the Scottish Cricket Union had decided to form the first modern Scotland women's team – seemingly out of nowhere. Our current research, which is jointly funded by Cricket Scotland and Sporting Heritage, examines this 2000 "moment", via oral history interviews and focus groups with the pioneers of Scottish women's cricket.

Aims of the Project

Catching History is a pilot study focussed on a very specific time, 1998-02. During this short time period, a small group of pioneers laid the foundations for women's and girls' cricket in Scotland today and The Scottish Cricket Union (now Cricket Scotland) first recognised the women's national team. The aim of the project is to enable those involved to tell their stories for the first time, share their memories and begin to piece together and present a history of Scottish women's and girls' cricket in Scotland at this time. This will demonstrate the importance of recording, documenting and celebrating the history of the women's game in Scotland (forming part of Project 2028 – see later).

The aims of the project are:

1) To record, document, reveal and share stories from the Scottish women's cricket community of 1998-02
2) To record or document artefacts relating to the early days of the Scottish National team.
3) To share some or part of these stories widely through a final report or through web-based posts and presentation / publication event(s).
4) To develop interest, demand and funding for Project 2028

Final Report

The Final Report provides a summary of the findings of the project. This report itself is not for publication, but extracts may be shared with the wider Scottish Women and Girls Cricket community. The report will be made available to all partners in the project and extracts may be published on the Bayfirth Research CIC Website, Sporting Heritage blog and Cricket Scotland website (subject to further editing and after approval by Dr Fiona Reid). Partners may choose to publish approved extracts through their social media channels.

2028 is a significant year for cricket in Scotland. It marks 150 years since the first recorded cricket match for women and girls was played in Scotland. We propose a year of celebration of women's and girls' cricket in Scotland - with an exhibition of the long history of the women's game (Project 2028). Catching History is a pilot study to inform and contribute to Project 2028.

2. Structure of the Catching History Project

The Catching History Project is led by Dr Fiona Reid (Bayfirth Research CIC) and Dr Raf Nicholson (Bournemouth University). The project is guided by a steering group that includes Neil Leitch (Cricket Scotland Historian). Cricket Scotland supports the Catching History project financially and in-kind. We are indebted to their staff who have assisted in the project.

We carried out one intense "research weekend" where Dr Raf Nicholson and Dr Fiona Reid were able to hold a focus group of key participants and also interview others involved in women's cricket in the early 2000s and meet with our project partners. In total 6 players from the 2000s took part over the weekend, generating more than 8 hours of recorded testimonies for analysis.

Dr Fiona Reid presented at The Cricket Research Network Conference in February 2024. Dr Raf Nicholson and Dr Fiona Reid presented an extended version of that paper to a Cricket Research Network webinar in October 2024. A recording of our presentation is available: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GFcj3cGssk. This gives a summary of our work to that point and is useful background. We also contributed to a Sporting Heritage Webinar in October 2024.

Dr Raf Nicholson presented to the Cricket Research Network Conference in Loughborough in February 2025. The title of the paper was: "Why cricket's future needs to be informed by its past: The path from exclusion to equity in Scottish cricket" (Dr Fiona Reid & Dr Raf Nicholson). More information about the Cricket Research Network and conferences and webinars can be found at: Cricket Research Network - Listen on YouTube, Spotify - Linktree.

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3. The History of the Formation of the First Official Scottish National Women's Cricket Team

The formation of the first official Scotland women's cricket team was a moment in time. We have an emerging timeline of events leading up to and following the first official match in 2000. This timeline is not necessarily all correct at this stage and more research is required across large time periods.

Emerging Timeline – Key Moments

1878 1st recorded women's cricket match in Scotland (at St Leonard's School, St Andrews)

1932 1st international multi day women's match – Scotland v England (not officially recognised)

1977 Scottish Women's Cricket Association (SWCA) is formed

1977 Scottish Cricket Union hosted a women's fixture with Ireland (but played as Scotland North and Scotland South teams not Scotland) – possible subject for future study

1978 Scotland women's team played Yorkshire and Ireland – subject for future study

1979 Scotland played Junior England and SWCA asked for regular match v England XI

1980 SWCA played match v Women's Cricket Association (WCA) (England)

1982 SWCA invited to join International Womens Cricket Council – SWCA refuses and then women's cricket in Scotland disappears

1995 "Come and Try Session" held in Stirling

1996 Grange Ladies Cricket Club Team is established

1998-9 Grange Ladies Cricket Club compete in Northumberland Ladies League

2000 1st recorded Scotland Women's Team fixture recognised by Scottish Cricket Union

2001 Scotland women compete in first international tournament – European Championships

In Catching History, we have focussed most on events leading up to and following the first official match in 2000, but even in this time period there is a lot more to find out. Perhaps you can help? If you know of any material relating to women's cricket in Scotland (from any time period) or know of anyone who was involved in women's cricket in any way in the past, please get in touch with the project leaders or Cricket Scotland. We need your help to plug the gaps in our knowledge.

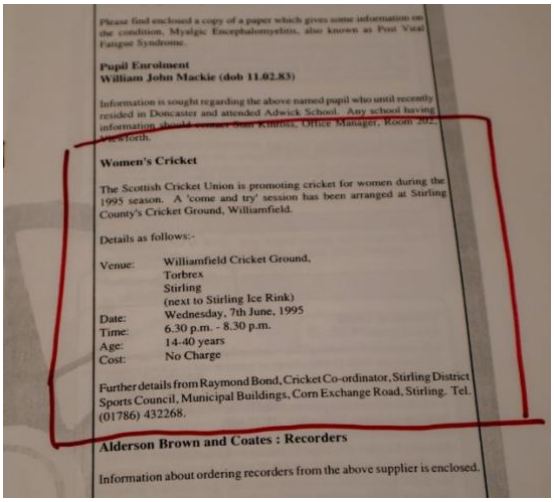
Focusing on the 'Moment' of Official Recognition for Scotland Women's team in 2000

Official recognition for Scotland Women's Team was part of an ongoing process of development of the women's game in Scotland. As the timeline shows, there had been earlier organisations and events taking place, but for some reason they had not led to an official Scotland Women's Team. There was something different about 2000. This research identifies one event in 1995 as a possible catalyst for change, but there is more research to be done on what was taking place across Scotland at that time.

1995 - 1996

Individual female cricketers were playing in various men's teams or alongside family members in different clubs (in men's teams as there were no women's teams at this time). There were also work-based teams that may have included women (we know of one of the first group of players was doing playing such cricket).

Cricketers who moved to Scotland were looking for a women's cricket option or playing in men's clubs.



Please find enclosed a copy of a paper which gives some information on the condition, Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, also known as Post Viral Fatigue Syndrome.

Pupil Enrolment
William John Mackie (dob 11.02.83)

Information is sought regarding the above named pupil who until recently resided in Doncaster and attended Adwick School. Any school having information should contact Sam Kinross, Office Manager, Room 202, Wickforth.

Women's Cricket

The Scottish Cricket Union is promoting cricket for women during the 1995 season. A 'come and try' session has been arranged at Stirling County's Cricket Ground, Williamfield.

Details as follows:-

Venue: Williamfield Cricket Ground,
Torbrex
Stirling
(next to Stirling Ice Rink)
Date: Wednesday, 7th June, 1995
Time: 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Age: 14-40 years
Cost: No Charge

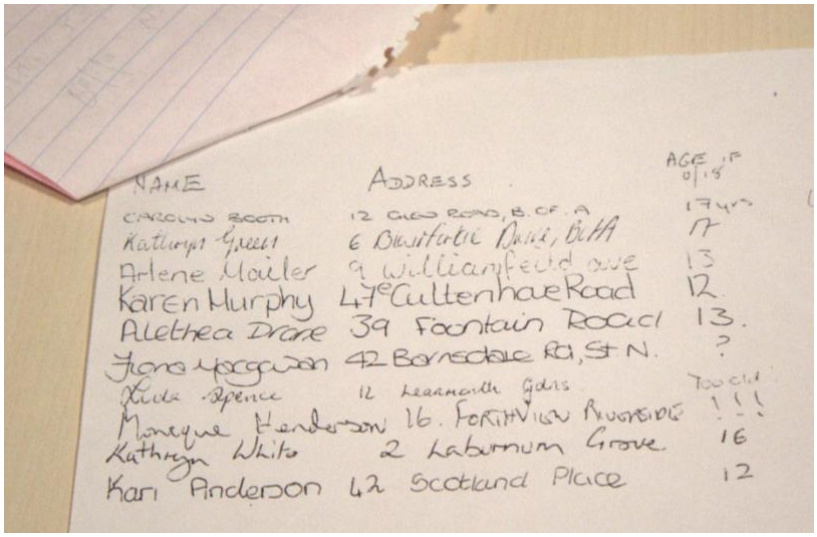
Further details from Raymond Bond, Cricket Co-ordinator, Stirling District Sports Council, Municipal Buildings, Corn Exchange Road, Stirling. Tel. (01786) 432268.

Alderson Brown and Coates : Recorders

Information about ordering recorders from the above supplier is enclosed.

A Scottish Cricket Union initiative in 1995 to promote cricket for women resulted in a "come and try" session in Stirling. This was led by Raymond Bond who was very influential in developing cricket for women and girls in Stirling and coached the juniors at Stirling County Cricket Club. (See note from Stirlingshire Education Circular Services Newsletter 29th May 1995 above). This was also advertised nationally in newspapers (where Linda Spence saw it in the Scotsman). We have a copy of the hand-written register from that session in the archive. Three of the first Scotland XI in 2000 attended:

- Linda Spence - an accomplished and experienced female cricketer had recently moved to Scotland (originally from Ireland)
- Kari Carswell (nee Anderson) – 12-year-old cricketer at Stirling County Cricket Club
- Kathryn White – junior cricketer playing in Stirling County Cricket Club (see Pre-1995 in Stirling below)



We can see that only 3 of the 10 players that attended were over 18 years old.

Thereafter, more sessions were advertised for Monday evenings at Williamsfield in Stirling by Raymond Bond (through a Scottish Women's Cricket Association poster template). Linda commented that she did not go to the next session Bond organised as the standard was not appropriate for her.

However, Linda recalls a follow-up event which was a match against the West at Hillhead Cricket Club which is where she first met another early Scotland international, Vari Maxwell. Although Linda remembers that there were not many women playing for West and there were boys playing to make up the numbers.

Later in 1995 a group started to practice at Carlton Cricket Club grounds in Edinburgh. This was supported by the Scottish Cricket Union in some way and occasionally a coach would attend, but it appears to have been a regular evening cricket session for women. Other key players from the 2000 team also got involved at that time, notably Sara Maclean.

Pre-1995 in Stirling

When a sports development officer in Stirling (Raymond Bond) offered an open "come and try" session in Stirling for women of all ages this built on earlier development work. Testimonies from Kathryn White and Kari Carsewell (nee Anderson) who were junior cricketers at Stirling County Cricket Club at this time explain the importance of Raymond Bond to cricket development in the area over a long period (30 years or probably more) and girls were included in the development pathway. This appears to have been part of the cricket development that was going on in some Scottish local authority areas and primary school cricket festivals were a key part of that. Kathryn had taken part in the very first primary schools festival in Stirling in 1989.

Kathryn said:

"When we were playing these tournaments, you had to have a minimum of two girls. So, you were playing eight aside, but you had to have two girls in your team. So, I remember it was myself and one of my friends who just lived around the corner from me who basically got volunteered"

Therefore, in terms of development, there had been much earlier roots that led to Kathryn attending the "come and try" session for women's cricket in 1995. Since 1989 Kathryn had been playing cricket with the boys at Stirling County Cricket Club. She described how she went to the cricket club as it was local to her

"So I'd been playing at Stirling [County Cricket Club] *since primary school, because Raymond had come to [do]... kwik cricket… and for years,* [I] *was the only girl that was there.* [The cricket club was close to*] my parent's house. If you looked through the houses, you could see the high school. You jumped a fence. There was the cricket ground. You jumped another fence. It was a primary school. And my mum used to make me walk to school. So, if I could walk to school, I could walk to the cricket* [club], *so I used to keep going".*

Women's Cricket at The Grange Club 1996-2000

Linda Spence who was part of the group training at Carlton in 1995, managed to negotiate space for a women's team/club at The Grange Club, Stockbridge, Edinburgh.

Linda had moved to the Stockbridge area of Edinburgh and knew that cricket was played at The Grange Club. Linda's mother had toured from Ireland to play a women's tournament in 1977 against teams from the North and South of Scotland.

Linda had written to the Grange Cricket Club a few times to ask about women's cricket and had not received a reply, but then by a happy coincidence Linda found herself sharing a taxi home from a work dinner with the then President of the Grange Cricket Club in February 1996. She was able to put her case for a women's team directly and at the end of the ride she had secured access to cricket for women at The Grange:

"And I was coming home from a [work] *dinner one night in a taxi with a guy who was president of Grange* [Cricket Club]*. And I said, I've written to your club three times since I've arrived in Scotland because it was the only club I knew, because my Mum had played there in 1977, and it was across the road from where I was living, and that was when he said, Well, if you want to start it, I'll give you the keys. So that was how Grange started* [women's cricket*]. And that was in Feb 1996."*

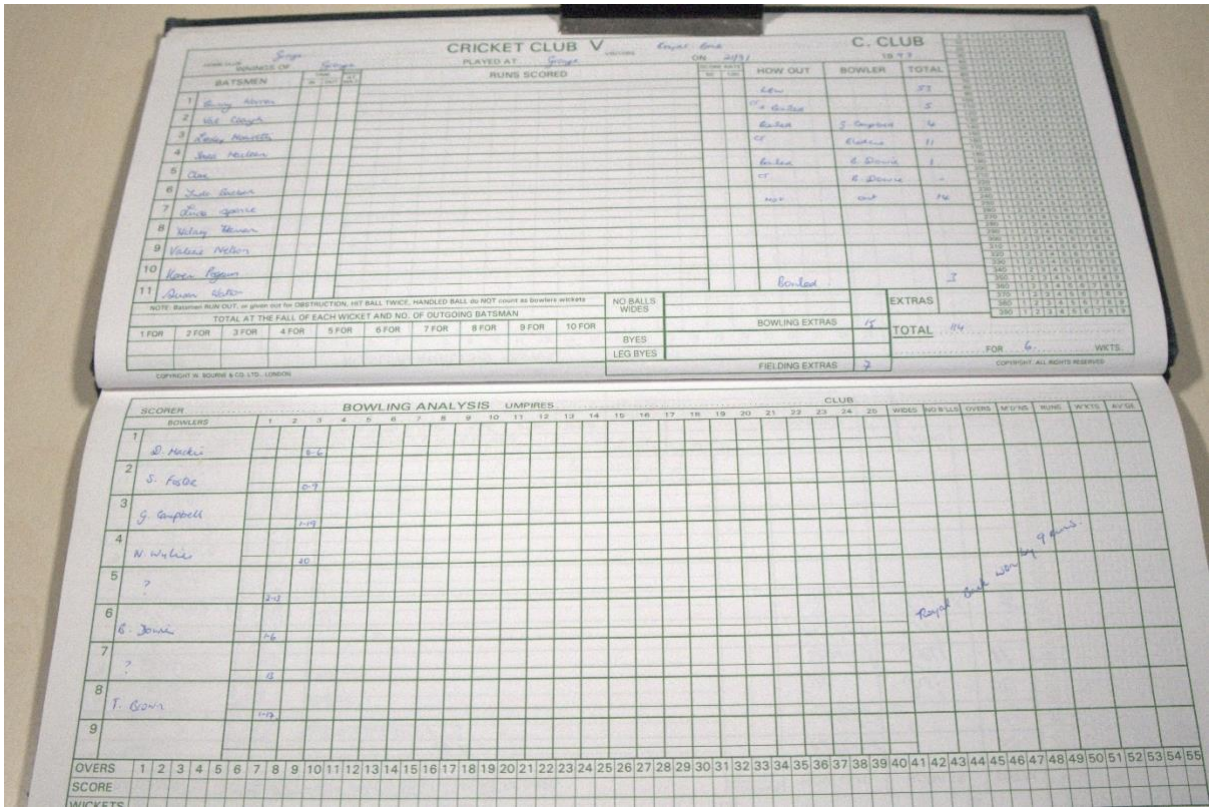
Linda was able to negotiate the setting up of a women's team, matches (including on the Grange match pitch) and coaching in the nets at Grange. She negotiated for the women:

"So, we did a deal at Grange that we agreed to do the teas on a Saturday in return for the West Indian coach, on a Monday night. Because he wasn't coaching on a Monday night. There was nothing on. That's how we got him. So that was quite a good deal, actually, because whilst it sounds like doing the teas is derogatory it was a good reason to catch up together, have a glass of wine, make teas, and [be] *more of the social part of the club.*

She then explained that the numbers of women cricketers at the Grange continued to increase:

"Because people who had either played cricket at uni or whatever, just suddenly started to appear, like Bunny. And Sara must have picked up at the Carlton [sessions]…. *And then people just* [found out] *by word of mouth. If anybody I worked with, or anybody I knew,* [I'd say] *come and play cricket. And then we got the softball girls… because they were playing across at Accies* [a grass pitch across the road from the Grange Club in Stockbridge]*..And then people just kept joining that you didn't* [know]*... somebody else knew somebody who used to play cricket... And there were all sorts of girlfriends or whatever turning up to play. So, once we started, it kind of grew quite a lot. I'm sure we're about 30 members."*

There was also a special 'social' subscription rate for women players at The Grange Cricket Club to make it affordable. The Grange Ladies Cricket Club grew to have two teams, regular coaching from the overseas professional at Grange, weekly nets and many matches which are documented in a scorebook. These matches were against many different teams who were looking for friendly matches, including East of Scotland Fire Brigade, Royal Bank XI, Grange Tennis Club and many others documented in the score book (see the following example pages from 1999).



CRICKET CLUB V Royal Oak C. CLUB

PLAYED AT Grange ON 24/3/ 19 77

INNINGS OF Grange RUNS SCORED

BATSMEN	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1 Greg Hayes	c&b		53
2 Mal Clough	st + b Nelson		5
3 Stan Monsetti	Bowled	S. Campbell	4
4 Jack Nelson	c&	Rickards	11
5 Alan	Bowled	G. Downie	1
6 Les Barker	c†	R. Downie	-
7 Lou Spence	not	out	14
8 Vilas Nelson			
9 Victor Nelson			
10 Kevin Pigeon	Bowled		3
11 Alan Hall			

NOTE: Batsmen RUN OUT, or given out for OBSTRUCTION, HIT BALL TWICE, HANDLED BALL do NOT count as bowlers wickets

TOTAL AT THE FALL OF EACH WICKET AND NO. OF OUTGOING BATSMAN

1 FOR	2 FOR	3 FOR	4 FOR	5 FOR	6 FOR	7 FOR	8 FOR	9 FOR	10 FOR

NO BALLS/WIDES — BOWLING EXTRAS 15 — EXTRAS

BYES — LEG BYES — FIELDING EXTRAS 7 — TOTAL 114 FOR 6 WKTS.

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SCORER BOWLING ANALYSIS UMPIRES CLUB

BOWLERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	WIDES	NO B'LLS	OVERS	M'D'NS	RUNS	W'KTS	AV'GE
1 D. Hacki			8-6																													
2 S. Foster			0-7																													
3 G. Campbell			1-19																													
4 N. Wylie			40																													
5 ?		2-3																														
6 G. Downie		7-6																														
7 ?		8																														
8 T. Brown		9-7																														
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Royal Oak won by 9 runs.

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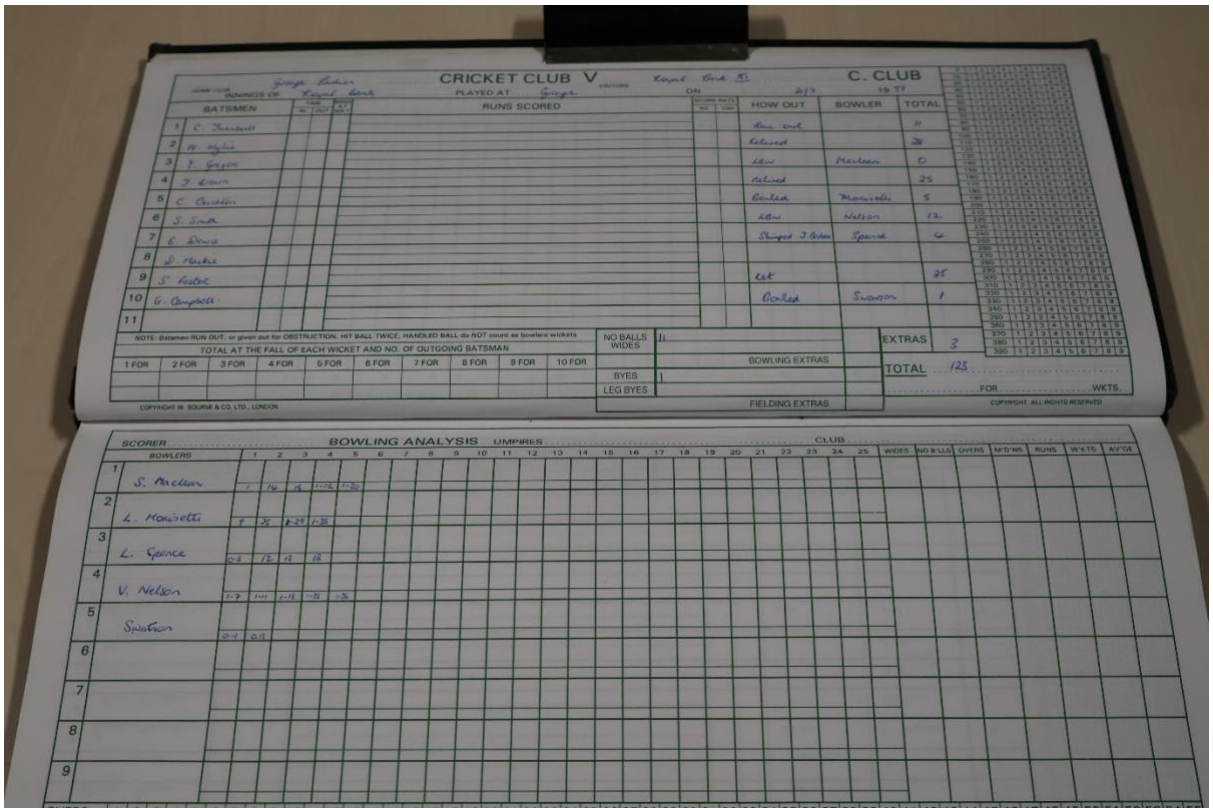

CRICKET CLUB V Royal Oak C. CLUB

PLAYED AT Grange ON 24/3 19 77

INNINGS OF Royal Oak RUNS SCORED

BATSMEN	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL
1 C. Thornwell	Run out		11
2 N. Wylie	Retired		28
3 T. Brown	LBW	Maclean	0
4 J. Brown	retired		25
5 C. Chilton	Bowled	Monsetti	5
6 S. Smith	LBW	Nelson	12
7 G. Downie	Stumped J. Nelson	Spence	4
8 D. Hacki			
9 S. Foster	Ct		25
10 G. Campbell	Bowled	Swinton	1
11			

NOTE: Batsmen RUN OUT, or given out for OBSTRUCTION, HIT BALL TWICE, HANDLED BALL do NOT count as bowlers wickets

TOTAL AT THE FALL OF EACH WICKET AND NO. OF OUTGOING BATSMAN

1 FOR	2 FOR	3 FOR	4 FOR	5 FOR	6 FOR	7 FOR	8 FOR	9 FOR	10 FOR

NO BALLS/WIDES 11 — BOWLING EXTRAS — EXTRAS 3

BYES 1 — LEG BYES — FIELDING EXTRAS — TOTAL 123 FOR WKTS.

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SCORER BOWLING ANALYSIS UMPIRES CLUB

BOWLERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	WIDES	NO B'LLS	OVERS	M'D'NS	RUNS	W'KTS	AV'GE
1 S. Maclean	7	14	18	1-16	1-20																											
2 L. Monsetti	2	25	2-29	1-35																												
3 L. Spence	0-3	12	13	18																												
4 V. Nelson	1-7	1-11	1-18	1-25	1-26																											
5 Swinton	0-1	0-1																														
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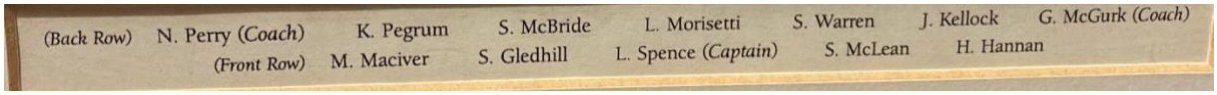
That Grange Ladies Cricket Club team was photographed officially at the end of the 1997 season (photo is displayed in Grange Clubhouse currently).

The named team was:



Of those 10 players photographed in 1997, three would go on to be in the first national team. Sara MacLean, Susan (Bunny) Warren and Linda Spence.

The Grange Ladies Cricket Club team attracted women players from any reasonable commuting distance (including Stirling) and became the main place where women's cricket was developing at that time (1997-1999). Away from there (and at the same time), some players were still participating in men's (or boys) teams.

The Grange Ladies Cricket Club team competed in the Northumberland Women's Cricket Association league (1998 and 1999) and won it both years. The league format was a team of eight players and pairs cricket (similar to the format of the Challenger League in Scotland in 2025) where all players batted and bowled. Susan Warren was presented with a batting award for 1999 by Northumberland Women's Cricket Association League (see below). Grange also competed in an indoor Northumberland Women's Cricket Association tournament (possibly on more than one occasion).

Cricketers from the Grange Ladies Cricket Club team represented Northumberland in the English County Championships in 1998 (Division 3). This was the first year that Northumberland women took part in the county championships. The team was captained by Linda Spence and other Scots in that team were Susan Warren, Kathryn White and Sara Maclean (who was notably 4th highest wicket taker in the whole Women's Championships that year with 222 balls, 10 wickets and a BBI of 3/26-see cricket archive). Interviewees speculate this may not have been popular with players in Northumberland that were not included in the county team as Scots took their places, and Scottish women were not invited to join the team for 1999 Championships. They were also not included in the Northumberland league for season 2000 because teams in Northumberland felt they were too strong as they were more than a club team (as they drew from a wide geographical area).

In 1999, Linda and players from Grange Ladies Cricket Club were looking for another option to be able to play competitive women's cricket. At that point Linda began to consider forming a Scotland team. In addition, the European Championships 2001 were also on the horizon….

Note: The Grange Ladies Cricket Club teams did not compete in 2001 when a new cricket committee felt that the terms of women's membership were too favourable and that the reduced membership fees for women should end. As a result, the women's team(s) were disbanded. However, the team has reformed and since 2022, Grange Women's team competes in the Cricket Scotland Women's Premier League.

2000 onwards

Linda Spence took her request for a National Women's Team to the Scottish Cricket Union in 1999/2000.

Linda recalls:

"I didn't have as much opposition in making it happen as I thought. I do remember one day sitting watching an international men's match at Grange, and I was with Sara [Maclean], and we were writing down what our proof points to be able to pitch to Cricket Scotland, where to get this, to make them sit up and go, right, let's have a team. And actually, I then remember going into kind of pitch the idea, and I didn't have to use any of the proof points, it was just, yeah, fine. How can we help you? You know, if you do a lot of the work, then, yeah, you can make it happen. And that was that, you know, we don't have the resources to do did it, so if you could do the work then you're fine. "

"So [SCU] *were supportive, but perhaps not got the resources or money to put into it to make happen. So, if, if I hadn't gone that day saying do this, or if I hadn't pitched up in Scotland, what would the story be? "*

In summary, the SCU gave limited financial, administrative and coaching support to the newly recognised women's international team, but the bulk of the organisation, planning and vision was enacted by volunteers.

In Spring 2000 there was an "Open Day" held in Edinburgh and more than 70 women and girls attended. Carol Smith was appointed Director of Women's Cricket for the Scottish Cricket Union. Following that Open Day, 40 players took part in a trials 8-a-side tournament and 16 players were selected to become a Scotland training squad. The first coach was Clarence Parfitt (North of Scotland Development Officer for Scottish Cricket Union). Initially the Scottish Select XI played matches against Northumberland, Cumbria and Durham, winning all three. It was reported in Wicket Women (a women's cricket magazine of the time) that the following season the team would play as Scotland. However, selection letters we have collected show that the team continued to be labelled intermittently as a Scotland Women's Select XI Squad and Scotland Women for a few years.

In 2001 with the European Championships on the horizon, the women's team organised winter training sessions and also designed a regional structure to allow for some women's competition and selection to be done. This comprised of 4 teams – 1 from West, 1 from North and 2 from East. We have not got results of any of these regional matches, simply the letter indicating they were to be formed and to get in touch with your regional organiser if you wished to be in a team.

Scotland continued with more fixtures in 2001 before the European Championships (see Appendices for more details).

The 2001 European Championships was the first time that an official Scotland women's side had played against other national teams – Netherlands, England and Ireland.

In 2002 Scotland continued to play in the county championships.

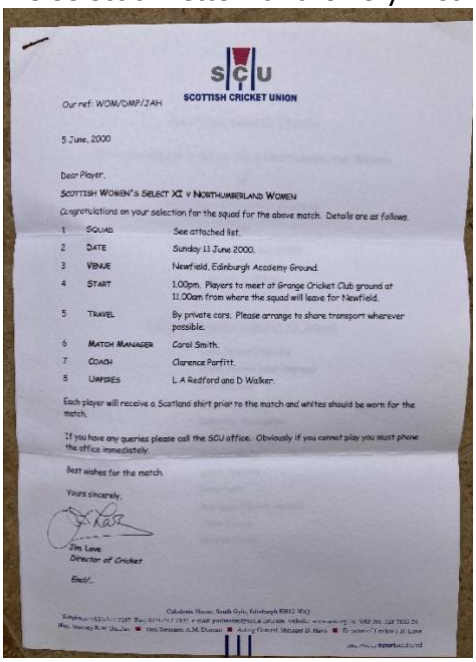
11th June 2000

The Scottish Cricket Union formed the national women's team in 2000. Their first match was against Northumberland at Newfield in Edinburgh on 11th June.

The very first team for the match v Northumberland on 11th June 2000 is pictured below (reproduced from copy of 'Wicket Women' magazine).

Back row L-R: Clarence Parfitt (Coach), Fiona Milligan (Scorer), Catherine Mclaughlan, Denise Newlove, Sara Maclean, Jenifer Mudie, Kathryn White, Alison Ramsey, Carol Smith (Manager)
Front row L-R: Claire McAslan, Kari Anderson, Susan Warren (Vice Captain), Linda Spence (Captain), Pam Quinn (Wicketkeeper), Fiona Pratt

The selection letter for the very first International Match on 11th July 2000.



SCU
SCOTTISH CRICKET UNION

Our ref: WOM/DMP/JAH

5 June, 2000

Dear Player,

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S SELECT XI v NORTHUMBERLAND WOMEN

Congratulations on your selection for the squad for the above match. Details are as follows.

1	SQUAD	See attached list.
2	DATE	Sunday 11 June 2000.
3	VENUE	Newfield, Edinburgh Academy Ground.
4	START	1.00pm. Players to meet at Grange Cricket Club ground at 11.00am from where the squad will leave for Newfield.
5	TRAVEL	By private cars. Please arrange to share transport wherever possible.
6	MATCH MANAGER	Carol Smith.
7	COACH	Clarence Parfitt.
8	UMPIRES	L A Redford and D Walker.

Each player will receive a Scotland shirt prior to the match and whites should be worn for the match.

If you have any queries please call the SCU office. Obviously if you cannot play you must phone the office immediately.

Best wishes for the match.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Love
Director of Cricket

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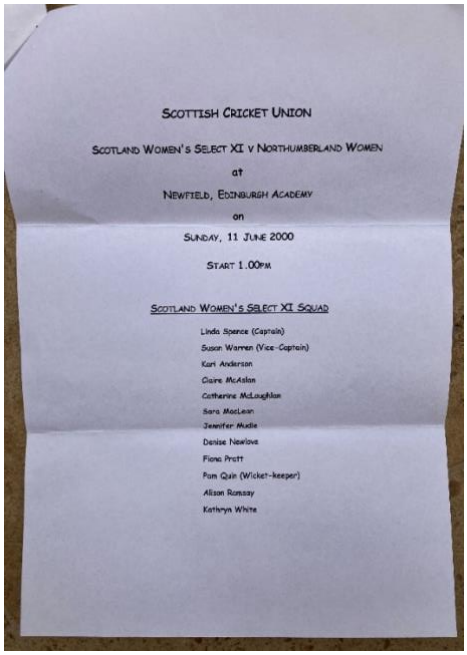

SCOTTISH CRICKET UNION

SCOTLAND WOMEN'S SELECT XI v NORTHUMBERLAND WOMEN

at

NEWFIELD, EDINBURGH ACADEMY

on

SUNDAY, 11 JUNE 2000

START 1.00PM

SCOTLAND WOMEN'S SELECT XI SQUAD

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Absolutely central to this team were the women playing cricket at Grange Ladies Cricket Club.

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PRIME PICKS: Grange players who have been selected for the Scottish Ladies' side include, from left, Fiona Pratt, Pam Quin, Susan Warren and Linda Spence

Selectors rely on Grange

GRANGE Ladies Cricket Club will provide the backbone of the first ever female representative team to take to the field this weekend, writes PAUL KIDDIE.

A Scottish Select XI faces Northumberland on Sunday at Newfield, Edinburgh (1pm) and will include eight players connected to the Capital club.

Team: Linda Spence (Grange, capt.), Susan Warren (Grange), Kari Anderson (Grange/Stirling), Claire Mollison (Glasgow Academy), Catherine McLaughlan (Pegasite), Sara MacLean (Grange), Jennifer Mudie (Strathmore), Denise Newlove (Ellisgowe), Fiona Pratt (Grange), Pam Quin (Grange), Alison Ramsay (Stirling/Grange), Kathryn White (Stirling/Grange).

This Edinburgh Evening News 6th June 2000 article focussed on the importance of Grange Ladies Cricket Club to the Scotland team.

The players in that photo were also filmed and interviewed by the BBC and an item was broadcast on 9th June (just before that first match) on Reporting Scotland (lunchtime and evening slots). We are seeking a recording of that footage.

The Scotsman published a photo from the match on 13th June 2000.

2000

Kari Anderson, third from right, is surrounded by her Scotland team-mates during their seven-wicket victory over Northumberland yesterday. It was a memorable weekend for the teenager as on Saturday she became the first woman to play in the men's National League. Picture: Neil Hanna

Rest of Summer 2000

In total 18 women represented Scotland in that first season, across a number of matches against English Counties. Over the following two seasons, further players (mostly from clubs other than Grange Ladies) received international recognition – a total of 25 in those first three seasons. The names and details of those first caps are listed in the Appendices.

This team picture is from a match later in 2000 (extract from 'Scottish Cricket' 2001, Edited by Neil Leitch). There were also match reports in this Annual.

Women's Cricket

Scotland Team for 2000

Back row - Clarence Parfitt (Coach), Susan Warren, Alison Ramsay, Fiona Urquhart, Cat McLaughlin, Kathryn White, Carol Smith (Manager), Sara MacLean

Front row - Rachel Atherton-Charvat, Fion:- Pratt, Linda Spence (Captain), Aileen Galvin, Kari Anderson, Pam Quin

SCOTLAND FORMS A NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAM

The Scottish Cricket Union has formed its first national women's team. An Open Day was held in the Edinburgh Academy Sports Hall last year when over 70 women and girls from all over Scotland were put through their paces by Scotland's Director of Cricket, Jim Love, and Head Coach Mike Hendrick. On Sunday 28 May forty of the players attended an 8-a-side indoor tournament at Merchiston Castle School which also served as a trial session.

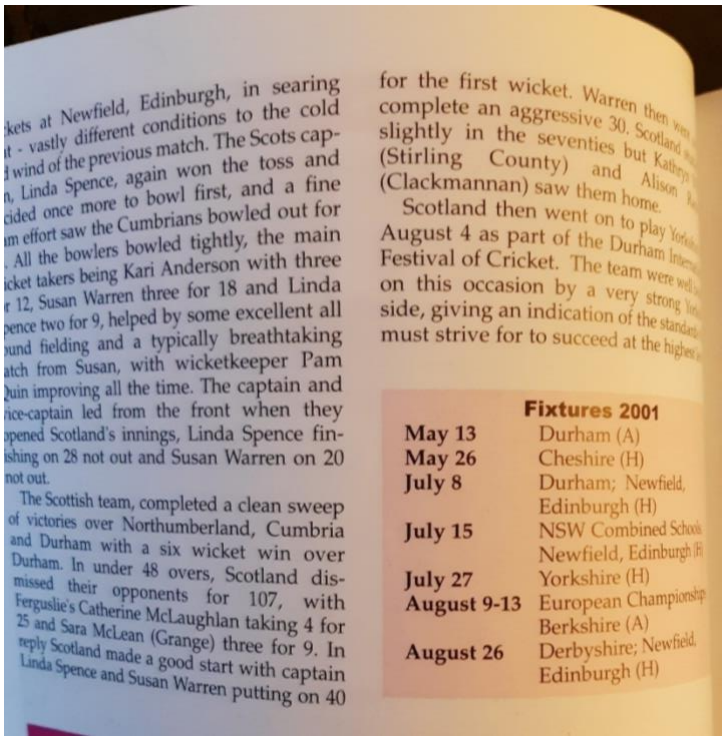
A squad was then chosen to play as a Scottish Select XI against Northumberland and Cumbria. Thereafter the team played against Durham and in the Durham International Festival in August against Yorkshire. The immediate aim was to prepare for the European Championships in 2001 and to develop District teams throughout Scotland and encourage the formation of Under 21 and younger age group sides. The response so far has been very encouraging and anyone interested in becoming involved should contact the SCU who will put them in touch with the nearest club and coaching opportunities.

WINNING START FOR SCOTTISH SELECT XI

The Scottish Select XI made a good start, winning their first match, against Northumberland, by seven wickets at Newfield on Sunday 11 June. Scotland captain, Linda Spence, won the toss and in the doubtful weather conditions asked the opposition to bat first. A slightly weakened Northumberland side was shot out for only 45 in less than 34 overs, with just one batsman reaching double figures. The bowling honours went to Sara McLean of Grange who took three wickets for just seven runs, with Catherine McLaughlin of Fergusiie and Kari Anderson of Stirling County taking two apiece. Susan Warren was the pick of a good fielding side with two stunning catches. Susan Warren and Linda Spence opened the batting for Scotland, with Linda carrying her bat for 20, whilst Susan made 15, as the team cruised home in just 15.4 overs, losing only three wickets on the way.

SCOTTISH SELECT XI WIN AGAIN AS THEY OVERCOME CUMBRIA

The Scottish Select XI followed up their seven wicket win over Northumberland with a convincing victory over Cumbria by 10



kets at Newfield, Edinburgh, in searing t - vastly different conditions to the cold d wind of the previous match. The Scots cap- n, Linda Spence, again won the toss and cided once more to bowl first, and a fine m effort saw the Cumbrians bowled out for . All the bowlers bowled tightly, the main cket takers being Kari Anderson with three r 12, Susan Warren three for 18 and Linda pence two for 9, helped by some excellent all und fielding and a typically breathtaking tch from Susan, with wicketkeeper Pam uin improving all the time. The captain and ice-captain led from the front when they pened Scotland's innings, Linda Spence fin- shing on 28 not out and Susan Warren on 20 not out.

The Scottish team, completed a clean sweep of victories over Northumberland, Cumbria and Durham with a six wicket win over Durham. In under 48 overs, Scotland dismissed their opponents for 107, with Fergusliе's Catherine McLaughlan taking 4 for 25 and Sara McLean (Grange) three for 9. In reply Scotland made a good start with captain Linda Spence and Susan Warren putting on 40 for the first wicket. Warren then were complete an aggressive 30. Scotland slightly in the seventies but Kathryn (Stirling County) and Alison (Clackmannan) saw them home.

Scotland then went on to play Yorks August 4 as part of the Durham Festival of Cricket. The team were wel on this occasion by a very strong Yor side, giving an indication of the standard must strive for to succeed at the higher

Fixtures 2001

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To clarify, players in the team photo were:

Back row L-R: Clarence Parfitt (coach), Susan Warren (Vice-captain), Alison Ramsay, Fiona Urquhart, Catherine McLaughlan, Kathryn White, Carol Smith (Manager), Sara Maclean
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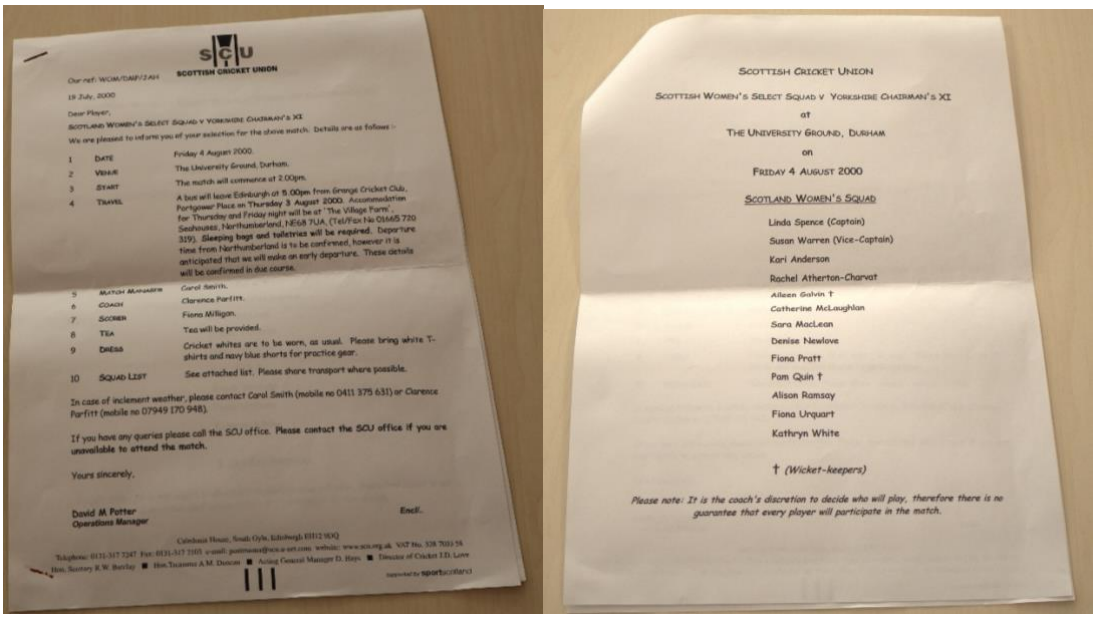
Scotland v Yorkshire Chairman's XI 19 July 2000



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SCOTTISH CRICKET UNION

Our ref: WOM/DMP/JAH

19 July, 2000

Dear Player,

SCOTLAND WOMEN'S SELECT SQUAD v YORKSHIRE CHAIRMAN'S XI

We are pleased to inform you of your selection for the above match. Details are as follows :-

1 DATE — Friday 4 August 2000.
2 VENUE — The University Ground, Durham.
3 START — The match will commence at 2.00pm.
4 TRAVEL — A bus will leave Edinburgh at 5.00pm from Grange Cricket Club, Portgower Place on Thursday 3 August 2000. Accommodation for Thursday and Friday night will be at "The Village Farm", Seahouses, Northumberland, NE68 7UA. (Tel/Fax No 01665 720 319). Sleeping bags and toiletries will be required. Departure time from Northumberland is to be confirmed, however it is anticipated that we will make an early departure. These details will be confirmed in due course.
5 MATCH MANAGER — Carol Smith.
6 COACH — Clarence Parfitt.
7 SCORER — Fiona Milligan.
8 TEA — Tea will be provided.
9 DRESS — Cricket whites are to be worn, as usual. Please bring white T-shirts and navy blue shorts for practice gear.
10 SQUAD LIST — See attached list. Please share transport where possible.

In case of inclement weather, please contact Carol Smith (mobile no 0411 375 631) or Clarence Parfitt (mobile no 07949 170 948).

If you have any queries please call the SCU office. Please contact the SCU office if you are unavailable to attend the match.

Yours sincerely,

David M Potter
Operations Manager

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SCOTTISH CRICKET UNION

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Kathryn White

† (Wicket-keepers)

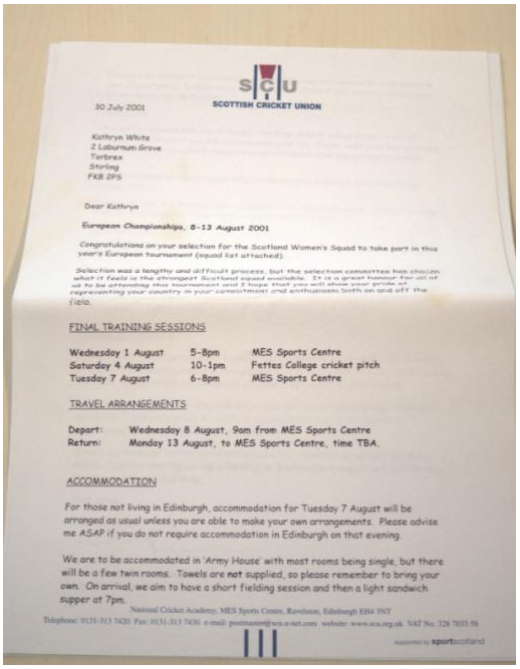
Please note: It is the coach's discretion to decide who will play, therefore there is no guarantee that every player will participate in the match.

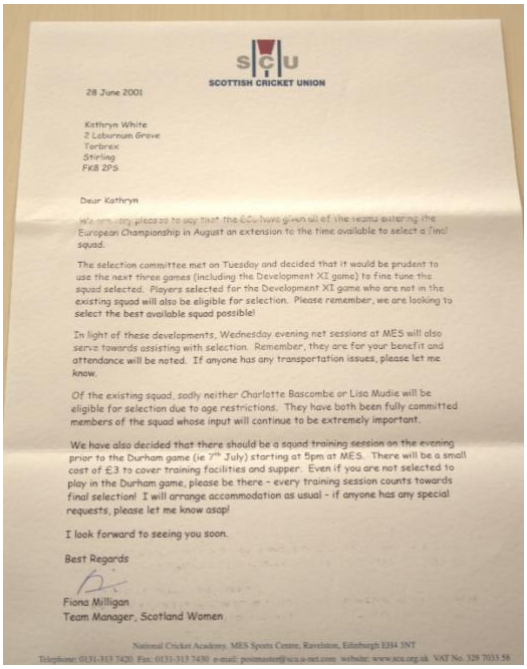
This selection letter was for a match the players felt had been a very big deal – in fact they were given cricket Scotland baseball caps (not actual caps) for it. Note that while transport was provided and free, accommodation was in the manager's home, and they were asked to bring sleeping bags. (Carol Smith was the manager, she was based in Northumberland).

2001 European Championships

The Official Programme

Scotland team selection letter and pre-selection letter.





4. Oral Histories of Scottish Women's Cricket 1998-2002

There are some very interesting memories and stories shared through seven interviews and focus groups. They cannot all be described here, but the plan is to lodge the interviews into the Cricket Scotland archive and the Scottish Cricket Archive held in the National Library of Scotland.

Recording and Documenting the Stories

Some highlights from the interviews:

- Descriptions of early women's training sessions in the late 1990s at Carlton Cricket Club in Edinburgh where once players had to scale the wall to get into the field (Sara Maclean's car bonnet was used as a boost).
- Support from a range of male allies across clubs, Cricket Scotland and overseas professionals.
- The persistence, determination and dedication of Linda Spence as she drove the process of developing women's cricket in Scotland forward – with explanations of how everything was organised by the group of dedicated volunteers (with some Cricket Scotland support).
- Kathryn White (Cap Number 11) explained what it felt like to play women's cricket compared to the men's and boy's teams she was in previously:

"I think massive differences to begin with, like... when I was playing boys cricket and even men's cricket. It wasn't until after the start of the Scotland side where suddenly I was opening the batting and the bowling. So previously, I maybe bowled a bit and got a chance to bat, but it was way down the order, and then all of a sudden, because I could bat, I was then opening the batting, which was a totally different position to be in, for me."

- Passion for representing Scotland as a cricketing nation as two of the players described how they were invited to England trials in the early days of the Scottish team.
- The long mini-bus journeys at weekends to England to play early Scotland matches (against English Counties) and which players drove, being stopped by police (who were baffled by the idea that players were driving back from cricket in the middle of the night) and having almost no sleep before Monday's work began.
- The importance of social aspects of cricket to bring players to a women's club to start with – and a low-cost option for membership.
- Varying experiences of players taking part in matches as a part of a club men's team – from being an integral part (captain etc) to this:

"I was playing for …Grange thirds…. and they stuck me out on the boundary to field, and the team was absolutely wiping them, and the Grange guys kept dropping them….. They kept dropping the chances. And I eventually caught this bloke, and he was just so mortified he'd been caught by a girl. It's just extraordinary"

- Descriptions of trying to find suitable cricket equipment (bat, gloves etc) in the correct size at the nearest dedicated sports shop (junior equipment was best). Susan (Bunny) Warren (Cap number 10) explained:

"We went to Aitken and Niven. I remember going one lunchtime with [Linda] *to try on men's cricket trousers, because, of course, there wasn't anything else was there. And I remember going into the changing rooms, putting on men's trousers. And I'm sure this was before the first Scotland game, because we needed to look a bit less of a motley crew, and then having to buy wonder web to, you know, to iron on, to take the hem up."*

- Camping in tents the night before an away match when Grange Ladies were playing in the Northumberland County League (1998 and 1989).
- A diverse community of players were involved in cricket at that time - particularly in relation to sexual orientation and cricket was a welcoming environment.
- Stories of outstanding individuals, in some cases really stepping up to the challenge of being the exceptional player in their environment.
- A narrative of cricketers who were women seeing their lives changed as opportunities opened up for them in the sport that they loved.
- For the first team in 2000, there were different routes into cricket for people from very different backgrounds and experiences. They will be documented in detail through individual oral histories.

5. Recording and Documenting the Artefacts

We have photographed and documented the artefacts already identified which include kit worn by the first team, photographs of the early days of the women's team, original selection letters, scorebooks, newspaper cuttings and more. These are not museum/exhibition quality professional images but enable some sort of cataloguing.

CRICKET SCOTLAND

december 2000

NATIONAL CRICKET ACADEMY IN FULL SWING

A turning point in Scottish cricket was made when the new NATIONAL CRICKET ACADEMY was officially opened on 25 September 2000 by MIKE DENNESS, Former Captain of England. This impressive indoor hall boasts six 'state-of-the-art' cricket nets, the very latest in floor finishes, and is set in the scenic grounds of the Mary Erskine School at Ravelston. The Scottish Cricket Union offices are now located adjacent to the National Cricket Academy.

Whilst the National Cricket Academy is used during school hours as a sports hall to the Mary Erskine School, the SCU have been making good use of the new facilities to hold National Squad Training Sessions at all levels, nets, seminars, coaching courses and other organised events.

The facility is available for public hire outside school hours, during the weekends and holidays. All booking enquiries should be made through the staff of the Mary Erskine Sports Centre who can be contacted on **0131 346 0400**.

A Victorious Start for Scotland's Women

The Scotland Women's National Team completed their impressive first season with an outstanding record winning 4 out of the 5 matches they played.

The Women's Team was formed after an 'Open Day' took place in Edinburgh in the spring. The response was overwhelming with over seventy females from all over Scotland in attendance!

The Scotland Women, who are coached by North Cricket Development Officer Clarence Parfitt, look forward to another exciting season in 2001 with various county matches taking place, a fixture against an Australian Women's touring side and their main goal - the European Championship in England which will take place in August 2001.

The Scottish Cricket Union are thrilled with the enthusiasm that women's cricket has brought to Scotland and look forward to more women getting involved in the sport. As the development of women's cricket is in the early stages, the future goals include the possible formation of District teams and National sides at younger ages.

Cricket Scotland Newsletter reporting the first season (2000) of the national women's team.

Scotland Cricket Kit

Linda Spence explained that the Scottish Cricket Union provided kit for the women's players. For the first match this was a Scotland shirt each, and she was responsible for actually getting it from the Scottish Cricket Union offices:

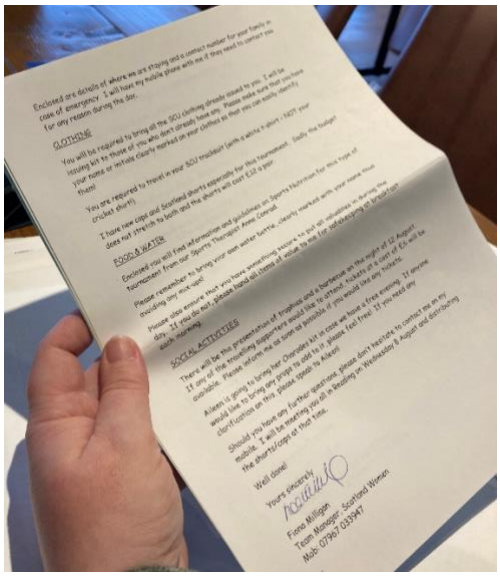
"So, it was working your way through the cupboards [in SCU], *going, that is the national kit. So, if there's enough of it there for the girls, then you can have it."*

Kathryn White (Cap number 11) has kept all of her kit from Scotland (that has not been worn out). Here is the shirt she wore in that first match:

Later in 2000, there were team tracksuits, and for the European Championships in 2001. Linda said she spent time in the Scottish Cricket Union cupboard finding spare kit to use:

"…which is why you will see people in some of the photographs in odd sizes of trousers or tops or whatever. We tried to match up as much as we could to get kit for everybody."

In the 2001 European Championships selection letter it was explained that new caps and shorts had been organised specifically for the tournament but that the budget could only cover the cost of one item, so everyone had to pay £12 for shorts. (See extract from selection letter below – and fascinating to see that Aileen's charades kit gets a special mention!)



Kathryn holds up this woollen knitted sleeveless jersey with the thistle logo and proudly describes it as very special:

"This one was, I think because, I think just purely because of the fact that it's a proper cricket jumper… and that it's the full-on wool, and it has the thistle. This would be something that would never get chucked out, just because it did signify something a little bit more special at the time, because it was a real jumper with a thistle, as opposed to your standard kit. It just has a different feel to it."

Baseball Caps

The box that Kathryn has brought is full of baseball caps that she has been given when on Scotland duty. Some caps are more stained and faded than others and she fondly remembers one in particular that she said was her favourite. She describes how she has framed her 50th and 100th cap (the actual baseball cap given) alongside the retrospective official cap she received with other internationalists in 2019.

In contrast, Kari was part of the England Women's Development Squad in 2000 and as part of that selection was issued with the following clothing (in sizes to choose S/M/L/XL):

Long sleeved cricket shirt x 2
Short sleeved cricket shirt x 2
Long Sleeved sweater
Sleeveless sweater
Tracksuit
T shirt x 2
Shorts
Sunhat
Cricket cap (baseball style)

6. Contrasting Journeys of those first Scotland Women Cricketers from the team of 2000

There were very different routes into representative cricket for players who were selected for the Scottish Women's Cricket Team in 2000. From the interviews carried out so far, we can outline some of the ways cricket impacted their lives and their very different backgrounds and experiences. These journeys are not yet fully documented; some journeys can be seen on the 'Catching History' page of Bayfirth Research CIC and Cricket Scotland websites and there is more to be written. Please get in touch if you were involved in women's cricket in Scotland (at any level, in any capacity) in the past – we want to hear and recognise your story!

Some examples of the different journeys are:

- Coming from Ireland where cricket for women was well-established
- Coming from England – where university had afforded opportunities
- Coming from England and a junior set-up there
- Entry to cricket through primary school cricket festivals
- Accessing the junior set-up (open to boys and girls) at Stirling County Cricket Club
- Elite athletes from other sports being drawn to a new sport through friends or location
- Playing softball and being part of a social group at venue near to a cricket club
- Social cricket activities at Grange drawing in players for multiple reasons
- Each player using their (wider) networks to draw in more players
- Playing in men's teams and then playing women's cricket
- Only playing women's cricket

7. Emerging Themes

- Piecemeal development: Events that led to the formation of team did not seem like a strategic plan. Instead, it was a piecemeal process where lots of individual efforts led towards the 2000 match.
- Key Individuals: Linda Spence was absolutely the key to achieving this recognition and this team. Her determination and commitment and personal cricketing excellence plus superb networking skills led to the achievements.
- Varied pathways into cricket: There were different routes into representative cricket (or to Grange first) for people from very different backgrounds and experiences. Each player had an individual story or route to representing Scotland.
- Role of individual clubs: Grange Ladies Cricket Club was one catalyst.
- Nature of SCU support: There was support from Scottish Cricket Union (SCU) providing Linda (and other volunteers) did the work.
- Lack of recognition: There were no caps for female internationalists until 2019 when Abbi Aitken Drummond led an initiative to recognise the pioneers (like the men's team had always done at the time).
- Further research: Further research is needed into players who were not at Grange Ladies Cricket Club to plot their journeys. Further research is needed to understand

more of the pioneers' journeys as well as to expand and to record the histories of other club teams, and other female cricketers since 2000.

8. Future work

There have been several key moments in the history of women's cricket in Scotland. However, 2000 was critical in its development. If the leaders of women's cricket had not achieved recognition then, followed by entry into the English County system and European Cricket Championships from 2001 then we could be looking at a very different present-day situation. Imagine if the Scotland women's team had not been formed until Kari Carswell was old enough to lead it, or even a situation where Kari had represented England given no Scotland alternative and instead other women cricketers would have been starting from scratch as they struggled to start their careers – players like Kathryn White or Lorna Jack, or even the Bryce sisters might have been facing the hurdle of creating the first team.

Project 2028 – Plans for Future

We would like to be able to move forward from this pilot project which looked at a small but significant time period for Scottish Women's Cricket, to present the story (timeline) and stories (oral histories) of the 150 years since the first documented women's match in Scotland.

We are looking for partners, supporters and sponsors for Project 2028 – to deliver an exhibition sharing the story and stories of Scottish Women's Cricket to be displayed in 2028. Catching History (this pilot study) will inform and contribute to the Project 2028 exhibition.

Further Research

The next phases of our project could include:

- Completing the record of players and matches in 1998-2002 with more oral histories and fully documenting the journeys of those pioneers in the first seasons.
- Collecting information and stories about the time period 1970-1982. It appears that there may have been a lot of women's cricket being played at that time, and even a Scottish Women's Cricket Association, which then disbanded in 1982.
- Looking back into the past to understand Scottish Women's Cricket around the time of the first (unofficial) international match in 1932.
- Picking up from Catching History and collecting more modern history of cricket since 2000.

Scottish Women and Girls Cricket Research Network

Launched in 2023, this is a group of interested and enthusiastic people looking to get involved in, or find out more about, research projects in Scottish women's cricket - both contemporary and historical. Please reach out if you might like more information and to join the group (Women's Cricket Research).

How you can help

We are very keen to hear from anyone who has been involved in women's cricket in Scotland in any capacity at any time. Or perhaps a family member or friend played during their lifetime, and you have stories or memorabilia such as photographs or equipment or uniforms or letters that you might be able to share with us. We hope to record stories, catalogue and record artefacts and create a lasting record of the long history of women's cricket in Scotland. To do that, we will also need more people to collect, record and present

the histories - please get in touch if you could help! (fiona.reid@bayfirth.co.uk or Cricket Scotland).

9. Appendices

First caps 2000-2002

List of Scotland Women's Caps Awarded in 2000-2002 with date of first cap match, age at debut and club(s) at the time

Cap No	Surname	First Names	Debut	Club at debut	Age at first cap
1	Anderson	Kari	11/06/2000	Stirling County and Grange Ladies Cricket Club	17
2	Maclean	Sara Jeanne	11/06/2000	Grange Ladies Cricket Club	37
3	McLaughlin	Catherine	11/06/2000	Ferguslie	16
4	Mudie	Jennifer T	11/06/2000	Strathmore	15
5	Newlove	Denise Marie	11/06/2000	Grange Ladies Cricket Club	27
6	Pratt	Fiona	11/06/2000	Grange Ladies Cricket Club	
7	Quin	Pamela Anne	11/06/2000	Grange Ladies Cricket Club	36
8	Ramsay	Alison	11/06/2000	Clackmannan County	18
9	Spence	Linda Isobel	11/06/2000	Grange Ladies Cricket Club	34
10	Warren	Susan	11/06/2000	Grange Ladies Cricket Club	31
11	White	Kathryn	11/06/2000	Stirling County, Grange Ladies Cricket Club	22
12	Galvin	Aileen Martina	18/06/2000	Grange Ladies Cricket Club	32
13	Smith	Elizabeth Jane	18/06/2000		40
14	Atherton-Charvat	Rachel	30/07/2000	Grange Ladies Cricket Club	
15	McAslan	Claire	30/07/2000		
16	Urquhart	Fiona Elaine	30/07/2000	Stoneywood-Dyce	13
17	Mudie	Lisa K	03/09/2000	Strathmore	14
18	Stuart	Lorna	03/09/2000		
19	Bascombe	Charlotte Louise	13/05/2001	RH Corstorphine	14
20	Maxwell	Vari Symington Crawford	13/05/2001	East Kilbride	20
21	McIntyre	Shona Rachel	27/07/2001	George Watsons College	20
22	Sweetman	Caroline Jane	10/08/2001	Glasgow Accies	22
23	Drummond	Annette Jennifer	04/05/2002	Meigle	17
24	Lang	Heather	04/05/2002	Stirling County	24
25	Robbins	Catherine	02/06/2002	Ferguslie	

Retrospective Cap presentation in 2019

BACK ROW L-R – Leigh Kasperek, Laura Grant, Ailsa Lister, Charis Scott, Abbie Hogg, Cailtin Ormiston, Samantha Evans (nee Haggo), Jennifer McGregor (nee Mudie), Linda Spence

FRONT ROW L-R – Elizabeth Smith, Aileen Galvin, Fiona Campbell, Caroline Mitchell (nee Sweetman), Sahar Humayoon (nee Aslam), Kathryn White, Annette Aitken-Drummond (nee Drummond), Stacey Cowie (nee Christie), Lisa McDonald (nee Mudie), Diane Birnie (nee Pedgrift)

Scotland Women's Matches 2000-2001

2000

June 11	Northumberland (H – Newfield, Edinburgh)
June 18	Cumbria (H – Newfield, Edinburgh)
July 30	Durham (H – Newfield, Edinburgh)
August 4	Yorkshire Chairman's XI (A – Durham University)
September 3	Northumberland (A - Tynemouth Cricket Club)

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