

## **Ramjets crowned 2016 Northumberland U19T20 Champions**

It was the Alnmouth & Lesbury Ramjets who were crowned Under19 T20 County Champions in front of a large home crowd after a fantastic finals day on Sunday.

In the first semi-final the Ramjets took on the Tillside Titans and won convincingly by 10 wickets. Alnmouth restricted Tillside to 88, never letting the opponents get on top and taking regular wickets, the bulk of the Tillside runs coming from Will Thompson (42). For Alnmouth there were 2 wickets each for Cameron Batey, Alex Robson and Lukas Robinson and there were 4 dismissals for wicketkeeper Leon Midgley. The run chase was empathic, Ed Brunton 51no & Ali Batey 30no sending the ball to all parts of the ground, winning by 10 wickets in just 10.4 overs.

The second semi-final was a much closer affair between the Ashington Acorns and Tynedale Thunder. Tight Ashington bowling restricted Tynedale to 108 and the chase was an exciting one, Ashington got off to a flyer through Jack McCarthy (48) and Matty Potts (22) but collapsed dramatically before they scraped over the line with 5 bowls and 2 wickets to spare.

In the well contested final the Acorns won the toss and asked the Ramjets to bat. They had early success with the wicket of Ali Batey but Ed Brunton played a great innings to score another unbeaten 50 and was well supported by Olly Tulip (22) and Rob Burnett (14) as the Ramjets posted 128-6. The Acorns started positively, well ahead of the run rate and were in the driving seat at 64-2 after 10 overs but great catching and tight bowling put Alnmouth in control and Ashington finished 14 runs short on 114-9. The Alnmouth wicket takers were Cameron Batey (3), Alex Robson (2), Ali Batey (2) and Ed Brunton, whilst Matisse Richards bowled a crucial and economical spell and was unlucky not to get a wicket.