

# South and West of England U15 Cricket Team

## West Indies Tour 2010



**a memorable partnership**

**James Halson** and **Jack Wood** playing for Hampshire against Lancashire 2 days before they were invited to trials for the South and West of England Team in 2007.

Two years later James and Jack have been selected to represent the **South and West of England U15 team** for their tour of the West Indies in April 2010.

The team comprises 16 boys from 10 counties in the South and West.

James and Jack have played cricket together since they were 8 years of age, first at school and club, then at County and now representing the South and West of England

## Hampshire County Cricket

James and Jack have worked hard at their cricket and this hard work was rewarded in 2007 when they were both asked to join the **Emerging Player Program** at Hampshire, this is an **ECB** initiative which enables each county to give intensive training to 8 players aged between 13 and 16. James and Jack are just starting their 3<sup>rd</sup> year in this program. The program involves travelling to the Rose Bowl twice a week, once for an individual specialist coaching session and once for a group session.

They have enjoyed success playing for the Hampshire youth teams from U10 through to U16, for the last 2 years playing in teams above their age group. They have been selected to go to South Africa with the Hampshire U16 Development Squad in February 2010.

**Jack bowls with a very  
effective swing action  
which deceives  
batsman**

**He contributes with  
the bat coming  
in at 3 or 4**





**James opens the batting and bowls leg spin**

## **South and West of England Cricket**

Last year James and Jack were selected to play for the **South and West of England** in a Regional tournament, unfortunately, the weather was terrible and matches against **The North** and **The Midlands** were rained off, only one match was played against **London and East England**. James, who opens the batting, put on a top score of 62 before being caught and Jack took a wicket at a crucial time in the match leading to a win for the South and West team.

Their target for this year is to play well in the West Indies and earn a place in the team for the **Bunbury Festival** next summer, where the **U15 England Squad** will be selected.

## James Halson

**D.O.B:** 12.11.94

**Role:** RHB  
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**Club:** Yateley CC



**Representative** South & West of England U14

**Honours:** Hampshire U15  
Emerging Player Program

**Personal best performance to date:** 108 no – Hampshire v Dorset U11, although my favorite was a partnership of 177 with Jack Wood to beat Lancashire by 10 wickets when we were U12.

**Cricket Heroes:** Marcus Trescothick, Shane Warne

**Leisure Activities:** Watching and playing sport, particularly skiing and surfing when I get the chance, hanging out with my friends.

**Favourite Food:** Spaghetti Carbonara, Salmon

**Favourite Film:** Super Bad

**Favourite music:** Black-eyed Peas, but I listen to a real mixture

**Aim for 2010 Season:** Play well and score as many runs as I can during the season. Enjoy the experience of playing in South Africa and The West Indies. Play for Hampshire U15/U16s before selection for the U16 Jersey Festival at the end of August. Represent the South and West of England at the Bunbury Festival.



# Jack Wood

**D.O.B:** 04.11.94

**Role:** RHB  
RAFM

**Club:** Yateley CC



**Representative** South & West of England U14

**Honours:** Hampshire U15  
Emerging Player Program

**Personal best** 6 wickets for 6 runs, Hampshire v Middlesex U11,  
**Performance to** all clean bowled! I think this will be hard for  
**date:** me to beat!

**Cricket Heroes:** Michael Clarke – Bat  
Jerome Taylor – Bowl

**Leisure Activities:** Relaxing with mates

**Favourite Music:** Pretty much anything, R&B, Pop, Rock

**Favourite Film:** Bad Boys 2

**Favourite Food:** Roast dinner

**Aim for 2010** South & West – have a good West Indies tour  
**Season:** and then Bunbury Festival.  
Hampshire - play for U15/16/17s and then  
selection for Jersey Festival

## Tour Itinerary

The team will play matches against national teams as well as regional and club island teams, often at an older age group. The schedule is demanding but gives the boys a fantastic opportunity to play cricket at the highest level in a part of the world where cricket is a way of life.

<b>Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Depart London Gatwick for Barbados</b>
Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Fly to <b>Trinidad</b>
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Match v North East and North Trinidad</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Match v South East and South West Trinidad</b>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Sightseeing
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Match v Trinidad and Tobago National Team</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Fly to <b>Guyana</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Match v Essequibo</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Match v Berbice</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Match v Guyana</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Fly to <b>Barbados</b>
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Match v Barbados</b>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Sightseeing
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Match v Phoenix Academy</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Match v Barbados</b>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Depart Barbados
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Arrive London Gatwick

# Official Letters Confirming Tour Selection



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1st September, 2009.

To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to confirm that **James Halson** of Reading Bluecoat School, Yateley Cricket Club and Hampshire has been selected for the **South and West Region Under 15 team's** tour to the West Indies at Easter 2010.

This is an official tour, fully endorsed and supported by the **England and Wales Cricket Board** and by the **English Schools' Cricket Association**. James and the team will be most grateful for any support you can provide for this tour.

Yours faithfully,

Malcolm Broad,  
*Regional Secretary and Programme Manager.*



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We have to fund the trip ourselves so are earning money by babysitting and pet-sitting and are asking local companies for support.

**We would very much appreciate your support which you can show:**

**by placing an advert or good luck message in our tour brochure (from £75)**

**or**

**through a donation which will be acknowledged at the back of the brochure.**

**Please see enclosed sheet**



**Thank you for taking time to read this leaflet**

If you require any more information please contact us by email at [jjhalson@yahoo.com](mailto:jjhalson@yahoo.com)