

Johns Trophy Statement

It was a pleasure to watch players enjoying themselves at the two recent trial sessions and after these had ended, I must admit, all of you made it immensely hard to pick just 24 players, with every player being discussed by the selection team. As you know, and I keep saying, team players are vital in a successful team, just as much as those with outstanding ability, which just adds another layer to the selection process. I would like to thank all those who have made themselves available for the Johns and if you didn't make it this year, never think you cannot play in the Johns in the future. Looking at the last selected team (vs Essex in 2019) there are 10 changes. Perseverance and belief are wonderful things and should not be discarded lightly.

You will have seen the selected team on the website and the one thing that might have struck you is the absence of a selected squad. 2021 is an extraordinary year, with the Johns going to a knockout format and friendlies being cancelled – and that is before we know if the Country comes out of lockout on 21st June. Although it may be a moot point, it has been decided that each Johns game will be selected on who is available for any given match. This is a reinforcement on my original statement about individual and family priorities and probably will not be retained when we go back to a round robin format.

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