

## **First Class Players**

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The following NFJCA/NFCCA youngsters have gone on to play First Class, Minor Counties or List A cricket:

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**Damian Cyrus Shirazi: Lymington Colts 1996 - 2000**

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<http://www.espnccricinfo.com/england/content/player/20038.html>



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Shirazi, unquestionably one of Lymington's best ever colts players, made his NFJCA debut for Lymington's U17s...at the age of just 8! Whilst at the club he captained England at Under 14,15,17, and 18 levels, and later earned a place on the Lord's groundstaff where he subsequently became the highest ever run scorer in a single season for the MCC Young Cricketers. He later helped Totton & Eling win four Southern Premier League titles and two SEPL twenty20 Cup successes, scoring over 4,000 runs in the process.

Shirazi made 4 first class appearances, for British Universities & Loughborough University as well as 4 List "A" matches for the Hampshire Cricket Board. Shirazi also played 55 Minor Counties games for Wiltshire and Oxfordshire as well as 27 2nd XI games, primarily for Hampshire.

### **Peter Barrett: Lymington 1970 - 1983**

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<http://www.espncriinfo.com/england/content/player/9012.html>



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Peter Barrett played from Lymington from the age of 15 (after the establishment of the NJCCA but before the start of NFJCAcolts leagues) and was just establishing himself at Hampshire when tragedy struck. He made his first-class debut for Hampshire against Yorkshire in the 1975 County Championship. He made five further first-class appearances, the last of which came against Somerset in the 1976 County Championship. In his six matches, he scored 138 runs at an average of 12.54, with a high score of 26. He made his only List A appearance against Essex in the 1976 John Player League.

He was also a member of the Lymington side that played their first ever Hampshire Cricket League game in May 1973 - and scored 103! Barrett was tragically killed in a motorbike accident at Everton in 1983, at the age of just 28.

**Neil Raymond Taylor: New Milton 1979-1995**

<http://www.espncricinfo.com/england/content/player/21490.html>

Bournemouth-born Taylor spent his formative years at New Milton spending two decades at the club. The fast-medium opening bowler made two first class appearances. The first was for Minor Counties v the Indian tourists in 1990, a star studded side replete with Tendulkar and Kapil Dev. Taylor had the honour of being bowled by a young Anil Kumble in just his 6th game for a duck but With the ball, he claimed the wicket of the legendary Mohammad Azharuddin. Later that summer Taylor made his one and only County Championship appearance for Middlesex v Hampshire at Dean Park. Playing alongside Desmond Haynes, Gattling, Tuffers & co, Taylor took 3-44.

Taylor also played 22 List A matches for Dorset, Middlesex and Minor Counties taking 24 wickets, 3 second XI appearances for hampshire as well as making 51 minor counties appearances for Dorset. In local cricket, as at the end of the 2016 season, he has played a whopping 423 Southern League games for New Milton up to 1997 and from 1998 -2016 for Bashley for who he continues to star at the young age of 52 - averaging 42 with the bat and picking up 22 wickets in 2016.

**Ian James Chivers: OT & Romsey**

<http://www.espncricinfo.com/england/content/player/10725.html>



Chivers was a right-handed batsman who bowled right-arm off break.

Chivers represented Hampshire in two first-class matches between 1985 and 1987. He made his debut against Oxford University. Chivers final first-class match came against Glamorgan in 1987. In his two first class matches he scored twenty runs and took two wickets. Chivers also played a total of 50 games for Hampshire 2nd XI as well as numerous Southern League games for OT & Romsey, Calmore and Winchester Krakatoa. He left Hampshire at the end of the 1987 County Championship.

**LIST A, COUNTY 2nd XI or MINOR COUNTIES PLAYERS**



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### **Ben Craft** (Lymington Colts 1990 - 1997)

- Minor Counties Trophy
- Hampshire 2nd XI

### **Charles Heaton Forward** (OT & Romsey)

- List A - 1 game



Charlie Forward is without doubt one of the most legendary club cricketers in Hampshire having scored a century of centuries - with most of these runs coming in the Southern League.

Forward made a single List appearance for the Hampshire Cricket Board v Staffordshire in the C&G Trophy in 1983 as well as making ten 2nd XI appearances for Hampshire. Forward, who made his cricketing debut with Hampshire Under-19s in 1987 went on a Marylebone Cricket Club tour of Namibia during the 2000-01 season, making nine appearances for the side, five of which came against the Namibia national cricket team. One setback in his run-strewn cricket career was being caught on the boundary by the Editor when well-set for a ton in a Canford School inter-house game circa 1986! Now living in Bahrain, he is still playing the occasional game.

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