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The fifth annual Novia 20Twenty charity cricket challenge raises £15,000 for Bath Rugby Foundation.

The Novia Mallards took on the newly formed Novia Global Trotters for the fifth annual 20Twenty cricket match. The highly anticipated game raised over £15,000 for Bath Rugby Foundation, a charity that supports local underprivileged children through sport. Taking place at the prestigious Bath Cricket ground in the centre of the historic city, the event attracted a 250 strong crowd who watched as the Novia Financial Mallards romped to victory with a 113/112 win over the Novia Global Trotters.

The Mallards' Bernie Sporton and the Trotters' Simon Spilsbury slugged it out for "Man of the Match". Bernie's spectacular catching skills enabled him to keep hold of the ball following high impact collision with his own team mate, and Simon Spilsbury top scored with a record 28 runs against the Mallards fast bowling attack. The distaff side also put in strong performances with Bath Rugby's Halena Coury scoping the highest female score.

Guests were also treated to a charity auction hosted by ex-England and Bath Rugby prop David Flatman. Prizes, which were donated by local businesses, included tickets to the QBE England v France international, an Apple watch, and a signed Somerset Cricket bat and shirt. There was also a charity raffle which raised over £680 with prizes varying from a Sony camcorder to Thermae Spa vouchers. The silent auction promised the lucky winners six spaces on a sailing training day with the Global Trotters captain – Chris Skelhorn.

All the money raised will go to support Bath Rugby foundation which through education and inclusion, strives to motivate, raise self-esteem, increase confidence and improve life skills by imparting the values found in rugby – camaraderie, loyalty, discipline and respect, to local disadvantaged children.

Halena Coury from Bath Rugby Foundation said: "We are absolutely thrilled with the amount raised for the foundation this year and would like to thank Novia, the match day sponsors and the organising committee for putting in such a great event. Both the cricket and the surrounding activities were very well supported and made the day one for all the family to enjoy."

Paul Parry, Chief Financial Officer at Novia Financial said: "Bath Rugby Foundation do amazing work and we are delighted to be able to support them through our partnership with Bath Rugby. Over the past five years we have seen the annual charity cricket match grow in popularity and this year we saw a record attendance. It was a fantastic day, in picturesque surroundings. For those spectators less enthusiastic about watching the match, there was also an inflatable fun zone, a surfing simulator, a pamper massage tent, a Samba band, children's face painting and a BBQ and tiki bar. With over £120,000 raised to date for the foundation the committee are already looking forward to planning next year's event!"

Sponsors of the event were Stocktrade, Professional Recruitment, Altus, GBST, Quilter Cheviot, Financial Express and Dunstan Thomas. Many thanks also to the Bath Cricket Ground, Mendip Massage and all the volunteers from the Hitz programme / Herman Miller who helped out on the day.

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Notes to editors:

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