

# Lowerhouse Cricket Club Match Programme

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Lowerhouse  
v's  
Todmorden  
Saturday 26th April  
2008



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# THE TEAMS

## LOWERHOUSE

Finch (Capt)  
Driver  
Khan  
Bleazard  
Cottam  
Benbow  
McGregor (Wkt)  
Hope M  
Russell  
Grant  
Drew (Aus)

## TODMORDEN

Priestly (Capt)  
Bux  
Sutcliffe A  
Sutcliffe B  
Brierley  
Brown (Wkt)  
Morgan  
Newbitt  
Harrison  
Wood  
Martin (NZ)

## CHAIRMAN'S THOUGHTS

Seeing Frank Entwistle on the gate for Sunday's opening match against Accrington brought back memories of 'Cruelty Chap' Len Graham from a by-gone age.

Persuading the hapless, frozen spectators that the 2008 Lancashire League handbook was great value at £3, the best read since 'War & Peace' and then to extricate the unsuspecting from their hard earned cash to pay membership subscriptions early was an action replay of many scenes years ago when Len wouldn't leave a stone unturned or limb unthreatened until had collected 'subs' and weekly draw monies due.

Frank is doing a fine job as Company Secretary and Len and his cronies would be amazed at the transformation in him from his early 'colourful' days.

What would Len, Jack Hayes, Joe Waterworth and Jack Stansfield think to the new 6-lane cricket facility I wonder. They loved their cricket but maybe would have questioned the wisdom of spending vast amounts of money for the benefit of cricketers!

Times and ambitions at Lowerhouse Cricket Club have changed over the years and we believe that the facility is another step on the road to cricket and business success.

Editors - Mark Whitehead & Matt Stansfield  
The Future - Stan Heaton,  
Chairman - David Wren

Trip down Lowerhouse Lane - Paul Hargreaves  
Design - Helen Laycock, Printing - School Recording Stars



# LOWERHOUSE CRICKET NEWS

## Accrington Match Report

Lowerhouse suffered a defeat at the hands of a new look Accrington side in the opening game of the Lancashire League season.

Accrington won the toss and opted to bat first with House on top early doors reducing them to 11-2 with wickets for the pro and Jonny Russell. Accrington were reduced to 27-3 when Brendan caught sub pro Werner Coetsee (6) off the bowling of Jonny Russell. Graham Lloyd entered the fray and steadied matters before Toby Bulcock (8) was run out by a direct hit from Charlie Cottam leaving Accrington 36-4. Matt Wilson entered proceedings and attempted some big shots before being undone by the spin of Benbow leaving Accrington floundering on 70-5. Lloyd (32) fell shortly after again from the spin of Benbow and Crabtree (0) followed suit caught by Jack McGregor off the bowling of Jonny Russell. At 74-7 Accrington needed to knuckle down and that they did with Jimmy Hayhurst (34) and Simon Hanson (16\*) putting on 50 for the 8th wicket. Finch removed Hayhurst and Will Driver ran out Damian Clarke before Dave Ormerod was caught by Russell at backward point off the bowling of Finch to dismiss Accrington for 130.

The House reply started well with Finch and Driver taking the score to 35 before Finch (9) drove the bowling of Ormerod to the safe hands of Lloyd at mid off. Hassan Khan (0) came and went after misjudging a run to short fine leg and being run out by some distance. Brendan was also unable to trouble the scorers undone by the bowling of sub pro Werner Coetsee leaving House 41-3. Charlie Cottam entered proceedings and set about restoring some order before attempting a dangerous run to square leg leaving Will Driver (37) well short of his ground. Charlie (2) followed almost immediately Lbw off the bowling of Ormerod leaving House in major trouble at 50-5. Chris Bleazard and Stuart Grant dug in and took the score to 74 before Grant (12) was adjudged Lbw off the bowling of Ormerod. Chris Benbow entered the fray but Bleazard (7) was soon to return to the pavilion lofting an half tracker from Ormerod right down the throat of Stuart Crabtree at deep mid wicket. Benbow (11) added some quick runs before he too was undone by Ormerod who quickly wrapped things up claiming match figures of 6-56.

In depth match reports, scorecards, team news, fixtures and breaking news appear first on our club website [www.lowerhousecc.com](http://www.lowerhousecc.com) - Pay us a visit!

# WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

## Todmorden Cricket News

Todmorden started the season with a defeat in a rain affected game at Haslingden. Todmorden were dismissed for 59 with Haslingden professional David Bandy recording remarkable figures of 9-15. Haslingden won by 7 wickets.

## The Pro - Goolam Bodi (SA)

Goolam Bodi is a 28 year-old left handed batsman who plays for Titans in South Africa. Bodi who also bowls left arm chinamen made his One day International debut in August 2007 against Zimbabwe and was named in the South Africa squad for the 20/20 World Championships. Born in India, Bodi has amassed 2982 runs at 33.1 and taken 61 wickets at 40's since making his First-class debut in the 1996-97 season.

However, Bodi has yet to arrive in the UK and therefore Todmorden will field current Morecambe paid man, Bruce Martin. New Zealander Martin is a slow left arm orthodox bowler and right handed bat. He boasts 191 wickets in 76 first class matches at 33 and 1374 runs at 19.35.

## Players In:

Mark Clayton, Ross Stokes (Walsden) Players Out: Adam Highley (Bacup)

Last 3 year Form: 2005 - 9th 2006 - 11th 2007 - 6th



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# Trip Down Lowerhouse Lane

## TOUGH JOURNEY TO THE PROMISE LAND

Historically speaking supporting Lowerhouse Cricket Club hasn't been the easiest of journeys. If a ten year old, called Mr X had been supporting the "House" in the Leagues first year of 1892 he would have had to live to be 123 years old to have seen the club's first league triumph. If his son Mr X junior was ten when the Worsley cup was inaugurated in 1919 he would have to be a mere 95 to have seen our great win against Haslingdon in 2004. YES supporting Lowerhouse was always more for the "pie and peas brigade" than for those who feast on prawn sandwiches.

Looking back on the club's often rocky path one can think of many bad days when the humiliation was difficult to take. Some of those esteemed high court judges who paid for ritual humiliation in Cynthia Payne's boudoir could have saved plenty of money by securing a Lowerhouse membership ticket instead. But of course there were always some great against the odds victories to keep us going. (Well that plus happy pills and a bellyful of beer). The ultimately false dawns of 1980 and 1982 also kept the dream alive.

For me personally who like Mr X and his son started supporting the club as a ten year old, the darkest days concerned two particular week-ends. The season began unusually well under our enthusiastic Australian Pro Cameron Williamson. We had a thrilling one run victory at Todmorden in The Worsley Cup's first round. I was looking forward to our home game against Colne in the Cup Quarter Final and Burnley in the Derby Match. Colne had had a bye to get into the quarters and had lost all their league games. What could go wrong? Especially after we bowled them all out for 101. Just as "Halley, Boyle and Watson" as always been associated with Burnley Football Club, "batting collapse" for no particular reason is associated with Lowerhouse and on that day in 1992 it happened again. We were all out for 87. The next day we were skittled by The Burnley Pro Sam. If somebody had suggested Russian Roulette that night I'd have volunteered for the first and sixth goes plus four in between!

I thought 1992 would be the nadir of my life as a cricket supporter but a week-end in 2002 came along to push it very close. Lowerhouse were at home to Church in the league but more importantly away to the same team in the Worsley Cup semi-final the day after.

Lowerhouse batted first on Saturday and it didn't take long for disaster to unfold. Going for a quick single which was hardly their speciality Nick Hope snapped a hamstring at one end and Stan Heaton was run-out at the other. Nick was carried off and Stan walked off. It was like a Berlin's song "change partners". One ball it was Nick and Stan, the next it was Chris and Jacques. Our innings didn't recover and Church were easy winners.

Proud and undaunted, well hopeful and sheepish actually we amassed the day after at the Lancashire League's other West End Ground. On a great day for batting we decided in our infinite ( ) fill your own chosen word in here, to bowl first. My memories of the Church innings concerned their professional Mark Higgs peppering the pathetically short Blackburn Road side of the ground for six after six. All it needed was Sid Wadell after Higgs passed the 180 mark. He was particularly severe on Jacques Rudolph and Chris Bleazard. Both tried bowling wider and wider of the Rawtenstall like boundary only for Higgs to pull the ball for six. Church totalled 325 runs that day and the "House's" fate was quickly sealed as our better batters all went quickly. Only a patient 50 from young Gavin Shields salvaged a modicum of pride.

I felt bad after that game. How bad? Very bad. I felt like jaywalking across the Burrley section of the M65 with a Blackburn Rovers shirt on. I thought Simon Garner on the back should have the desired result. I felt I needed to be punished for being a Lowerhouse supporter. Maybe listening to Ken Shapcott for several hours on the glories of Burnley Cricket Club would have been a deserved penance.

Two years later Enfield, batting first got 312 against us in another Worsley Cup semi-final. They say the night is darkest before the dawn and so it proved the promise land came out of nowhere and within 13 months we had won our first two real trophies.

So as we come to 2008 many pundits are tipping the House to win things some say we have the best amateur batting line up in the league. Many think we have made a good choice with our promising young Aussie pro! How different then for a ten year old coming to Lowerhouse for the first time today. Good emphasis and facilities are there for youth cricket and a first eleven who will contend for honours. The promise land is here! One can imagine Jack Hayes and Ken Smalley somewhere up above saying at the same time "THEY DON'T KNOW THEY'RE BLOODY BORN"



# THE FUTURE

The junior section at Lowerhouse played it's first outdoor cricket game of the season when the under 9 bees played in the Rossendale U9 competition at Fearn's School Lowerhouse Wasps beat Haslingden A by 11 runs and Bacup A by 50 runs.

Thomas Halstead and Caitlin Brindley were the pick of bowlers and Luke Mousy was the star batter.

Lowerhouse bees beat Rawtenstall B by 26 and had Bacup B struggling when the Icelandic conditions halted the competition. Connor Juriansz, Declan Stansfield and Danny Faulkener were leading scorers. Faulkener was the pick of bowlers. Moment of the match was a fantastic one handed catch at mid off by Sulaiman Mehdi (age 8).

Outdoor Junior Cricket continues to be thwarted by the weather. The club is aiming to commence training on Wednesday 30th April but this is dependent on the ground firming up and the completion of the outdoor nets. Parents will be texted and details put in the press nearer the time. Some matches will take place before then.

The first game of The Junior Season got underway in arctic conditions but was a comfortable win in the 1st round of the cup.

## LHCC U15 98-2

Joe Martin 36\*  
Max Howells 26  
Matt Walker 11

Accrington CC's winter improvement includes their 2ndXI So the Lowerhouse victory was no easy task on a soft wicket.

## ACCRINGTON 2XI 162 - 8

Matt Marquis magnificent figures  
14 - 8 - 14 - 5  
Scott Hope  
9-1-27-2  
Joe Hawke 15

The 3rd XI friendly against Earby was cancelled

## Rawtenstall U15 65-5

Tauqeer Razzaq 2 - 7

## LHCC 2XI 164 - 5

Phil Haggerty 39  
Patrick Martin 35  
Scott Hope 28  
Joe Beneduce 27\*

# SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

## 2nd XI, 3rd XI and Junior Team sponsorship = Cost £250

For this, the sponsor will be acknowledged on our web site and in the local press. In addition all team sponsors will be referred to in press match reports. A board detailing all team sponsors will be displayed in our clubhouse, or if you prefer for £400 you can sponsor a team and have a board displayed at the club in recognition of your sponsorship.

## First XI Match Sponsorship = Cost £200 to £250 per game

For this you will have exclusive access for up to 10 people to the sponsor's area within our clubhouse, match day facilities include: -

- Private bar area - Free match entry
- Quality buffet for up to 10 guests (alternative catering options can be agreed)
- Free Newspapers
- Free car parking

Additional guests can be included; costs will be agreed on an individual need basis.

## First XI Match ball sponsorship = Cost £30 per game or 4 games for £100

For this, the name of the sponsor will be displayed on the ground on the match day and be recognised in the match day programme.

## Advertising Boards = Cost £200 to £250 dependant on location on ground

For this an advertising board approx 1.5 metre by 0.5 metre will be displayed with your company name and logo at an agreed position within the ground. Any person interested in discussing sponsorship options should contact Matthew Stansfield on 07789 958549.

## Benches

We are shortly to undergo a refurbishment of the club benches and we are seeking contributions from members who may wish to donate a bench be it on behalf of a departed loved one or simply as a donation to the club.

Full details will be printed soon but should you wish to express an interest in the meantime, please speak to Frank Entwistle or David Wren.



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