

THE FUTURE

Continued

Darwen U17s - 81 -9

LHCC U17 - 83-1

Ismail Khalil 4-6
Josh Lavin 2-3

Joe Martin 39
Jonny Whitehead 32*

A bludgeoning victory accomplished in 8 overs. Once Max Humberstone had pouched the Darwen talisman, Alex Davis, the Darwen innings was up against it as Ismail Khalil continues to collect wickets

A welcome back from injury for the sorely missed Josh Lavin (broken toe) and Jack Edgar (knee). This leaves only Matt Walker (knee) sadly out for the season

Haslingden 115 -2

LHCC u15 Sharks 116-5

Max Humberstone 2-19

Dec Bailey 52*
Will Paton 29
Max Humberstone 26

A bludgeoning performance from the lads with 6 overs still remaining

Longridge U15 137- 2

LHCC U15 Sharks 131- 0

Max Humberstone 51*
Dec Bailey 50*
Josh Lavin 27*

A truly astonishing batting display with 5 overs remaining

LHCC 13 Jaguars 231- 3

LHCC 13 Cougars 231-3

Top scorers Hannah Thompson and Hannah Till /
Connor Bethwaite 2- 11

Kean Craig 11
Harry Halstead 10*

A tie between the 3rd and 4th teams at u13 level. In truth the Cougars made hard work of the match though the determination of the Jaguars made for an enthralling finale. A couple more under 11s were blooded at this level in the Jaguars

Burnley District U11 girls finished joint top of the Ribble Valley Festival, beating Pendle, Blackburn and Rossendale. Ribble Valley and Pendle all won 3 games too.

Becky Gorton, Gabrielle Howard and Amy Robinson were the leading run scores and with Beth Heaton, Georgina Coates and Amy Robinson

Lowerhouse Cricket Club Match Programme

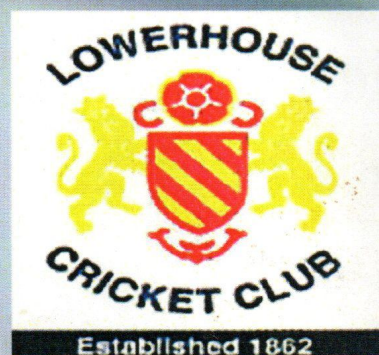
CLA^{UK}

Lowerhouse

v

East Lancs

Sunday 27th June
Commencing 1pm



ENGLAND



England

v

Germany

Sunday 27th June
Commencing 3pm
(in the clubhouse)

THE TEAMS

LOWERHOUSE

Cottam
Bailey
Beneduce
Bleazard
Finch
Heap
Hope
Marquis
Martin
Whitehead
Heal

EAST LANCS

Parchment
M Bolton
Kelly
Pearson
Lomas
J Turner
N Turner
D Turner
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MEET THE TEAMS

Today's match at Liverpool Rd sees second placed East Lancashire visit tenth placed Lowerhouse. East Lancs run of 8 consecutive victories, which took them to the summit of the table, was snapped at Todmorden last Sunday. Haslingden took advantage and returned to top spot. The previous day they had defeated Colne by 5 wickets. A feature of their success has been great performances by the various deputies for Brendan Nash who is absent on Test duty. Nash has scored 112 this week versus South Africa. Against Colne R.P. Hugo got a century and Brenton Parchment amongst others, has been a great substitute on more than one occasion.

Meanwhile the 'House lost both of their games last week-end. A positive feature was 15 year-old Jonny Whitehead's promotion to the first team. He had impressed in the club's 20-20 win at Colne last Thursday, which was summed up perfectly by Nigel Stockley on the Lancashire League website "Jonny Whitehead made a spectacular senior debut, hitting an unbeaten 57 opening the batting for Lowerhouse. The fifteen year-old hit four fours and two sixes, facing 52 balls as Lowerhouse made 149-4". In his first 2 league games last weekend he scored a combined 61 runs and seemed undaunted by his loftier surroundings. Although he won't take full toll of the bowling for a year or two; rest assured that day will come. In Saturday's Accrington game a classy Will Driver century gave Lowerhouse a 226 run target. Finch and Whitehead set a good stage of 85 before being split on a really good batting wicket. 'House crucially faltered in the middle overs but a nice cameo last wicket partnership between Joe Martin (16) and Oliver Bayliff (11 not out) achieved a couple of extra bonus points. It was a damp squib at Church the day after when a now familiar pattern was seen. Lowerhouse had Church at 75-4 with their 2 leading batsmen out but the lack of penetrative bowling saw the home team reach 216-9, a score that we never threatened to attain. Jonny Whitehead top scored again with 38.

With 15 League Championships and 18 Worsley Cup wins under their belt East Lancashire C.C. is perhaps the foremost team in Lancashire League history. Only Nelson fans could put up any argument with that proposition. They also won 2 out of the last 3 Inter-League trophies before that particular competition became defunct. East Lancs' last title came in 2003 with South African Johann Louw as professional, when they edged out Haslingden. Many of the club's successes down the years were achieved with fine Australian pros being backed up by better than average amateur talent. Back to back titles in 1951-52 showcased the ability of Aussie leg-spinner Bruce Dooland.

That fine Lancashire League pro, as Nelson fans will also testify, Neil Hawke was paid man in 1972 and 73 when further successive Championships went to Alexandra Meadows. More recently in 1990 Paul Reiffel, now a top umpire, was another successful table-topping Australian. One man from down under who didn't win any trophies was Allan Border who was professional in 1978. He did, though, show the immense promise of a prolific batsman of the future. This was famously shown in June, 1978 when without losing his wicket he scored 283 runs in one week-end. Unfortunately both games saw Border on the losing side, to Burnley in the league, and to a rampant Rawtenstall in the cup.

There isn't room to detail all of East Lancs exploits in the Worsley Cup. There last 2 final appearances were in 2003 and 2007. In the former double chasing East Lancs was surprised by Rawtenstall and easily beaten. Ex-Hassy man Ian Austin lead a successful, if unholy alliance, as the Rocky sub-pro. East Lancs achieved a degree of revenge on a Valley team by defeating Bacup in 2007. Bacup couldn't recover from 52-5 even with veteran Terry Lord's half century and lost by 5 wickets.

One man most of us associate with East Lancs is Jim Kenyon as both player and official. It was somewhat fashionable to give Jim a bit of stick but how most of us miss the contribution he and Radio Lancashire gave to local cricket. This won't be an easy mission against an experienced East Lancashire team, typified by stellar amateurs David Pearson and Mark Lomas, but let's hope the 'House can rise to the occasion in typical underdog fashion.

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LETTERS FROM A 'LIFER'



By Life-Long 'house' Fan Paul Hargreaves

CHARLIE CHIPPS BECOMES A SUPERFAN 2008.

Most fans are content to attend their various sports, and support their team and just be an anonymous part of the crowd. Other fans, either intentionally or otherwise, stand out and may be termed "superfans". It's important when discussing superfans that we don't include mascots and cheerleaders who are paid by the club.

Not surprisingly America leads the way in superfandom. In Cleveland football fans have a section called the dog-pound where superfans wear dog masks, and bring dog biscuits to games. These either get eaten or are thrown at the opposing team's players. Superfans of the notorious Oakland Raiders wear silver and black paint. Their most famous fan is called Shieldhead. In New York there is Fireman Ed who gets the crowd all stirred up in leading the deafening J.E.T.S. chant. My own favourite was Denver Broncos superfan Tim McKernan a.k.a. Barrel man. However cold it was in a Mile High City winter the intrepid Tim would just wear a wooden barrel held up by a pair of braces. It'll come as no surprise to us softies who wear our fleeces to Lowerhouse games in July that Tim is no longer with us. An English superfan is the eminently recognisable John Westwood who runs a bookstore by day but is a Portsmouth F.C. superfan the rest of the time.

Nearer to home the Lancashire League has had it's share of superfans down the years. Some are loud, others just eccentric. The latter would apply to Rawtenstall's Jackie Barnes. Jackie would collar anybody and everybody and bombard them with question after question. Unless you had masochistic tendencies you only got caught the once.

My turn came at Bacup Rd. one day and went something like this. Jackie: "You're not a regular, I haven't seen you before." Me: "I've come to support Lowerhouse." Jackie: "Do you live in Lowerhouse." Me: "No Rose Grove." Jackie: "I've heard of that there's a train station there." Me: "Yes." Jackie: "Did you come on the train." Me: "No it's a different line." Jackie: "Did you come in the car." Me: "Yes." Jackie: "Did you come up the by-pass." Me: "No through Crawshawbooth." As I remember it the 'House was winning but I was losing the will to carry on breathing. Sometimes an umpire will make a decision that leaves fans perplexed and we debate what as happened. In cases like these Jackie Barnes would walk on to the field of play and seek an explanation. All the league umpires knew him and would tell him to clear off.

Another part of the Rossendale Valley, namely Bacup, is home to several superfans. These are Clive of India, Roy of Rossendale and Eddie of Edenfield. Much as been discussed in previous articles about Clive and he is obviously Bacup's top superfan. Like apes in the animal world there is a designated seniority among superfans. This can be seen by the deference and respect that Eddie of Edenfield confers on Clive. This hierarchy was seen at Lowerhouse in the old days with Brian Moorhouse rightly entrenched on the top step above lower mortals. Eddie tends to find a niche of his own on the ground; not wishing to interfere with Clive of India's territory. Eddie's style is to give a running commentary on a game in a medium strength voice interspersed with a louder cry of "come on the Bay-cup". Some think Eddie a bit of an idiot but there is often a shrewdness in his comments. At least I think there is. I hope I can't hear you whispering it shows what he knows about the game.

Over at Turf Moor is superfan extrodinaire Kenneth Shapcott. His past duels with the 'House's champion Brian Moorhouse were the stuff of legend. They made Ali-Frazier look like a tea party dust-up. Now that Lowerhouse doesn't have anyone of Brian's immense stature it takes a group of 'House fans to gang together to subdue Ken. His loyalty to his Burnley boys is constant no matter what the state of the game. With Brian Moorhouse only supporting his beloved 'House from above there are several candidates in Lowerhouse ranks to reach superfan level' Peter Atherton often looks and sounds the part but has too many sensible moments for serious consideration.

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Chipshop Ken has the dance moves particularly when supporting his hero Johnny Russell but falls just short. David Ashworth has the voice, the intelligence and the barbed wit but doesn't watch enough games. Roy Ewart is of a superfan calibre in tea-room circles but not overall. Don't despair, though, 'House supporters we do have a live contender, a great white hope. This is Charlie Chipps. Charlie began his quest for superfan recognition by being a stalker. This is a good career move to get yourself noticed. Charlie would often do this to win bets to raise important beer money. Somebody would hold Charlie's clothes in the small park next to Liverpool Rd and then he'd make a dash across the field being careful to clear the stumps by a safe distance. In those days Charlie was firmly in "King" Moorhouse's shadow but is now an acknowledged leader. He'll often lead the "6 in a minute" or "wicket in a minute" chants depending on whether the 'House is batting or fielding. It was funny one game when he got the chants the wrong way round and was asking for the opposition to hit a 6. It wasn't immediately apparent what caused Charlie's mistake but Sherlock Holmes would surely have noted a massive row of empty beer glasses. Charlie's most iconic song is "You are my Lowerhouse" which is sung to the tune of the song "You are my sunshine". At a time when Lowerhouse's future, because of the tortuous lease situation, is always in some doubt, Charlie's plea "please don't take my Lowerhouse away" is very poignant. I always thought my ashes would be scattered on a cricket field that has existed since 1862. Would I rest easy in somebody's back garden in Heaton Close off Bleazard Drive! I think Charlie's graduation to superfandom came at Enfield C.C. this season when their fans started copying Charlie's chants. They say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Now that Charlie Chipps is a superfan let's hope he lives down to that status for many years to come.

THE FUTURE

LHCC 2XI - 58 -1 - v

Accrington 2XI

Patrick Martin 24*
Jonny Whitehead 21*

Abandoned

LHCC 2XI 163-7

Church 167-4

Max Howells 76
Alistair Smalley 41 *

Patrick Martin 3-33

It was typical of the side's luck this season that they played the unbeaten leaders on the day when numbers were at their lowest for selection. Short and long term illnesses and injuries plus studying meant that 3 players made their 2XI debut. Despite the score Church were indebted to an unbeaten ton from veteran Phil Sykes. Debutant Alistair Smalley scored an unbeaten 41 with Max Howells and Patrick Martin playing well

Haslingden 3XI - 176 all out

LHCC 106-10

Ismail Khalil 4-26
Max Humberstone 2-23
Fergus Bailey 2- 28

Kieran Tighe 23
Joe Martin 22

Some in judicial shots in the face of good Haslingden bowling caused this defeat

Colne 3XI - 201 all out

LHCC - 204-7

Ismael Khalil 4-29
Joe Bayliff 4-24

Lewis Marsden 60*
Ismail Khalil 60*

Debut 4 wickets for 13 year old Joe Bayliff and maiden senior 50s for Lewis (19) and Ismail (15). The 6th wicket stand of 113 proving crucial. A strange game not helped by the scoreboard being dozens of runs out throughout the LHCC Innings