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Meet The Fans

Michael Carson may not be a familiar name to all Lowerhouse fans but he is certainly a familiar face to those who've loyally supported the club down the years. Michael, from Padiham, is a fan of Preston North End and Padiham F.C. and is also a member at Lancashire C.C.C. and Padiham C.C. For all that he regards the 'House has his top team.

Michael became a Lowerhouse member 43 years ago in the World Cup winning summer of 1966, but his association with the club goes back much further. He first became hooked on the 'House as a 7 year old, in 1949, when he attended games with his father. He recalls watching some of the great pro's of that golden era, particularly Denison at Todmorden, Cec Pepper at Burnley and Bill Alley at Colne. The latter went on to play at Somerset and he became the last player to get 3,000 runs in an English season. Eat your heart out Mark Ramprakash!

One player from that era that Michael followed the career of was Aussie George Tribe. Tribe, who has recently died aged 88, was paid man at Rawtenstall in 1950 and 51. Michael as a titchy youngster, was ushered to the front of a queue waiting for the Australian's autograph and he remembers Tribe making a big fuss of him. Tribe went on to do the double many times at Northants and it's somewhat of a mystery why his mere 3 Tests produced only 2 wickets at an astronomical average.

Michael described some of the changes to the ground since his early days as a West Ender. "The scoreboard was next to the pavillion in the corner of the ground nearest to Liverpool Rd. The old tea-room was where Phil Astin's roller shed is now. There was a little stand at one end of the ground which blew away one winter never to be seen again." In those days some parts of the ground required a further payment to go on like a separate enclosure on a racecourse.

Michael, like time-served supporters, had to endure for many years that monkey on the back of never having won a trophy. He says he ofte had real doubts that it would ever happen but never gave up hope. So it was a great relief as much as anything that league and cup success came along. With that in mind I expected the 2,004 Worsley Cup final to be his absolutr favourite game, or perhaps, the win at Rawtenstall in 2,005 that clinched the League title, but Michael chose the semi-final victory versus Rishton in 1980 as the one he remembers most fondly.

Michael's favourite pro's and amateurs down the years show a bias to the batting side of our great game. He lists Marshall, Butcher, Azad and Elahi amongst the best pro's he's seen and Mahmood and Blez amongst amateurs. One of his favourite characters was felow thickneck Joe Mashiter, who was a slightly subtler version of another great Lowerhouse character Brian Moorhouse. Mashiter specialised in winding up rival sections of the crowd trying to spark a confrontational atmosphere.

I've known Mr Carson for many years and have noticed he is a creature of routine. He'll arrive at the ground about 15 minutes after the start. As he walks round he'll have a quick natter with the people he knows, often comparing the respective form of his Lilywhites [to give them their polite nickname] with that of the mighty Clarets. He goes for tea just before the interval. I've noticed he goes a little earlier in recent years to make sure of beating Roy to the tea-room. He says there's a much better selection before Roy makes his prodigious purchases. It's then one more lap of the ground after his meal, with perhaps a quick stop-off to wind Arthur Hall up if his beloved Wigan RLFC have bit the dust. It's then back to his seat to have a verbal joust with Steve Parrington. If this ever breaks out into a physical joust it would surely be the definition of handbags. Then all that is left is another Lowerhouse triumph to complete Michael Carson's day. Long may it continue.

MATCH REPORTS

Lowerhouse have lost the services of first teamer Stuart Grant who will team up with Hasan Khan at Sale CC.

'Unfortunately for Stuart due to transport and work difficulties he was finding it difficult to attend key training and this was affecting his position in the team. He has been a great lad to have at the club and we wish him well'

Incoming - Matt Collins formerly of Littleborough. Matt is a young lad who is a genuine all rounder and joins us having spent time with the Queensland Academy. We are very pleased to have him choose us as a number of other clubs were under consideration.

County under 13 girl Maddy White teams up with other members of the county girls already at the club

Congratulations to Hannah Till who has been selected for the Lancashire tour of South Africa in 2010. Hannah is the county under 13 vice captain. Hannah Thompson and Ainslie Wolstenholme have also been selected for the County under 13s with Georgia Clough representing the County under 11s

Patrick Martin has been selected for the County under 17s

Oliver Bayliff and Joe Martin have been selected for the County under 15 B team

Declan Bailey has been selected for the County under 14s

Burnley 3XI

LHCC 3XI

Rhys Woodworth 4-38
Oliver Bayliff 2-26
Ismael Khalil 2-26

Rhys Woodworth 74*
Paddy Howley 25
Max Humberstone 23
Adam Hope 19

This was a good performance by the youngsters against a strong Burnley team. Rhys Woodworth (15) produced a fine all round performance. Max Humberstone had a good start on his debut, as did Ismael Khali with 2 wickets after his debut 2 wickets last week

Colne 2XI - 249-all out

LHCC 51-all out

Max Howells 4-54
Paul Stansfield 4-47

Max Howells 20
Michael Lee 14

A long day in the field against the fearsome bludgeoning style of the experienced Colne team took its toll as the youngsters

MATCH REPORTS

Burnley DC U11 - 90-4

Blackburn DC U11- 94-2

Adam Stubbs 32*

South Ribble DC U11 - 116 -7

Burnley DC U11 - 73 all out

Kean Craig 2-8
Matt Anderson 2-11

Adam Stubbs 16
Ethan Carter 13

Two defeats for the youngsters although the second game against South Ribble was a much better performance.

Rawtenstall u17s - 115-6

LHCC U17s -108-2

Liam Maden 2-8
Oliver Bayliff 2-24

Matt Walker 53*
Joe Martin 31*
Max Howells 14*

A comfortable win with 5 overs to go thanks to some belligerent batting from Matt Walker

LHCC U15 Sharks -97-9

Darwen u15s - 59 all out

Alistair Smalley 35
Joe Martin 19
Ashley Whittaker 13

Rhys Woodworth 3-8
Joe Martin 2-1
Corey Hope 2-7
Ismael Khalil 2-11

Three storming catches by Oliver Bayliff went a long way to secure this victory and the double was completed later in the week

LHCC U15 Sharks 105-8

Darwen u15s 103-4

Ashley Whittaker 34
Dec Bailey 32

A magnificent piece of fielding from Joel Shields prevented Darwen from winning off the last ball. His boundary dive and throw secured a narrow victory

MATCH REPORTS

LHCC U13 Lions 112-0

Jack Herbert 23*
Matt Locke 21*
Ben Gorton 17*
Sam Snape 14*
Will Norcross 11*
Joe Gray 10*

East Lancs 12 all out

Danny Starkie 6-6
Sam Snape 2-4
Matt Locke 2-14
Ben Gorton 4 stumpings

This was a record run win for the senior under 13s with a remarkable performance from youngsters Starkie and Gorton. Starkie having a 4 wicket over.

LHCC u11 Bears 63-1

Longridge u11a 63-6

Top scorers Alex Ingham, Ismaeel Mehdi, Kean Craig.

Tom Bullock 2-11, Adam Stubbs 2-15

Bizarrely the 4th tie in recent years between the 2 clubs. Longridge required 3 off the last ball to win but could only run 2.

Salisbury u11 - 92-3

LHCC u11 Cubs - 39-6

Tom Bullock 2-14

top scorer Ben Jenkinson

The first game of the season for the B team produced a resounding defeat at the hands of Salisbury's main team. Although enthusiasm abounded first game nerves led to some naivety. Rachel Stracey's wicket keeping being the highlight.

LHCC u 9s - 52-4

Burnley 48-7

Joseph Halstead 11

Sulaiman Mehdi 2-6
Joseph Halstead 2-9

A narrow victory for LHCC in the diddy derby. A good game enthusiastically supported by a good crowd of both sets of parents. It will be fascinating to see which of these tiny tots compete against each other in future 1st XI games

TEA ROOM

TEA ROOM PRICES 2009

Tea	50p
Coffee	60p
Cans	65p

Sandwich	£1.40
Chip Butty	£1.40
Burger	£1.40

Tray of Chips	£1.20
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Pies	£1.20
Pie & Peas	£1.40
Pie, Peas & Gravy	£1.50

Cakes	60p
Crisps	40p
Kit Kat, Mars, Twix	50p