

# Lowerhouse Cricket Club Match Programme

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# C'MON YOU CLARETS

Lowerhouse V Todmorden  
9th May 2009



# THE TEAMS

## LOWERHOUSE

Cottam  
Beneduce  
Bleazard  
Grant  
Hawke  
Heap  
Hope S  
Martin  
McGregor  
Russell  
Pro TBA

## TODMORDEN

Sutcliffe A  
Brown  
Barker N  
Barker S  
Newbitt  
Harrison  
Brierley  
Priestley  
Campbell  
Sutcliffe B  
Warnapura (Pro)

# MATCH REPORTS

LOWERHOUSE 2XI - 147-9

Fergus Bailey 41  
Joe Martin 36  
Phil Haggerty 15

HASLINGDEN -148 for 5

Michael Lee 2-23  
Matt Walker 24\*

A tough result for the 2s who were undone by a quick 50 from Ahmed after having Haslingden behind the clock

NELSON 2XI - 191-8

Matt Walker 3-48  
Kieran Tighe 3-59

LOWERHOUSE 2XI - 83 all out

Joe Martin 20  
Matt Walker 15

5 LBW decisions ripped the heart out of the LHCC response after a tidy bowling performance against the 2XI champions

RAMSBOTTOM 3XI - 50-0 - Rain stop play

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RAMSBOTTOM U11A 65-5

Jake Seddon 2-17

LHCC 55-0 (WON)

Matt Anderson 10\*

A 26 opening partnership and a solid performance throughout saw the A team through to a reduced target victory

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# MATCH REPORTS

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ENFIELD U13 A 72-8

Ben Gorton 3-14

A comprehensive win for the second string with Ben Gorton completing an all bowled hat trick over 2 overs.

CHURCH U13 A 128-0

Tom Gregory 2-3

The gulf between Church 1st team and LHCC 3rd team proved too much in this encounter although there were good individual performances.

LHCC U13 Tigers - 73-3

Ben Gorton 14  
Will Norcross 11\*  
Hannah till 10\*

LHCC U13 Cougars 70-6

Adam Monk 15\*  
Shannon Jackson 12\*  
Hannah Thompson 10\*

# TRIP DOWN LOWERHOUSE LANE

It is hard to imagine now, but 25 years or so ago, sub-professionals were fairly rare in the Lancashire League. Most professionals played a full season and only the occasional injuries caused the use of sub-pro's. Now pro's come late, go early, sometimes nip away mid-season, as well as getting their share of injuries. It is a pity but for most modern-day professionals representing a Lancashire League club comes far behind other priorities such as training camps, emerging player tours and even family weddings on the other side of the globe.

For teams, though, who have to play a chunk of the season with sub-pro's, it isn't necessarily doom and gloom. As the Lancashire League play most games on Sundays, a good selection of professionals is usually available. In 1991 Lowerhouse were languishing in mid-table with 7 or 8 games to go when their unhappy association with Indian test player Manoj Prabhakar was ended by injury. It was sub-pro's all the way, and for those who think they don't try as hard as a club's season-long professional; they were proved wrong. It would be nigh impossible to find a better trier than St Annes paid man, David Callaghan of South Africa, who played a couple of times for the 'House in the season's run-in. The two stand-out performances, though, came from David Capel of Northants and England, and from Robert Haynes of Jamaica and West Indies. Capel played the last game of the year at Seedhill, Nelson. He took 5 wickets in holding the home side to 139-8. Batting at No.5, there was little respite for Capel, as 'House collapsed to 11-3. Many cricket matches have a single defining moment and this was very much in evidence here. Capel had hardly got started when he skied the ball in the direction of long-off. Luckily it didn't carry and in partnership with a youthful Blez, they took command of the game. David Capel scored 78 not out and one of his sixes nearly landed on the M65 motorway. Capel sealed his eternal popularity with his Lowerhouse teammates by leaving his collection money over the bar, and like Clint Eastwood, doffing his cap and riding into the season's sunset.

# TRIP DOWN LOWERHOUSE LANE

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Capel's performance was indeed heroic but was topped by that of the tall Jamaican Robert Haynes against East Lancs. East Lancs got 190 batting first with Haynes taking 7-57 with his fast leg spin. He was also involved in the other dismissals performing a couple of run-outs. The 'House made a slow but solid start and when the openers were parted 104 was needed of 19 overs.

It is worth going back a few weeks to when Haynes had played for East Lancs versus Enfield in that season's Worsley Cup final. East Lancs were hot favourites but lost with Haynes having a rare off-day. He was made a scapegoat by some disgruntled East Lancs supporters who are used to Cup success.

So when Haynes came in, bat twirling like a windmill, it was pay-back time, and didn't he do it in some style. He got 91 out for 104 and Lowerhouse won with a remarkable 8 overs to spare. It was hard to imagine a cricket ball was ever hit any harder. The fanfare the Morecambe pro' received when he departed the ground would only be bettered by century-maker Chris Bleazard at the conclusion of the 2004 Worsley Cup final against Haslingden. Robert Haynes's all-round performance was only bettered a few years later by Norden's Asif Mujaba who got a century and 9 wickets. But as they say that is a story for another day.

One of this programme's editors led an impromptu direct action campaign to have Haynes signed up for the 1992 season but to no avail. Like all great performers he just left us wanting more.

**N.B anybody (home or away fans) who has an interesting story to tell please contact Paul Hargreaves who usually attends all matches.**

# WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

## Pro-file

Pro - Malinda Warnapura - Sri Lanka

The 29 year-old left hand batsman and right arm off-break bowler made his First-class debut in 1998. Since making his debut he has scored 6907 runs at an average 36.9 whilst taking 116 wickets at 27.6.

Warnapura made his Test debut for Sri Lanka in 2007 and he has hit 723 runs at a healthy 42.5 in the eleven matches he has played.

At the time of going to press it was unclear whether warnapura was to be available for the game today and no sub pro details had been released.

## Amateurs

Last season left handed early order batsman Simon Newbitt lead the way with the bat scoring 540 runs at 33.25 with a seasons best of 79 not out. Newbitt has started the season well scoring 93 in the Colne Trophy, 48 in the opening game against Nelson and an unbeaten 68 last week against Bacup. Medium Pacer James Morgan was the star performer with the ball securing 41 wickets at 14.95 with a seasons best of 5-47. Todmorden were runners up in last seasons Worsley Cup.

Ins: Ian Hague (Delph and Dobcross), Nick Barker (Walsden), Steve Barker (Walsden)

Outs: Mark Clayton (Thongsbridge)

Three Year Form: 2008 11th, 2007 6th, 2006 11th