

Lowerhouse Cricket Club Match Programme

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Congratulations to Fergus Bailey (aged 16) 72 & Jonny Whitehead (aged 14) 107 not out for the youngest ever partnership of 183 in senior cricket and Jonny for the youngest century.



Lowerhouse

v

Rawtenstall

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THE TEAMS

LOWERHOUSE

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THE FUTURE

LHCC 2XI- 114-9

East Lancs 2XI - 117-2

Fergus Bailey 29
Jack Edgar 19
Paul Stansfield 14
Joe Martin 10

The last thing the lads needed with such a young side out was an East Lancs outfield festooned with clover and daisies and grass 4" long. The total posted by the team was restricted by the failure of the ball to travel to the boundary and the removal of 5 overs for rain.

The lads knew it wasn't to be their day when the East Lancs opener Chambers bludgeoned his way to 70 not out - those being his first runs of the season.

LHCC 3XI- 228-9

Rawtenstall 73-2 - ABANDONED

Matt Walker 69
Matt Hay 50*
Dec Bailey 39
Jack Herbert 17
Josh Lavin 16

Lowerhouse took the field with 2 x 13 year olds, 3 x 14 year olds and 4 x15 year olds. Mat Walker (16) was Captain and keeper and Matt Hay (17) completed the 11.

At 3 for 0, and 5 for 4, the game looked hopeless. A 51 stand between 13 year old Jack Herbert and 14 year old Josh Lavin (on his debut) steadied the ship. An 82 stand for the 7th wicket between Walker and Dec Bailey made the score respectable before an 8th wicket stand between Walker and Hay took the score above 200. Hay reached his maiden 50 with a 4 and a 6.

Rawtenstall had made a handy start before the heavens opened.

Haslingden u15s - 115- 5

LHCC U15 Sharks 116-1

Josh Lavin 2-17

Jonny Whitehead 50*
Joe Martin 45*
Alistair Smalley 13

Junior victory of the week as the seniors defeated arch competitors Haslingden who had two first teamers playing.

TRIP DOWN LOWERHOUSE LANE

2009 - SPORTING DROUGHTS

All this talk about Andy Murray trying to overcome 73 years of sporting futility, and emulating Fred Perry, by winning Wimbledon, got me thinking about other long sporting droughts.

It is hard to think now but Manchester United went over 20 years through the seventies and eighties without winning a championship and, another giant of the football game, Liverpool, are upto 20 years in 2010.

A longer drought than those and a great talking point in it's day was Sir Gordon Richards's inability to win a Epsom Derby. The little maestro was champion jockey on 26 occasions but going into the Coronation year Derby of 1953 he had over 30 losses in the season's Blue Riband race. With retirement around the corner Pinza romped home and ended the great man's brooding.

Now we come to two sporting droughts lasting over 70 years. One of these is the afore mentioned lack of a British man winning his own National Championship. To be fair, we have rarely threatened. Tim Henman was a worthy player who did his best but Murray is better class and should end our embarrassment sooner rather than later.

Another 70-odd year story of failure is closer to home. It is a long time since 1934 and Lancs's last outright win in the County Championship. In 1934 our county had won 5 of the last 8 titles and telling a fan in those days, like Michael Carson, that would be the last win in the twentieth century, would have been scoffed at.

Lancashire have fought against our geographical disadvantage and been runner-up countless times. Maybe when we've had our best teams they've concentrated too much on the one day game.

One sporting drought that lasted 86 years was that of the pride of New England namely the Boston Red Sox and their amazing run without winning the World Series. The Red Sox had won 5 out of the first 15 World Series. A year after winning in 1918 they made the monumental blunder of selling a guy called George Herman Ruth a.k.a. the Bambino.

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What followed was years of pain. They did overcome their mighty divisional rivals, the Yankees, to get to 4 World Series, but lost every one 4 games to 3. They lost in 1986 against the Mets from an almost unlosable position. One old man resigned to never seeing his team win it all described it as "the darkest day in this town's history since they shot J.F.K."

At Lowerhouse Cricket Club we laugh at the mere 86 years of suffering for the Red Sox. We finally weighed in at 113 years from the start of the Lancashire League in 1892 until 2005. We came close in the freakishly wet summer of 1910 when we were joint second. Donald Coates, Arthur Hall and Alan Bradley all agree that was one wet summer! We were second again in 1982 and made a great run at the title in 1997. In the latter year Corrie Jordan's fine bowling gave us a great chance but our failure to knock off 77 versus Haslingden was crucial. Andy Pick the sub-pro for Hassy put in a gut bursting display and only Stan Heaton's legendary forward defence seemed to offer any answers. Nick Hope did his best but 'House were bowled out for 63. At 113 years we have set the bar high. One team on the horizon to challenge us is the Chicago Cubs. It is 101 years since they won the 1908 World Series. They last contested a Fall Classic in 1945 so they are looking like dangerous challengers to our record. In 1945 the landlord of the Billy goat tavern came to a World Series game, like you do, with the inn's mascot. You've guessed it a billy goat. The goat had it's own ticket but because of complaints about the smell, goat and publican were ejected. An upset owner then cursed the Cubs and decreed that they'd never win another World Series and, so far, they haven't. Let's hope the team from Wrigley Field can overcome the curse and leave the 'House's record intact!

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2009. SINCE THEN ANDY MURRAY HAS WON WIMBLEDON,
LANCS. HAS WON THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP AND WONDER
OF WONDERS THE CHICAGO CUBS WON THE 2016 WORLD
SERIES ENDING A DROUGHT OF A MORE 108 YEARS! THERE
ARE NO LONGER ANY CHALLENGERS TO LOWERHOUSE'S 113
YEAR RECORD. HOW PROUD WE SHOULD BE OF THAT I DON'T
KNOW BUT NOWADAYS WE CAN BE MORE RELAXED ABOUT OUR
PAST HISTORY.

THE FUTURE

TEA ROOM

LHCC 3XI- 154-9

Matt Walker 40
Joe Martin 32
Josh Lavin 25
Jack Herbert 13
Matt Hay

East Lancs - 112 - all out

Matt Hay 3-12
Josh Lavin 3-12
Ismael Khalil 2-13

Once again the youngsters at the top of the order were indebted to the later order. A 5th wicket stand of 53 between Joe Martin and Josh Lavin allowed the later batsmen to double the score to a defendable target. Tight bowling put sufficient pressure on the main batsman, Westhead, who was run out by a boundary arrow throw from Joe Martin. Matt Walker continues to reacquaint himself well as keeper. Josh Lavin and Matt Hay have had impressive starts.

Nelson u15s - 107-6

LHCC U15 Sharks 109-3

Corey Hope 37
Alistair Smalley 19
Jonny Whitehead 16 *

A good victory in the last over of a game shortened by impending rain.

LHCC U13 Lions - 294-2

Bacup u13a -205-8

Matt Locke 20
Jack Edgar 17*
Will Norcross 17

Jamie Woodall 3-10
Joe Gray 2-5

A good all round performance with wicket keeper Hannah Till in fine forms. Left arm corkscrew spin bowler Jamie Woodall on a hat trick next match

LHCC u13 Cougars - 221 -6

Rishton u13s - 260-5

Danny Turner 13*
Adam Monk 10*

Conor Bethwaite 2- 16

A calamitous start saw the Cougars 5 wickets down but the remaining batters rallied and made a game of it. Wicket keeper Danny Turner had a promising debut

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
Pies	£1.20
Pie & Peas	£1.40
Pie, Peas & Gravy	£1.50
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