

Lowerhouse Cricket Club Match Programme

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**Lowerhouse v Rishton
Sunday 1st August**

THE TEAMS

LOWERHOUSE

Cottam
Bailey F.
Beneduce
Finch
Heap
Marquis
Martin J
Russell
Walker
Whitehead
Heal

RISHTON

Ahmed
Hacking
Rostron
Wyse G
Cordingley
Lumber
Seedle
Wyse S
Philander
Winkly
Young

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MEET THE TEAMS

In this Sunday's game at Liverpool Rd. ninth placed play host to twelfth placed Rishton. Both clubs won and lost during the double-header matches from last week. On the Saturday 'House outplayed Enfield. They had the novelty of batting first and Finch(51) and Whitehead (25)got the team of to a strong start. A mini-collapse occurred but Heal(65 not out) and Heap(41) ensured a healthy score. Even with the benefit of a reduced target, because of intermittent rain, Enfield didn't threaten to take the majority of the points. Rishton lost at Church, where Mirza scored a century for the West Enders. Rishton bounced back last Sunday defeating Colne in a strange game, and one that gives some indication to why those two teams are struggling this season. Rishton seemed on the way to a good total at 90-2 but managed only 112 all out. Anwar Ali, the impressive Colne pro, had 7-24. To be fair to Rishton their heads remained high and they had Colne at 13-5 before collecting a narrow

6 run victory. Any hopes the 'House had of doubling up on Sunday soon fell by the wayside. Naved Arif had 8-35 with the help of a couple of dubious umpiring decisions and Lowerhouse was skittled for just 74. Matt Walker (16 not out) top scored and could be a big factor next season, with bat and ball, if his knee problem clears up satisfactorily. Rocky's Rushmore scored a rapid half century and, he too, is a young player with a future. Although it is unfair to criticise individual umpires the Lancashire League must monitor umpiring standards particularly in terms of their ages. The umpire we had an issue with had been involved in some controversial decisions at Colne the day previous. First class umpires retire at 65 but a 78 year old can still officiate in first team Lancs League games. Go figure. Many players retire in their 40's complaining that their eyes have gone but can still make match changing decisions as umpires 30 or 40 years later.

Rishton wouldn't be known as one of the bigger Lancashire League clubs but they have had their share of success down the years. They have won 8 League Championships. The first came in 1898, others following in 1912, 1944 and 1948. Their next came along in 1955 and it was a very special win as they completed their only double that year. In the era of timed cricket Rishton pipped an unbeaten Burnley side by a single point. Rishton's pro took 10-101 in the Worsley Cup final win versus Todmorden. The pro's name was Subhashchandra Pandharinath Gupte. His team mates found it easier to call him Fergie. It can't be printed what opposition batsmen called him as he took 166 wickets in cup and league combined. Gupte's leg spin was a long way from Allan Donald's style and he was pro in 1996 when Rishton completed back to back titles. The club's latest win came in 2007 when in a dreadful rainy season, Rawtenstall couldn't quite catch Rishton. The team's pro that year was Saeed Anwar jnr and he took 80 wickets and scored over 1000 runs. No wonder many Lowerhouse members, including a certain lifer, were envious of Rishton's pro signing. The Rishton club have won 6 Worsley Cups. The winning years were 1922, 1932, 1955, 1964, 1967 and 1973. The club must feel great chagrin that they haven't contested a single final since 1973. The victory in 1964 was gained in perhaps the most famous of Worsley Cup finals. Rishton were distinct underdogs, facing a Burnley side that was running away with the League, behind the ferocious, if dubious, bowling of big West Indian Charlie Griffith. Burnley's double looked a formality even after a relatively modest score of 142 all out. Ex-England spinner Johnny Wardle taking 7 wickets. Griffith gave everything but Kennedy, Flatley and most of all ex-Claret Jackie Chew defied him. Chew's many bruises were badges of honour as he wrote himself into Rishton folklore. Famous Rishton pros include S.F. Barnes, Fred Freer, Michael Holding, Viv Richards and Peter Sleep. Viv never did play against the 'House because of chicken pox, and then bad weather. I wonder if he feels the great regret about that that we feel. Peter Sleep lived in the local community for several years and will be long-remembered as a character and competitor. So let's hope for a fine match today although doing my research as left me nostalgic for the Lancashire League of yesteryear.

THE FUTURE

Longridge U17 125- 5

LHCC u17 107-7

Oli Bayliff 2-24

Matt Walker 30
Alistair Smalley 26
Dec Bailey 20
Corey Hope 17

Just a few too many runs conceded.

Todmorden U15 - 118-4

LHCC U15 Dolphins 90- 4

Ben Gorton 46*

A tough learning curve for the under 14 age group. Generally a good performance but the difference between the older players made the difference as Todmorden bowled much tighter. Well done to 13 year old Ben Gorton and Sean Duckworth in the bowling.

LHCC U13 Lions 238-5

LHCC U13 Tigers 237-3

Harry Spark 20*
Ben Gorton 15

Amelia Ripley 15*
James Ridehalgh 2- 10

The Lions were given a big scare by their junior compatriots in this League match. 2 surprise wickets in the last 2 overs brought victory after a top performance by the Tigers.

Rawtenstall u11 (2) 209 -7

LHCC U11 Koalas 251-2

Danny Simm 2- 2
Drew Sandiford 2-4

Danny Simm 11*

Another good performance from the novices featuring a debut wicket from Oscar Coates.

Rishton u9s 250 - 4

LHCC 9s 232 - 5

Jack Simm 2-8
Thomas Halstead 2-8

A much closer game than the score suggests. Rishton exercised their right to only bowl 2 bowlers 1 over each and a couple of late wickets as we chased the game made the difference. It was a much improved fielding performance with great dives saving a number of boundaries.



On the return from their wedding in Santorini, Greece, Blez and Lindsay warmly invite players, fans and members to their evening celebration at the home of cricket on Saturday 21st August, hopefully after a home win against Rishton!

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