

# Lowerhouse Cricket Club

# Match Programme



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Lowerhouse v Haslingden  
Saturday 3rd July 2010

# THE FUTURE

## NEWS

Congratulations to Josh Lavin for making it to the North of England Trials

LHCC 2XI - 173 - all out

East Lancs 2XI 174 -4

Matt Doughty 46  
Patrick Martin 40  
Oli Bayliff 26  
Kieran Tighe 14\*

Still without many regulars the boys battled hard against an experience East Lancs side who deservedly are up at the top of the league. Two unfortunate decisions ripped the LHCC innings apart. A boundary catch step over witnessed by no less than 6 players and spectators and the East Lancs scorer, and a one person appeal LBW accounted for Doughty and Martin respectively. 250 was needed and looked likely until this happened

LHCC 3 XI - 246-8

Bacup 241 - 1

Max Humberstone 58  
Josh Lavin 50  
Matt Hay 33  
Dec Bailey 33  
Lewis Marsden 27

Jack Edgar 5-35  
Shaun Heaton 4-50

After an astonishing batting rescue at Colne the week before, an exhilarating bowling performance this week. Maiden 50s for the 2 under 15s and all the batting in general was a joy to behold and set up a big score. At 35 -4 Bacup seemed buried but last years 1XI retired captain Killilea and first team squad member Thompson put on 175 and left Bacup need ing 35 off 7 overs .

Heaton and Edgar returned to the attack and a great catch by Matt Hay broke the partnership. Starved of the strike by good bowling and captaincy forced Killilea into an injudicious shot and Edgar bowled him. Needing 11 off the last over a run out and caught behind saw Bacup all out. Great credit to the kids who battled on throughout

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LHCC 15 Dolphins 154 - 5

Bacup 132- 3

Jack Edgar 52\*  
Joe Gray 32  
Sean Duckworth 14  
Jack Herbert 13  
Ben Gorton 12\*

A first victory of the season for the Dolphins as the teams at this age group come up to full strength  
Todmorden 13 full 104-6

LHCC 13 Panthers 105-4

Joe Bayliff 2-8  
Michael Rogan 2-19

Ben Gorton 32\*  
Harry Halstead 17  
Will Norcross 11\*  
Liam Heaton 11

A fairly comfortable victory after a shaky start with the ball. Ben Gorton playing a captain's innings

LHCC U13 Lions 331 - 0

Burnley U13 232- 7

Will Norcross 30\*  
Ben Gorton 20\*  
Matt Locke 16\*  
Liam Heaton 12\*  
Harry Green 12\*

Harry Green 2-7  
Joe Bayliff 2- 13

East Lancs u13 (2) - 242 -9

LHCC 13 Cougars 260-2

Kean Craig 4-6  
Jake Seddon 2- 11

Tom Bullock 10\*  
Alex Claridge - Ingham 10\*

Another successful outcome for the under 12s 3rd team. A wicket taking performance being the key

LHCC U11 Koalas 221-5

Haslingden U11(2) 225- 4

Drew Sandiford 2-8  
Sulaiman Mehdi 2- 11

A nail biting final over with the scores tied until the final ball. Daniel Simm top scored on his debut

# LETTER FROM AMERICA.....OK, ACCRINGTON

By Steve Driver

The recent "Letter From A Lifer" (Match Programme, June 13th) has promoted much debate amongst the faithful which can only be regarded as a good thing since it shows that enough people care about Lowerhouse CC. To be or not to be.....Overseas Pro versus Home Grown? Expensive Pro versus Ground Developments? For what it's worth, here is my two penn'orth.

In the great professional debate, I rather think we're all missing the point. Firstly, we must accept that life, times and circumstances change and nothing stays the same. My first memories of the Lancashire League in the 1960s are of seeing Charlie Griffith and Wes Hall hurling missiles at courageous, un-helmeted amateur batsmen. They and their like played, injuries permitting, for an entire season. That era has gone and its legacy is a confused and sorry merry go round of late or non-arrivals and mid-season departures often apparently for no good reason.

There is also a myth that home grown professionals lack quality. Whilst that perception may have some historical truth (nb Bob Lanchbury, 1975) there are plenty of high quality amateur all rounders in leagues in and around Lancashire who would be more than capable of doing a good job. In selecting a professional therefore, the criterion should be to employ the best player who will be available for the full season up to a maximum figure. If that is a home grown player then so be it – at least there will be no additional baggage such as air fare, accommodation, car etc.

Which leads to the second question of expense of professional versus ground development. Off the field, Lowerhouse is an eclectic mix of the best and the worst, ie the nets and clubhouse and everything else. (Not just the score box, seating and tea room – anyone brave enough to venture into the gents' toilet behind the groundsman's hut deserves the Victoria Cross.)

So this is what I propose. Set a maximum cap on the professional package and create and cost a four year development plan to address the main areas of changing rooms, score box, tea room and seating, one per year starting in 2011. By the end of 2014, Lowerhouse CC will be the envy of the league in terms of facilities as well as wealth of fantastic young players.

Finally, it is perhaps worth stating an obvious point that a cricket club, by definition, exists first and foremost as a focus for a community, for playing and social members alike who share a common interest and bond: primarily, it is neither a business nor a company. Perhaps we have lost touch a little. Perhaps we need a period of quiet reflection to remember that is the reason we are here.

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LHCC 9s 244- 3

Bacup 9(2) 232 - 10

Ben Woodall 10

Jack Simm 2-6  
Ed Turner 2-10

A solid victory with debutant Jack Sim slotting in nicely. Keeper Ben Woodall had 4 victims for the second time this season

Ramsbottom u9 - 319 -3

LHCC u9 - 208-10

The normally victorious 9s were truly outclassed by the best under 9 team seen in a decade. The phrase men and boys doesn't quite fit - but it was teenagers and toddlers. The difference in focus and application was massive.

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