

Lowerhouse Cricket Club Match Programme

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Lowerhouse v Burnley

LIVE T20

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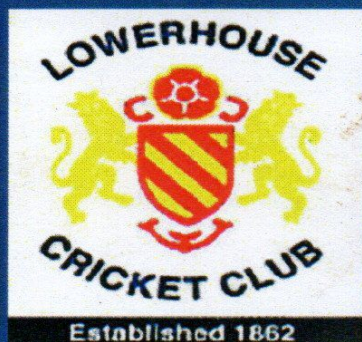
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Lowerhouse
v
Nelson
15th May 2010

THE TEAMS

MEET THE TEAMS

LOWERHOUSE

From

Cottam (capt)

Bailey F

Beneduce

Doughty

Bleazard

Finch

Heap

Hope

Howells

Martin J

Martin P

Russell

Heal (pro)

NELSON

Pemberton(capt)

Heap

Lord

Hussain

Lemon

Lemon

Halstead

Crotty

Thompson

Bradley

De Wett(pro)

Today's game at the West End sees a mid-table clash between seventh placed Lowerhouse and eighth placed Nelson. It seems early in the season, and this is indeed the 'House's first home Sunday match, but after today almost a quarter of the season will be over. Hassy, Rammy and Shapcott's Burnley boys are the early frontrunners whereas Colne are left without a win and without Anwar Ali. Lowerhouse had a mixed week-end last time out with a win versus Rawtenstall but a defeat Sunday at Dill Hall Lane. The 'House piled up 284-8 against Rocky on Saturday with fine half-centuries by Bleazard and Heal. The pro capped a good day all-round by taking 6 wickets as Rawtenstall was 227 all out. On Sunday Lowerhouse looked on top with Enfield on 119-6 but some sloppy cricket in the final 10 overs was to prove costly. Chasing 188 to win the 'House was always on the back foot despite 45 from skipper Charlie Cottam. Enfield's spirited bowling and fielding performance merited the victory. It's a pity that such a wholehearted team don't get better support in the Accy/Clayton-le Moors area.

Meanwhile Nelson lost both their games last week and somewhat spoiled their decent start to the season. With new pro Burton de Wett not yet available they lost to Church and East Lancs. The evergreen David Pearson took Nelson for 139 after also scoring a century the day before. Those runs took Pearson through the 14,000 runs barrier. He is only the third player in Lancashire League history to achieve this but hot on his heels is our own Chris Bleazard who is within 300 runs of following suit.

Nelson have a rich history with a record 21 Championship wins. From 1928 to 1937 they won 8 out of the 10 titles on offer. Even Stan Heaton, with his ambitious plans for the future, couldn't dream of such dominance. Sir Learie Constantine; Johnny Wardle; Neil Hawke; Ray Lindwall; Collis King and Steve Waugh are amongst the club's past professionals.

Nelson have won the league title 4 times in the last 30 years. They won the play-off in 1986 at Turf Moor when Neal Radford deputised on the day for Eric Simons and opponents Todmorden were defeated. Simons later became a leading cricket coach. In 1994 a long serving pro in Joe Scudari helped the team to a championship. Scudari had many match winning partnerships with the very good amateur Paul Garaghty. I recently shared memories with Paul of his innings of 96 at Liverpool Road in 1987. He said he was hitting the ball brilliantly and with 15 overs to go any score was possible. Unfortunately his shot that would have hit the sightscreen full on to bring up a superb hundred was intercepted by the swallow-like dive of Stan Heaton. I wonder if Stan regards that catch as the best of his career? Garaghty was an integral part of the Nelson team that was like an efficient well-oiled machine under Roger Harper in both 1998 and '99. I suppose that means that the 'House leads Nelson in titles this century by 1-0!

Nelson's Worsley Cup record is slightly disappointing in that they have only been to 2 finals in the last 40 years. At least they've won both. In 1995 with the Scud still pro-ing, Haslingden were overcome at Seedhill. In 2006 Nelson finished off Burnley on a Monday night at Turf Moor. Burnley missed the chance to put the game out of Nelson's reach and Craig McMillan, the Kiwi pro, got 99 not out to lead his side to victory. Marcus Phelan got a fifty and the resulting "man of the match" capped his long career.

Let's hope for a fine game today as the match winner will hope to hang on to Hassy's coattails.

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LETTERS FROM A 'LIFER'

By Life-Long 'house' Fan Paul Hargreaves



In these ever-changing times the structure of the Lancashire League is something that is constantly open to debate. In this column I'd like to put forward a few possible changes that might be looked into. Starting with the main course of the 50 over game I wouldn't make too many changes. I could live with a reduction to 45 overs but on balance I'd leave it be. The new rule that 20 overs constitutes a game is a welcome if overdue change and any less would de-value the game. One thing that should definitely be debated is the Lancashire League's relationship with the Lancashire Cup. Unlike other leagues who play predominantly on Saturdays it is almost impossible for our clubs to have a meaningful crack at the Lancashire Cup. I don't think we should change from a Sunday league but can we be flexible with a fixture or two so that a club isn't faced with conceding at a later round of the competition?

My main changes to the Lancashire League would concern no more replays and changes to the 20-20 fixtures. No other leagues are so obsessed with replaying games and by getting rid, more dedicated fixtures would be available to the third eleven players; the future of the game. I would also, though, have the 20-20 season beginning and ending on a Saturday with a tea-time start. There would be 2 groups of 7 teams. Two Saturday fixtures would book-end the 4 Friday evening fixtures. The top two teams from either group would qualify for a finals day which could be held a couple of weeks before the Worsley Cup Final. This could see a bumper crowd which we see on too few occasions.

One personal preference would be the introduction of a double-play rule just for the 20-20 competition. At present all the rules favour the batting side of the game. Strict rules on wides; free hits after no-balls; limits on bouncers; better bat technology all go one way. At least the double play is something in the bowling side's favour. How would it work? In cricket we have the rule that the fall of a wicket leads to a dead ball situation but under a double-play rule this wouldn't be the case.

LETTERS FROM A 'LIFER'

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For example a bowler taking a caught and bowled could turn around and run out the non-striker. It would also be possible to get a run-out at both ends. I think such a rule would reward clever strategic play and lead to exciting game changing moments Perhaps it could be introduced as a one-year experimental rule with for once the Lancashire League being a trend setter rather than a follower. Irrespective I think teams should play strong competitive cricket and avoid cheating or patronising the "different" type of punter who attend the 20-20 games. For example a couple of years ago at Burnley C.C. 2 first class cricketers to be lost a game by bowling donkey drops because they'd already qualified for the semi-finals. Peter Holden, the lamented ex- Burnley Express cricket writer heard many disgruntled spectators saying they wouldn't be returning any time soon. I hope this provides a little food for thought and doesn't upset the dinosaurs too much. Whatever happened to those guys anyway?

THE FUTURE

Congratulations to Josh Lavin who has been selected for the County under 15s. Joe Halstead (11) , Harry Spark (12), Ben Gorton (13) and Jack Edgar (14) , continue to make progress in their respective age group trials.

LHCC 2XI 227-10

Rawtenstall 192- all out

Jonny Whitehead 130
Lewis Marsden 24

Oliver Bayliff - 5 -52
Michael Lee 3-42

An astonishing knock from 15 year old Jonny Whitehead and Oliver Bayliff (16) maiden senior 5 wicket haul.

Enfield 2XI - 240-6

LHCC 2XI - 241-9

Michael Lee 3-48

Matt Doughty 119
Oliver Bayliff 32*
Phil Haggerty 27

A truly amazing victory which owed as much to the tail end youngsters who put 33 on for the last 2 wickets as Matt Doughty's magnificent knock . Sadly for Enfield this was the 3rd successive game where they had lost with over 240 runs on the board

Haslingden U17 - 111 - 5

LHCC U17s - 112-1

Oliver Bayliff 2-18

Max Howells 45
Joe Martin 34*
Fergus Bailey 24*

A measured victory with both sides fielding first team cricketers

LHCC U 13 Tigers - 243- 5

LHCC U13 Lions - 279- 3

Harry Halstead 11

Ben Gorton 20 *
Joe Bayliff 18*
Will Norcross 14*
Liam Heaton 12
Harry Green 2-9
Joe Bailiff 2-11

The younger Tigers ran the Lions close until the last pair came to the wicket.

LHCC U11 Bears 227- 8

Ramsbottom - 211-8

Christian Butschok - Brain 20
Joe Halstead 12

Joe Halstead 3-4
Christian Butschok - Brain 2-13

An amazing comeback with 3 wickets in Joe Halstead's last over to secure victory

THE FUTURE

Continued

Haslingden u11 - 254- 3

LHCC U11 Bears - 246 -8

Christian Butschok- Brain 15
Danny Faulkner - 15
Joe Halstead 15
Harry Wheatcroft 12

Despite scoring well far too many were lost in this disappointing performance

Rawtenstall U11 (1) - 267 - 3

LHCC U11 Cubs 206-3

Charlie Bithell 2-4

Rawtenstall U11 (1)- 280 - 4

LHCC U11 Cubs - 254 - 1

Georgia Clough 11*

Always a difficult task when facing an A team and the big hitting of one batsman in particular made all the difference. A very creditable performance in this return match from the week earlier when too many wickets were lost

East Lancs U11 Cup 246-6

LHCC U11 Cup - 245-1

Ryan Starkie 3-5

Joe Halstead 12*
Declan Stansfield 10*

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