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SUNDAY, 6th JULY, 1997
BACUP v LOWERHOUSE

Bacup: P. Thompson (Captain), J. Cunliffe, P. Killelea, T. Lord, M. Taylor, M. O'Connor, D. Thompson, J. O'Connor (W.K.), J. Nuttall, D. Ormerod, J. Peterson (Pro.) (Australia)

Lowerhouse: Team to be advised – Professional: Jordaan

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SPECTATOR'S VIEW:

RAMSBOTTOM (Home) Sunday, June 29th, 1997

The misery continues as we lose another Home game to our Valley neighbours who seem to have the Indian sign on us at present. They have a young side who are similar to us, in that they are in a transitional period and trying to introduce the next generation of 1st XI cricketers into the team, to gain valuable experience. The secret is to do this gradually, so that results continue to be good which, of course is not always possible, but it is much better to gradually introduce 1 or 2 players each season, otherwise the results can be catastrophic as can be witnessed by the situation at Rawtenstall, where a number of very experienced cricketers left at the same time and the quality of the replacements were not up to scratch; having had only limited experience over the intervening seasons.

On Sunday we experienced the awkward situation of facing probably the best bowler and exploiter of bad wickets in the world, if not the league, in Chris Harris, who destroyed the cream of the England batting last winter and produced a potent spell of medium pace bowling on a damp wicket which must have had his eyes popping out when he saw it. The toss won by them, they inserted us and Harris just let the wicket do the rest. The ball which accounted for our professional, was a quicker one which reared off a length and moved away slightly to nick the glove and be smartly taken at slip, to continue James' poor run of form with the bat. He need not worry because he has already proved his worth to us and we understand that he will soon turn the corner and make someone pay. Form is temporary, but class is permanent! At 20/5, there was no way back, but the youngsters Matt O'Connor and James Cunliffe showed great promise in still going for their shots and their partnership doubled the score before they too perished. Defending such a low score means that the bowling needs to be faultless, with nothing short to score from and with every chance offered, being snapped up. To reduce them to 3/3 gave us the start we wanted and with Harris handicapped by a side strain, the match was evenly balanced. With the score on 11, Terry Lord almost pulled off a miraculous catch at gully to hang on to Harris's mistimed drive off Peterson, but after catching the ball low down, out it popped when he hit the ground and Harris survived. Next over, Chris Hall, survived a sharp chance to the pro off D.O. and the chance to reduce them to 11/5, with the top order out, slipped by. As we have seen so many times in the past, having rode their luck, Harris profited for Rammy with several boundaries, swung away on the leg side, from short-pitched deliveries and our visitors survived to take maximum points.

It does seem a long time since we won a match and confidence not surprisingly must be low. Let's hope we can raise our game against title-chasing Lowerhouse, this weekend, who like Ramsbottom had a crushing 'derby victory' to savour last Sunday. I do hope Lowerhouse win the title this season, for the fact that they have been much

maligned over the years and deserve some glory, having never won a major trophy, in their history. They have some of the nicest and most genuine people in the game, attached to their club on both the playing and administrative side. I wish them the best of luck for the remainder of the season (after next weekend). At present our need for a win is almost as great as theirs.

Chris Farnworth

FROM THE 1st XI DRESSING ROOM

Not much to report this week as the weather is yet again dreadful and the 1st XI's current form even worse. However spirits in the team remain high with nothing a couple of wins and a bit of sunshine would not put right.

In case spectators are not aware this season the 1st XI have been having an internal fantasy cricket competition with the current leader not surprisingly being the renowned fantasy cricket expert Mark Taylor who has recently taken over at the top of the table from long time leader James Peterson. However the person in third place is most interesting, this being 7 year old Ben Lord, the son of Terry who is currently more than a hundred points ahead of his father and also well ahead of other luminaries such as John Nuttall, Dave Ormerod, David Thompson and most worryingly Alick Ormerod, the 1st XI Manager!

Causing amusement also in the dressing room has been a recent bout of competitions involving members of the 1st XI predicting who is going to win various sporting competitions. The first faux pas was made by Peter Killelea who, in a competition to predict the winner of the mens singles title at Wimbledon, chose Andre Agassi. Unfortunately for Peter, he did not take into account that Mr. Agassi, due to injury, had not even entered this year's competition!! After receiving a great deal of stick from the rest of the team and in particular Mark Taylor, Mark then proceeded in a separate competition to choose Kent to win the Nat West cricket competition a mere four days after Kent had been eliminated by Middlesex in the first round of the competition!

Finally another story which has caused amusement to members of the first team was a report of the recent Haslingden v Middleton Inter League semi-final match which was decided on a "bowl out". During the course of the "bowl out" which Haslingden eventually won it is alleged that Steve Dearden the intellectually challenged Haslingden all-rounder steamed in off his full run up and proceeded to bowl a bouncer which cleared the stumps by at least 5 feet!

PROFESSIONALS AVERAGES to 1st JULY, 1997

BATTING		Inns.	NO	Runs	Avge	50s	100s
PETERSON	Bacup	13	3	554	55.40	5	1
LEE	Enfield	12	2	526	52.60	3	1
JOHNSON	Colne	13	2	465	42.27	4	0
HARRIS	Ramsbottom	11	2	361	40.11	1	2
BENKENSTEIN	Burnley	10	2	312	39.00	2	0
McNAMARA	Haslingden	7	1	233	38.83	2	0
STELLING	East Lancs.	12	5	266	38.00	1	0
CRONJE	Todmorden	12	2	371	37.10	4	0
CREEVEY	Church	12	3	298	33.11	2	0
DAWSON	Nelson	8	1	128	18.28	1	0
HEWETT	Rawtenstall	12	1	175	15.90	1	0
PRINGLE	Rishton	8	0	118	14.75	0	0
JORDAAN	Lowerhouse	9	1	84	10.50	0	0
SLEEP	Accrington	4	0	41	10.10	0	0

BOWLING		O	M	R	W	Average
JORDAAN	Lowerhouse	233.2	75	445	54	8.24
HARRIS	Ramsbottom	220.2	57	442	45	9.82
DAWSON	Nelson	151.3	40	371	31	11.96
SLEEP	Accrington	123	40	261	19	13.73
STELLING	East Lancs.	172.1	43	437	30	14.56
PETERSON	Bacup	180	41	513	35	14.65
McNAMARA	Haslingden	75	10	196	12	16.33
BENKENSTEIN	Burnley	47.2	8	149	9	16.50
PRINGLE	Rishton	192.2	41	519	31	16.74
CREEVEY	Church	192	40	600	34	17.64
CRONJE	Todmorden	173.4	39	498	28	17.78
LEE	Enfield	214.4	39	628	35	17.94
HEWETT	Rawtenstall	180.1	36	553	30	18.43
JOHNSON	Colne	184.4	38	572	25	22.88

AMATEURS

		RUNS	WICKETS		VICTIMS			
SIMPSON	Hasl	408	TRACEY	Hasl	28	SWARBRICK	Colne	20
BLEAZARD	Low	396	ALI	Tod	28	BARTLEY	Rish	18
GARAGHTY	Nel	318	DEARDEN	Hasl	23	CHIPPENDALE	Low	18
DEARDEN	Has	363	J. HOPE	Low	22	SIMPSON	Has	16
SPENCER	Nel	271	HAWORTH	EL	21	RAWSTRON	Acc	16
MAHAMBREY	Burn	269	WALSH	Rish	21	PEARSON	EL	15
ASPIN	Church	308	CONNOLLY	Burn	20	WHITEHEAD	Tod	15
BUSHELL	Low	251	ORMEROD	Bacup	18			
TAYLOR	Bacup	236	MOULDING	Colne	18			

CHRIS FARNWORTH

BACUP v LOWERHOUSE: 5 year record (Bacup Score First)

HOME				AWAY			
1992	WON	124/2	Harper 57* Williamson 43	WON	177/2	Harper 88*, P. Thompson 54* Moorhouse 50	
1993	WON	140/8	Harper 26, Williamson 5/55 J. Hope 16, Nuttall 4/24	LOST	90	Harper 24, Williamson 5/34	
1994	WON	260/3	Harper 102* Ormerod 7/18	WON	110/0	Killelea 55* Bleazard 42, Harper 6/31	
1995	WON	199/2	Harper 104* Bleazard 68, Harper 5/74	WON	148	Harper 87* Heaton 41*, Harper 5/41, Ormerod 5/44	
1996	LOST	125/7	Lord 35 Flegler 61*	WON	164	Lord 53 Flegler 57	

Summary:	P	W	L	NR
HOME	5	4	1	0
AWAY	5	4	1	0
TOTAL	10	8	2	0