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THANKS TO TODAY'S MATCH BALL SPONSOR - K SUPPLIES LTD

A warm welcome to all you spectators for this the 16th league game of the season, which sees Ramsbottom entertain Lowerhouse in what should be an entertaining match.

JOHN EARDLEY

It is sad to report the death of John Eardley who, after a brave fight against cancer, passed away on Tuesday 15th July. John had been associated with the Cricket Club for over 10 years. Our condolences to Judith and her family. The funeral takes place on Friday 25th July.

DOGS

THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT IN THE INTERESTS OF HYGIENE DOGS ARE NOT TO BE EXERCISED AROUND THE CRICKET GROUND DURING THE WEEK. AS PER THE NOTICES AT THE ENTRANCE DOGS ARE ONLY ALLOWED ON THE GROUND DURING WEEKEND MATCH DAYS PROVIDING THEY ARE KEPT UNDER STRICT CONTROL AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO FOUL THE PERIMETER.

2ND XI CUP FINAL v HASLINGDEN - 2ND AUGUST AT RAMSBOTTOM

On this day barbeques will only be allowed in the area behind the scoreboard for safety reasons.

THANKS TO TODAY'S MATCH SPONSOR - MAGUIRE CIVIL ENGINEERING LTD

WE HOPE ALL YOUR GUESTS HAVE A NICE DAY

1ST XI

BACK ON THE WINNING TRAIL AS LEAGUE LEADERS ARE TOPPLED

Saturday July 12th Nelson 151 - 5

Ramsbottom 152 - 4

On a lovely warm sunny afternoon, Ramsbottom probably turned in their best performance of the season, to restrict league leaders Nelson to 151 off 50 overs. Veteran Mark Price excelled, bowling 25 overs unchanged in the sweltering heat to record brilliant figures of 4 - 57. After Nelson had won the toss and elected to bat they must have had visions of 200+ on what looked a good batting track, but the opening Ramsbottom bowlers made them fight for every run. After Mike Haslam had removed Nelson opener Heap the Nelson Pro Joe Scuderi strode to the wicket with a purposeful stride. He looked in ominous nick as he opened up with a flashing cover drive for 4. Scud quickly raced into double figures before the wily Price did him with a slow full toss, which forced him to change his shot. The mistimed ball flashing into the grateful hands of Pro. Arnberger at short cover. The Nelson veteran Paul Garaghty joined the Nelson opener Marshall at the crease but such was the control of the Ramsbottom bowling attack that it took Nelson 38 overs to post three figures. At that point a frustrated Marshall gave Price the charge completely missing the ball to the delight of the Ramsbottom skipper Richard Hevingham who had the bails off in a flash.

Nelson, in the last few overs, tried to up the tempo and although there was a late flurry Mark Price always had the upper hand restricting Nelson to just 151. The Nelson bowling attack had been firing on all cylinders in previous weeks so the result was no formality. It all depended on the start, it was soon apparent that Pro. Jason Arnberger had had raw steak for tea as he gave the Rams a flying start with a positive display of batting, the tins on the old scoreboard were soon whizzing round. Spencer Woods played his part as the opening pair put the game well beyond Nelson scoring 116 before the first wicket fell. Occasional spinner Marshall got both openers out (Pro. 67 Spencer 34) and, despite a mini collapse David Bell 17 n.o. steered the Rams home with over 8 overs to spare - a great win for the Rams.

A GAME THAT WE DID EVERYTHING BAR WIN**Sunday July 13th Ramsbottom 229 - 7 Church 235 - 6**

On a cracker of a day, Ramsbottom batted first, on a pitch that looked like a billiard table, the best wicket of the season, which is saying something. Add to that Pro Aramberger, in top form of late. The many touchline experts dotted round the ground were talking 250+ as play got underway. Their confidence seemed to be justified as Ramsbottom got off to a very good start with Pro. Aramberger looking in complete control. Disaster struck when he had made 36, he was out to a poor shot dabbing at very wide ball. He looked as sick as a parrot trudging off the pitch like "Droopy Duck" (as featured on electronic scoreboards.) The side's two youngest players Spencer Woods and David Bell took the game to Church adding 64 for the 3rd wicket before David was out for a well struck 43. Spencer went on to complete his maiden half-century and with Mark Dentith smashing a rapid 39 n.o. at the end of the innings Ramsbottom had posted a respectable score. On such a good wicket, (you could not tell it had been played on at half time) it was not an impossible score to beat. Early wickets were the order of the day evergreen Mark Price carried on the good work from the previous day dismissing their skipper Sykes (ton day before) in the first over and then the potentially dangerous Aspin with the score on 35. This brought the sub Pro Semple to the wicket who after a careful surveillance gradually upped the tempo playing some nice shots to all parts of the ground. With the dismissal of Fergusson at 75 he was joined by ex Stand Pro Seedle, it was the signal for the Rammy fielding to go to pot, Seedle enjoyed a charmed life as he added 80 runs with the Pro. With Church looking in command at 179 Semple made his first and last mistake holing out to the square leg boundary, this was the signal for the home team bowlers to put the brakes on the Church batsmen. Church resorted to taking risky singles to keep the runs flowing but abysmal fielding and throwing by the Rams team helped them, perhaps the baking hot sun had taken its toll. 26 runs were still required off the last 3 overs making Ramsbottom "Red Hot" favourites but Westwell had not read the script as he put Church right back in it with 17 off Pro Aramberger's penultimate over. Price was again the pick of the bowlers and a typical tight over ensured that the game went to the wire. Another 6 into the pavilion from Westwell saw Church home with 2 balls to spare, leaving the home supporters shaking their heads wondering how things could change in just 24 hours, a funny old game is cricket, you never can tell, that's why we all like it so much.

2nd XI**GREAT WIN AGAINST TABLE TOPPERS****Sunday July 13th Church 154 a/o. Ramsbottom 155 - 5**

A fantastic display from the second team up at Church, who suffered only their second defeat of the season. The scene was set by the Eardley Bros who put the shackles on the opening batsmen to such a tune that, after 15 overs, Church had only scored 10 runs, losing 2 wickets in the process. In the latter stages there was good support from Mark Howarth and the occasional spin of Mark Gowers. The bowlers were backed up by an excellent display in the field. All in all a very good all round team effort to bowl Church out for 154 on a good batting track. In reply Ramsbottom had no problems scoring the required runs Robert Read top scored with 38 n.o. backed up by good knocks from skipper Julian Marcroft and Chris Wood.

Junior Cricket**6 - 8 year olds**

Until further notice every Sunday morning 10.30 - 12.00 there will be coaching lessons at the ground. Please note attendance is by invite only.

SUMMER COACHING

John Steele will be running coaching courses.

14 -17 year olds 4/5th August

10 -13 year olds 6/7th August

Cost of each 2-day course is £20

On Friday August 8th there will be some matches at the ground against opposition to be decided, probably teams from Walshaw or Farnworth Circle.

STROLL & BOWL - the sponsored event has now been completed over **£1,000 has been raised** for the Junior Cricket section, **thanks very much to everyone who sponsored this event.**

A couple of results to report for the U15s: - Rams 96-6. Mike Howarth 30 and Jordan Shannon 21 top scored, Lowerhouse 97-3. U13s B beat Feniscowles and they go top of the table if they win their next game.

BEGINNERS YOGA CLASSES

Beginners Yoga classes started at the Cricket Club July 15th sessions are every Tuesday evening 7 - 8.30pm. For details contact Olivia Rigby on 01706 82 9488.

CRICKET MEMORABILIA

Every home match pop in for a few minutes to see Alan Morris in the Long Room (in the pavilion between the 2 dressing rooms). Alan has many historic cricketing items on show. Alan has also many cricketing items for sale, and is always interested in taking any surplus cricketing bric a brac off your hands, he has also got some limited edition ties for sale pop along to see him.

THE RONNIE GREAVES AND CHAMPIONSHIP ROOM

These excellent Club facilities can be hired for a modest sum for those special occasions, Harry Williams is the Committee Member to contact for any Club Bookings (01706 82 3029). Alternatively call the club on 01706 82 2799.



SPONSORSHIP

Feeling flushed? Do you want to entertain some of your customers? Do you want to treat some of your friends? Then do it in style on first team home match days by hiring the exclusive Sponsors Lounge where you can entertain in comfort and privacy. Alternatively you may want to sponsor a match ball, or promote your company via an advertising board as per dotted round the ground. Whatever your needs, Rod Hamer and Allan Read are the men to contact for all sponsorship linked events at the club.

MEMBERSHIP

Maurice Haslam is the Membership Secretary; his address is 27 Windermere Drive, Ramsbottom, BL0 9YB. **CHEQUES CAN BE SENT TO HIM MADE PAYABLE TO RAMSBOTTOM C.C. Pay your subs now and save money.** Thanks to those members who have already paid. As always the Cricket Club is on the lookout for new members, application forms are available from the Clubhouse (next to the membership board) or from Maurice Haslam.

WEB SITE - PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SERVICE IS CURRENTLY OUT OF ORDER

 Dates for your diary 

As you are well aware, running a club our size requires a great deal of hard work and funding. We are constantly having to find ways of raising money to cover our costs and this year will be no exception an event has already been arranged (detailed below) with a Tribute to Queen night planned for later in the year.

COMICS AND CURRY NIGHT Take 3 top comedians and a raft of prize winning Eastern Eye Curry dishes - sounds like the makings of a great night. This men only Friday night event takes place on **August 15th**. Tickets at a very reasonable £18 are going fast so book now to avoid disappointment by contacting Rod Hamer. Any one with a raffle prize to donate see Rod.

Freddy Mercury Night details coming soon.

GREG LOMAX FOR RAMSBOTTOM C.C COMMITTEE.