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FIGURES IN A LANDSCAPE

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Statistics are supposed to be able to prove anything but the odd coincidence of Lee Booth's 333rd first team game, appearance number 555 for David Rishton and the latter's 888th senior wicket (later increased to 890) all occurred in the Denby Dale game at the end of June. Lee's score of 62 in that game also took him past stalwart of the sixties, seventies and early eighties, Frank Harrison in the career run aggregate list. He now has Glen Wood's tally of 4479 as his next target.

The heavy defeat at home to Hoylandswaine also saw the concession of what is probably the highest total ever by the first team, 283 for 5. A decent reply of 184 for 6, a score which would win about 90% of games, made the combined run tally of both teams the third highest since reliable records begin in 1954. Eddie Haigh scored a determined 94 not out in that match and followed it with 84 in the cup next day when it was Lee Booth's turn to run out of overs when just short of a century on 96 not out. The team, with a third of the season remaining near the end of July, is third in the league, a point behind you know who and Cumberworth.

It is probably best to draw a veil over the Allsop Cup semi final against the



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same opponents except to say that the first team bowling was subject to the most brutal onslaught it has suffered in recent seasons, conceding nearly eight runs per over as the target of 161 was easily reached by Hoylandswaine.

Fixtures

1st Team

Sat Aug 05
Holmbridge (A)

Sat Aug 12
Nuffield Hospitals (H)

Sat Aug 19
Hoylandswaine (A)

Sat Aug 26
Azaad (H)

Sun Sep 03
Woolley (A)

Sun Sep 10
Denby Dale (A)

Sun Sep 17
Cawthorne (H)

2nd Team

Sat Aug 05
Leymoor (H)

Sat Aug 12
Holmbridge (A)

Sun Aug 13
Tinker Final v Azaad

Sat Aug 19
Nuffield Hospitals (H)

Sat Aug 26
Calder Grove (A)

Sun Sep 03
Upperthong (H)

Sun Sep 10
Denby Dale (H)

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Forthcoming Events

Friday 4th August - TCC Golf Day
Sunday 27th August - Twenty20 Re-match
Thursday 07th September - Junior Presentation
Saturday 18th November - Presentation Evening

Meanwhile in Section C

The second team have the Tinker Cup final to look forward to but they have enjoyed frustratingly mixed fortunes so far this season in the league. Early inroads were made into the Denby Dale batting by Jordan Thackray and, more particularly, Joe Law who ended with 6/21. Mark Rishton also took two important wickets. The early loss of David Howarth, with a century and two fifties to his name in his previous three innings, was made light of by Simon Whitehead (15) in a patient knock and Ian Short (33), making the most of his let off when dropped before he had scored, made patient inroads into the Denby Dale total. Joe Law, accompanied by Neil Booth, hit a rapid 28* to ensure there was no anxiety about running out of overs. Azaad await in the final at Hoylandswaine on August 13th.

In the league excellent bowling against Calder Grove A saw them with only 106 to chase. Apart from Russell Mottram's 32*, however, the batting never really got going with defeat the result. The following week at Upperrthong A, 200 for 4 was the Thurstonland tally but the host team exploited their small ground to knock off the runs with relative ease. This game featured an amazing two over blast from Angus Cox who rocketed to 44 before being out.

Leading run makers, with a third of the season left, are David Howarth, Neil Booth, Chris Bray and Joe Law and it has been good to see higher scores from Simon Whitehead and Ashley Armitage. Both Jordan Thackray and Angus Cox have over 20 wickets with Joe Law and Mark Rishton not far off that target.

First School end of term celebrations

After games in the rec, there was a party for First School leavers, their parents and friends in the club on Friday July 14th. It started at 5.30 and continued until approximately 9.00 with a good time had by all.

Longwood Harriers

Their Joe Percy 10k Memorial Race at the end of June was again a great success with the bar doing a roaring trade and they have already indicated that they intend to stage the event at Thurstonland in 2007. This is a valuable link with another sporting organisation which we are pleased to foster.

In the Clubhouse

There are two positives and a negative to report. The latter is the failure of the 11 year old generator which powers the beer store cooler. It is essential to have this replaced to keep all stock, not just the beer and lager, in good condition, particularly in the extended extreme heat wave we have had in the last few weeks. Costs will be in the £800 area but Clarks, our suppliers, have said that they are willing to loan us £500 so there should be action on this front in the near future.

The positives are the decoration of the club and toilets. This has smartened the whole building and thanks go to several members who did work behind the scenes beforehand taking things down etc or who tidied up as work progressed. The other is the acquisition of a painting of the village donated by Les and Joyce Hobson. Les was a player in the 60s and 70s and he and Joyce decided after decorating their bungalow that it was time for a change so they wanted the watercolour to have a good home and we were delighted to accept their kind offer.

Under 13's

After a tremendous win over Clayton West, the team was top of its section but an agonising three run defeat at Green Moor when a side affected by holidays battled hard but fell just short gave the chasing pack a chance. For once, perhaps, the fielding was not quite up to the high standards which have been a feature of their play in 2006. Nevertheless, they can all feel proud of their tremendous efforts in 2006 and there are still three games to go.

Oliver Futrell, Johnny Mudd and Josh Booth are the leading run scorers to date. Leading in wicket taking is, once again, Josh Booth with Isaac Kaye, Oliver Bailey and Tom Broom close behind. The other members of the team so far have been Josh Brown, Josh Smith, Henry Philpott, Luke Brooker and, making their debuts at Green Moor, Will Sykes and Edward Vile.

The friendly for our youngest players, three of whom were nine and one eight, at Rastrick on July 19th was most enjoyable with everyone putting in promising performances. We are still looking to form an Under 11 side for 2007 with discussions about the way forward taking place. Yet again it has to be emphasised how important this part of the club is.

Fixtures

Sun Aug 06
Shepley (A)

Sun Aug 13
Cumberworth (H)

Sun Aug 20
Almondbury Wes A (A)