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The Sun and the Rain...

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The saturated gloom of much of the month of May meant that only 70 minutes play was possible at home to Old Almondburians and the fixture against Denby Dale never started. With the season opener versus Edgerton being reduced to 39 overs each and our first visit to Woolley at first team level since 1983 seeing four rain delays, the attractions of the game became a little less obvious than is usually the case.

Although the start of June coincided with a marked improvement in the weather first team performances failed to match the sunshine and an easy win at Higham was followed by defeats at home to newly promoted Green Moor and away at Hoylandswaine. Consolation can be taken from a hard earned last ball victory against a strong Emley side which hopefully will kick start things for the second half of the season.

Lack of runs is proving to be the undoing of the side and indeed no first team batsman has yet to reach a half century in this seasons campaign.

In the second team David Oldham has managed a century and two fifties, as well as a duck (!), and Damien Pawson's bowling has earned him a deserved place in the first team where his batting with David Rishton managed to raise a buttock clenchingly embarrassing 36 for 9 to the dizzy heights of 65 all out and then the same partnership brought a one wicket win over Birkby Nuffield. A few overs earlier the loss of four wickets in six balls kept the scorers well occupied.

The cellar cooler expired at the end of May and its essential replacement will set us back the best part of £1000. This means that fund-raising assumes even greater importance than usual. The sponsored 2 minute run on Thursday 17th July should be helpful and quite soon tickets for the Cricket Foundation's Draw will be on sale. This is organised nationally and involves no club expense and we should raise £250 if our initial allocation is sold. Tickets are £1 each and the first prize is £5000 with the draw in early September.



Work is planned to re-felt the changing room roof and the access road surface will be relaid. Any help that can be given on either occasion will be most welcome.

Congratulations go to Jack Oldham who reached the final trial stage for the Yorkshire Under 13 representative team. Although not making the final squad after an exhausting day at Leeds GS, he played four games for West Yorkshire (West) in a regional competition, scoring a patient fifty in one of the games.

An apology is due to the Rose & Crown (Thurstonland) whose phone number is 661872 and not as printed in the fixture booklet. We value greatly their support, along with that of all our match sponsors.

The next issue will see the campaign past it's halfway stage so seasonal prospects should be clearer although these will not include an Allsop Cup run after our first round exit at Penistone. In this game Eddie Haigh 's patient 34 was just about the only batting success whilst David Rishton's second successive five wicket haul brought him to within five of Phil Brammall's 775 victims, the leading total since reliable records began in 1954.

Fixtures

1st Team

- 05-Jul-03**
Cawthorne (A)
- 12-Jul-03**
Edgerton (A)
- 19-Jul-03**
Old Almondburians (A)
- 26-Jul-03**
Woolley (H)
- 02-Aug-03**
Denby Dale (A)
- 09-Aug-03**
Cumberworth (H)
- 16-Aug-03**
Birkby Nuffield (A)

2nd Team

- 12-Jul-03**
Calder Grove A (H)
- 19-Jul-03**
Heckmondwike & C B (H)
- 26-Jul-03**
Bradley & Colne. B (A)
- 02-Aug-03**
Nortonhorpe A (H)
- 09-Aug-03**
Holmbridge B (A)
- 16-Aug-03**
Cumberworth B (H)
- 23-Aug-03**
Flockton A (A)
- 30-Aug-03**
Almondbury Wes. B (H)

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Forthcoming Events

Thursday July 17th
Sponsored 2 minute run

Sunday 24th August
Thurstonland CC Twenty20 Cup & BBQ

Wednesday 27th August
2nd TCC Open Golf Day

If you have any articles or ideas you would like to see in this newsletter, please let me know using one of the following methods. These can be related to the cricket club or the village in general.

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Under 13's

June 1st saw the season begin again after Hall Bower and Holmfirth sadly had to withdraw. Games played already were declared void for league purposes although achievements in them will stand for personal seasonal records as they were played competitively. The restart means that four blank Sundays are reduced to two, August 17th & 24th, and these may be used to rearrange any further games which fall victim to the weather.

All games so far have been quite close with the exception of the game at Upperthong who had a young team who will gain experience in the years ahead. An attempt is being made to give some younger players a game on a rota basis as the bulk of the team will be too old for this age group in 2004.

Luck has not gone our way with wicket taking so far with several deliveries missing the stumps by a fraction of an inch. Last year fortune smiled on us more readily but patience and persistence will help to even things out. A long trip to Delph & Dobcross in the cup saw us snatch defeat from the jaws of victory when Angus Cox joined Josh Denton and Jack Butterworth in scoring over 20 runs, no mean feat given the time available. Jordan Thackray with five is the leading wicket taker so far.

Two friendly games which will feature younger players and those who have not made more than a very occasional appearance in the Under 13 team have been arranged against Rastrick CC.

Fixtures

SUN JUL 13
UPPERTHONG (H)

SUN JUL 20
SCHOLES (A)

SUN JUL 27
UPPERTHONG (A)

SUN AUG 3
THONGSBRIDGE (A)

SUN AUG 10
HOLMBRIDGE (H)

Under 15's

After a promising start to the season the Un.15's have faltered a little recently and need to win their next few games to get back to the top of the section.

The first 3 matches were won easily due to fine bowling and fielding which kept opposition scores low. The highlight being a 5 wicket haul for Ashley Armitage. Unfortunately a narrow defeat in the cup against Linthwaite, a tie against Scholes and 2 more narrow defeats have landed things back a bit.

There have been high points, Adam Thackray with two 30's and a 28, Jack Oldham with 28 and 22, now a few more players need to chip in with runs regularly or 1 or 2 wickets.

Fixtures

MON JUL 07
HONLEY (A)

MON JUL 14
HOLMBRIDGE (H)

MON JUL 21
SCHOLES (A)

MON JUL 28
THONGSBRIDGE (H)

MON AUG 11
SHEPLEY (A)

Under 17's



K.Thackray in action at Denby Dale

A mixed bag of performances so far has left the u17's wallowing in mid-tables obscurity.

The batting has in the main been consistent throughout the season with I.Short, K.Thackray, M.Gummerson and S.Oldham in the runs, all this despite the devastating loss of the middle order powerhouse Tin Man to rivals Denby.

The bowling has been the Achilles heel with too many short deliveries and leg side bowling allowing the opposition to post higher totals than they should. There is no doubt that the ability is there it is just a case of more concentration and application being required.

Fixtures

WED JUL 02
SHELLEY (H)

WED JUL 09
THONGSBRIDGE (H)

WED JUL 16
CRIGGLESTONE (A)

WED JUL 23
CLAYTON WEST(H)

WED JUL 30
SHEPLEY (A)

Premier League Table as of 01/07/03

Cumberworth A	52
Emley A	35
Cawthorne A	32
Old Almondburians A	31
Green Moor A	31
Thurstonland A	28
Edgerton A	24
Hoylandswaine A	23
Birkby Nuffield A	22
Woolley A	22
Denby Dale A	12
Higham A	8

2nd ANNUAL TCC GOLF DAY - 27th AUGUST



The second annual TCC golf open is due to take place at Wortley Golf Club on Wednesday the 27th August, there are still places available and if anyone is interested they should contact John Eastwood on 07968 695803.

The cost is £45 per person this includes breakfast, lunch and dinner and 36 holes of golf. Prizes will be given for the afternoon 18 hole team stableford competition.