

# GET A THIRD MAN IN!

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## ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT...AND THEN SOME

The April rains which are lingering into May have meant that there has so far been little action for any of the teams. The opening Sunday fixtures, somewhat against the odds, were completed although both senior teams saw defeat in games against Birchencliffe.

Jack Oldham played his debut innings in the first team and looked at home before being defeated by low bounce and bowled for nine on a typical early season wicket. He has been chosen to represent the Central League's U21 White Rose team against the Wetherby League on Sunday May 15th at Woolley ( 1.30 start ). Adam Thackray has also been nominated and it is good to see the progress being made by younger players.

The only batsmen to show any sort of form were John Eastwood (35) and Lee Booth (42) and, in spite of a late flurry from Neil Booth and Dan Peace, the total of 129 for 7 looked a little on the low side. Birchencliffe opener John Eaton overcame an uncertain start, and being dropped on 20, to score a decisive 65 before being bowled by Greg Holmes. Patient support from John Lewis (31) saw their total reach 95 for 1. A late rush of wickets from David Rishton (4/26) put the result in doubt for a short time but the visitors had almost five overs to spare when the winning runs came.

The second team did well to restrict their Birchencliffe counterparts to 104 all out. David Johnson returned his best figures of 5/14 with two wickets each for Mark Rishton and Ashley Armitage and one for Chris Bray. Tea time optimism sadly soon faded as we could total only 53 with James Adler (18) the only bats-

man in double figures.

Both the Under 13s and Under 15s had their opening games called off but the Under 17s saw action at Kirkburton and managed a good win to start their season.

**WINTER GAMES TRIUMPH**  
Congratulations go the darts teams who ended the winter campaign with the league championship and just missed out on the double when they were runners up in the knock out final. The dominoes team were also beaten finalists in the cup. The new season will begin in late September and support is always welcome for fixtures which are usually played on a Thursday evening.

**SPORTS EVENING**  
A date for your diaries must be Friday June 3rd. On that evening, Graeme Fowler, the former Lancashire, Durham and England batsman and current broadcaster on cricket, will be the guest speaker at a fund raising event at Stocksmoor Village Hall. Tickets cost £15, which includes supper, and sales are being co-ordinated by Lee Booth, John Eastwood and David Rishton. There will be a licensed bar.

If previous similar events involving Sir Richard Hadlee and Michael Holding are anything to go by, the evening should be most enjoyable with time for questions as well as listening to an interesting speaker.

### Fixtures

#### 1st Team

Sat May 14  
Green Moor (A)

Sat May 21  
Old Almondburians (H)

Sun May 22  
Penistone (Rd 1) (H)

Sat May 28  
Cawthorne (A)

Sat Jun 04  
Denby Dale (H)

Sat Jun 11  
Holmbridge (H)

#### 2nd Team

Sat May 14  
Denby Dale (H)

Sat May 21  
Almondbury Wes. (A)

Sun May 22  
Woodfield Park (Rd 1) (A)

Sat May 28  
Penistone C&SC (H)

Sat Jun 04  
Flockton (A)

Sat Jun 11  
Hoylandswaine (A)

Sat Jun 18  
Holmbridge (H)

### Websites

**CLUB SITE**  
[www.thurstonlandcc.com](http://www.thurstonlandcc.com)

**LEAGUE SITE**  
[www.hccl.org.uk](http://www.hccl.org.uk)

**HERITAGE SITE**  
[www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk](http://www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk)

### Forthcoming Events

From Friday May 13th - 180 Not Out: The Development of Cricket in Kirklees - Tolson Museum

Friday 3rd June - Sports Evening -Graeme Fowler - Stocksmoor Village Hall

Thursday 21st July - Thurstonland Heritage Launch - Rose & Crown

## **CALDERDALE AND KIRKLEES CRICKET HERITAGE**

This project is now well underway and exhibitions featuring a timeline of important milestones, short narrative sections and photographs have already been put on display in suitable local venues for some of the clubs. A full list of dates can be seen in the leaflet on the club noticeboard. The exhibition for Thurstonland will be opened on Thursday July 21st ( 7.00 pm ) at the Rose and Crown.

It will be on show until October 31st when material will then be given to the club. Lee Booth is closely involved with the project in running the website (www.ckcricketheritage.org.uk) associated with the research. A wealth of material including photographs and line drawings of grounds can be viewed and orders made for notelets based on the art work. The project is ongoing and details are always being updated.

An exhibition entitled 180 Not Out: The Development of Cricket in Kirklees will be open to the public at the Tolson Museum after May 13th. It should be well worth a visit.

## **CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCES**

Thanks to a grant from the Huddersfield Common Good Trust, we have purchased a new mower which is essential for the preparation of match wickets. Its veteran predecessor was well past its best and the new machine will be a valuable investment.

Early in the new financial year which began in April we should have a decision about a grant application to Kirklees for much needed funds to replace the roof of the clubhouse. This is essential work and all fingers are crossed for a favourable outcome. If it is turned down then our own fund raising, always an important consideration, will assume even greater significance.

With this in mind, there is to be a second bag packing event at Morrisons Supermarket on Sunday June 12th with both morning and afternoon sessions. This will essentially involve members of our junior teams with supervision from senior members and parents. Details will be sent out by letter in the near future. Last year the magnificent sum of £615 was raised. We hope to beat that figure in 2005.

Thanks go to the many people who have recently done essential work on the premises with concreting in front of the pavilion, whitening the walls, tidying up the changing facilities, spring cleaning the kitchen, putting wood preservative on the plank seats, decorating the games room and doing essential electrical work. The re-building of the section of collapsed wall near the entrance at the bottom of the access road has also saved Kirklees a job after the council took weeks to acknowledge a letter sent to them about the matter.

We have also obtained a coaching mat which should prove of great benefit to junior players in particular although it could be used by players of all ages. It enables a range of shots to be practised via fixed tees which can be varied in height and markings to develop awareness of the ball's position as well as showing foot placement.

A reminder is given that subs for 2005 are now due and prompt payment by all members is much appreciated.

## **TWENTY/20 COMES TO THE CENTRAL LEAGUE**

In spite of initial doubts, the Twenty/20 competition has quickly become an established part of the first class game and introduced new spectators to the sport. Restrictions on fielding positions in the early stages of each 20 over innings and calculated hitting have led to some spectacular games which are completed in about three hours. It is hoped that new followers will then go on to enjoy the longer versions of the game.

We have entered the inaugural Central League competition and our first round game is at home to Upperthong on Friday May 27th (6.30). The aim is to get the match decided in about two and a half hours, including a short interval between innings. It will be interesting to see how things go and the emphasis will certainly be on agility. Team selection might be interesting! This will, incidentally, be our first competitive game at first team level against Upperthong who are now well established although still relative newcomers to our league. We have met at second team and junior level

## **U13 Fixtures**

Sun May 15  
Upper Hopton (Rnd 1) (A)

Sun May 22  
Almondbury Wes (A)

Sun May 29  
Cumberworth (H)

Sun Jun 05  
Kexborough (A)

Sun Jun 12  
Shelley (H)

## **U15 Fixtures**

Mon May 16  
Honley (H)

Mon May 23  
Shepley (H)

Tue May 31  
Thongsbridge (A)

Mon Jun 06  
Meltham (H)

Mon Jun 13  
Upperthong (A)

## **U17 Fixtures**

Wed May 11  
Shepley (A)

Fri May 13  
Slaithwaite (Rnd 1) (H)

Wed May 18  
Thongsbridge(A)

Wed May 25  
Rastrick (H)

Wed Jun 01  
Kexborough (H)