

Bideford Cricket Club

Club Captains Thoughts for the New Season

A Message from Mick Warne

To All at Bideford C.C

I would firstly like to thank everyone at Bideford C.C for making my trip over a complete pleasure and an unforgettable experience... I have had a fantastic year at St Kilda Cricket Club in Melbourne I started in the 4th's and finished up with a 5 wicket haul in the 2nds..I have been told by club selectors that I should be looking to break into the 1st's next season, playing alongside state/county players and hopefully opening up a few more doors for myself, I feel that this has a huge amount to do with the season spent over with you all in the UK, it re-stored my love for the game and made me realise when you want something enough.. You WILL get it!

I want to say that not only playing with the guys on a weekend but socialising and having fun with all you was also a massive part in regaining that edge for the game, when you are enjoying your cricket and the guys you are playing with's company this leads to great results on and off the field, training becomes automatic and form is inevitable!

To all the kids I coached whilst being a part of the club.. thank you also.. I took great pride in being given the opportunity to coach you guys and hope you are all still working as hard as when I left!.. I will strongly recommend that the older guys at the club part take in any coaching training or qualifications you can as passing your knowledge on to the upcoming players is Vital and greatly appreciated.

I will be trying to stay up to date with the clubs progress throughout the season and wish everyone the best of luck for the year.. just remember if you have a point to prove... work hard to prove it! make sure every week when you walk off that pitch you walk off knowing that you have done everything that you possibly could physically and mentally to help you and the 10 other guys on your team come away with a much sought after win!..

Just before I go, make sure you all keep getting behind the clubs fundraising, sounds like Jim is doing a great job behind the scenes so support him and keep the club going and the success building!

All the best guys, Hope to see you all soon...

Mick Warne

Winter nets have been under-way for several weeks now and it has been great to have the chance to start working towards the new season. I think it has been very encouraging to see how everyone is working at their individual games and the sessions have so far felt very focussed and productive. We need to maintain these levels for the coming weeks and this will give us the chance to make a really competitive start to the season. Once we start outdoors I will be looking for the same levels of enthusiasm and commitment at our Tuesday night practice sessions.



Now that the season is nearly upon us I thought it might be useful to outline some of my ideas for the coming season. First and foremost I would like us to be able to enjoy our cricket – if we are having fun it is much more likely that we will be successful. I think we need to set some standards for practice nights and match days that will enable us to perform to our best. This doesn't mean endless training and fitness work but more a focus on improving key skills both in the nets and in the field. If we get these basics right at practice then on match days we should already be confident that we will be able to perform to our best. I want us to be in a position where we can play really positive and attacking cricket and being properly prepared will give us the best chance to do that. Good luck to everyone for the 2009 season.

Match Day Sponsors

This season the nine Devon League 1st XI games are being sponsored

A big Thank you to: Country Cottage Bakery, The Brend Group, Brian Smith, Blights Motors, Littlejohn's Coal Merchants, Eddie Farwell, Riverbank Care

These games are being supported at £50 each

Bideford Mourn Two Members

Simon Luxton

It was with deep sorrow that we were told of the death of Simon on 3rd March.

Though not a cricketer Simon was often seen at the club on match days together with mother Liz in support of brother Chris. If you happened to meet Simon in the club you would always have enjoyed a lively conversation with him.

Simon will best be remembered for his support when the club organised Bonfire nights. He would arrive with a large box of very expensive fireworks. These special fireworks would always be the highlight of the evening, though they would scare the living daylight out of the people who were to let them off.

We extend our deepest sympathies to all the family.

Brian Champion Chairman

Stanley Terence Roy Bird

Roy was quite an outstanding personality in many fields. He was a semi-professional musician, playing at most of the local "gigs" in the late 1950s and 60s, he was a superb scrum-half making the position his own for Bideford RFC 1st XV for many years, and businesswise he was quickly singled out by North Devon Farmers, probably the major farming consortium in the area, as a potential Manager and from being a salesman, he became Manager of the Barnstaple Branch and shortly afterwards relocated to Bideford as head of the organisation. This was at a comparative young age. In addition he was a splendid all-round cricketer with Bideford CC.

With his wife Jeanette, and son Christian and daughter Suzy, Roy was a strong family man residing for many years in Northam, yet maintaining his interest in the sporting organisations he had served so well, including Bideford CC. Roy's father, Cecil was the Club umpire and if he has a fault it was that he would not give his sons the benefit of the doubt - perhaps harsh but Cecil valued his independence and was not to be seen favouring his talented sons. Ray, the eldest, was captain, a masterly tactician and solid batsman; Mervyn certainly one of the best batsmen the Club has ever had and Roy the all-rounder. Ever dependable, Roy bowled medium paced out-swingers and cutters, had the fastest pair of hands imaginable when it came to close catching, and he regularly opened the batting on Saturdays whilst moving down to No.8 on a Sunday to give others a chance. What a player to have in any side, someone who was always thinking of others..

The Club was a very happy place with the Birds around and we enjoyed each others' company on and off the field, including the forming of a band at one time within the Club. The sad thing, perhaps, was that, as usually happens, we all grow old and people with the strength of character, ability and moral fibre of people like Roy do not come along very often. We were all very privileged to have known him and enjoyed his excellent company and humour - he will be sorely missed..

Peter Adams President

Skittle Evening

Great Success

The recent skittle evening at the Coach and Horses Buckland Brewer was a great success. Organiser Jim Lowe reported that 23 people took part. The winners of the respective Men and Woman competitions were Dave and Rachel Allin. Both were comfortable winners with Rachel the top scorer on the evening with 32 from her 3 rubs.

Holly Waterman provided the highlight of the evening being the only person to get all nine pins down with one ball.

Finally a big thank you to Ollie Wolfe and his staff at The Coach and Horses for there fabulous hospitality.

North Devon 20/Twenty KO Cup

The draw for the North Devon 20/Twenty KO Cup has been made. Bideford find themselves with a tough first round draw at home against Barnstaple Pilton.

The winners will face village side Putford in the 2nd round, this will see the competition reach the semi-final stage.

Milky Way Adventure Park

The Milky Way Adventure Park near Clovelly have once again come forward with support for our club. Following on from the successful Benefit game last season which saw the Adventure Park sponsor the Bideford kit for the game, they have now agreed to sponsor the club with shirts for the next two seasons. Martin Stanbury said "after the success of last years game and with family interest in the club it was the obvious thing to do".

Bideford CC would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at the Milky Way for their on going support.

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Big Bideford Welcome

This season we welcome two new seniors to the playing squad. Former Bideford cricketer Dave Smale rejoins the club after several seasons playing at near by North Devon. Dave a left arm orthodox spinner and solid lower order bat brings with him a wealth of experience which I am sure we should all benefit from.

The second new member may not be as well known in North Devon, Barry Sumption from Hartland is a left handed top order batsman who has been playing for Bude in the Cornish league for the past few seasons but as decided to try his hand back in the Devon League. Barry is familiar with the Devon League having played for Hatherleigh when they were in the premier division a decade ago.

Further good news for our selection committee, it has been reported that Mike Wigley and Martin Barrett will be available on Sunday's as well as Saturday's for the coming season having played for Beaford in the North Devon League for the past couple of years.

Guess Who?

Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary soon, who are they?

Answer on the website or Kevin 01237 473519



Calling All Members

Wednesday 24th June

Sponsored Walk in aid of The New Safety Fence.

We need to raise £1000 to secure further funding.

20 Twenty Tournament

31st August

at

Westward Ho!

Bideford Versus

Victoria Park Versus

Taunton St Andrews

Quiz Night

Friday 1st May

7.30pm

Quiz Master Keith Bettiss invites you all to his special brand of quiz. Come and test yourself in this fun evening.

Buffet and draw

End of Season Dinner

At

The Royal Hotel

27th November

The Cricket Ground,
Seafront,
Westward Ho!
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ECB Safety Guidance on the Wearing of Cricket Helmets by Young Players

In February 2000 the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) issued safety guidance on the wearing of helmets by young players up to the age of 18. In brief, the guidance recommends that:

- helmets with a faceguard or grille should be worn when batting against a hard cricket ball in matches and in practice sessions
- young players should regard a helmet with a faceguard as a normal item of protective equipment when batting, together with pads, gloves and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box)
- young wicket keepers should wear a helmet with a faceguard when standing up to the stumps. With the assistance of schools, cricket clubs and leagues, the wearing of helmets by young players is now standard practice in cricket throughout England and Wales. Helmets are widely available and are covered by a British Standard (BS7928:1998).

The original guidance allowed parents or guardians to give their written consent to allow a young player not to wear a helmet. However now parental consent not to wear a helmet should not be accepted in any form of cricket.

A face protector represents an alternative head protection system for young wicket keepers. Face protectors are, at the time of publication of this guidance, a relatively new innovation. ECB is currently working with manufacturers in order to achieve a British Standard in relation to all face protection technology for juniors.

Josh sets the standard

This winters indoor coaching has just finished and the attendance has been fabulous.

Josh Ball deserves a special mention, he has not missed a practice session in two years indoor or out. Well done Josh

The outdoor nets start at Westward Ho! On Wednesday 15th April at 6.00pm followed by a parents meeting and the distribution of registration forms at 7.30.

Academy Selection and Dates.

Congratulation to the following who have been selected too the Bideford CC 2009 Colts Academy.

Ali Clements, Tom Farnell, Jake Wood, Robert Hill, Ben Brend, Josh Atkinson, Dan Barratt, Fred King, Kieran Soper, Kristan Brown, Alex Binnington-Savage, Reece Stanbury, Bradley Smith and Michael Townshend.

The under 13 group will have their first session on Wednesday 22nd April starting at 5.00pm.

The under 16 group start one week later on the 29th again at 5.00pm.

The two groups will alternate throughout the program ending with a joint session on Wednesday 5th August + a 2009 group Photograph.

Welfare Officer

Frances Barratt is our clubs new Welfare Officer, Frances is regularly seen at the ground on colts evenings and at week-ends. frances.barratt@virgin.net

Chance to Shine

The Chance to Shine programme enters its third year working with years 5 & 6 at 5 junior schools plus year 7 at Bideford College. Trevor Griffin will again carryout the coaching duties starting on Monday 27th April.

This project will be supplemented by the new Twilight Club for boys and girls in year's 5 & 6 at Westward Ho! This will run on Monday's for an hour from 4.45. There is no fee for these sessions.

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