



Midlands Club Cricket Conference Newsletter Winter 2010

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Everard's Leics County League

League secretary Rod Watts reports.

'The Premier League crown was hotly contested and went down to the last fixtures. Market Harborough, Loughborough Town and Barrow were all in contention. Loughborough played Barrow with Barrow requiring a win to gain first place, but Loughborough bowled them out for 92 which the home team passed for the loss of three wickets.

The onus went back on Harborough at home to Sileby Town with the weather closing in rapidly.

Harborough were set a winning total of 226. They duly passed this with only 2 wickets left in the hutch to gain their first title by 9 points.

A superb finish to a very exciting season for Market Harborough.'



**On behalf of the Midlands Club
Cricket Conference, I wish all our
members, Seasons Greetings and
Best Wishes for the New Year.**

Midlands Club Cricket Conference Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation.

Friday March 4th 2011

6.30 for 7.15

Tally Ho Sports and Social Club

Pershore Road

Edgbaston

Birmingham

Guest Speaker:

Colin Tunncliffe

Comedian:

Jamie Sutherland

Ladies welcome:

Black tie preferred

Tickets £33 each. Table of ten £300 Use enclosed booking form please.

M.C.C.C Award Winners

The MCCC is pleased to announce its award winners for the 2011 season.

Midlands Club Cricket Conference Cricketer of the Year:

Attiq Chishti Knowle and Dorridge CC

Esmond Lewis Wicket Keeper of the Year:

Jon Smith, Kidderminster Victoria CC

Cricketers of the Year – Playing

Greg Willett, Leek CC

Alex Mellor, Leek CC

Nick Major, Old Vigornians CC

Laeq Chishti, Penkridge CC

Carby Dawson, Handsworth CC

Leslie Jones Secretarial Award:

Ken Lancaster, Sutton Coldfield CC

W.F. Jones Award for Consistent Achievement:

Phil Mackie, Old Vigornians CC

'Tiny' Wildsmith Clubman of the Year Award:

Gordon Brindley, Moseley CC

Norman Sharp Award for long service:

William Bailey, Broadway CC

Mike Jackson Award for services to Conference:

Gerald Wadley, former Youth Sub Ctte Chairman

Cricketers of the Year – Administration:

John Brookes, Pershore CC

Darrell Bellfield, Shirley CC

Alan Wild, Harborne CC

Dave Griffith, Warwick CC

William Hopkins, Trysull and Seisdon CC

John Gough, Wolverhampton CC

Halesowen Trophy for Youth Cricket:

Robert Satchwell, Newdigate CC

Alec Hastilow Young Player of the Season (u16):

Michael Hingley, Old Hill CC

Tom Fell, Wolverhampton CC

MCCC Under 21 Player of the Year

Gary Hawkins, Olton and WW CC

Aaron Khatkar, Four Oaks Saints CC

MCCC Young Club Person of the Year. Not awarded.

Congratulations to all these winners who will receive their awards from MCCC President Dennis Amiss at the Annual Dinner on March 4th at the Tally Ho Club.

Conference was delighted with the quality of the nominations this year, but disappointed that it was not able to make one award which is for a young person who is getting involved with the running of their club rather than their playing skills. Make a note in your diaries for next year. We ask for nominations at the beginning of September and would like them submitted by mid October. Many thanks.

New M.C.C.C. Website.

Great news. By the time you get this newsletter our new website will be up and running. Click on www.mccc.co.uk to see the new site.

This is a phased implementation. On January 1st 2011 you will be able to visit the site and log in. Further implementations will follow.

There will be the return of the once extremely popular and well used Fixtures Bureau which I know will be in great demand as it once was, but this will be an online service for all clubs.

There will be a club portal where members will be able to log in and access their club page and keep their club details up to date, add news and photos about their own club. A map will come up on your club's page showing where your ground is, provided your club page has a post code for the ground.

However, you will need a member with email access to login and this is going to be vitally important as we shall use the email addresses in the database to send you newsletters and keep you to date with what is going on round the Midlands. I intend to send shorter but more frequent newsletters once this is running.

You will also be able to use the website to get in contact with us directly via email with a link to us built in.

We hope to be able to have lots of photos of matches, of clubs, to have scorecards of Conference games which will be based on play-cricket and allow us to keep statistics of Conference Players.

Dave Abell of SME websites has built the site for us and he will be coming to the Annual General Meeting and once that is over, he will be giving you a run through of the new website and what it will have and what will be available for clubs. Do come along and have a look at this new venture for the MCCC

Annual General Meeting

I hereby give formal notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Midlands Club Cricket Conference, which will take place on:

**Wednesday January 26th 2011 at
Olton and West Warwickshire CC**

**Grange Road,
Olton
Solihull
B91 1DA
Beginning at 8.00 p.m.**

Agenda:

Apologies

Minutes of the 2010 AGM

The Annual Report

The Hon Treasurers Financial Report and Accounts

(Copies will be available at the AGM)

Properly notified changes to the Constitution and rules

Election of Officers and Ctte

Any other Business at the discretion of the President.

Followed by David Abell introducing the new MCCC Website.

Subscription Reminder

Outstanding Subscriptions

There has been a reasonable response to the reminder which was sent out during the playing season but it has still been necessary to send a further reminder to over 100 members who failed to respond. Collection of subscriptions is not only a perennial problem but also a costly and time-consuming exercise.

In order to minimise the cost of sending further reminders it would be very much appreciated if prompt action is taken to pay outstanding subscriptions.

New Honorary General Secretary Elect

The Midlands Club Cricket Conference is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Honorary General Secretary who will be elected at the AGM in January. He is **William George** who played his cricket at Pickwick CC and Solihull CC; became chairman of Solihull CC and later vice-chairman at Olton and WW CC. He is u11 competitions manager for the WCB and is a committee member on the Warwickshire Cricket Board. We welcome him to the MCCC and he will take up his post at the AGM.

Dennis Amiss – MCCC President for 2011

We are delighted to welcome our new President Dennis Amiss at the Annual General Meeting. Dennis needs no introduction to cricket supporters all over the country who will remember his classy and courageous batting for England and for Warwickshire before becoming Chairman of Warwickshire CCC.



Umpires' Courses:

The winter is THE time to update all your umpiring skills and attracting new members to the umpires' fold. Courses which I have been told about are as follows:

WCU & SA are running a Refreshers Course at Kidderminster on Sunday March 20th and 27th and at Old Elizabethans on Sunday March 13th.

In Warwickshire there are Level 1 courses at Edgbaston beginning on Sat Jan 29th for 5 weeks (repeated on Monday evenings); Level 1a course on Feb th; Level 2 courses in March/April and a Club umpires' course on March 16th.

Staffordshire are running a Level 1 course beginning on Jan 12th. Contact Fred Barrett 01902 398441.

The South Staffs League is running a level 1 course at Hem Heath on Feb 28th

Youth Cricket

New Girls' u13 competition.

The MCCC's new u13 girls' competition got under way for the first time last year. If you are looking for a competition for your girls' team contact Arthur Pickering 07737 931 392 or jp004f4753@blueyonder.co.uk

MIDLANDS CLUB CRICKET CONFERENCE MATCHES 2010 by David Shaw

Conference experienced the highs and lows of cricket during the season just completed.

In April we played our traditional fixture with Solihull School who were celebrating their 450th anniversary. Conference scored 287 for seven in 50 overs thanks mainly to Giles Clements whose 109 included eleven 4s and two 6s and Robinson with 56. In response the School profited from a number of dropped catches early on but were in trouble at 56 for three. However determined batting especially from Coleman (56) saw our hosts reach 191 for five wickets in 39 overs, the game ending in a disappointing draw.

At Fenner's there was an excellent game against Cambridge University. Batting first Cambridge were bowled out in the 49th over for 201, six Conference bowlers sharing the wickets between them, backed up by keen fielding. In reply Conference lost two early wickets but were then indebted to a stand of 135 by Atiq Chishti (101 not out) and Scott Stenning (51) for bringing victory in sight. This was achieved in the 48th over by four wickets with Atiq completing his century with the winning boundary.

A number of late withdrawals left us short of bowling strength against the RAF. The hosts took full advantage to score a massive 342 for five in their 50 overs, their captain Compton hitting 175, a record highest score for a RAF player. Istiaq Mohammed (65) led the response but it was when Tony Bristow joined Laeq Chishti in a partnership of 97 in just 50 minutes that the innings gained the momentum, needed. After Bristow was dismissed for 44, an inspired Laeq blasted his way to an unbeaten 146 including seventeen 4s and five 6s just failing to achieve a memorable victory for Conference who finished on 329 for six wickets. A great effort by a weakened team showing great spirit.

Playing on a perfect batting wicket at Oxford University, we enjoyed an excellent opening stand of 107 by 15 year old Mike Hingley (85) and Mohammed Istiaq (40). However a fine spell of slow left arm bowling by Pascoe, 2 for 7 off eight overs, completely becalmed our batting and only Carl Whyte with 27 showed enough aggression to enable us to reach 223 for 9 off 50 overs. Two early wickets gave Conference hope that our score would be sufficient but a stand of 149 in 27 overs by Sharma (71) and Meadows (89) nearly saw our hosts to victory which was achieved by three wickets despite a late flurry of dismissals. For Conference bowlers Laeq Chishti (4 for 31) and Carl Whyte (3 for 25) performed well.

The game against the Club Cricket Conference can only be described as a disaster. Batting first on a difficult pitch, freshened by overnight rain, our batsmen failed to cope with some excellent bowling and were soon 17 for five. Resistance by Bristow and Walker doubled the score but thereafter another collapse saw Conference dismissed for just fifty. In reply the Londoners reached their target without loss in 5.4 overs. A 20/20 game after lunch gave some respectability to the day but chasing 132 for eight we fell short by 4 runs despite Atiq Chishti making a valiant 60 not out.

We played our final game against the MCC at Lord's with a side more representative of the strength of Conference when everyone is available. Batting first an opening stand of 78 in even time by TP Singh (31) and Ishtiaq (41) gave the innings an impetus which was continued by solid contributions from skipper David Banks, Atiq Chishti and Laeq Chishti who top scored with 53 in a total of 203 for five in 50 overs. An excellent opening spell from Tom Freeman and Freddie Eburah reduced the MCC to 18 for four and despite a fine stand of 78 by Mike Marvell (57) and ex-England player, John Stephenson (36) the home side were never in the hunt eventually being bowled out for 155 in 47.4 overs. Freeman with 3 for 21 in 7.4 overs and Eburah 3 for 23 off 10 overs led the way, supported by excellent fielding, ensuring a great finish to the season and one to be savoured throughout the close season.

Conference played two very enjoyable anniversary matches in 2010.

Warwick Cricket Club were celebrating their 50th anniversary. Batting first they scored an impressive 231 all out in the 40th over. Asa Robinson with 4 for 44 and Lee Geghan, 3 for 42, were the pick of the bowlers. In reply Conference struggled to score runs at the required rate and regularly lost wickets until Carl Whyte (61) and Mark Snyman (43) put together a stand of 61 in quick time. Unfortunately it was not enough and we were bowled out for 184 in 34.3 overs to lose by 47 runs.

Old Elizabethans celebrating their 75th year provided the opposition when Conference performed rather more creditably. In 40 overs they scored 264 for 9, with an outstanding innings of 116 by Dan Attwood, including seven 4s and nine 6s. The OEs struggled when chasing such a large score and after 30 overs were 152 for 5 wickets when a tremendous thunderstorm brought an end to proceedings.

The Conference thanks all the players, match managers, scorers and umpires who supported them during the season. 41 players represented Conference in 2010

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

Centuries: 146 not out t L Chishti v Royal Air Force
116 D Attwood v Old Elizabethans
109 G. Clements v Solihull School
101 not out A Chishti v Cambridge University

Bowling : L Chishti 10-2-31-4 v Oxford University
T Burgess 11-1-72-4 v Solihull School
A Robinson 6.3-0-44-4 v Warwick CC