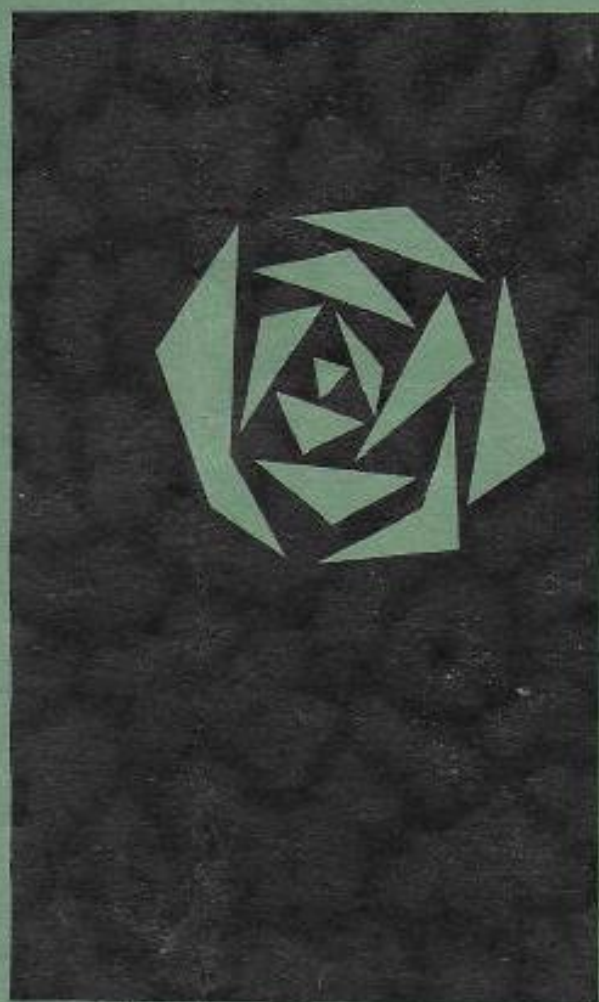


CRICKET MATCH

AT HEATHBROOK
WALL HEATH

LADIES V. MEN



SUNDAY, 2 JULY 1967
WICKETS PITCHED 2 p.m.

RACHAEL HEYHOE INTERNATIONAL
LADIES XI.

v.

DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD C.C.

THE CHAIRMAN WRITES

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for purchasing this booklet and I trust that when you have had time to read the many interesting items it contains and have watched, what I am sure will prove to be, an entertaining day's cricket you will feel that you have had your money's worth.

Our main object in sponsoring this cricket match between Rachael Heyhoe's Ladies XI and Dudley Kingswinford Cricket Club is to raise money for the Ladies. Most of them as you know are of International standard and when they are selected to represent their country most of the expenses are borne by the ladies themselves. They are not assisted in any way by the M.C.C. or any other national organisation. We, the Club, therefore decided that we would play our part by raising money for what we felt was a worthy cause, and at the same time providing you with an entertaining afternoon's cricket.

For many of you it will be the first time you have visited our ground, and I hope it will not be the last. Throughout the season we run two teams who play on Saturdays and Sundays, and so there is always a home match to watch. We invite you to come along, you will be made most welcome.

The Rugby Club also run five or six teams throughout the Winter Season, again you will be very welcome. Should any of you be interested in seeking membership of either the Cricket or Rugby Section of the Club, Forms of Application can be obtained from the respective secretaries.

Sincerely Yours,

BERNARD JACKSON

Chairman

DON'T BE SURPRISED

Some people are still surprised to see women playing cricket, and think this is a novelty. In fact the game has been played by women for well over 200 years, but it was not until 1926 that the Women's Cricket Association was formed, and developed into an organisation that now deals with clubs, counties, committees, selection for international tours, coaching, umpiring, and finding the young players.

All matches are played according to the M.C.C. Laws, with the exception of the ball, which is half an ounce lighter, and slightly smaller in circumference.

Many girls play cricket as a school game, many more wish to play after watching some of the representative matches, and a great many players start their cricket careers by fielding and bowling to their brothers. One such lady was Christine Willes, who was persuaded to bowl to her brother for practice (his practice!) in an early nineteenth century crinoline, and adopted a round arm style. Her brother attempted to introduce this style in a match in Kent in 1807, and after a tussle with orthodoxy, round arm bowling was accepted, and the way was laid open for modern overarm bowling.

As not all girls who wish to play cricket attend schools where the game is played, the W.C.A. encourages and helps any girl wishing to play, by arranging summer and winter coaching. A number of counties run Junior County teams, and some of the outstanding players of today have graduated from selection for Junior County teams, to the senior team, and then to the territorial teams (North, South, East, West and Midlands) and finally to selection for England teams at home and overseas.

International tours take place at pre-arranged intervals, and selected teams have visited Australia, New Zealand, Holland and South Africa, interspersed with return visits to this country. A Test Match series is included in all these international tours.

BRIEF INTRODUCTIONS

RACHAEL HEYHOE (Wolverhampton Ladies), Staffs., Midlands; England Captain 1966 v. New Zealand. Played v. South Africa in 1960/61, v. Australia 1963. Journalist. Batsman.

EDNA BARKER, Surrey, South; Toured Australia and N.Z. 1958. Played v. Australia 1963; Vice-captain England 1966 v. N.Z. Shorthand Typist. All rounder.

MRS. LESLEY CLIFFORD, Yorks., North; England 1966 v. N.Z. Lecturer in Physical Education.

PAMELA CRAIN, Herts., East; Toured South Africa 1960/61; 12th v. Australia 1963 and v. New Zealand 1966. School Secretary. All rounder.

AUDREY DISBURY, Kent, East; Toured Australia and N.Z. 1958; Third Test v. N.Z. 1966. Guest House owner. All rounder.

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CAROL EVANS, Glamorgan, Wales; Played in Representative matches at the Oval. Physical Education Teacher. Fast Bowler.

JUNE MOORHOUSE, Yorks., North; Played v. N.Z. 1966. Fast Bowler. Shorthand Typist.

SHEILA PLANT, Surrey, South; England v. South Africa 1960/61; v. New Zealand 1966. Teacher of Physical Education. Wicket-keeper.

LYNNE THOMAS, Glamorgan, Wales; England v. N.Z. 1966. Teacher of Physical Education. Spin Bowler. Also Hockey International.

MRS. EILEEN VIGOR, Surrey, South; England v. Australia 1963; v. New Zealand 1966. Clerical Worker. Spin Bowler.

JACKIE WHITNEY, Surrey, South; England v. New Zealand 1966. Laboratory Research Assistant. Opening Bat.

JILL CRUWYS, Kent and East. Medium-fast bowler. Representative Matches at the Oval.

JEAN CLARK, Kent and East. All rounder. Representative Matches at the Oval.

LYNN THOMAS, Glamorgan and West. All rounder. Played v. New Zealand 1966.

CAROL EVANS, Glamorgan and West. Fast bowler. Representative Matches at the Oval.

JACKIE WHYTNEY, Surrey and South. Opening bat. England v. New Zealand 1966.

. . . AND THE MEN ARE . . .

MIKE SWINNERTON (Club Captain). Middle order batsman who has been known to hit a few sixes. Tends to lose his concentration when building a big score. First change medium slow bowler who has also broken many a long stand. Excellent social organiser who is well renowned for his non-participation in his own boat-races. Team Manager of D.K. All Stars.

M.J.J.

MIKE HARVEY (Vice Captain). A very loyal member of the Club. This is his fourth season as Vice Captain. An opening medium fast swing bowler who has sent back many an opening pair. Won the fielding cup last season. Plays a good game of soccer, when not on his back!!

BERNARD JACKSON. Our very respected *Chairman* for this season who keeps our high spirits in order. Joined us from Netherton three seasons ago and helped us to build our young players into a team. Keeps wicket and bats high in the order.

JOHN SNOW. Elected our *Vice Chairman* this year. Writes some very entertaining minutes and is well known for his work on the Building of the Site Screens Committee!! A biscuit representative who lives in Kidderminster.

MIKE JACKSON. A very able *Secretary* who bats in the middle of the order. Has a particularly good square cut which is a delight to see. Secretary now since the formation of the Club and fixture Secretary in addition, for the past two years, Mike has worked hard to secure our present Club status.

NICHOLAS GALLOWAY. To quote from the Daily Telegraph: "A player who with his long sideburns and droopy moustache, and trousers held up by an old yellow tie looks like a character from bygone days". Nick is an excellent middle order batsman who topped the batting averages last season and won the cricketer of the year cup. Six a side expert.

DAVE TURNER. Our other opening bowler who is very steady and reliable. Topped the bowling averages last season. Elected *Hon. Press Secretary* this year. Responsible for the fine definition of the scoreboard.

BRIAN (TIMBER) WOOD. A player much improved since he joined the Club. Has a particularly strong off drive and has proved a very solid opening batsman. This season he is our Match Secretary. Lays a good paving slab occasionally!!

RAY JACQUES. Last year's Club Captain and nicknamed Roly. Has often opened the batting to good effect. Gets on with the game and can usually be relied upon for a quick twenty or so. Life and soul when in party mood.

BRIAN HOMER. The man who looks after the cash. Elected *Hon. Treasurer* this season. We understand he does his "Book-keeping" on a Saturday afternoon. Likes to take barmaids out cycling on his tandem!

MIKE BERESFORD. A very capable slow left arm bowler whose leg cutters prove many a hazard for the unsuspecting batsman. Has vastly improved since his promotion to 1st XI cricket in 1965. Shortly to be married — poor fellow! A star goal-keeper in the Winter.

DON CAWTHORNE. A North country player who likes to get on with the game. Bats well and fields keenly. Appointed in November 1966 as Secretary to the Rachael Heyhoe Committee and has been responsible among other things, for the production of this souvenir programme.

ERIC LAMPITT. A dour left hand bat who relies on good stroke play for his runs. A Sunday player, he performs regularly on Saturdays in the Wolverhampton works league.

RON JONES. A fairly new player who should develop into an excellent off spin bowler. His quips both on and off the field keep the team in high spirits.

CYRIL BROOK. A forceful opening bat from Yorkshire, with a good deal of experience in league cricket. Served as Chairman for part of 1966 Season and worked hard in this Office to promote the image of the Club.

MIKE BROOK. Captain of the "A" XI last season. A good stylish bat who tends to lack confidence but who has often produced some very pleasing innings. Bowls medium slow out swingers very accurately. Also a stalwart half back in the football team.

DICK DEWS. A gentleman from the Old School. Last season Match Secretary; a school teacher and cricketer of some repute. His left arm swing bowling must always be treated with respect. Enjoys his batting and has scored many a useful run when most needed.

MIKE GARBETT. A handsome bachelor teacher well known for his visits to the Chateau Impney! An opening bat who can be relied on to wear down any opening attack. This year's "A" XI Captain.

JOHN LAMPITT. A very reliable and solid Second XI Captain. His experience over the past two seasons has greatly improved a some what weak Second XI. A veteran footballer!

MAURICE KING. An invaluable Second XI Vice Captain — a good social member, and medium fast bowler. Surprises many a batsman with his speed and somewhat erratic length.

ALAN HASTILOW. Responsible for the successful Annual Dinners and Dances. In the past, 2nd XI Captain, and now ever present on the Cricket Committee.

RON MARTIN. A very reliable and dour wicket keeper who never panics. Elected *2nd XI Press Secretary* this year. Likes his rum and blackcurrant!!

DAVE THOMAS. A steady medium quick opening bowler who plays for Enville on Saturdays and Dudley Kingswinford on a Sunday. Also a very useful batsman.

R. (WALLY) WALDRON. An old stager who has performed in League cricket for many a year. His advice and experience is invaluable.

STAN GRAINGER. An Ex-League player with vast experience. Has been appointed to the list of Birmingham League Umpires this season and will be officiating today.

M.S.

E. PEARSON. Eddie, a teacher, is a batsman who likes to have a go. He scored a record eighty-nine in fifty minutes at Lye last season. Keen on dancing and enjoys his game of tennis.

J. DOBSON. Yet another teacher and a regular change bowler whose viciousness of attack is very off putting to the batsman. Has played mainly in the Second XI and taken many a wicket.

N. CARDEN. A tall opening bowler whose speed comes as a surprise to the batsman. Although his length and direction can be erratic sometimes, when he is on target, he can be a real danger, as was shown in the by now famous game when Alvechurch were all dismissed for six runs. Neville took six wickets for two runs in this match.

DUDLEY-KINGSWINFORD CRICKET CLUB

The XI Pints XI was the foundation from which Dudley-Kingswinford Cricket Club was formed in 1962. This team of 'Boczers' was the 'brain child' of Tony Freeman, who took it upon himself to run the team.

When the Rugby Club purchased this excellent ground, they thought it would be a travesty of justice if major activities of the Clubhouse and Grounds were confined to the winter months. They therefore suggested that the XI Pints XI should use the ground in the summer months, and Dudley-Kingswinford Cricket Club was formed.

At an unofficial meeting in the 'toilets' at Bellis & Morcom Cricket Club, a cricket committee was appointed and this was Tony Freeman (Chairman), Mike Jackson (Secretary) and John Gibbons (Treasurer and Fixture Secretary). At the first committee meeting, D. Greenway, T. Vernon and M. Waltier were elected to serve on the committee.

Since then the Club has gone from strength to strength, and now runs two teams on Saturday and Sunday together with a Youth Team. The fixture list has got better each year and it must now be the envy of many other local clubs.

We have had many successes on the cricket field and have won the Aston O.E. Six-a-Side Competition for the last two seasons. During this period we have also reached the finals of both the Penn and Wellesbourne Six-a-Side Competitions.

Last year we suffered a great loss through the death of our Chairman, A. C. 'Pop' Swinnerton who was absolutely devoted to Cricket and Dudley-Kingswinford. Much of the success of the Club was due to his efforts and we all owe him a great deal.

Whilst our fixture list is getting stronger each year, we are still looking for good Club Cricketers to help us maintain these fixtures. If anyone is interested in joining a progressive Club, will they please arrange to contact the Club Secretary, Mike Jackson, as soon as possible.

M. J. JACKSON

CLUB CRICKET

R. R. DEWS

This weekend ritual of a game was dying when I learned its rudiments at school many innings and many, many overs ago. I have watched its passing mournfully, seeing the average age of club teams increasing year by year and youngsters deserting the square for pursuits with more immediate rewards. Yet the story told is true. "England is beaten," they once said, "but nobody has told her yet." The game is dead, but nobody has told it so. And England and her game survive until this day.

Perhaps the very diversity of the club game has ensured its survival. I recollect a club that played on a pit bank; neither batsman nor wicket-keeper wore gloves or pads, and changing for the game involved no more than taking off jackets. On the other hand I was once associated with a club so grand that a member could say, "Oh yes! I believe some of the members *do* play cricket; but most of us just decorate the clubhouse". Between these extremes of hardy traditional blacksmith swipers and more recent socialities lies the whole complex structure of club cricket. It may sound incredible that one's fastest ball should fly off the edge of a despairing bat over slips' heads for six; but the team who tenanted the pocket handkerchief of a ground where that actually happened to me played their cricket as enthusiastically and as astutely as the lordly ones of the game whose boundaries stretch out to inviting green distances. The game has room for both and for all between.

Club cricket acknowledges differences, distinguishes many standards and skills, yet remains a democracy, a freemasonry, a vast club embracing all players. County and Test players are happy to turn out for club sides on Sundays; the youngest and most nervous beginner is the special kindly care of the player who has endured wind and weather. Only occasionally in many years of cricket on fields at home and overseas have I met the arrogant, the selfish, the pompous; they are irrelevant to the game as a whole, as the misfits should be in any good democracy. For the fiery-tempered and the impetuous there is room in the game, even though there are times when the calmer offices of quieter players are needed; for both are the stuff of joyous and keen conflict.

And on these fields week by week is the happy blending of dialects. Dudley-Kingswinford, for example, is not Dudley-Kingswinford. It is a young club, but already it is Yorkshire, and Lancashire, and Somerset, and Wales, and the West Indies, as well as North Worcestershire and South Staffordshire. There is more, too. Already at Heathbrook appeals or calls for runs have been heard in the accents of Malaya and India, sounding as natural as the gentle burr of Gloucestershire or the more belligerent cries of the North. I can think of very few games so cosmopolitan, so free of language and class distinction.

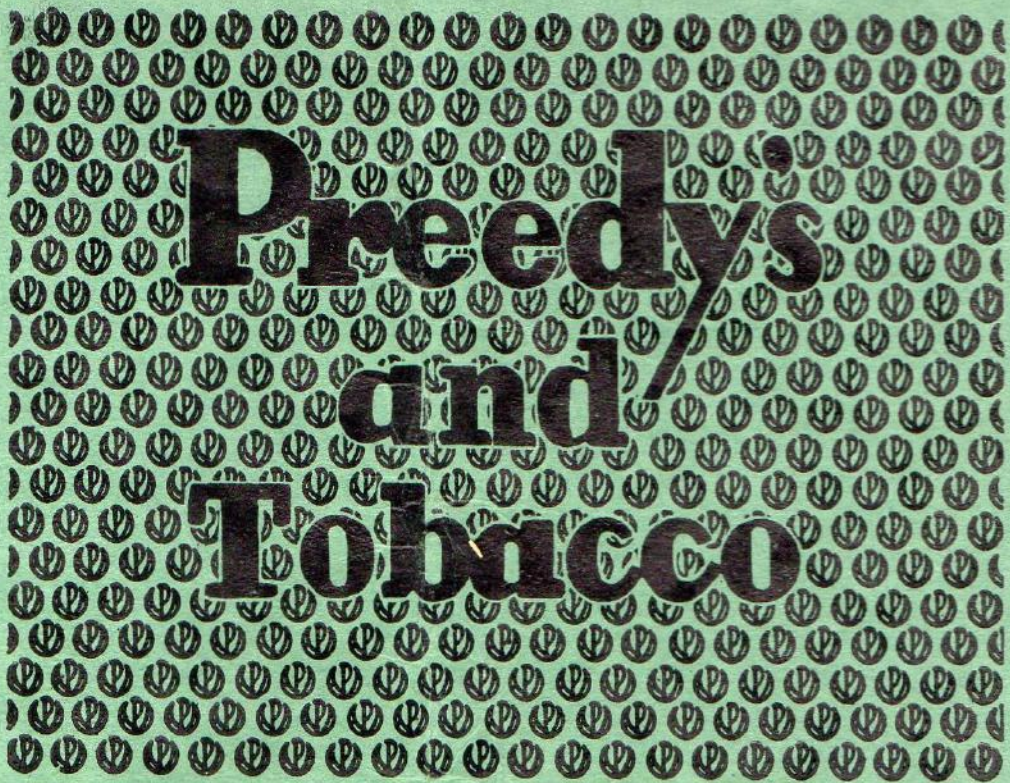
I wonder sometimes, however, if there is not another aspect of club cricket less admirable and less understandable. Our grandfathers in the game used to travel to away matches in horsedrawn brakes after hours of work which would frighten the most ardent modern lover of overtime. Yet they managed a full quota of play whenever weather permitted. We work fewer hours; we travel greater distances and in more comfort, though some of our travel is just as hopefully mad as theirs. (A team from this club travelled almost to Stratford-on-Avon on a monsoonlike Sunday last year, encountering flooded roads and byways turned into streams en route; it then turned out and played in the rain till bad light called a halt.) But nowadays a club cricketer's 2.30 invariably appears to mean 2.50 or even three o'clock, and his tea interval is a social occasion rather than a necessary break in the more serious business of the day.

For late starts there can be no excuse. They are one of the fortunately few discourtesies of the game which, however timeless it may be in one sense, ought always to be punctual in another. But tea intervals maybe are different. There must be very few cricket clubs which do not rely on ladies for the preparation of refreshments; and who can insult them by spending a mere ten minutes on what they have prepared? I suppose there was a time when a woman's appearance at a club cricket match was largely decorative. Certainly the first woman I remember seeing at a match sat in a deck-chair, languid, helpless and uncomprehending; but now is the day of ladies' committees and tea rotas, and, oftener than it used to be, a fine Saturday or Sunday afternoon can be a family afternoon with

every member of the family at the club. Some clubs have boasted for years now a lady scorer; perhaps the male variety will forgive me if I say that the most competent scorer outside the omniscient figures of television score boxes I have ever encountered was a woman.

And here this season comes a woman's cricket team of more than average competence. Many years ago I was invited to coach the girls at a local High School. They were keen, but not very good. Then, during the war, I played once or twice against women's teams. We batted and bowled the opposite way to that which came naturally to us, and still won. Frankly, once the initial strange excitement had worn off there was no fun in such a one-sided contest. But now we are being challenged in all seriousness on equal terms by lady cricketers as much travelled as their brothers and as aware tactically and strategically of the subtler aspects of cricket.

The game will never be the same again. In so many ways women have found their place in club cricket; it could not exist without them. So the game with so many obituary notices goes on living and growing and changing; and not even an English summer can wash it out for ever.



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