

# news release



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## Sale Cricket Club celebrates 150 years

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Sale Cricket Club is marking its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a week of sporting celebration involving some of the regions top players and cricketing legends.

The Cricket Festival kicks off on the 13<sup>th</sup> July at the Club's Clarendon Road ground with a Presidents versus Club Captains' game.

The festivities will also include a Sale Cricket Club versus Lancashire Cricket Club Board match, where former Lancashire player and current LCB Director, Andy Hayhurst, is expected to round up several current league professionals and Lancashire Academy players, to make up his team.

Sale Club Chairman, Rob Moore, says: "This is a great opportunity for our club and the local community to celebrate 150 years of cricket being played in Sale.

"We will be remembering some of the highs and lows from over the years, along with some of the great players who have represented our club."

Moore went on to say that with current on-field fortunes on the up, and the junior section thriving once again this is "the start of exciting times for our club".

Moore added: "We hope this will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. The club and ground will be open to spectators and well-wishers throughout the

week and there will be no charge for admittance, however any donations towards our junior development schemes will be greatly appreciated.”

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### **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

- Founded in 1854 Sale Cricket Club is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2004.
- Sale Cricket Club is located on Clarendon Crescent in Sale and boasts one of the largest and best-kept grounds in Cheshire.
- The Club is a member of The Mellor Braggins Cheshire Cricket League, Murray Smith Cheshire County League, South Manchester Junior League and Salford Youth Cricket Association.
- The club was a founder member of the Manchester & District Cricket Association in 1892 and South Manchester Junior Cricket League in 1979.
- Sale Cricket Club is part of Sale Sports Club, a large multi-sport club that also offers hockey, rugby, tennis and soccer playing opportunities at both senior and junior level.

### **Cricket Festival Timetable: 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2004**

*Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – President's XI vs. Club Captain's XI, 2 pm start*

- A challenge match involving many current and previous Sale cricketers. Will youthful exuberance or a bit of experience win through?

*Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Sale CC XI vs. Lancashire Cricket Board XI, 2pm start*

- Former Lancashire player and current LCB director Andy Hayhurst is bringing a LCB XI to challenge the current Sale players. His team is expected to include a number of ex-test/current league professionals and a several Lancashire academy players.
- This will be a welcome return to Sale for Andy, who regularly played against Sale for Worsley in the Manchester Association.

*Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Sale CC 2<sup>nd</sup> XI vs. Davenham 2nd XI, 2 pm start*

- Sale continues its challenge for the Mellor Braggins Cheshire Cricket League championship in this scheduled league match.

*Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Sale CC XI vs. Cheshire County League XI, 2pm start*

- Sale has been a member of the Cheshire County League since 1996.
- In this match the current Sale team will have the opportunity to play many of the friends we have made over the last 8 years or more.