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Sale Cricket Club Looking Forward to New Season

Sale Cricket Club is looking forward to the forthcoming season in the Right Move Abroad.com Cheshire County Cricket League. With several high profile signings for the new season the club expects to be challenging for promotion to the first division.

South African Jean-Pierre Lee was one of the top all-rounders in the league last season (689 runs and 40 wickets). He has rejoined the club from neighbours Timperley, having last played for Sale in 2005. He will also be actively involved in coaching our junior section.

Former Barnsley batsman Ian Dixon has joined after relocating to Manchester and promising young 'keeper Matt King has made the short trip from Brooklands.

With leading divisional wicket taker Rick Halkon (69 wickets), Australian John Taylor (514 runs) and Cheshire Youth's Dan Halkon (740 runs) remaining with the club the 1st XI looks at it's strongest for over 10 years.

Crosby Lend Lease sponsored Sale open the season on Saturday 19th April when Mobberley visit our Clarendon Crescent ground. The match starts at 1pm.

Sale Club captain Mike Halkon is understandably confident: "I am really excited about the start of the new season and am looking forward to us playing some excellent cricket".

Meanwhile Sale Club Chairman Rob Moore is happy to see his long-term plan starting to bear fruit: "It is great to see that the 1st class facilities we have developed are starting to attract some quality cricketers".

Moore added: "We introduced a 5-year plan back in 2003, since then we have re-established our junior section, achieved Clubmark and received over £90,000 of government grants towards new nets and relaying our square."

Moore went on to say that with current on-field fortunes on the up and the junior section thriving there are "exciting times ahead for our club".

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

- Sale Cricket Club was founded in 1854 and is located on Clarendon Crescent in Sale.
- The club's main Sponsors are Altrincham based Crosby Lend Lease and Stefan's the Jewellers of Sale.
- The Club is a member of the Right Move Abroad.com Cheshire County Cricket League, South Manchester Junior League and Salford Youth Cricket Association.
- The club is Clubmark accredited meaning it is "safe and child friendly".
- The club had a new 4-lane practice facility installed in 2006 thanks to a £56,153 grant from the Government's Community Club Development Programme, the only club in Trafford to have benefited from this scheme.
- 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.