

# Sale Cricket Club



**News Update – April 2005**

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## New Season is Almost Here!

There is now less than two weeks to go until the start of the new season – we hope you are ready!! With all 3 teams promoted we cannot expect any easy games this season, but with plenty of commitment and team spirit we can do well.

## Cricket Force Weekend

This newsletter is being written after our 1<sup>st</sup> Cricket Force Weekend and we are pleased to say it was a tremendous success. The turnout from you all was excellent and it is fair to say that we achieved more than we had hoped over the weekend. It was heartening to see so many members prepared to give up their spare time and work so hard for the club.

### **THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH**

Although there is small amount of work still required (mainly painting!), we shall very soon have 4 new sightscreens. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of Iain Harrop or the generosity of Trafford Timber.

## Outdoor Training – Every Thursday Starting 14<sup>th</sup> April

Outdoor training will take place every Thursday, starting at 6pm and finishing by 8 pm. It is important that you make the effort to train, in particular as we have deliberately recruited an overseas player who is a coach. In addition to this we are planning to invite some of our juniors to senior nets so it is important that a good example is set.

As with many things in modern life it is important that everyone is conscious of safety issues and that we complete risk assessments for many of our activities. In particular please be aware of our tennis members and try to keep the ball away from the tennis court as Thursday evenings are often match nights.

## Friendly Matches – 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> April

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI is warming up for the new season with the visit of Marple, whom we have met on many occasions over the last few years. Although no longer in the County league, they should provide a good test.

### **Overseas Player**

Many of you will have met our overseas player, J P Lee. Please give him a warm welcome when you meet him.

J P working as a coach while he is here as is available for private lessons.

We are also hoping to organize a 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> XI friendly for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, details will be available at training on Thursday!

### **2005 Fixtures**

Preliminary fixtures have been issued. The first game will be a good test; the 1<sup>st</sup> XI start at home to relegated Grappenhall, newly captained by former Lancashire player Richard Green. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI travels in the opposite direction to face their 2<sup>nd</sup> XI.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI doesn't start their league fixtures until Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, when they travel to Woodford. However there are two cup mini-league games to play before then; away to Alderley Edge and home to Chester Broughton Hall.

### **Key dates for Your diary**

- **14 Apr** – Outdoor training starts at Clarendon Crescent (6pm)
- **16 Apr** – 1<sup>st</sup> XI Friendly Home vs. Marple (2pm)
- **17 Apr** – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> XI Friendly (TBC)
- **23 Apr** – League starts, both teams vs. Grappenhall
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Home
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Away
- **24 April** – 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Cup vs. Alderley Edge (Away)
- **8 May** – 3<sup>rd</sup> XI League starts
  - Away vs Woodford

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## Selection and Availability

Teams are selected on a Monday evening, please ensure you have completed the unavailability sheet on the notice board or indicated your availability to one of the captains. It is your responsibility to make sure you have 'ticked-off' on the notice board or by contacting your captain by 8.30 pm on Thursday.

## Sponsorship

John O'Donnell has taken responsibility for coordinating our Sponsorship drive this season, ably assisted by Iain Harrop and Danny Stoddard. It is vital that we secure sponsorship for the club in order to invest in our facilities. Please make every effort to find us sponsors for 2005, if every member aimed to secure one £25 match ball sponsor it would make a major contribution to the club. For further information please contact John on 07957 431210.

Sponsorship forms are available on request. John will be happy to follow up on any leads if you can provide him with the details. John, Iain & Danny have already successfully contacted a number of local company's so please give John a call to check first.

## Club Mark

The club is very close to being assessed for 'Club Mark'. Clubs with this accreditation will be deemed 'Safe, Effective and Child Friendly'. Not only will this be a positive message for the club to communicate, but it will become increasingly difficult for clubs to receive funding who are not Club Mark accredited.

A key part of Club Mark is our Child Welfare Policy. Mike Wilkes is our Child Welfare Officer and is responsible for implementing our policy. Mike wrote to you all in February asking you all to complete a self-declaration form, very few have done so. Please complete the form and return it to Mike, who will hold it confidentially.

## Players

Finally as ever we always on the look out for new players. If you know of anyone that might be interested in playing, try and get them down to coaching on a Thursday night. All are welcome no matter what standard, so come down and give it a go!

## Contact Details

Do you have an e-mail address? If so please send an e-mail to [cricket@salesportsclub.com](mailto:cricket@salesportsclub.com) so that we can send out future newsletters via e-mail and save on postage costs.

### Club Subscriptions

The introduction of the new multi-sport rates last year was considered a success.


#### Seniors:

- Single Sport: £85 (£75 if paid by 1<sup>st</sup> May)
- Multi Sport £126 (£116 if paid by 1<sup>st</sup> May)

#### Under 18/Student:

- Single Sport: £25
- Multi Sport: £40

All subscriptions must be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> May

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