

# Sale Cricket Club



**News Update – February 2005**

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## New Season is Fast Approaching!

After our highly successful 2004 season the new one will soon be upon us. We hope you are all looking forward to the challenges ahead. With all 3 teams promoted we are in for a tough season, but with plenty of commitment and team spirit we can do well.

Preparations are now in full flow, details of which are in this newsletter.

## Winter Nets – Starting Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February

In line with feedback from a number of members we are starting later this year to allow for a more intense and focused build up to the new season.

In previous years it has been felt that a longer net program has tended to drag and the early momentum lost. Therefore now that we have moved to a shorter program we expect to see good and consistent attendance.

Nets start on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February at Old Trafford for **TWO WEEKS ONLY**, starting at 9 pm. Unfortunately Jeff Joseph's is not available for these weeks.

From Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March we move to Jeff Joseph's Technology College, starting at 8 pm. Access is via Croft Road, off Norris Road in Sale Moor. Please ring Matt Millward for further details on 07951 843776 (New Number).

### Key dates for Your diary

- **20 Feb** – Indoor training starts at Old Trafford (9pm)
- **6 Mar** – Indoor training moves to Jeff Joseph's (8pm)
- **2/3 Apr** – Cricket Force Weekend
- **16/17 Apr** – Friendlies
- **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> League starts - Away vs Woodford

## Sponsorship

John O'Donnell has taken responsibility for coordinating our Sponsorship drive this season, ably assisted by Iain Harrop. 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.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a sponsorship form, more are available on request. John will be happy to follow up on any leads if you can provide him with the details. John & Iain have already contacted a number of local company's so please give John a call to check first.

## Cricket Force Weekend – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April 2005

The ECB have launched a brand new initiative – 'Cricket Force'. It is a national program where all clubs across the country are being encouraged to complete ground and facility improvements. The scheme is being backed by B&Q and Nat West and will generate tremendous publicity for the clubs involved.

### New Secretary

After 4 years loyal service 1<sup>st</sup> XI player of 2005 Peter Allum has stepped down as honorary secretary. Iain Renfrew has taken over, please support him in any way you can.

Our main aim over the weekend will be to construct and paint 4 new sightscreens. Iain Harrop has already drawn the plans and secured £700 worth of free timber, all we need is everyone to commit to coming along and helping.

**EVERYONE PLEASE PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY, WE NEED YOU ALL TO ATTEND.** You may not be available all weekend, but you should all aim to help out. If you do not feel you can help out with the actual work, there are plenty of smaller jobs that can be done including ensuring there is a regular supply of tea and coffee!

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## Overseas Player

We are pleased to confirm the 'signing' of JP Lee as our overseas player for 2005. JP is a left arm fast bowler and middle order batsman; he plays for Northern's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Pretoria Old Boys in South Africa. Pretoria Old Boys won the national club championship in 2004; former players include A B de Villiers and Jacques Rudolph. JP is also a level 2 coach and can hopefully bring a lot to the club both on and off the field.

## 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. A key element of this is to ensure that all members who have regular contact with children have completed a CRB (i.e. police record check) by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005.

It is recommended that all other members complete a self-declaration form. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to Mike, who will hold it confidentially.

## Members News

Congratulations to Paul & Carolina Pegler on the birth of their first daughter Grace (presumably named after W G). Iain Harrop is recovering well after having appendix removed in January, although Threshers did see a severe drop in profits for a few weeks!

**STOP PRESS:** Well done to old boy Duncan Bell on his call up to the full England RUFC squad!!!


## 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.

## 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 Chairman	Rob Moore	07775 880433
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	Fundraising & Sponsorship	Iain Harrop	07710 751507
		John O'Donnell	07957 431210
	Child Welfare Officer	Mike Wilkes	07850 604129

### All Change in Cup

The CCCL have followed the Mellor Braggins league by making the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cup a mid-week cup. Sponsored by John Willy Lees, the first game is at home to Brooklands, the winners playing Timperley or Urmston.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI cup remains on a Sunday, we have been drawn against Hyde.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Cup has moved to an initial mini-league, before going to knockout. In our group are Alderley Edge and Chester Broughton Hall.