



Secretary's Report 2016

Heslerton Cricket Club

Prior to the 2016 season Heslerton welcomed back veteran Paul Bowes to the club. Paul has been a top performer in the Becket League for a number of years, more years than most of the current players within the club have been alive. The news of Paul's return was a major boost to the club with his record speaking for its self over his fifty year career. The only worry for the club was whether Paul would settle into the club having to spend his Saturday's without his sidekicks Rocket Robson and Smeg Gregory. Paul would now have to embark in playing cricket with normal human beings. It was also hoped that the club would see 2015 signing Richard Bentley available on a more regular basis for the 2016 season as Rich demonstrated on his brief appearances for the club in 2015 his natural ability within the game, this sadly was not to be the case. A positive ahead of the 2016 season was the fact that the first team lost none of the current playing squad however disaster struck when the club received the news that strike bowler, captain and Phil Micklelson lookalike Adam Spaven received ankle ligament damage whilst playing football for local league side Sherburn FC. This was a major blow to the first eleven as Adam is held within high regards as one of the best bowlers in the league. After the annual nets took place again at Norton College with thanks going to Sam Triffitt for kindly organising the nets, the first eleven kicked off the 2016 season against arch rivals Ebberston (or Ebberscum to Nutty) on Sunday 24th April 2016. Not only was this the perfect fixture to kick off the 2016 season but it was also the opportunity for all the lads to get to see Adrian Turnbull's lovely warm welcoming smile, in more ways than one a great start to the 2016 season. Ebberston batted first making 116 thanks to the bowling efforts of Dan Jemmison taking 4-36. Heslerton made a positive start the run chase with Jake Keyworth making 47. A slight wobble in the middle order gave Ebberston hope but a mature innings from All-rounder Andy Slaughter saw the firsts to a 4 wicket win (an innings Stu Pickard missed due to taxi duties). As the season progressed it was clear that to losing Adam was a blow to the first eleven as although Adam ended the season with 29 wickets he never really regained full fitness. Paul Bowes also received a nasty ankle injury after reports coming out of Plaxton's that he had dropped his wallet on his foot. Paul later denied this and confirmed it was a hammer that had been left on the workshop floor (I think). Sadly Paul also failed to regain full fitness due to regularly overdosing on Turkish kebabs whilst holidaying in Turkey. Over the course of the season the firsts regular struggled to make the amount of runs needed to win games of cricket the task became a lot harder task due to the UN availability of Paul. When the runs were put on the board the bowlers let the batsman down (myself included i.e Staithe away). It is no secret the two injuries played a major factor in the results over the season. The top performers with the bat were as follows Paul Bowes ended the season with 469 runs @ 42.64, Jake Keyworth 388 runs @ 22.82, Rob Middlewood 400 runs @ 20 and Sam Triffitt 307 runs @ 21.92. Not one batsman managed a 100 over the season. The top performers with the ball were Dan Jemmison 41 wickets @ 17.2, Andy Slaughter 35 wickets @ 18.2, Adam Spaven 29 wickets @

19.5, Paul Kinghorn 20 wickets @ 21.1 and Stu Pickard 19 wickets@ 21.1. A special mention to Dan Jemison taking over 40 wickets which was more than any Staxton spinner who play half of their games on a wicket made for spinners (i.e. a cabbage patch). 40 wickets in a season is the second time Dan has managed this in three seasons which is a remarkable effort. On the wicket keeping front Sam Triffitt ended the season with 8 catches and 7 stumping's. The most catches went to Andy Slaughter with 9 closely followed by Rob Middlewood with 7. Although there were some notable performances over the season with both bat and ball the stand out performance for me as secretary of the club was Tom Benthall's performance behind the stumps @ Scalby. I am sure all of the players that played that day will agree what an outstanding effort it was on a wicket with variable bounce. On the wicket keeping front the club is blessed to have both Sam and Tom. Overall the 2016 season was maybe not the season the first eleven had hoped for with the negative aspects being losing the last seven games of the season also the commitment was probably the worst it's been for a number of years this is something only we can change, injuries to key personnel not helping. Enough of the negatives as I don't want to be labelled Paul Nutt Junior. The positives were the emergence of Rob Middlewood who showed glimpses of his capabilities. Robs challenge is to kick on and reach new levels of consistency over the 2017 season. Stu Pickard was another one to show in games what a capable cricketer he is with both bat and ball. Hopefully the 2017 season Stu will replicate his night league success into his Saturday cricket. As stated above the strength in depth of wicket keepers at the club with both Sam and Tom putting in strong performances. The bowlers once again showed what a strong unit they are finishing the season with the third most bowling points in the premier league. 15 year old Harry Watson's performance at Scalby hitting there aussie for a straight six was also a pleasing moment. Although the first team finished the season 4th bottom with 7 wins from 22 games played the firsts managed to regain their premier league status missing two key players for the majority of the season along with the club not being able to benefit from having the luxury of an Australian unlike some clubs in the league, this been a major factory in some of the clubs gaining positive results against Heselton. Onto the second eleven, it became apparent in pre-season that the 2016 season was once again going to be a very challenging year for the club to keep two teams going. With John Howden taking up a new job role, Laurence Keyworth touring Australia and Dan Vasey leaving the club to join Lockton the task became a lot harder. The club welcomed back former juniors Callum and Kelsea Dent along with Les Towse and various others who turned up to keep the clubs second eleven in existence. Mark Dring (later to be known as Dave) once again took up the mantle of leading the second eleven. After liaising closely over the season with Dave I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his efforts in trying to keep the second eleven going. As we all know Dave is capable holding his own in the first eleven but he put all this aside for the good of the club. I hope the entire club appreciates his efforts over the course of the 2016 season. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank everybody who turned out in the 2016 season including Billy (Dave's father in law for about a week), unfortunately I never got the pleasure of meeting Billy as his daughter came to her senses rather quickly. Unfortunately due to players missing the second team had to forfeit the last 5 fixtures but on a positive note managed to see the season through, sort off. Next season hopefully looks a lot brighter for the second eleven. The night league side captured the permanent signing of Gary Hall from Settrington, Richard Malthouse from Flixton, also signing for the club was Toby Sercombe and Ryan Gaughan (aka Kevin and Perry) who agreed to help the side out when Malton were without a game. The season kicked off in disappointing fashion with the night side losing to Scalby, Ebberston and Wykeham. The fourth game saw the night side play Filey at home. As I was unavailable for the fixture the lads thought it would be extremely funny to confirm on the clubs whatsapp group that we had lost our 4th fixture in a row. As I think of myself as a natural winner and not taking lightly to defeat I prompted to tell the lads they would be better off staying at home doing the ironing and watching Coronation Street, a moment I will never live down I

had been played at my own game. The instigator of the situation was Richard Malthouse which I found hard to believe as many cricketers from Flixton over the years are not clear on what a sense of humour is. The speech from the secretary turned out to be the turning point of the season as the side went on to win all but the last game of the season to claim the Andy Hire division one title for the first time since returning to the league from the Ryedale Beckett league. The final at north marine road was the pinnacle of the season, playing against a full strength Wykeham side, who had been favourites for the evening league title for most of the season. Heselton went into the game missing key players Paul Bowes and Kristian Wilkinson with Alex Carrie not been granted permission to play due to not playing six games during the season although he has played every year at senior level as a cricketer in some capacity, this is a rule I feel should change for the 2017 season. Heselton batted first posting 138-3 of 15 overs with strong contributions coming from Richard Malthouse 44, Stu Pickard 36, Tom Benthall 29 and some later order hitting from captain Sam Triffitt. Wykeham in reply lost 3 quick wickets however an outstanding knock from James Bryant put Wykeham in command, Heselton were not to be denied with Dan Jemmison once again leading the way with the ball taking 4 for 37 along with two stunning catches from Gary Hall and Mark Dring topped off with the run out of danger man Bryant due to quick thinking from Adam Spaven. This result really summed up the season when the backs were against the wall the players stepped up to the mark. The top run scorers for the evening league side over the season were as follows Gary Hall 259 runs @ 28.77, Stu Pickard 213 runs @ 30.43, Kristian Wilkinson 181 runs @ 20 Sam Triffitt 143 runs @ 28.6 and Paul Bowes 134 runs @ 33.5. The best innings was Paul Bowes with a knock of 63. The top performers with the ball were Dan Jemmison 18 wickets @ 10.9, Paul Kinghorn 17 wickets @ 8.2 and Adam Spaven 16 wickets @ 9.87. Adam also won the top performance award for the best figures of 6/16 vs Filey on 12/07/2016. Overall a very satisfying season knocking Staxton of there perch. The targets for next year are to try and defending both the harbun cup and also the Andy Hire divison one title

Appreciation recognition in no particular order

- John Crossland – Not a lot to be said for John as people within the club know the time and dedication JC puts into not only the ground, preparing the club with a good all round cricket wickets week in week out but also other roles such as helping with the organising the annual Christmas bingo and various other roles in the club. JC also received recognition from the league for his years of commitment which is something not only for John but for the whole club to be proud off. John also works tirelessly behind the scenes.
- Tea Lady's – Rosie Spaven, Trish Milner, Audrey Slaughter, Bridget Benthall, Cath Triffitt including Pauline Storey, Phil Triffitt and Steve Milner. Thank you for providing both teams with an excellent tea service. In the years I have played for the club I cannot say I have had one bad tea. I genuinely think there aren't any better teas within the league. Also thank you to the girls for providing the supper at the Christmas bingo.
- Paul Nutt and Mick Brodie – Thanks goes to both Mick and Paul for giving up their spare time on a Saturday to score for both the first and second eleven. Over the past couple of years it can't off been easy to watch, not that Paul have ever told us.
- Graham Young – Once again for providing the immaculate set of accounts
- Charlie Benthall – As fixture secretary been as organised as always ensuring all cup completion fixtures are organised as smoothly as possible making my job a lot easier.
- Adam Spaven and Mark Dring – Probably the worst season the club has had for the availability of players. We managed to get through and I thank you both for the effort you

have put into the club in 2016. Also thank you to Sam Triffitt for organising the pre-season nets and looking after the night side.

- Sponsors – The Blackborrows, Kridan, DBG group Ltd, Sunny Mennell etc speaking on behalf of all of the lads in both teams' the financial support is appreciated with grate gratitude. It always nice to see Liz and Mick Blackborrows supporting the club regularly on a Saturday aswell
- Claire Marshall – I think everyone would agree with what a superb job Claire has done running the village pub. Providing both players and supporters with food regularly on match days and the end of season BBQ. The financial support is always gratefully appreciated along with last year's fifty pound meal ticket as top prize for the Christmas raffle.

Looking forward to the 2017

I think most people would agree that 2016 has been the toughest season for Heselton in a number of years but looking forward it's a season we managed to get through and I think that shows what a good group of people Heselton cricket club have both on and off the field. Looking forward to the 2017 hopefully with the right personnel recruited into the club there is no reason why the club can't move forward. The evening league side should be looking to build on last year's success and the Saturday teams should be looking to improve on last year's standings. One thing as secretary I would like to see is little more commitment from the playing side of things although I do appreciate that some things can't be helped.

I thank everybody that has contributed both on and off the field in the 2016 season and I hope to see you all in 2017.

Yours

Andrew Slaughter – Heselton CC Secretary

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