



CORSHAM CRICKET ACADEMY

April 2010

A MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CHAIRMAN

It is with great optimism and eager anticipation that I write these words for the first academy newsletter of the 2010 season.

What a great opportunity we have as a Club to build on the successes of 2009 and it all begins with the Academy. This season we have more coaches, more teams and more kit. We are tremendously grateful to our Academy Sponsors JF Bewley and our new sponsors Hunter French, who have enabled us to provide .

playing shirts at a reduced price.

We are delighted to welcome Wes Durston as our Club coach. Wes will be a great asset to Corsham CC and as well as being responsible for coaching senior teams, will be involved with the Performance Programme, Chance2Shine and some Academy Coaching.

The season always seems to come round quickly once Christmas has passed and a

huge amount of work has gone on behind the scenes to get us to the point of being ready to go at the start of the season. My sincere thanks go to those few who do so much. People always seem quick to criticise,

slow to praise and even slower to volunteer. With increasing numbers of boys, girls, teams, matches etc. each year and all the additional work this generates both on and off the field, more help will always be welcome. We are always looking to provide as many opportunities for training and

matches in a safe and enjoyable environment so please, if you can offer any skills, experience or time in any capacity, please do let me know.

Finally, all that remains is to wish you all the best for the coming season. Train hard, play fairly and most of all enjoy cricket.

Rob Shillaker

Chairman

OUR NEW CLUB COACH WES DURSTON

Cricket has always been and will continue to be my leading sporting passion. I have many more interests within sport, Hockey, Football & Golf but cricket will always be the one for me! I have played since a very young age imitating Dad and playing with my brothers in the garden is something that I loved to do growing up, and many of my early memories would be to do with village Cricket. It was an entire weekend, travelling to watch my dad play for Compton Dundon, I always thought was a treat as that meant helping out on the ground in the morning of the game, putting the boundary markers out or getting the scoreboard numbers ready, it was a small club and it relied on a few to do the work to allow the club to play. It's amazing quite how much needs to be done before a game of cricket, my elder brother would be rolling the wicket while Dad would be marking it out and cutting the outfield! Then it would be home to help or talk to mum while she made the sandwiches and the teas before going back to the ground often to score, watch and play on the side

until I was old enough to play at the tender age of 7!!! Then if I were really lucky it would be off to the pub for a quick bottle of coke before home and then doing it all over again on the Sunday! Those were the weekends I remember the most fondly and my Dad's



passion for the game clearly rubbed off, it didn't matter if he made a 'duck' or a century because it was all for the love of the game and the enjoyment it clearly gave him, and us all as it was certainly a family affair.

On many occasions my dad would be on the same team as his three sons and I know

that made him very proud and I hope that we all get the chance to enjoy that experience again.

So it's fair to say that I've grown up with Cricket. I played all throughout school, and represented Somerset CCC from u10 through to u19 age group level. I also represented the West of England during that time too and it was when I was selected to tour the West Indies in 1996 that I knew I wanted to become a professional Cricketer. I continued to play at school and joined Glastonbury CC in 1997 and played University Cricket but it wasn't until 2002 that my dream of playing First-Class Cricket became a reality. I'd had a couple of good seasons in the Somerset 2nd XI and got my chance when Somerset decided to play a younger side against the touring West Indies A team. The coach said he thought it was about time I had my chance so asked if I wanted to play and of course I said 'Yes!' Then the nerves set in, for nearly a week

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Wesley John Durston was born on 6 October 1980 Taunton. He made his debut for the Somerset Second XI in 1999 and played for the Somerset Cricket Board in the Nat West Bank Trophy in 2000. He made his first-class debut for Somerset against West Indies 'A' in 2002 and made his Championship debut in 2003. He made more appearances in 2005 and was particularly valuable in one day games. In 2006 he became a regular member of the team. His maiden first-class century was 146* against Derbyshire at Derby in 2005. His best bowling in first-class cricket is 3-23 against Sri Lanka.

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I knew I was going to be playing so I had plenty of time to get mentally ready for the match. I must have spent half that time ducking balls from the bowling machine set at 90mph at my head! I played well taking a catch, couple of wickets and scored 27 & 55 in an incredible match where we made 452 in the 2nd innings chasing 453 to win, a high scoring tie! They offered me my first professional contract the next morning!!!

During my professional career I have experienced many challenging situations but have also enjoyed many successes too. I was part of the team that won the Twenty20 cup in 2005, 2nd Division Championship and promotion to Division 1 in the Pro40 in 2007, and also the runners up in the Twenty20 cup in 2009. Although my career was only 8 years long I have been lucky to have won trophies, many Cricketers pass through their careers empty handed so it's nice to have some awards to cherish. But what can't be measured by with silverware is the enjoyment I have had playing Cricket professionally.

Some aspects of Cricket have changed dramatically, notably the off field preparation, fitness and training. So as the game has moved forward the players have had to move with it in order to succeed. The demands on a modern day Cricketer are very different to players in the 'Golden' era of English Cricket, I don't think that Ian Botham would ever have done the dreaded 'Bleep' test!! That said I am convinced that it is for the better and for the good of the game. I re-

member in my first 2nd XI season for Somerset we hardly ever had training, now the players are having two fitness sessions per day as well as 1-2-1 coaching on all aspects of the game. I personally am a far better player when I'm in prime physical state and working hard at all aspects of my fitness and skills. That has transcended into my coaching too so all players should fully expect to work hard this summer.



I certainly miss the professional lifestyle and the day to day interaction in the dressing room. The 'banter' of a group working hard together is excellent and that is something that I'm very keen to take place at Corsham CC. It is having fun whilst working hard and respecting your teammates in all aspects of the game because we are all playing for the same club regardless of which team or age group any individual is playing for. That mindset starts at training and continues into the pre match warm-up, the match itself as well as the post match 'cool-down' in the bar. I'm very eager to



have the 'one-club' mentality and the 'social side of the game is vital to that providing we are not neglecting or taking anything easy or for granted.

We have put together a tough and intense pre-season schedule for the senior players, made up of five fitness sessions at the club before any training sessions. It's something I'm very keen to have in place. Further down the club there are training sessions put in place for the 'emerging' players group and 'Performance Programme' players at Easter time and then we all come together when the weather is better and the summer kicks off with matches in April!

I want to stress how excited I am about my move to Corsham CC and the challenges that lie ahead. I want people to be prepared to work hard at all aspects of their game and have that willingness to want to improve but most important of all to enjoy everything that they do. If we can get that right off the pitch we will all see improvements individually and collectively on the pitch. So here's to a successful 2010 season!

Wes Durston

CRICKETERS ARE MADE IN THE WINTER!

David Dolman, our ECB Level 3 coach, believes that winter work is very important for budding young cricketers. Players can experiment with new ideas and techniques which can make a difference during the season.

The February half term holiday saw David and Rob Reed (a newly qualified Level 1 coach) and helper Adam Draper, work indoors with our promising junior players over a three day period.

Players attending were; Edward Bew, Isabel and William Bishop, Joshua and Sam Brain, Tim Edwards, Ella Scott-Humphries, Freddie and Molly Iacono, Edmund Mortimer, Charley Reed, Kirsty Stanley.

David says 'I am really excited about the development of these young players who have worked exceptionally hard to improve. I am sure that many of them will pro-

gress to be very good players in the future'

EASTER HOLIDAYS PROMISE A FLYING START

The Club's Performance Programme, which provides intensive and advanced coaching for the club's talented young players, is set to go again this Easter. Sessions will run from April 6th through to April 15th on the Ground at Station Road

under the direction of David Dolman assisted by Wes Durston, Dave Simpkins, Neil Shardlow, Joe Shillaker and Lauren Smith (who will focus on balance and flexibility work).

This programme is by invitation only. New players will be invited to join and others left out subject to performance and attitude.

Under 11 A Fixtures 2010

25/04	WYCL Biddestone H
09/05	WYCL Swindon H
23/05	WYCL South Wilts A
30/05	WYCL Chippenham H
13/06	WYCL Marlborough A
27/06	WYCL Biddestone A
11/07	WYCL Swindon A
25/07	WYCL South Wilts H
15/08	WYCL Chippenham A
22/08	WYCL Marlborough H

Under 13 A Fixtures 2010

27/04	B&D Westinghouse A
02/05	WYCL Chippenham A
04/05	B&D Marshfield H
11/05	B&D Trowbridge A
12/05	ECB 1 Marlborough A
16/05	WYCL Swindon A
18/05	B&D Warminster A
25/05	B&D Bradford Town A
26/05	ECB Round 2
01/06	B&D Beanacre A
06/06	WYCL Marlborough H
09/06	ECB Semi Final
15/06	B&D Biddestone 1 H
20/06	WYCL Malmesbury A
22/06	B&D Corsham B H
23/06	ECB Final
29/06	B&D Bradford Town H
04/07	WYCL South Wilts H
06/07	B&D Chippenham A
13/07	B&D Biddestone 2 H
18/07	WYCL Chippenham H
01/08	WYCL Swindon H
08/08	WYCL Marlborough A
22/08	WYCL Malmesbury H
29/08	WYCL South Wilts A

Under 11 B Fixtures 2010

25/04	WYCL Marshfield H
09/05	WYCL Malmesbury H
23/05	WYCL Purton A
30/05	WYCL Goatacre/Spye H
13/06	WYCL Shrivenham A
27/06	WYCL Devizes H
11/07	WYCL Westbury A
25/07	WYCL Cannings/Potterne H
15/08	WYCL Wootton Bassett A
22/08	WYCL Calne H
29/08	WYCL Trowbridge A

Under 13 b Fixtures 2010

27/04	B&D Westbury A
04/05	B&D Beanacre A
11/05	B&D Biddestone 1 H
18/05	B&D Westinghouse A
25/05	B&D Westbury H
01/06	B&D Chippenham H
15/06	B&D Biddestone 2 A
22/06	B&D Corsham A H
29/06	B&D Marshfield A
06/07	B&D Trowbridge H
13/07	B&D Warminster A

Girls Under 13s Fixtures 2010

09/05	WYCL Warminster A
23/05	WYCL South Wilts H
30/05	WYCL Potterne A
13/06	WYCL Goatacre H
27/06	WYCL Biddestone A
11/07	WYCL Calne A
15/08	WYCL Trowbridge H

KEY**B&D** Bath and District Youth Cricket League**WYCL** Wiltshire Youth Cricket League**ECB** English Cricket Board**H = Home Game****A = Away Game****MATCH FEES**

As teas have to be provided at 35-over games there is a £5 match fee for all home games, no charge for 35 over away games.

The fee for all 20-over matches is £2.

Please ensure that your child pays this to the coach at the game.

Under 15s Fixtures 2010

25/04	WYCL Marshfield H
26/04	B&D Lansdown H
03/05	B&D Biddestone 1 A
09/05	WYCL South Wilts H
10/05	B&D Keynsham H
17/05	B&D Chippenham A
23/05	WYCL Chippenham H
24/05	B&D Hinton Charterhouse A
30/05	WYCL Marlborough H
31/05	B&D Bath U15s 1 H
13/06	WYCL Biddestone A
14/06	B&D BYE
21/06	B&D Lansdown A
27/06	WYCL Marshfield A
28/06	B&D Biddestone 1 H
05/07	B&D Keynsham A
11/07	WYCL South Wilts A
12/07	B&D Chippenham H
19/07	B&D Hinton Charterhouse H
25/07	WYCL Chippenham A
26/07	B&D Bath U15s 1 A
02/08	B&D BYE
15/08	WYCL Marlborough A
22/08	WYCL Biddestone H

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Aaron Bewley

Academy Sponsors

The Bewley Family of H. Merret the Funeral Directors in Pickwick Road Corsham have been sponsoring the Academy for the last six years.

They started supporting the club when their son, Josh was in the Academy, in appreciation for all the help and encouragement Josh had received. The family also wanted to put something back into the community in which they live and work.

We are very grateful to our sponsors for their support.

Corsham Cricket Club is delighted to announce an additional sponsor for their flourishing Academy.

Hunter French are generously providing 100 playing shirts for all age groups. The Academy provide coaching and competitive cricket for under 9, under 11, under 13 and under 15 age groups, running two teams at under 11 and under 13. In addition, the girls section introduced in 2009 is thriving and also runs two teams.

Club Chairman Rob Shillaker said 'The Academy is the future of Corsham Cricket club and we are grateful to all the sponsors who provide much needed funding to sustain such a full programme of coaching and competitive cricket. I hope that all Academy players will be proud to pull on their



Hunter French Director, Jacob Heatley-Adams presents a cheque to Academy Director Monty Hadrill

REGISTRATION EVENING
FOR 2010 SEASON
WILL BE HELD IN THE
CLUB HOUSE FROM 6pm ON
TUESDAY 6th APRIL

Bath Half Marathon



Joe Shillaker, Academy under 11s Lead coach, ran the Bath Half Marathon to raise money for Macmillan Nurses. His grandmother had sadly died of cancer in October and he wanted to thank them for the care they gave her. Joe completed his first half marathon in 2:3:34 and raised £800.

A Message from Neil Shardlow

I have now been in post as the Director of Cricket for around 18 months now, a role that I was extremely proud to take on in November 2008. In this position, I am able to oversee not only the senior cricket at Corsham, but the exciting performance programme and most importantly the Academy.

We have seen a fair bit of change in the those 18 months, the first year being very difficult with the loss of the club coach and Academy Director in the first 2 months of the season. That made it extremely difficult to carry out some of the duties we had planned, but I am now confident that with the addition of Wes Durston and Mark Hadrill, the cricket committee can move forward and deliver quality coaching and cricket to all age groups through the club.

We acknowledged that a number of children within the Academy were not getting the cricket they deserve and we felt it would be useful to run more than one team at under 11 and 13 age groups, which we will see implemented in 2010. This is great news as it means more children will get to play the game they love.

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I was absolutely delighted to see Girls cricket at the club take off, and I hope this section goes from strength to strength, I was even more heartened when I heard that 6 girls were selected for district and county squads, which was a brilliant effort.

Similarly, I was thrilled to see so many of the boys academy players, 16 in all, selected for Wilts district and county squads, again this was an excellent effort and I hope you all thoroughly enjoyed the experience of that coaching, and more importantly you were all able to expand your individual games at those sessions. Well done to you all!!

I hope you all have a very successful 2010 season, but above all you enjoy your cricket at Corsham Cricket Club.

Neil Shardlow
Director of Cricket