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**A NEW ERA FOR THE
YORKSHIRE CRICKET LEAGUE**

The Yorkshire ECB County Premier League are pleased to announce a new 5 year sponsorship deal, signed by President Dave Sharp, Secretary Colin Adamson, and managing director of Solly Sports Limited Solly Adam (*pictured below*).



The League will now be called
'The Solly Sports Yorkshire ECB County Premier Cricket League'

And the sponsorship will include the following:-

- The Solly Sports Yorkshire ECB County Premier Cricket League.
- The Solly Sports Yorkshire League Knock Out Cup
- Possibility to sponsor the annual dinner and other League events that may arise within the agreed 5 year period.
- The ball to be supplied for use in the Yorkshire League will be the Oxbridge Buckingham (as presently used) unless by any prior agreement a change is made because of quality, price or any other issue that might occur within this period.
- The balls will not change in terms of quality or source of supply without the prior written agreement of the Yorkshire League management committee.

The Solly Sports name will continue to be used on the following in recognition of the sponsorship:

- Yorkshire League handbook.
- All Yorkshire League stationery/ pre match advertising posters.
- Official Yorkshire League website/ Play Cricket website

In the Yorkshire League Knock Out Cup Final:

- a) Solly Sports to donate a new trophy presented to the winning side
- b) The stumps to be marked 'Solly Sports'
- c) Balls will be supplied free of charge to both finalists.
- d) 12 shirts supplied to each finalist, returnable or can be purchased by agreement.
- e) 2 umpires' coats supplied to each final umpire, returnable or can be purchased by agreement.
- f) 2 umpires' field shirts, supplied to each final umpire free of charge.



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Of the deal, President Dave Sharp said "The League is extremely delighted regarding a newly formed alliance with a new sponsor in Solly Sports. It is exhilarating in today's economic climate that people with the sincerity and love of the game of cricket, like Mr Solly Adam, have come forward and supported the Yorkshire League in the way he has done".

Solly Sports proprietor Solly Adam is a well-known figure in West Yorkshire cricket. After a successful 42 year playing career he launched Solly Sports, creating his own line of cricketing clothing, bats and products available in his Dewsbury store. Since his retirement from playing he has become a major supporter of and supplier to local cricket, supporting leagues, teams and even rising stars in the local game.

Regarding the sponsorship deal, Solly says "I am delighted to support the Yorkshire County Premier League, the local game means a lot to me and it is important to ensure Yorkshire's cricket players are supported at every level, both now and in the future."

There will be an opportunity for everybody involved with the Yorkshire Cricket League to meet with Solly Adam at the Pre Season Yorkshire League meeting, which will be held on **Thursday 15th April 2010**.



CLEETHORPES CC

Cleethorpes Cricket Club is delighted to announce the signing of New Zealand International **Peter Fulton** as their overseas professional player for 2010.

Fulton who is nicknamed "Two metre Peter" has played 10 Test matches, 41 ODI's and 11 T20s for New Zealand in an

international career spanning 6 seasons. He has amassed over 5,000 first-class runs averaging 43.63 in 79 first-class games and over 3,500 runs at 34.89 in 121 one-day games, he boasts a highest score of 301 not out for Canterbury.



The signing of Fulton confirms Cleethorpes ambitions for the upcoming season and they will no doubt hope Fulton can produce the form that New Zealand compatriot Matthew Sinclair showed at the Club several years ago.

Assuming there are no problems with the ECB endorsement and the UK Border Agency procedures then Fulton is due to arrive in Cleethorpes in time for the Cleethorpes' opening ECB Yorkshire League fixture against Yorkshire Academy at Chichester Road on Saturday April 24.

Cricket Chairman Paul Hewstone commented "We are absolutely delighted to have signed a player of Peter's quality. This is a major coup for Cleethorpes Cricket Club and highlights our ambitions and intentions for the 2010 season. We finished 6th in the Yorkshire League last season which was our highest position since 2004, add to that squad a player of Peter's talents and I see no reason why we shouldn't be challenging for the Yorkshire League"

Cleethorpes face a tough start to their Yorkshire League campaign with consecutive home games against the top

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three sides from last season's Yorkshire League. Following their opening encounter with Yorkshire Academy, they face runners-up Scarborough then champions York within the first fortnight of the season. In the Yorkshire League cup they travel to Doncaster on Sunday May 9 while the National Knockout sees Cleethorpes entertain West Indian Cavaliers at Chichester Road on Sunday May 16. Cleethorpes defeated a strong West Indian Cavaliers side featuring a number of ex-first class players last September to take the club's Twenty20 trophy.



Cleethorpes 2nds open their 2010 season with the visit of Alkborough on April 17 while the 3rd X1 travel to Nettleham 2nds on April 24 in their season opener. Cleethorpes 4ths face Haxey 2nds at the Stamford Club on April 17 for their first fixture.

Following Cleethorpes Cricket Section AGM, James Osmond will once again Captain the 1st X1 with Charlie Tomlinson appointed Vice-Captain. Paul Sunley takes over from Dan Tolson as 2nd X1 Skipper as Cleethorpes will look to better last season's strong challenge in the Lincolnshire Premier League. Cricket Chairman Paul Hewstone will once again lead the 3rd X1 in their defence of the Lincs' First Division and Bob Welton Cup. Kris Richardson replaces Kevin Blewitt to take command of the 4th X1 for their Second Division campaign. Preparations for the season are already underway with Senior nets being held at the Oasis Academy in Immingham from 7.30-9pm. All senior players are welcome.

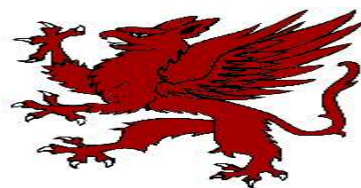


**HULL & YPI CRICKET
CLUB**

This year the club will again be under the captaincy of Dave Barrick as he embarks on his second season in the role. Although results were not to his liking last year, the club is in a process of rebuilding and as such are enthusiastic at the experience gained by many of its junior players last season. Advances have been made off the field with the club achieving Clubmark status in November. Improvements have already been made to the ground and funding bids are in for new practice facilities which we hope to hear some news about in the coming weeks.

A notable absentee from the Hull line up will be Andy Simpson, the local lad electing to join Scarborough CC for the forthcoming season. Although sad to lose the player, we wish him well for next season.

This year we will again field a 'youthful' Hull side and although unable to match the resources of some other clubs, we will field a team made up of young local players which hopefully will bring rewards to the club in years to come.



BARNESLEY CC

After a poor 2009, in which they finished 5th in the Yorkshire League, Barnsley are now looking forward to 2010, with two significant new signings added to the first team squad.

Returning home to Shaw Lane after 3 seasons away at the Yorkshire Academy

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will be **AZEEM RAFIQ**, and a lot has happened to this popular youngster since he left Barnsley at the end of the 2006 season.

In 2006 he was named BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year for Yorkshire and in 2007 made his 2nd XI debut. In 2008 he made his first-team debut in a Twenty20 group match against Nottinghamshire, but it subsequently emerged that he was not properly registered and furthermore that he did not have a British passport and so, under ECB regulations, was ineligible to play for the county. It was a poor oversight from Yorkshire, who had long been aware of his talents, but Rafiq overcame the glitch,



signed a new three year deal with the County when everything was resolved, then made his first class debut at Headingley against Sussex last season. He celebrated with the wicket of Robin Martin-Jenkins in his first over, finishing the innings with 3-34 and then, in his second match at New Road, Worcester, scored his maiden first class century.

Azeem played 4 first class matches in 2009, 2 Pro-40 matches, and 4 Twenty20 ties for Yorkshire, was awarded his 2nd XI county cap, and was asked to lead England U-19 in the World Cup last winter.

Joining Azeem at Shaw Lane this season will be his fellow Academy team mate **GARY BALLANCE**. Gary was born in

Zimbabwe November 1989, and first played in the Second XI Championship in 2006, having picked up five appearances for Zimbabwe in the 2006 Under-19 World Cup, in which the team finished in sixth place. In the final match for the team, Ballance picked up a half-century, gaining notice from Derbyshire and earning the chance to sign for the team for the 2006 season.

He made his County debut for Derbyshire in a one day game against West Indies 'A' at Derby still aged just 16.

Gary made 73 at the Rose Bowl in his Pro-40 debut against Hampshire, but left Derbyshire at the end of the 2007 season to join Yorkshire.



He has made 1 first class appearance for the Tykes, but has scored plenty of runs for the 2nds and the Academy side (1609 in 32 matches). His highest score in the Yorkshire League was a massive 236 not out in the League Cup semi final against Sheffield Collegiate at Headingley last season, and he is no stranger to scoring runs at Shaw Lane, having hit 112 not out against Barnsley in the League a couple of seasons ago, in an innings rated as one of the finest seen at Shaw Lane.

Another new face at Barnsley next season will be **Jordan Bethel** signed from Whitley Hall, who will be also pushing for a first team spot this season.

But while new faces are arriving at Shaw Lane, the club are saying goodbye to three influential players from over the past few seasons.

JOE ELLIS has been a regular member for the first team since 2004, an excellent opening bowler who took 63 wickets last season and he was also relied on to make a useful contribution with the bat.



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He scored one century for the first team, scoring 105 not out against the Academy in 2004, but few will forget his gallant knock against Wrenthorpe in the 2008 Heavy Woollen Cup final, when he scored 54 not out in just 17 balls, to pull Barnsley from the jaws of defeat to an exciting tied finish, which Barnsley eventually lost on losing more wickets.

It was certainly an innings Wrenthorpe never forgot, as he will be joining them in the Central Yorkshire League for 2010.

Another all rounder departing the Griffins will be **GREIG BATTY**, who has played 157 first team matches since joining Barnsley in 2005. His 2006 runs, 172 wickets and 53 catches have contributed to the clubs successes over the past few seasons, but injury affected his form last season, and he has now moved into the Central Yorkshire League for 2010, joining other former Barnsley players Peter Hepworth, Graham Wilson and Andy Carrington at Townville.

ALEX MORRIS came to Shaw Lane in 2006 after a successful County career at Hampshire which covered 62 first class matches. He helped Barnsley to their first ever Yorkshire League title in his first season, and has gone on to score 3648 runs in 107 matches for the Griffins in those 4 seasons.

However work commitments and Injuries have restricted his first team appearances last season, and he has opted to move to Hoylandswaine in the Huddersfield League for 2010.



This season Barnsley will be captained by Jason Booth again. "After losing 3 of our biggest names we are looking forward to a slightly different challenge this year. Joe,

Greg and Alex will be missed and the club are grateful to them for their efforts in previous seasons and wish them well" said Booth. "We have replaced those players with Gary Ballance, who is probably recognised as one of the top batsmen in league cricket along with our very own Simon Widdup, and Azeem Rafiq who is Barnsley through and through!

Gary and Azeem will be looking to score heavy runs and take lots of wickets to further enhance their chances of first class cricket next year, so Barnsley can only benefit from that. I am particularly excited by Azeem and Richard Wilkinson bowling in tandem.

At the moment those 2 are the only players to come in, but we are still on the lookout for players that might be available. There are also chances available for second team players to stake a claim for a regular spot and it will be up to them to grab the bull by the horns when given that opportunity. Overall like I said it's a different challenge as we are no longer the "star studded" team people have recognised during the past 5 years, it is now a team of exciting youngsters, experienced league cricketers and one or two recognised second team players that will have an opportunity to stake a claim for a first team spot. This I think is the right blend to bring a trophy back to Barnsley Cricket Club."

Off the field former football league referee Trelford Mills takes over as club chairman from Ken Green, who was elected as club president replacing Alan Sherriff, who moved aside from the President position due to other commitments. Barnsley CC would like to thank Alan for his Stirling efforts and would also like to congratulate him on receiving his MBE. He has been honoured by the club with him becoming a life president.

. During the winter the club have looked to improve the new facilities the members built last winter, facilities which seem to have paid off, with Barnsley CC hosting a variety of top games in 2010 - a Yorkshire 2nds Championship game against

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Leicestershire in May, two Yorkshire U-17 matches against Lancashire in July and the jewel in the crown, England Women's 4th one day international on Saturday 17 July against New Zealand (10.45am), all coming to Shaw Lane.



York CC is looking forward to the 2010 season following a very busy winter both on and off the field. The new pavillion at Clifton Park finally opened its doors in November 2009, boasting six purpose built changing rooms and a brand new function Room with balcony looking out over the first XI square. We would like to thank all fellow member clubs for their patience last summer with our portakabin facilities and we look forward to welcoming you all to our new surroundings during the summer.

Preparations are underway for the new league campaign and we have been lucky enough to capture 3 new signings. Tom Pringle returns following six years in the Bradford League. A useful middle order batsmen and leg spinner of note, Tom is looking forward to returning to the Club he enjoyed success with in his early years.

Liam Mckendry makes the short journey down the A19 from Senior League Team Thirsk.

Following an award winning Season in the Premier League, Liam is a top order batsmen and a player who has for many seasons been on York's Radar. We wish him well in his first Season at York.

Finally, Loughborough UCCE opening bowler Peter Groves has joined York following a season with Rotherham. Having shown huge potential in the County

games for the University Peter hopes to make a big impression on the "bowler friendly" conditions at Clifton Park.

We wish the entire member Clubs the very best of luck in 2010 and look forward to another exciting season."



DONCASTER TOWN CC

Doncaster goes into the 2010 campaign under new leadership. Andrew Parkin-Coates (below) takes over the reigns from Graeme Attenborough who did a great job for the 3 years he was captain.



It is a new and exciting era for the club, we have lost Micheal Chadwick and Luke Townsend but we have replaced them with 2 excellent young and talented players.

Felix Odell is a very talented local young batsman, who is relishing the challenge of playing in the ECB Yorkshire Premier League.

We have managed to secure the signing of an Australian Overseas player, Chris Spinella. He is a wicket keeper batsman who has been currently playing with Duncan Sell in Melbourne. He will add

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quality to our top 5 and will add to the team with his wicket keeping. .

A lot will rest upon Graeme and Andrew with the batting and if everybody else plays their part we will cause a few upsets and be a very good match for anybody on our day.

Look out for 18 year old James Stuart, who is looking very good in the nets with both bat and ball, as is Alex Gosney. We are going to be a very young and inexperienced team, it will be a learning curve for a lot of the players but if everybody settles in and we get off to a good start it could be a very interesting season for the Town Fields club.



HARROGATE CC

Following two poor seasons, more notable for the bleeding of local junior players than the results, Harrogate CC are delighted to announce the return to St George's Road of Ryan Bradshaw as first X1 captain. Ryan skippered Methley to the Central Yorkshire League title last season and is keen to lift more silverware upon his return.

Vic Craven and Alexis Twigg, both of whom have significant experience of Yorkshire League cricket, return to help with this cause. John Proud steps down to Vice captain to ensure the continued development of local young cricketers.

Recruitment across all teams has gone well this winter following promotion of all 3 of the remaining senior sides.

Lincolnshire premier, Aire Wharfe and Nidderdale league players have been

winter netting with a view to staking a claim for first X1 cricket this season.

Cricket Chairman Andy North confirmed the club's continuing search to attract the best local players in the Harrogate area to play cricket at the highest level on what continues to be one of the finest surfaces in the County, thanks to the unstinting work of new groundsman Iain Bullock.

George Oworm will skipper the 2nd team who will again hope to push for promotion in the 2nd division of the York senior league. Assisted by Vice captain Chris Gill the team will be a blend of Youth and experience with Rupert Scales and Tom Henry mentoring some of the younger players. Ross Sedgeley returns from a winter in Australia to don the keeper's gloves and to push to regain his first team place.



Rob Stanworth skipper the 3's in pursuit of a hat trick of promotions and bringing up the rear is club Chairman Steve Culleton, who will again skipper the development side ensuring the smooth transition of juniors into senior cricket.

Plans are well underway now at St George's road for the new state of the art Pavilion.

This will be complete for the start of the 2011 season when County cricket, courtesy of Yorkshire Ladies, will return to the County ground at St George's road.

All in all, exciting times, Harrogate CC is looking forward to welcoming all visiting sides for some anticipated highly competitive cricket.

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SCARBOROUGH C.C.

The First Eleven will once again be under the captaincy of Darren Harland and the team will be aiming to end up 'one better than last season' and win the Premier League title for the first time since 1984.

The Club is pleased to have signed Andrew Simpson from Hull Cricket Club and in welcoming him, the Club wishes him well for the season. The only departure is that of Tom Pateman who has returned, after several seasons at the Club to his native village team at Brompton Cricket Club. James Finch, Joe Padmore and Simon Tennant will all come back refreshed following a Winter in New Zealand with Victoria University Cricket Club in Wellington.

The Club has been selected by the E.C.B. as one of the three showcase clubs in the country for the NatWest CricketForce programme and the features day at North Marine Road will be Sunday, 28th March. A comprehensive Ground Maintenance and Development programme has been drawn up and with the support of many companies, volunteers together with tradesmen will set about the many and varied tasks to retain the ground as one on which First Class, County and Festival cricket is played.

Regarding the other teams at the Club, Nick Sumpton will have his second season as the Second Eleven captain and Martin North will continue as Third Eleven captain. Mark Welford continues as the Junior Section Manager with the Club having two teams at under 15's level, one at under 13's and one at under 11's. In addition, the Club continue to have the Bill Ford Cricket Coaching Scholarship Scheme and will participate in the Enjoy Cricket programme.



APPLEBY FRODINGHAM CC

2010 season will once again see Matt Morland captain App-Frod CC in the Yorkshire League

Young players Chris Holiday & Fahid Rehman have left for clubs in the Central Yorkshire league, whilst Naveed Shaaid has gone to try his luck in the Cheshire area.

The club has managed to recruit one of Lincolnshire brightest prospects in batsmen and leg spinner Matty Fowler and also welcome back wicket-keeper Rob Powell. We are also hoping to make one more final signing before the start of the season.

John Heath will once again be joining the club in mid-season once his University lecturing in Vienna is complete.

The second X1 have gained promotion to the Lincolnshire Premier league, and several young players will be knocking on the door of the 1st. team Nineteen year old Jaco Scholtz from South Africa is replacing fellow countryman Ryan Dewey as our overseas player. Jaco spent last season in the Kent leagues and produced very good performances. Hopefully he will be as successful as the previous young overseas player we have managed to attract.

Greg Smith (Derbyshire CCC) will once again be our Kolpak player and will play as when he can be released from his County duties.



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Players, officials and visitors to Brumby Hall will immediately notice the large building site on entry to the ground. This is to be the £15 Million Sports Hall and Academy which is now in its early stages of construction. Apart from the slightly different entrance to the ground no other disturbances are expected on match days.

Finally - the question of computerised scoring was 'bravely' put to our long serving scorer Dennis Wadd. Dennis is approaching his 50th year as 1st. team scorer and in all that time has managed to by-pass any form of technology, whether it is computers, mobile phones or any other gadgets that most of us use on a daily basis.

He has informed us that he has no intention of changing and hopes that other club scorers will be sympathetic and put up with his way of scoring that has served him all these years.



Captain John Randerson announced there was not much to report from Castleford in their preparation for 2010.

"Luke Patel has rejoined Wrenthorpe after

two seasons at Castleford, in which he played 50 games for the Saville Park side, scoring 974 runs and taking 32 wickets.

Tim Weaver, a 23 year old seam bowler, will be joining us as our overseas player, from Torquay Cricket Club in Geelong, Victoria".



The break up of last years very successful opening pair Joe Root (to Sheffield Collegiate C.C.) and Gary Ballance (to Barnsley C.C.) will be a big loss to the Yorkshire Academy batting strength.

However this can partially be balanced by the move of Joe's brother William from Sheffield Collegiate.

A century against the Academy mid week side early last season for Worksop College, followed by further runs against Lancashire Academy for the mid week Yorkshire Academy side, impressed the Yorkshire coaches.

Likewise left handed batsman Jack Hughes from Townville C.C. played a sound midweek innings last year and his left arm spin will bolster the attack. Charlie Roebuck has moved to Klrkburton C.C. joining Matthew Wood and former Castleford and Academy player Greg Lambert.

Wicket keeper Jonathan Bairstow's outstanding performances last year saw him progress to play a number of first eleven matches. This allowed Henry Chadwick to develop as a keeper. Furthermore the loss of a number of players will see him given more chance to shine with the bat.

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Likewise Gurman Randhawa will hope to improve on last seasons 51 wicket haul. However he is not without ability as a batsman and should bat further up the order this season. He and the team will miss skipper and England U.19 captain Azeem Rafiq's off spin. But his move back to Barnsley allows Birley C.C. and Yorkshire U.15 player George Ross to develop his off spin. Last season's 24 wickets and over 400 runs will be his target to achieve.

Fellow opener with Ross, Irfan Amjad formerly with Hunslet Nelson C.C., will be given opportunity this season. After scoring 674 runs for Yorkshire Under 15's, coaches hope he will cope with the move to senior cricket. Last season's no. 3 Callum Geldart should benefit from playing with Yorkshire seconds last year and add to last years run total.

After wintering with England Schools U.15 training camp this winter, Jack Leaning (Heworth C.C.) will hope he will get somewhere near last seasons batting average of 60.

Studley Royal right arm medium pace bowler Ben Coad had returns of 5-28 v Notts. and 4-14 v Essex. Coaches hope he will continue his improvement along with Moin Ashraf, left arm medium pace Alex Lilley, and David Girling who turned in some useful performances in his first Academy season.

It will be important that the quicker bowler will play more cricket this season and not be affected by injury, as happened last year.

It is expected that Jack Hargreaves will benefit from his pre season tour with the first eleven squad to Barbados.



Driffield Town C.C.

Driffield Town 1st XI will once again be led by captain Joe Fraser in 2010.

However there is a new Secretary at Driffield Cricket Club this year as Pam Woodcock has now retired from her position of club secretary. Every one at Driffield would like to thank Pam for all the hard work she has put into the club over the years.

Gail Baker has now taken over as secretary and she would like to thank everyone for all the help and advice she has been given over the past few weeks, and looks forward to meeting everyone in the future.

Driffield Town CC is looking forward to the start of the season and have their fingers crossed for some good weather.



SHEFFIELD COLLEGIATE CC

Matt Dixon, who will be captain of Sheffield Collegiate 1st XI for the fourth year, is glad to say he has little to report on player movements and it is very much status quo (and before you ask, no, Rossi & Parfitt have not joined SCCC to reduce the average age of the 1st XI).



But SCCC are delighted to welcome Joe Root (above) back to the club after two years at the Yorkshire Academy where his cricket has developed greatly leading to his first team debut for Yorkshire CCC at the end of the 2009 season and representation for England U19 in Bangladesh and at the U19 World Cup in New Zealand over the winter.

This should have a positive impact on the youth sides at Sheffield Collegiate as the youngsters who have tasted 1st team experience over the past couple of seasons are a year older and are making strides in the county youth teams. Billy Root will play for SCCC next season although he has an Academy contract with Yorkshire CCC and other youngsters including Josh Jones, Tom Hancock & Elliot Callis will be pushing for 1st team places.

Collegiate continue to run 5 Saturday league sides and one on a Sunday and hope to make a couple of signings before the start of the season to boost their 1st team squad.



Rotherham Town will be without captain Alex Welsh this season following his move to Whitley Hall in the South Yorkshire League.

Pete Groves has also left, moving to York. James Moorehouse takes over as Skipper at Clifton Lane, whilst the club hope soon to announce three new additions to the squad.



SHEFFIELD UNITED CC

It will be a new look Sheffield United side that take to the field at Bawtry Road next season after a number of players, including captain Neil Longhurst, defected to the South Yorkshire League for 2010.

The club are still on the lookout for players to hopefully supplement the crop of young players who have come through the junior ranks.



**NATWEST CRICKET FORCE
2010 IS ALMOST HERE**

All Yorkshire ECB County Premier League clubs are looking for volunteers to help them participate in this years NatWest Cricket force weekend, which this year takes place between 26th and the 28th March.



NatWest cricket force is a scheme organised by the England & Wales cricket board to encourage all Cricket enthusiasts to give their time voluntary and help their local cricket club to improve/tidy the facilities before the season gets underway - such as painting, cleaning, sweeping, joinery - in fact anything that needs help doing.

OPENING DAYS FIXTURES
Saturday 24 April 2010 (12 noon)

Appleby Frodingham v Castleford
(Umpires Stuart Roberts & Ray Knowles)

Cleethorpes v Yorkshire Academy
(Brian Duncalf & Steve Boulton)

Doncaster Town v Barnsley
(Trevor Cottam & Gordon Prescott)

Harrogate v Scarborough
(Dave Sharp & David Barnes)

Sheffield Collegiate v Hull & YPI
(Harry Fidler & George Wood)

Sheffield United v Driffield Town
(Donovan Koch & Jeff Holliday)

York v Rotherham Town
(Ian Dixon & Tony Blackburn)

(Umpire appointments subject to change).

CHILD WELFARE

Nowadays the protection of our Children is a very important part of running our Clubs, and as the ECB Premier league in this County, we need to be in the forefront of this high profile subject.

All our Umpires have an up to date CRB Check, and all our clubs have at least 1 Child Welfare Officer, who is responsible for the protection of the Children at their Club.

The CWOs must attend the relevant Courses, and, of course, have an upto date CRB clearance. He/she must also ensure that everyone who comes into contact with a child has an up to date CRB Clearance. These include coaches, captains, Umpires, scorers, team managers and groundsmen. The motto should be-- if in doubt, complete a CRB clearance form!

Help is at hand for all our clubs in these matters, with Ray Knowles, the YCB County Welfare officer, who is a well known Umpire in the League, always available for a chat on 07917205860.

I am also always available on
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Website stats as at Thursday 18 March

7727 hits (since 1 December 2009)

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126 voters have voted to see who will win the Solly Sports Yorkshire ECB County Premier League - see who's leading by voting on the website today.



The draw for the Group stages of the 2010 ECB National Club Championship has now been made. This season 8 Yorkshire ECB County Premier League clubs are involved, and they have been placed in three groups.

In Group 1, Harrogate & Scarborough have both been handed home first round draws; Harrogate will host South Shields from the North East Premier League, whilst Yorkshire League runners-up Scarborough face Blaydon, who finished runners up in the same North East league, at North Marine Road.

In Group 2 Champions York, the only club from our league to reach the National knock out stage last season, have a home draw against York & District Senior League runners-up Beverley Town. Driffield Town face a tricky trip to Bradford League side East Bierley, who finished third in division one last season, whilst Cleethorpes welcome Nottingham Premier

League side West Indian Cavaliers, who finished 4th in their league last season.

Group 3 see's a trio of South Yorkshire clubs compete, Barnsley welcome Derbyshire Premier League side Alvaston & Boulton, whilst Doncaster Town face a tricky trip to Bradford League side Hanging Heaton, who have former Yorkshire and Barnsley spinner Mark Lawson in their ranks.

Sheffield Collegiate face a trip to Huddersfield to visit Honley.

Best wishes to all our clubs involved, let's hope three can get through to this seasons National stage.



The ECB fast bowling directives have changed following a two-year consultation process. The outcome is that bowlers up to under-15 level are now able to bowl longer spells and more overs in a day.

Under the new guidelines bowlers at under-16 and under-17 level are now permitted to bowl an extra over per spell, but those in the under-18 and under-19 category have had the total number of overs they can deliver per day reduced from 21 to 18.

These guidelines will come into effect for the start of the 2010 season.

The fast bowling guidelines are designed to raise awareness of the need to nurture and protect young fast bowlers through their formative years. Research has shown that fast bowlers are by far the most likely

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players to be missing playing and training time due to injury.

AGE	UPDATED MAX OVERS PER SPELL
Up to 13	5
U14, U15	6
U16, U17	7
U18, U19	7

For the purpose of these guidelines a fast bowler should be defined as a bowler to whom a wicket keeper in the same age group would in normal circumstances stand back to take the ball

Kevin Shine, ECB lead fast bowling coach, said: "The elite fast bowling group has been researching injury prevention, performance enhancement and workloads for the past four years.

"The new recommendations mean youngsters under the age of 15 can now bowl an additional over in a spell and two overs more in a day. These figures are over and above the original directives. "It is clear that our young bowlers need to bowl more so that they can develop match winning abilities and habits and I look forward to the revised directives giving individual fast bowlers and teams more of a chance to play match winning cricket"

The results included input from clubs, county boards, ECB elite performance group, which includes, ESCA, ECB performance, ECB development, England elite player development, ECB operations, and HMC schools.

TOTAL CRICKET SCORER/COMPUTER SCORING

The Solly Sports ECB Yorkshire Premier Cricket League is very proud to introduce a new concept to League Cricket Scoring in 2010.

Have you ever thought of how good it would be to follow Yorkshire League Cricket scores as they happen, without leaving your house, or even on your mobile phone, or maybe when you're on holiday in another Country?

Well, it is hoped that this will happen for the forthcoming season.

The League has arranged this season to provide each Club with a laptop, a Bluetooth Dongle and a License for the Total Cricket Scorer package, which will enable each scorer to score the game straight onto the Official League & Play Cricket websites!

All our scorers are receiving training in the art of computer scoring, and if all goes well, all Yorkshire League scores will be available as easy as getting County scores.

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FIRST ROUND (Sunday 9 May)

- A Barnsley v Rotherham Town
- B Appleby Frodingham v Sheffield Collegiate
- C Sheffield United v Scarborough
- D Harrogate v Hull
- E Doncaster Town v Cleethorpes
- F Castleford v Yorkshire Academy

SECOND ROUND (Sunday 13 June)

- G Winner match C v Winner match E
- H Winner match B v Winner match F
- I Winner match A v Winner match D
- J Driffild Town v York

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SEMI FINALS (Sunday 4 July)

K Winner match H v Winner match I

L Winner match J v Winner match G

FINAL (Sunday 1 August tbc)

Winner match L v Winner match K

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in the Barbados sunshine whilst taking a
well earned break.

Steve Ward has promised a prize for the
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