**LG L&DCC PRE-SEASON CAPTAIN'S MEETING 2019**

*Tuesday 26th March 2019 at* ***Alder CC******7.30 pm***

There was a total of 57 representatives present from 32 different clubs.

7 Handouts were available to captains as hard copy and on the website. Each one would also be projected at its own “slot” in the agenda.

**Welcome.**

7.36 pm

John Williams (JW) welcomed captains to their 2019 preseason meeting, it was good to see such an excellent turn-out. There were severe traffic difficulties on parts of Queen’s Drive and JW had given representatives a few minutes grace.

The purpose of the meeting was to prepare everyone for the new season. We were going to “concentrate on the new stuff”.

JW began by making a free offer to clubs.

We had booked one more week (30/03/2019 1-5pm, 4 lanes) than we actually needed at St Bedes after the shift of the revised start-time for the 2019 PDP. This session was now offered *free of charge,* first-come first-served, to clubs on the basis of “does your club want an hour of this, this coming Saturday?” JW would now give clubs time to send a few .txts to their clubs “do we want an hour at St Bedes” during this meeting and collate the results after the meeting.

1. ***Regulations***
2. **Rule changes from AGM 2019**

Chris Weston (CW) the L&DCC Secretary took the meeting through all the rule changes as set out in full in the document:

<http://www.lpoolcomp.co.uk/uploaded_files/documents/CAPTAINS_MEETING_2019_-_REG_CHANGES.doc>

This covered *1.1 , 1.2* and *1.3*

1. ***Playing Regulations 2019***
2. ***Cup Regulations and Competitions 2019***

There were no questions on *1.1 , 1.2* and *1.3.*

1. ***Registrations 2019***

Rob Durand the L&DCC Reg Sec and Fixtures Secretary noted that the start of the season was Saturday 20th April, the final date for 1st and 2nd XI registrations to play on that date was 1.00pm on Wed 17th April. Entry on play cricket by that time/date was mandatory.

The papers i.e. the Registration Form, the Player Release Form , Category 1b or 3b confirmation form, and in addition for overseas players Copy Passport, Copy Visa, Copy DBS or equivalent, ECB Residence Form etc all had to be with RD by Fri 19th April.

3rd XI registrations, as usual, were different and could be made up to 48 hours after their first match.

All this took time, relatively few registrations had been made so far. They could not be rushed. Clubs needed to get these registrations done.

Residence qualifications for Cat 1b and Cat 3b also needed checking by clubs. An ex L&DCC player now playing in the North Staffs/South Cheshire PCL had lost his 1b residence qualification in 2018 having spent too much time abroad. ECB had noticed this. The player was then ineligible, the 1st XI were docked 270 points (!) and relegated, hence **check your 1b players**.

JW supported. There had been about 50 2019 registrations so far, normally there were about 200 at the start of a season, that left about 150 yet to be registered, these could not all be registered at the very last minute. There would be a posting on this. RD had set out the dates, there would be no amnesties clubs had had fair warning, captains should have a word with their club secretaries or registration equivalent. “If you have a problem, ask us, don’t do nothing”.

RD continued. If overseas players were being registered for the 2nd and 3rd XIs, clubs had to supply play-cricket type evidence that they really were of that standard and appropriate to play in the 2s and 3s. JW commented that there were currently about 3 such players now playing in our 1st XIs …….

There were no questions on 1.4.

1. ***Managed Migration 2019***

JW asked if clubs were OK on this? ECB had made changes to the professional pathway for 2019. If a player had once played representative cricket at U17 level or above he or she was judged as “professional” but if he or she had then not played anymore at that level for two or more years or more, he or she was now considered to be “off the pathway” and could use a SVVisa or YMSVisa, they were now classified as “amateurs” again. The changes were set out in detail on the website.

There were no questions on 1.5.

1. ***Third XIs 2019***

Eddie Shiff, the L&DCC Third XI sub-Committee Chair, introduced himself and said that the sub-Committee’s aim was to ensure that Saturday and Sunday Third XI cricket ran smoothly and according to L&DCC and ECB regulations. If there were any issues clubs should contact ES or any other sub-Committee member – particularly over fixtures. ES promised weekly updates on Third XI cricket, if there were performances or anything you wanted publicising, tell us.

Clubs needed to check the regs carefully over player eligibility, they were very different following AGM 2019.

Surveys and Seminars were intended.

One more member of the Third XI sub-Committee was needed, one from a club in the north of the Comp i.e. from the Southport Area, a volunteer would be greatly appreciated.

There were no questions on 1.6

1. ***Women’s and Girls’ Cricket 2019***

JW gave Paul Bate’s apologies, Paul was the L&DCC Women’s and Girls sub-Committee Chair.

Paul had had a huge impact on Women’s and Girls cricket in the L&DCC. There had been a big increase in Women’s and Girls cricket in the L&DCC built on club activity since his appointment just over a year ago.

JW gave an example, last Sunday saw the conclusion of the first ever Liverpool Competition Women’s and Girls’ Tournament. 10 teams from 7 clubs took part in a highly successful league format competition at the Toxteth Firefit Centre, the first day of the tournament had been on the 10th March. Clubs were strongly encouraged – if they had not already done so - to contact Paul for help in running Women’s and Girls’ Cricket in 2019.

1. ***A Refresher on Captain’s Match Day responsibilities***

Eric Hadfield (EH), the L&DCC President, took the meeting through all the responsibilities as set out in full in the document:

<http://www.lpoolcomp.co.uk/uploaded_files/documents/Captains_Responsibilities_2019.doc>

There were no questions on 3.

1. ***DBS checks for captains***

Peter Fleetwood (PF) the L&DCC Treasurer took the meeting through the process:

All captains needed to be DBS’d. (i) The first point of contact for a captain was their Club Welfare Officer who would (ii) contact the (Lancashire) County Welfare Officer Mike Buckley, supplying him with the captain’s email address. This authorised the applicant as a bona fide club applicant. Mike Buckley would (iii) then send the captain an e-link which enabled the captain to start the process which was now entirely on line and free.

***[Mike Buckley / County Welfare Officer*** */ Lancashire Cricket Foundation / Emirates Old Trafford / Talbot Road / Manchester /M16 0PX / M: 07710 421 231 / E:* *mbuckley@lancashirecricket.co.uk**]*

JW added that we knew that some captains were not DBS’d, having them DBS’d was an ECB requirement and was a club not a league responsibility.

There were no questions on 3.2

1. ***A presentation from MCUA***

Hughie Evans, the MCUA Chair introduced himself. The following presentation would be available in full on the lpoolcomp website.

1. ***A run through of 2019 revisions to the Laws of Cricket***

<http://www.lpoolcomp.co.uk/uploaded_files/documents/MCUA_Notes__on_Law_Changes_for_Captains_Meeting_March_2019_V2.docx>

<http://www.lpoolcomp.co.uk/uploaded_files/documents/Updatestolaws2ndedition_v4_2019_.docx>

In 2018 the MCC made over 200 changes to the Laws of Cricket. They have made further changes which will be applicable from April 2019. In total there are 22 changes. Most of these changes will make no material difference to the game as it is played as they are minor corrections or clarifications. But there are a few significant changes. I have picked out the changes that you may come across.

**Law 21.12**

The batting side will still get the benefit of a no-ball if there is deliberate distraction, deception or obstruction of the batsman.

**Explanation:**

The Law previously stated that if there is an instance of a deliberate attempt to distract under either of Laws 41.4 (Deliberate attempt to distract striker) or 41.5 (Deliberate distraction, deception or obstruction of batsman), a call of No ball should be revoked. It was felt that this was unfair and that the batting side should still get the run for the No ball.

**Law 37.3**Whichever batsman obstructs a fielder when there was a call of no-ball, will be given out.

**Explanation:**

Under the Laws, if the non-striker obstructs a fielder taking a catch then the striker is out. However, the striker cannot be out caught off a no-ball. The Law has been re-written to reflect that when the delivery is a no-ball, then whichever batsman causes the obstruction will be given out.

**Law 16.3.3 and Law 42.1**

Time lost in dealing with player misbehaviour will be added on to the scheduled close of play (i.e. from the calling of time to the calling of play). No overs will be deducted for time lost in the last hour

**Explanation:**

As originally written, Law 42.1 did not allow for time to be added on if it was lost due to umpires intervening to deal with player behaviour. This meant that, potentially, a side could risk committing an oﬀence under Law 42, knowing that the time taken out of the game to deal with it would work in their favour. It was felt that this was unfair, and should be rewritten.

**Law 41.2**

This Law has been rewritten.

Umpires can act if they consider that any action by a player, not covered by the Laws, is unfair. The Law requires the umpires to give the Captain a first and final warning that any further occurrence will result in penalty runs being awarded to the opposition. It may be that the umpires together, as a way of helping to manage the match, decide to give an informal warning to the captain. This informal warning will be reported on the match card.

The Captain will be subject to a full Discipline Report if he is given an official ‘first and final warning’

What might the Umpires consider to be unfair?

The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

• Your opponents

• Your own captain and team

• The role of the umpires

• The game’s traditional values

It is against the Spirit of the Game:

• To dispute an umpire’s decision by word, action or gesture

• To direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire

• To indulge in cheating or any sharp practice, for instance

a) appeal knowing the batsman is not out

b) advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing

c) seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one’s own side.

Some of these transgressions may be deemed worthy of formal discipline action and will be dealt with by the Umpires on the field in accordance with the Laws and the LDCC Disciplinary Regulations e.g. discipline report, warning and/or imposition of penalty runs.

There will be others where the Captain will be warned as to the unfair behaviour of his players. This can be formal with the threat of penalty runs for further transgressions or an informal warning given by the umpires to allow the Captain to bring his players into line.

**Law 41.7**

From 1st April 2019, the Law allows umpires to make a more subjective decision over which full pitched above waist height deliveries are dangerous. Every delivery above waist height is a no-ball. If not considered dangerous then no-ball and no further action. If dangerous then no-ball and first and final warning. (Any further such delivery then the Captain will be asked to remove the bowler from the attack)

**Law 41.16**

The non-striker out of his ground when a bowler breaks the stumps in his delivery stride, with his hand holding the ball, can be given out on appeal.

**Explanation:**

It has long been the position of MCC that, if a non-striker leaves his/her ground early, he/she is liable to be Run out. An extension of this has come to light principally on the back of TV replays, meaning that, if a bowler accidentally puts down the wicket with the ball held in his/her hand during the bowling action, and the non-striker is out ofhis/her ground, the non-striker would be dismissed if there is an appeal. The previous wording referred to an ‘attempt’ to run out the non-striker, which some people do not feel allows for such accidental run-outs. This new change clariﬁes MCC’s interpretation of the Law.

**Appendix A - A6.7**

For the first time, the MCC have included within the Laws a definition of waist height.

Waist height is defined as the point at which the top of the batsman’s trousers would conventionally be when he/she is standing upright at the popping crease.

There were no questions on 4.1.

1. ***General MCUA Matters***
2. There will be a shortage of umpires in 2019. We have gained a couple of umpires, but we have also lost a couple. MCUA will continue to use umpires from other leagues where their appointments allow. We will do the best that we can to ensure that all LDCC 1st X1 matches have two umpires but there will be occasions that this will not be possible.

The shortage of umpires is not unique to MCUA but is evident across most leagues in Lancashire and the country

1. The completion of an umpire report card is mandatory in the LDCC. These cards are used by MCUA to see how an umpire is performing and are used, where we can, to help with umpire development. For the better umpires who aspire to the National Panel and stand in matches outside of LDCC, the marks are critical. One of the prerequisites for advancement is that an umpire’s marks place them in the top quartile of the MCUA Panel. Of course, this only impacts on a small number of umpires but without the marks, an umpire would not even be considered for selection to the National Panel.

Cards are to be returned to Kevin Wilson. The marks are confidential, the umpires do not see their individual mark only a season average. MCUA also select their ‘Umpire of the Year’ from the Captains marks. If you do not send in a card, then this will be reported to LDCC who have within their remit to issue a fine.

1. If clubs are arranging cup matches either on a Sunday or during the week, please contact Kevin Wilson if you require umpires. Please give him as much notice as you can it helps with the appointments and saves a lot of time and energy.

There were no questions on 4.2.

1. ***Play-Cricket 2019***

RD ran through the reporting of results system on play-cricket, all were time limited and failure to post in time meant a fine. Tom Evans of the Echo relied on p-c for timely results as did all players and all clubs. Results had to be posted by the home team and checked by the opposition with a tick-box. This check was essential.

ECB had changed p-c a little for 2019. Inserting umpires and scorers had been required in the past but had changed a little in that if clubs were trying to get ahead before the season started and had put umpires and scorers up there before the match, on attempting to edit, an error message was currently being triggered saying “insert scoring method”, L&DCC was currently trying to post our “scoring rules” to deal with this i.e. time cricket or cup overs etc., there but that process was not yet complete.

Tweaking i.e. editing similar names on p-c was possible, clubs should contact RD if they were trying to do this. No inappropriate nicknames were allowed etc.

There were no questions on 5.1

1. ***Scoring 2019***
2. ***Disciplinary Procedures 2019***

Eric Hadfield (EH), the L&DCC President, took the meeting through all the responsibilities as set out in full in the document:

<http://www.lpoolcomp.co.uk/uploaded_files/documents/Discipline_Regulations_2019.docx>

JW asked how many clubs looked at discipline as part of their pre-season preparations. No club indicated that they did. JW felt that perhaps that ought to change, ECB was taking this much more seriously going forward.

There were no questions on 5.2

1. ***ABBs***
2. ***Pitch and Umpires Marking 2019***

EH also took the meeting through the two documents:

<http://www.lpoolcomp.co.uk/uploaded_files/documents/Umpires_Email_Report_2019.doc>

<http://www.lpoolcomp.co.uk/uploaded_files/documents/LDCC_Captains_Pitch_Report_2019.doc>

HE would send to CW for circulation to the clubs, the guidance from ECB that MCUA was currently using.

JW wanted clubs to tell us if a pitch was particularly good – or bad.

There were no questions on 7.

1. ***Representative Cricket in 2019***

JW noted that the interleague situation at senior level was fluid. We are seen as a very stable league we had 12 divisions and no intention of making major changes.

At senior level 4 leagues would play a T20 finals type day on the 27th May.

L&DCC ran the U12s and U14s, they would play 2 or 3 games. Requests for player nominations were always circulated by M/C via CW to all clubs. We received very few nominations – which was very sad, we had a lot of oustanding young players. There were no trials now, if a player got nominated they got a game.

We had all the kit for the rep players!

There were no questions on 8.

1. ***Open Forum***

EH projected on screen and ran through all the *To Be Arranged* (TBA) matches – which had no dates allocated yet and the *To Be Confirmed* (TBC) matches which did but which would need notification of start times.

TBA matches needed to sorted by clubs before the start of the season and played by the 14th July; if no action was taken TBA matches would be ruled “abandoned” and 5 points each would be awarded ( Constitution 9.2.1 and 9.2.3)

“Attached is the current state of play regarding rearranged matches.  TBCs only need confirmation but it is still best before the start of the season and shouldn't cause any problem.

Summarising the clubs responsible are:

1st XI - TBA: Northern and Old Xaverians;

TBC: Old Xaverians and Wigan

2nd XI - TBA: Colwyn Bay, Formby, Northern, Old Xaverians, Orrell RT, St Helens Town and S&B.

TBC: Caldy, Rainford, Rainhill and S&B.

3rd XI Sat - TBA: Goodlass, Liverpool, Sefton Park and Wavertree;

 Extra Matches: Prescot & O and South L'pool.

3rd XI Sun - TBA: Colwyn Bay, Leigh and Liverpool.”

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|  | LDCC 1st XI Fixture Rearrangement Details 2019 |
| Match | Division | TBA | Scheduled Date | New Date | P-C updated | Approved |
| **ARSec - Rob Durand** | **Prem** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Formby** v S’port & B’dale | **“** | Y | 20/4/19 | 22/4/19 | Yes | 25/2/19 |
| Northern v **S’port & B’dale** | **“** | Y | 29/6/19 |  |  |  |
|  | **“** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ARSec – Alan Majewska** | **Div 1** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Wigan** v Highfield | **“** | TBC | 20/4/19 |  |  |  |
| **Wigan** v Old Xaverians | **“** | TBC | 27/4/19 |  |  |  |
| **Old Xaverians** v F’wood H’keth | **“** | TBC | 07/9/19 |  |  |  |
| **Old Xaverians** v Newton le W  | **“** | Y | 21/9/19 |  |  |  |
|  | **“** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ARSec – Eric Hadfield** | **Div 2** |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **ARSec – Jason Ratcliffe** | **Digman** |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **ARSec – Jason Ratcliffe** | **Tyler** |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | LDCC 2nd XI Fixture Rearrangement Details 2019 |
| Match | Division | TBA | Scheduled Date | New Date | P-C updated | Approved |
| **ARSec – Jason Ratcliffe** | **Prem** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Liverpool** v Ormskirk  | **“** | Y | 01/6/19 | 19/5/19 | Yes | 15/2/10 |
| **S’port & B’dale** v Colwyn | **“** | TBC | 15/6/19 |  |  |  |
| **Lytham** v New Brighton  | **“** | TBC | 22/6/19 |  | No change | 03/2/19 |
| **Northern** v Liverpool  | **“** | Y | 22/6/19 |  |  |  |
| **S’port & B’dale** v Sefton Park  | **“** | TBC | 22/6/19 |  |  |  |
| **S’port & B’dale** v Wallasey  | **“** | Y | 29/6/19 |  |  |  |
| **Formby** v Liverpool  | **“** | Y | 06/7/19 |  | No change | 30/1/19 |
| **Colwyn Bay** v S’port & B’dale  | **“** | Y | 17/8/19 |  |  |  |
| **Orrell RT** v Formby  | **“** | Y | 07/9/19 |  |  |  |
|  | **“** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ARSec – Jason Ratcliffe** | **Div 1** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Rainhil**l v Newton le | **“** | TBC | 20/4/19 |  |  |  |
| **Rainhill** v Bootle  | **“** | TBC | 27/4/19 |  |  |  |
| **Rainford** v Maghull  | **“** | TBC | 01/6/19 |  |  |  |
| **Rainford** v Wavertree  | **“** | TBC | 15/6/19 |  |  |  |
| **Old Xavs** v B’head Park | **“** | Y | 14/9/19 | 15/9/19 | Yes | 10/3/19 |
|  | **“** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ARSec – Ken Winter** | **Div 2** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Caldy** v Alder  | **“** | TBC | 20/4/19 |  |  |  |
| **St Helens Town** v Norley Hall  | **“** | Y | 29/6/19 |  |  |  |
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| **ARSec – Jason Ratcliffe** | **Chester**  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **ARSec – Jason Ratcliffe** | **Tittershill** |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | LDCC 3rd XI Fixture Rearrangement Details 2019 |
| Match | Division | TBA | Scheduled Date | New Date | P-C updated | Approved |
| **ARSEC – Jeremy Clein** | **Sat Prem** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Goodlass 1** v Northern (GK) | **“** | Y | 20/4/19 |  |  |  |
| **B’field Park 1** v Bootle (AM) | **“** | Y | 27/4/19 | 08/6/19 | Yes | 07/3/19 |
| **Goodlass 1** v Northern (SK) | **“** | Y | 01/6/19 |  |  |  |
| **Liverpool 3** v New B’ton (DS) | **“** | Y | 15/6/19 | 16/6/19 |  | Provisional |
| **Liverpool 3** v B’field Park 1 | **“** | Y | 22/6/19 | 02/6/19 |  | Provisional |
| **Liverpool 3** v Bootle (AM | **“** | Y | 07/9/19 |  |  |  |
| **Liverpool 3** v Sefton Park 3 | **“** | Y | 14/9/19 | 14/7/19 | Yes | 21/2/19 |
| **Goodlass 1** v Ormskirk 3  | **“** | Y | 21/9/19 |  |  |  |
|  | **“** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ARSEC – Steve Shuttleworth** | **Sat Div 1** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **B’field Park 2** v Sefton Park 4  | **“** | Y | 20/4/19 | 23/6/19 | Yes | 25/3/19 |
| Prescot & O 3 v Northop Hall 3 | **“** |  | 14/7/19 |  |  |  |
| Sefton Park 4 v Sefton Park 5  | **“** |  | 14/7/19 | 07/7/19 | Yes | 10/3/19 |
| South L’pool 1 v Formby 3 | **“** |  | 14/7/19 |  |  |  |
| **Sefton Park 5** v Northop Hall 3  | **“** | Y | 31/8/19 |  |  |  |
| **Wavertree 3** v B’field Park 2 | **“** | Y | 07/9/19 | 08/6/19 | Yes | 18/2/19 |
| **Wavertree 3** v Ormskirk 4 | **“** | Y | 14/9/19 |  |  |  |
| **Sefton Park 5** v Sefton Park 4  | **“** | Y | 21/9/19 | 22/9/19 | Yes | 10/3/19 |
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| **ARSEC – Jeremy Clein** | **Leddy** |  |  |  |  |  |
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| LDCC 3rd XI Fixture Rearrangement Details 2019 |
| Match | Division | TBA | Scheduled Date | New Date | P-C updated | Approved |
| **ARSEC – John Isterling** | **Sun Prem** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **L’pool Sun XI** v Orrell RT 4 (GM) | **“** | Y | 21/4/19 |  |  |  |
| **Leigh 3 v** South L’pool 2 | **“** |  | 09/6/19 | ?? |  |  |
| **Liverpool Sun XI** v Northop Hall 4 | **“** | Y | 08/9/19 |  |  |  |
| **L’pool Sun XI** v S’port & B’dale 3 | **“** | Y | 22/9/19 |  |  |  |
|  | **“** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ARSEC – John Isterling** | **Sun NE** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **“** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ARSEC – John Isterling** | **Sun SW** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Formby 4 v Rainhill 3** | **“** |  | 28/4/19 | 22/9/19 | Yes | 19/3/19 |
| **Hightown St M 3** v Formby 4  | **“** | Y | 09/6/19 | 09/6/19 | No change | 21/1/19 |
| **Colwyn Bay 3** v Wallasey 4 | **“** | Y | 11/8/19 |  |  |  |
| **Rainhill 3 v Formby 4**  | **“** |  | 22/9/29 | 28/4/19 | Yes | 19/3/19 |

 Updated 30/03/2019

A number of clubs spoke to EH outwith the meeting over fixtures.

*Meeting Closed 9.20pm*