

BLACKHALL CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR SECTION NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2010

ONWARDS & UPWARDS

Relegated from the North Yorkshire & South Durham (NYSD) Premier League, Blackhall Cricket Club 1XI (first team) will this season play in Division One. This will be only its third season since 1933 without top flight representation. For a village side, competing in a league alongside such large towns is an achievement not to be underestimated. Though not always the most successful of clubs in NYSD terms, Blackhall were usually on equal terms, and teams knew they were in for a battle.

Established in 1929, even today people will still have clear memories of those top individual performances or exhilarating games played at the Welfare Park. They will have recollections of previous club professionals; Desmond Haynes (1981-82), Roger Harper (1983) or Clayton Lambert (1986 - 1991), annihilating opposing bowling attacks. They will also have memories of many homegrown players, who have successfully moved through junior cricket into a senior role and played for Blackhall at the pinnacle level, 1XI.



Outside people rate local cricket clubs based upon the success of their first team. They will also look within this team and analysis how successful their junior policy has been in producing homegrown talent. Therefore essential to the future success of Blackhall Cricket Club is that the junior section continues to deliver a service by producing future 1XI players.



UNDER 11 RE-STRUCTURE

In October 2009, we conducted Phase 1 of our player recruitment, through the distribution of flyers to numerous schools within the District of Easington area. One objective from this recruitment phase was to gather enough children so that we could create an Under 7 Grassroots group, with a 100% focus upon softball cricket. We were successful in doing so and overall attracted another 20 children under the age of 11 years.

In April 2010, the Under 11 Academy will be divided into two areas called: **Talent** and **Potential**. The objective behind this methodology is to provide the right development programme that will allow each player to gain a sound competence level and ensure a smooth transition from softball into hardball cricket:

- **Under 11 Talent**, will represent Blackhall playing hardball cricket in the North Yorkshire Cricket Council League and Indoor Cricket Competitions. In April, based upon an assessment of individual skills, a squad of 10 players will be announced.
- **Under 11 Potential** will represent the club in all softball festivals around the region and will be called Blackhall Lightning. They will also gain essential hardball experience in games against non threatening teams and organised friendlies.

ASDA KWIK CRICKET SKILLS AWARDS

Learning the right fundamentals of cricket at any early age is vital to ensuring a long future in the game. Supported by the ECB (England & Wales Cricket Board) we will embrace the Asda Kwik Cricket Skills Awards within our coaching programme, for the first time, starting at **Under 7 Grassroots**. Following a 10 week coaching programme, children will learn and practice the basic skills of cricket. Commencing at Bronze level, children will be measured against a skills criteria that will test aspects of catching, throwing, bowling and batting. It also promotes the development of important hand and eye co-ordination skills. Children are rewarded upon completion.



JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

In November 2009, at the AGM meeting, it was agreed that our annual junior membership would remain £10.00 for the 2010 season. This membership period will run from 1st January - 31st December 2010. Attached to this newsletter is the junior membership form, which will need to be completed in full. The deadline for all junior membership forms with payment is Sunday 14th March 2010. Please hand these to the relevant Team Manager.

JUNIOR COACHING DATES

Maintaining an active coaching policy throughout the year is essential for both club and player success. Depending on weather conditions, indoor coaching will be normally be finished at the end of March / early April. Below is a complete list of all scheduled coaching taking place at Dene Community School of Technology in Peterlee:

Under 13, Under 15 & Under 17 - (10-12noon):

- January - 30th,
- February - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th,
- March - 6th, 13th.

Under 7 Grassroots - (1-2pm) & Under 11 Academy - (2-4pm):

- January - 17th, 24th, 31st,
- February - 7th, 28th,
- March - 7th, 21st, 28th,
- April - 5th, 12th.

To enhance organisation before the start of each coaching session, we would like to trial a new payment scheme. For **Under 7 Grassroots & Under 11 Academy ONLY**, instead of paying every week, we would like to gather a one-off payment of £20.00 for coaching every 5 weeks. Those two important dates will be 17th January and 7th March. If your unable to attend on those dates then payment would be £16.00 for four weeks, etc. Payment can be made by either cash or cheque and should be made payable to: *Blackhall Cricket Club Juniors*.

LOOK LIKE A TEAM, PLAY LIKE A TEAM

Our badge represents the past, present and future of our cricket club. Moving forward, we aim to create a strong brand throughout the club, so that we look a professional outfit when either playing or training. The official training shirt is now available to order and will cost £17.00. If you are interested in ordering, please contact Gary Lavery with your shirt size, before Sunday 7th February.



Surridge Size	Ins (Approx)	Cms (Approx)
SB	26 / 28	66 / 71
MB	28 / 30	71 / 76
LB	30 / 32	76 / 81
Y	32 / 34	81 / 86

INDOOR CRICKET COMPETITION

Since 1999, the game of cricket has been transformed with many creative developments. The senior game has seen the development of Twenty20 cricket. To create excitement at junior level, Blackhall Cricket Club have organised a first ever Under 11 Indoor Cricket Competition within Durham & Northumberland. The competition will consist of six cricket clubs; Blackhall, Boldon, Chester-le-Street, Durham City, Saltburn and South Shields. All games will be played at Dene Community School of Technology in Peterlee. Group games will be played on 14th & 21st February, with the final being played on 14th March 2010.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS : FORTHCOMING EVENTS

14th, 21st February & 14th March - U11 Indoor Cricket Competition - 1.00pm
11th July - Blackhall U11 Kwik Cricket Festival - 1.30pm
8th - 10th August - U11 Tour of North Yorkshire
23rd October - U11 Presentation Evening - 7.30pm
26th December - Crimdon Boxing Day Dip - 10.00am

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