



THE FROSTER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE JACK FROST XI

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Greetings fellow Frosters, and welcome to the first mid-season edition of The Froster, one of what we intend to be four per year. Hopefully you have all been regularly logging onto the new improved Jack Frost website in which case some of this will be old hat but, for those of you who haven't, this is an opportunity to update you on the season so far.

We have been making a conscious effort to capture as much of the season as we can on film, and the website is packed full of photos of alcoholics attempting to play sport, or just doing what they do best – drinking! Thanks in the main to Nigel 'The Fox' Fowler and Alastair Crowhurst for documenting this season. Obviously I can only reproduce a handful of their images here, but hopefully they will whet your appetite for logging onto the website, or even making yourself available a bit more!

However, more editions of The Froster mean more cost to the club, and whilst your Committee is keen to improve Member communications, it must not become prohibitively expensive. Therefore from this point forward we intend to email The Froster to all those members for whom we have email addresses, and would ask that if you receive this as a paper copy, but you do have access to email, you inform the Hon. Secretary Alastair Crowhurst of your email details. It is likely that future hard-copy editions of the The Froster will be limited to two per year to keep the costs down. Thank you for your co-operation.

INDOOR CRICKET

As noted in the last edition of The Froster, the XI started the season back in March with a victory over Catch 22 in the 8-a-side match held at Lord's Indoor School. They then returned to the same venue in May to produce a sterling performance to retain the trophy won in 2009 in the quadrangular tournament contented between Catch 22, The Business Partners, Lord's Taverner's Buccaneers and Jack Frost XI. Congratulations to the team of Julian Tall, Richard Gregory, Jon Dunlea, Tom Bell, Salman Mohammed (WK), Mike Chase, Ames and Harve(C), not to mention their adoring cheerleaders/groupies, led by Dom and Ali.



THE REGULAR SEASON

The regular season has so far been something of a curate's egg, or even a basket of them. The XI has struggled to field eleven on a number of occasions, the first of which precipitated the cancellation of our first outdoor fixture of the season against Warnham – an unwelcome start to the campaign for all concerned. All subsequent fixtures have been fulfilled where not rain-affected, but not without a number of guests, not all of whom are prospective Frosters (but of those that are, more later).

The job of the Match Manager is certainly not getting any easier, but the Committee has circulated an updated version of the Match Managers' Guide to all Match Managers for 2010 which has hopefully clarified their responsibilities and will help everyone get eleven players on the field. However, the Committee is well aware that future schedules need to be revised in line with the changing profile of our membership, whatever that looks like – more/fewer total fixtures, no/fewer Bank Holiday

fixtures, more/fewer midweek fixtures, more/fewer Sunday fixtures, more/fewer Saturday fixtures, different opponents, etc. etc. If you have any strong feelings or suggestions around this, please make them known to a member of the Committee.

In terms of regular season results so far, we have a record up to and including 8th August of: P13 W3 D5 L5

The specific details are:

Warnham v Jack Frost XI – Cancelled

Reigate Pilgrims v Jack Frost XI – Cancelled

Cobham Avorians 168

Jack Frost XI 169-8

Won

It should briefly be noted that not only did Tim Martin take a career best 8-47 at Avorians, which is up there with the best hauls by any bowler for the XI, he also had the audacity to score the winning runs. Julian Walker also deserves congratulations for a victory in his first outing as a Match Manager for the XI.

Royal Logistic Corps 240-7

Jack Frost XI 121

2nd

Jack Frost XI 196-5

Mickleham & West Humble 193-8

Draw

Jack Frost XI 254-4

Sutton 255-8

2nd

Jack Frost XI 203-7

Broadhalfpenny Brigands 183-6

Draw

Whitchurch 164-8

Jack Frost XI 167-8

Won (but the boat-race was lost – see photographic evidence of sharp practice from the oppo, glass in hand before tappage)

Jack Frost XI 230

Tilford 232-7

2nd

Old Epsomians 239-9

Jack Frost XI 221-9

Draw



What? The Whitchurch anchor has his pint already raised?

Jack Frost XI 153

Teddington 154-2

2nd

Jack Frost XI 151

NPL Teddington 152-6

2nd

Hampshire Hogs 231-4

Jack Frost XI 234-3

Won

Jack Frost XI 203

Abinger 190-8

Draw

Jack Frost XI 194-7

Outwood 116-9

Draw



The XI vs Broadha'penny Brigands in July

THE DEVON TOUR

In June 2009, over a pint on the boundary at the Jack Frost XI v Broadhalfpenny Brigands match, it was suggested by Rob Cheeseman that a cricket tour to Devon would be fun and indeed a plan was hatched between Rob and Alastair Crowhurst for 2010. I am delighted to report that The Devon Tour took place in June 2010 and was well supported by Members.

The touring party consisted of Rob Cheeseman, Nigel and Graham Fowler, James Billington, John Croysdill, Clive Hook, Ian Milton, Philip Jones, Cosmo Jackson, Alastair Crowhurst, Mike Chase, David Mayo and myself. We stayed at the Woodbury Park Hotel and Golf Club near Exeter, which not surprisingly resulted in a number of games of golf being played over the course of our stay by those with such pretensions. However none of these were official Jack Frost XI golf days so, for the purposes of this newsletter, I will focus on the two games of cricket that were played on tour.



A collection of Devon tourists resplendent in their tour shirts, before leaving for the game vs Manland Dads

The first of these was against fellow Froster Julian Tall's Manland Dads side, who were also on tour. Our tour bus took us all to The Ley Arms in the picturesque village of Kenn for our pre-match livener and lunch, and we then walked to the cricket ground which was located in the grounds of the local manor house - a beautiful setting. The game itself was a slightly curious affair, in that confusion over the time/distance on foot from the ground back to the pub, and the time our bus was picking us up, meant that the game morphed from a time game to an overs' game and possibly back again, in which Frost were eventually victorious.



First wicket down (above).....



another ball sails into an adjacent field.....



whilst Frost's look on perplexed.....

The important details were:

Manland Dads 294-9 (P Jones 4-34)

Jack Frost XI 297-6 (M Chase 110, J Billington 58, P Jones 30 n.o.)

However, it is highly likely that Julian Tall would say the most important detail was his 150 n.o., which certainly took some toll on Frost's bowling – and on him based on his curry-house snooze later that evening.

Then second and final match of the tour took place in the beautiful village of Lustleigh, on the edge of Dartmoor. The afternoon began in The Cleave pub for lunch, which was conveniently situated adjacent to the cricket ground. The cricket match began with Jack Frost XI winning the toss and electing to bat. The sun was out once again and the Jack Frost XI banter was flowing fast and furiously as it had been all tour. On the pitch it was another closely-fought affair:

Jack Frost XI 207-5 (M Chase 47 n.o., C Jackson 37, C Hook 28, R Cheeseman 26 n.o.)
Lustleigh 147-8 (I Milton 5-36)

The match resulted in a winning draw for Jack Frost XI, but despite ferocious closing spells from Philip Jones and Ian Milton, we were unable to get either of the last Lustleigh batsmen out.



The not-quite-victorious Jack Frost XI at the conclusion of the Lustleigh game

The tour was a great success and great debts of gratitude are owed to Alastair Crowhurst, for his work on corralling a touring team and booking up the hotel and golf, and to Rob Cheeseman for organising the cricket – especially against Manland Dads where he had to arrange the ground and the teas – and of course the tour bus, without which we would have all been a lot more stressed and a lot less inebriated.



*Above: The touring party outside the pub after the Lustleigh game (except for Chasey who was in the pub watching England v USA in the **football** World Cup.....)*

Left: Frost crowd the bat in a vain attempt to prise out the last Lustleigh batsman

THE GNOMES' DINNER

As I am sure you know, it is customary (if somewhat rare) that the incumbent Gnome organises a dinner of his choosing during his Gnomeship. As incumbent Gnome (no. XXXVIII) this year, I decided to host a lunch at the Bluebird in Chelsea, followed by a short trot across the river to The Oval to watch Surrey v Middlesex in the Friends Provident T20. This took place on Thursday 8th July and was well attended by around 60% of the surviving Gnomes. As we all know, what Gnomes on tour stays on tour, so I am unable to go into too many details – but the pictures will give you an indication of the way things went.

A collection of Gnomes before.....



....during....(please note Gnome No.1 at a Twenty20 game)



....and after (Gnomes I and XXXVIII)....



It should also be noted that subsequently, Gnome No. XVIII (aka William Lewis) belatedly held his Gnomes' Dinner before the Abinger fixture on 2nd August – of which I am sure there will be more in future editions of The Froster!

GOLF DAYS

As reported in the Spring Froster, the first JFXI Golf Day of the season took place back in April at North Hants Golf Club, where the Lipop Trophy was won by Bud Abeysekera (seen below with Golf Sec Andrew Klimcke).



Then in May the annual match between a Jack Frost XI team and the Weehales was played at The Berkshire, with the Frost team – comprising such luminaries as Simon and Andrew Klimcke, David Cullen, Peter Murray, Alastair Crowhurst, James Billington and Bud Abeysekera – coming out victorious by 2½ to 1½.

The next event in the golfing calendar is the Jack Frost Golf Day at Woking Golf Club on 5th November. This venue has become a firm favourite with Frosters and it would be good to finish the season with a splendid turnout, so please contact Andrew Klimcke (Andrew@siantrading.co.uk) if you are interested in playing.

FROST CIRCULAR

There are a few bits of news about Frosters which may not have made the national papers and which

therefore deserve a mention here. Congratulations are in order to both Tim Klimcke, who married Holly at the beginning of August, and to Duncan White, who has announced his engagement to Alison - they plan to marry in early September.

On the cricketing front, another Froster worthy of congratulations is Alex Milton, son of Ian Milton and better known within Frost, to avoid confusion with his father, as 'Mini Milts' – not that that narrows it down a great deal. Alex has gained a cricket scholarship to Malvern College, which is not only a fantastic achievement in itself but also means that there is now a proper cricketer amongst us!

QUALIFIERS

Despite some of the difficulties noted earlier in getting 11 players on the field, it is great to announce that we have five new qualifiers to welcome into the club: Andy Gilbert, a useful all-rounder, who found the time not only to qualify for Frost at Whitchurch but to get married in the weeks preceding such a momentous life-changing event; Ed Bartlett, an athletic all-rounder; James 'Mawse' Mawson, a bit of a double rarity for Frost in that he is both left-handed and a handy opening bat; and, confirming the XI's youth policy, Will Pitts, a conscript from NPL Teddington, and Ben Donovan, both excellent bowlers who can also bat and at the same time reduce the average age of any Frost XI they play in by about 4 years! We all look forward to their involvement in the XI over the coming months and years.

TILFORD CC – 125th ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday July 4th 2010 when Jack Frost XI took to the field on the picturesque cricket green at Tilford in Surrey, there was an added

significance for all involved. This year is the 125th Anniversary of Tilford CC and our fixture against them has been running for at least 20 years with Giles Coffey representing us ably as Match Manager in recent years. Having come an unfortunate second this year in what was otherwise the usual enjoyable day for all, the usual post match awards were followed by a presentation by Jack Frost XI to Tilford CC of a painting of the cricket green at Tilford, which The Committee had commissioned to mark the occasion. The gesture was warmly received by their Captain and their Chairman who was also present.

We have had 20 prints made of the painting, many of which sold on the day to Jack Frost XI Members who play this fixture as well as to members of Tilford CC. If you are interested in purchasing one of the remaining copies, (see below - £45 unframed, approx A3 size), then please contact Alastair Crowhurst alastair@crowhurstandco.co.uk or 07887 675539. We only have a few remaining.

Finally, Tilford CC has invited us to attend their 125th Anniversary Dinner which is being held on Friday 19th November 2010 at Bury

Barn Court, Bentley, <http://www.burycourtbarncricket.co.uk/index.htm>. We envisage Jack Frost XI taking a table of 8/10. If any of you are interested in being part of this please let The Secretary know. The cost and other details are yet to be confirmed but some initial responses from any Members who are interested would be helpful.

JACK FROST XI 50TH ANNIVERSARY

1. South Africa Tour

Despite the best endeavours of Tim Martin, who has put together a fantastically good value tour to Cape Town to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Jack Frost XI, it is looking increasingly likely that a combination of time (or lack of it) and, for many, money (or lack of it) is going to put pay to the tour. Despite great interest and significant commitment in a relatively short space of time, it looks like it may be too much of a risk to go ahead – there is no point in an anniversary tour turning up with scarcely enough players to fulfill the fixtures.

However, all is not yet dead and the Committee is looking into ways of either saving the tour through later payment options or a later tour, or coming up with an alternative venue and format – something like a Sixes tournament, for example – in order that the XI can do justice to the tour.

You will be receiving more information about the options that are being reviewed in the coming weeks, but please make any thoughts or suggestions you have known to the Committee.

2. Other 50th Celebrations

Despite the uncertainty about the 'big event' to South Africa, there are plenty of other plans underway to make the club's 50th anniversary a memorable one. The winter 'Froster' should contain more details, but if you have any thoughts on the matter, please contact a Committee member.

Which leaves me with little more to do than to sign off for now with a plea for as many of you as possible to make yourselves available for the remaining fixtures of our 49th year.

John Hall - Fixture Secretary

