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GOOSE-BUMPED UP THE MCC LADDER

GANDON JOINS MCC COMMITTEE



It was announced in March that Club Chairman Nick Gandon has been elected to serve on the MCC committee. His reign will start on 1st October 2019. Goose was one of four new officers voted this term. The result follows the successful introduction of online voting, with 2,355 of the 6,314 Full and Senior Members who participated in the election choosing to cast their votes digitally.

MCC Club Chairman, Gerald Corbett, said
““This year’s MCC Committee election has

*been a first in a number of ways, from the introduction of online voting to now having more women and a Goose on the Main Committee than ever before.” **

The four newly-elected members will begin their three-year terms on 1st October 2019, replacing Angus Fraser, Robert Griffiths, Hugo Loudon and Nigel Peters, whose terms will conclude on 30th September.

**This may be a made up quote!!!*

Good Luck Goose ol chap.

THE ROAD TO LORD'S STARTS

Hoddesdon 281-9
Winchmore Hill 201ao
National Cup First Round

Sunday saw the start of the competitive season with the first round of the ECB Club Championships.

The draw gave us a trip across the border to play against Middlesex Division 2 side Winchmore Hill.

Walters won the toss and decided to take advantage of the decent deck. And that he did. Rob batted beautifully to chalk up yet another century for the club. Hoddy scored at just over 7 an over and finished on a challenging 281. Rob (145) was well supported by Curtis (35) and Ross Clarke (32).

In reply, WHCC lost wickets regularly and were always behind the 8 ball. With some late order blade swiping Winchmore did get to the 200 mark but were always well short of the target. Sponsored pro Harry Mason was the pick of the bowlers with 4-33. Thorne picked up a cheeky 3 for and Walters chose when to bowl and burgled a couple. Its Middlesex again in round 2 when we travel to Southgate on 12th May.

AN EVENING WITH A CRICKETING LEGENDAND NIC POTHAS



As a club we have had lots of success of late with title challenges, promotions and colts progressing through the sides. It's great to look back at success but this is a club that always wants to look forward and take things to the next step.

One of these steps was to get our coaches and captains sat down with ex Hoddy pro Nic Pothas. Nic provided fantastic insight into training habits and focuses, match preparation, dealing with match situations and being as ready as we can be for the season ahead. It was a great evening for everyone who attended and we have to thank Nic for his time and Higgsy for chairing the night.

The topics discussed were all shared within the Players meeting last week. The captains and coaches took so much information on board and I am sure we will see the subtle changes in the weeks ahead.

A document will be shared in due course to all players.

AVAILABILITY CHART
NOW UP AT THE CLUB

PLEASE GET YOUR
DATES DOWN ASAP

FANTASY
CRICKET IS BACK

PLEASE SPEAK TO
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FOR INFO

CLUB NIGHT
@ LOWFIELD IS NOW
EVERY FRIDAY

BEERS, FOOD, COLTS
CRICKET AND PRE GAME
LUCOZADES (well that's
what you can tell the
skipper)

IMPERIUM
CRICKET KIT
FOR SALE

PLEASE
CONTACT SAM
DAVIS

LAST MAN STANDS
ROLLSOVER AGAIN.
MAPPA HAS ALREADY RAISED
£900 FOR THE CLUB

Mappa can be contacted once he is back from the Bahamas

MY DREAM HODDY XI

BY
MARTIN BROWN



ROB WALTERS (C)
NICK GANDON
FRANCOIS HERBST
DAVID HUGHES
NIC POTHAS (WK)
RORY COUTTS
JAYDEN BROODRYK
JAMIE CURTIS
STEVE COLEMAN
RUAN PREMADASA
AIDEN MCELLIGOT

IN THE SQUAD...
NEELS BERGH
STEVE MARCH
SAM DAVIS





THE HODDY JUNIOR

The indoor nets are now behind us and the outdoor season is underway.

We have a number of junior games through May.

Please get down and support the colts as not only are they our future, they are extremely talented.
Go and watch, go on!

Under 10's Incrediball Cricket

9th May - Away - Bishops Stortford

13th May - Home - Broxbourne

Under 11's 8 a side

8th May - Home - Hertford

15th May - Away - St Mags

19th May - Away - Bishops Stortford

Under 13's

6th May - Home - Potters Bar

15th May - Away - Shenley Village

20th May - Home - Wheathampstead

Under 14's

10th May - Away - Bishops Stortford

12th May - Home - Broxbourne

24th May - Away - Hertford

Under 15's

5th May - Home - Welwyn GC @ Roydon

13th May - Away - Bishops Stortford

15th May - Home - Hertford

NEXT INTO BAT



Name: Oli Welsby

Age: 14

Cricket & Sport

Teams: Under 15s / First Team

Role: Fast bowling all-rounder

Favourite Shot: The Tennis Shot

Highest Score: 67

Best Bowling: 2-12

Favourite Cricketer: Josh Gorton

Other sports: Tennis/Golf

Teams supported: Arsenal



Favourites

Food: Roast

Drink: Grape Fanta

Film: Jurassic Park

Band/Singer: Take That

Computer Game: Destiny

TV Show: Punisher

School Lesson: Art

Holiday: Florida



How would you spend one million pounds: Donate it to Hoddy

The Departure Lounge

With Colin Munday



When did you first join Hoddesdon CC?

1984 and I started playing in 1985, having not played since I left Alexandra Park CC at the end of 1981. I set myself the target of getting into the 1st XI at the age of 40 and I succeeded and I played my last 1st XI game under the captaincy of the enigmatic Richard Ellis.

What was your first memory of the club?

Walking in on a sunny day and bumping into Cranker, who I had played against as a colt when he was at North London CC also Alan 'Busby' Driscoll. I had heard much about Hoddesdon CC whenever I regularly attended the Annual Cricket Dinner of Paddington CC whose President, Ernie Peroni would always heap praise on Ealing CC, Alexandra Park CC and Hoddesdon CC in his speeches.

At Alexandra Park, we regularly played Ealing and Paddington, but I hadn't heard of Hoddesdon CC until those words from Ernie. When I did walk in that day, I was made to feel so welcome and I can safely say Hoddesdon CC has been my life and my privilege since – what a wonderful Club, with terrific people and friendship. 'My cup runneth over'

What roles have you had at Hoddesdon down the years?

Initially a gobby intruder, then Committee Member, Treasurer, 2nd XI Captain, a founder Member of the famed Wine Society and a Life Member of the Club

Have you won any trophies with the club, individual or team?

2nd XI League Champions when Mappa was Captain and Clubman of the Year (3 times I think)

Your proudest Hoddesdon moment?

Being at Radlett when the 2nd XI won the Championship under Mappa. Mappa dropped me for that final game, which we had to beat Radlett and did! (I have to say I would have been the most nervous player on the Hoddesdon side, had I have played – I was 55 at the time).

What's different in the game from your era and today?

Difficult to answer, but I would say the raw talent in my era was better, although the talent at Hoddesdon CC now is as good as anything I have seen. At Alexandra Park CC, we were considered to be an exceptional fielding side and that side might just compete at the level of today (given we are all now about 70!

Greatest player you've ever seen play at Lowfield?

As a Hoddesdon 'home-grown' player – Barry Hellewell : Any Hoddesdon player – probably Andy (Hooker) Hore, from New Zealand



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The Departure Lounge

With Colin Munday



FIND THE COLONEL???

In the years you have been involved with Hoddy, how have you seen the club change?

Hoddesdon CC has always cherished its youngsters over the years, especially recently, that ethos has strengthened to the extent that the current teams are 'festooned' with young players. So many of which have come through the Colts' system, for which we have to thank all the coaches, but particularly Dave Thorne and Sandra Duke in the roles they have and are still playing.

How do you think the club will go this year?

It had better do well, given the abundance of talent and nice people in all the teams.

What do you think the club need to do in years to come?

Continue to 'invest' in the Colts and try to ensure the young players get a fair and proper 'crack' in senior cricket – also try to push the boundaries of Sunday cricket. which is sadly 'dying' at too fast a rate. We, as a Club, need to be somewhat 'revolutionary' in ensuring Sunday cricket at Lowfield stays

Walk on music has become a thing of late, what would your walk on music be?

'Time to say goodbye' (Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman) and 'Tears for Souvenirs' (Ken Dodd).

If you had to face our 1st XI tomorrow, what bowler would you still be confident enough to take to the cleaners?

To the cleaners ? None of them, but I would feel fairly confident to bat against most of them

Last one from me, are the club included in your will?

Yes, but I won't disclose the monetary amount, because I am not sure what it will be.

The Last word from the Colonel.....

I consider myself one of the luckiest persons in life. Over the years, the friendships I have made both on and off the field are more than I could ever imagine and a philosophy 'borrowed' from a great friend of mine forever rings in my ears and my social airings

LIFE IS ALL ABOUT PEOPLE & IT TRULY PAYS TO TALK !!

And lastly, be prepared to : **PUT YOUR HAND UP (for yourself and in life) & SAY 'I CAN DO THAT!'**

Colin 'Colonel' Munday

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