



# BULLFROG GAZETTE

Nov 2016

## 2017 Team Contacts

First X1 Captain –	Vic Craven
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## Team Updates

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*“It’s official – we will no longer be having a Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Team”*

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*“Note: Change of timings for the Senior Winter Cricket Nets. Rossett Sports Hall starting on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 5-6 PM for 7 weeks.”*

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Team

Recruitment is going very well with John Inglis now officially a Bullfrog with another transfer form to strengthen our top order about to be signed.

After a number of years without having an Overseas player we are excited to announce that Kiel van Vollenhoven, a young, very promising leg spinner from South Africa has signed for next season. Kiel has represented Northerns Under-17s and played for Wanderers in the Gauteng Premier League in 2015/16. He comes to us with impressive statistics and a great testament from current England ODI Opening Bat Jason Roy who faced him in the nets and said, “As a leggy at his age, he has a serious amount of skill.”

There are still a couple of questions to be answered before Vic is in a position to say what his preferred starting X1 will be but we’re nearly there.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

Essentially a fairly settle squad of talented cricketers although there are a couple of potential additional players in the pipeline.

Andy Walker is leaving us to take up a player / coaching role closer to home and veteran Chris Cole will not be available next season as he will be working overseas.

### Development X1

The Harrogate Evening League has given us some positive feedback on our application request but it cannot be formally approved until their AGM in January.

## Rule Changes

There were a couple of playing conditions rule changes proposals that the Cricket Committee looked at. To avoid making this publication a novel to rival War and Peace these are summarised as.

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*“The Cricket Committee are indebted to Neil Dixon for managing these on the Club’s behalf #unsunghero”.*

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The Cricket Committee has advised the club to vote against the proposal to make the game a 50 Overs per side competition (ie unused overs from the first inning not being allocated to the opposition).

There is also another ruling proposed (that is dependent upon the decision above) regarding the outcome of a rain effected game if the side batting first declares. If the team batting second bats more overs in their innings but are still behind on score when rain intervenes is it a) a win for the team batting first or b) an abandoned game because they are pacing their innings based on the actual amount of overs they have left. A few scenarios were discussed but we’ve opted to vote for it to be an abandoned game.

There are a couple of proposals about the use of foul language on the field of play. We all agree that it is not welcome but do not believe that the Umpires should be the sole arbitrators of whether it could be heard at the boundary edge as is it subjective and could be inconsistently applied.

## Coaching Staff

We are delighted to announce that three of our Juniors’ parents have attended and passed their coaching awards.

Just to turn up every Friday to help out is commendable enough and very much appreciated but this level of commitment takes it to another level.

Our juniors are the future of the Club and something we are very committed to.

Next season our overseas player, Kiel, will be providing coaching to the juniors every week and some of our 1<sup>st</sup> Team players will also be down every Friday to support him and our unsung backroom staff.

We’d like to be in a position where Kiel and our other qualified coaching staff can provide some one-to-one coaching to our Juniors but this will only be possible if we can get more of our Senior Players down to help out – could you give back an hour a week to the Club?

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*“Next season why don’t we all make a commitment to come down to the Club during the week and support our future stars?”*

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## Junior Presentation Night

The Junior Presentation Night took place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November and it was just amazing to see such a great turn out from Juniors, Parents, Coaching Staff and Senior Players.



*“Harry Christie being presented one of his Awards by 1<sup>st</sup> Team Player Richard Spittlehouse and Coach Sam Thompson”.*

All the age group Coaches spoke extremely highly of the commitment, skill improvements and performances seen from all of players.

Although cricket is a team game there are always individual performances that should be recognised but these achievements can only be accomplished with the support of their team-mates.

If we have to pick out a single individual then that honour must go to Harry Christie who not only won the batting award for his age group, he also won it for the age bracket above.



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