



# Bullfrog Gazette

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*“Upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> team fixtures – Ilkley (A), Otley (H), Rawdon (A)”*

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*“Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> team fixtures – Bolton Villas (H), Skipton (A), Harden (H)”*

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## Team Updates

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

There was an excellent start to the season for the first team at home against newly promoted Colton Institute. Put in to bat, Bilton scored 259-7, largely thanks to a fantastic partnership between overseas player Kiel Van Vollenhoven (71) and Mushtahsan Ali Shah (66 no). Generally it was a good team effort with the bat & shows our strength in depth. In reply, Colton were always behind the run rate & a superb bowling spell of 6-55 from Kiel saw them reduced to 226 all out. A very pleasing 20 points to start the season.

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

The second team also chalked up an excellent 18 point win against Colton 2nd XI. Bilton made a very respectable 194-7, with Lee Heslop top scoring with 52. There were also valuable contributions of 43 & 33 respectively from captain Neil Stylin & Chris Dawson. Colton were bowled out for 130, with Carl Heptinstall (5-34) & Simon Bridson (3 wks) starring with the ball.

Note - The first rounds of the Waddilove and Birtwhistle Cups are to be played on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May - both sides play Ben Rhydding CC, with the first team playing at home.

### Development XI

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*“We are excited to launch the new Development XI on Wednesday 3 May- please pop down and give the team your support ”*

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The development XI sees its inaugural fixture on Wednesday 3 May at home against Spofforth. The club is delighted with the interest that's been shown in this team and we are pleased to be fielding a strong side of promising youngsters with Kiel & Ryan being the first team representatives within the side.

Anyone interested in playing in the development team can still contact Ryan at [ryanbradshaw29@gmail.com](mailto:ryanbradshaw29@gmail.com) for more information.

### Outdoor Nets

Outdoor nets continue at the ground on Thursday nights and will run throughout the season. They start at 6pm and will run until the light fades. Attendance has been good so far and we hope that this will continue to improve.

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*“Outdoor nets to continue on Thursday nights – 6pm until dusk”*

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### Junior Update

The first junior practice on Friday (21 April) was very well attended & we are delighted that there were 3 first team players present to impart some cricketing knowledge on the youngsters of the club.

We have received a very positive response from juniors & parents after this first session & we will look to continue the same format throughout the summer.

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*“The club will continue to provide a strong first team presence at junior practice”*

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*“Food will be  
available to soak up  
the beer on Fight  
Night”*

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## **Social Scene**

**29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 - Anthony Joshua vs Wladimir Klitschko**



A reminder that the club has bought the sky box office package to show the big AJ v Klitschko fight on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April. This is a club social night, so we'd love all players to attend if possible. There will also be a bit of a pool competition to pass the time leading up to the big fight and it will be a good excuse to have a few beers and talk cricket!?

Food will be provided at a reasonable price and we hope to see lots of new and old faces down at the club.

**Ripon Races Trip** - The club has organised a bus to Ripon Races on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Tickets are £20 per person and the bus will be leaving at 5.15pm. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

The next committee meeting is on 6 June, if anyone has any ideas, views, etc. that they would like to be aired at this meeting please contact a member of the committee.

**Up the Bullfrogs.**

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