



THE BEAMER

ONWARD AND UPWARD??

"As we sweep inexorably toward the final week of the season, the league tables show that we here at Leigh-on-Sea have been having a fairly successful year so far. One Saturday team (4th XI) has been promoted, two are still in contention (2nd XI and 3rd XI) and the 1st XI have had their most successful season for several years...their promotion challenge only having faded in the last week or so.

Those still challenging will hope they can come through the line like a pumped up Usain (Lightning) Bolt and deliver some gold to Leigh-On-Sea!

This year's cricket week was an overwhelming success with takings at a good level and everyone had a great week. The Beamer would like to thank everyone involved in organising and helping out with all the events of the week.

The Beamer would also like to wish all the sides coming into the final game of the season the best of luck! Leigh! Leigh! Leigh!"

Ed.

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THE BEAMER NEWS...

1st Team Honours Board days away

The new first team honours board has been ordered but has unfortunately experienced some delay as the wood required was unavailable, but should be in-situ by the end of the season!

The board will show 1st team centuries and 5 wicket hauls from this season onwards. So you will be able to order your jug and visualise your name heading up onto the board!!

Cricket Week Success

The bar committee have announced a very respectable £5500 takings from the cricket week festivities across the bar. (Thank you to Damian and all the crew who staff and look after the bar regularly, our livers are in your hands)

New Leigh arrival

The Beamer would like to offer its most heartfelt (albeit belated) congratulations to Angela Freeman on giving birth to son Connor Denis Jensen-Freeman.

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THE GRILLING...

1. Name?

Jack William Seal (Flipper)

2. Height?

6 feet 8 inches

3. Earlier in the year you won an award, what was that for?

I won an award from Rochford district council as the young disabled sports personality of the year (I was nominated by my school). For those who don't know the reason behind the award is because I have a condition called marfan's syndrome. It is a genetic condition which affects the tissues in my body which causes me to be a lot more flexible than normal. It can cause dislocations in joints and because of the tissue problem it also affects my heart. Who cares though it doesn't stop me doing what I love and that is my cricket!

4. What does it feel like to be the only player at Leigh to have won something this year?

I am proud of my achievement; it's been a while since the club has won an award so maybe a bit more recognition and respect would be nice! (I quite like a Guinness too if anyone is buying, don't tell my dad though!)

(The Beamer wants to point out that underage drinking is not being promoted here, but will turn a blind eye, if there is a drink in it for me too - Ed)

5. What are your ambitions as a cricketer?

In all seriousness I'd just love to be able to play at the highest standard I can. If that is the Saturday fours then so be it, I just love playing!

6. With the 6 foot 5 inch Usain Bolt having run 9.69 for 100m recently, what time would you be aiming for at London 2012?

That's some achievement, but with the flippers (size 18 feet) I was a born with, its really Michael; Phelps I'm after!

(Keep your eyes open for 2012 folks! Jack is going for gold! - Ed)

7. What do you find hardest about playing cricket?

Fielding, Batting, Bowling in that order.

8. Who do you look up to?

Nobody, I look down on all you shortarses! Seriously though I would say the likes of Simon Burch, Ken Sandeman, Deano and of course Mr Brian Pettitt who has taken a lot of time to help me with my bowling. All the coaches I've had over the years. Thank you all.

9. What other sports do you enjoy?

I play a lot of darts in the winter with my dad and brother. I swing a golf club every now and again (worse than my fielding) and I enjoy watching football, preferably West Ham.

(Boo - Ed)

10. If you could change one thing about Leigh on Sea what would it be?

Not a lot, I love the club, the people and playing for Leigh in general.

If I could change one thing it would probably be picking the club up and moving it somewhere warmer!!

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If you have anything you would like to say or write, then please email the beamer at

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THE GRILLING II...

1. Name?

"Michael Green"

2. What are your roles at Leigh on Sea?

"Treasurer and third XI Umpire"

3. What is your abiding memory from your time as a player?

"Just enjoying playing almost irrespective of the results"

4. During your playing days who contributed most to your enjoyment of cricket?

"Playing at the level of 3rd & 4th XI cricket, one does not come across many outstanding players so I have just enjoyed being part of the game"

5. Who do you think are the two most promising players for the future of Leigh?

"There are lots of promising players at the club, I believe the two that stand out at the moment though are Billy King & if he doesn't lose his loop, Joe Sexton"

6. You can often be heard on the field using the term 'Telegraph', where does that word/term originate from?

"I have no idea & have never even thought about it"

(The Beamer thinks this term clearly refers to the long range delivering of messages (such as the latest cricket score) via the telegraph machine, but has not been able to find reference to it further - Ed.)

7. Who is your cricketing hero?

"Len Hutton"

8. What is the most annoying thing about being a member of Leigh on Sea Cricket Club?

"The fact that so few of our playing members take any part in the running of the club and appear to go into hibernation at the end of the season. I know that this attitude is not applicable only to Leigh on Sea but, in my opinion, is no justification for it!"

9. What is your opinion on the Kevin Pietersen switch hit?

I must say that being as I am somewhat of a self confessed 'dinosaur' I much prefer the longer form of the game. I think over the 5 days of a test match, the personal battles and small swings of fortune and good / bad judgement are better highlighted.

I think test cricket is like a chess match and this kind of tension filled atmosphere is lost to some degree in the shorter version. From my point of view, the wearing of coloured clothing also just detracts from the normal beauty of the game.

And if that statement doesn't prove my credentials as a dinosaur then I don't know what will!"

10. If you could bring one former Leigh player back to the club who would it be?

"Brian Pickles in his prime (as long as I keep wicket to him)"

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The club website WWW.LEIGHCRICKET.COM is still available online 24/7 to broadcast your news and views.

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**THE HOT CORNER...**

Who has got more runs? Stub or Stu? Ben or Toby? Is Sean removing more batsmen over than Johnny E? Have Dave Clarke and James Pettitt held on to the top of the table?

This section shows cross team stats for this Saturday league season with all runs and wickets counted across the teams.

So, who really has been **hot** this season?

RECORDS UP TO DATE AS OF 25TH AUGUST

BATTING	I	R	Hs	AV
1. D WALLER	13	694	169	57.8
2. D CLARKE	13	448	83	37.3
3. R STUBBINGTON	12	400	106	44.44
4. M WALLACE	8	381	102*	63.5
5. E FREEMAN	6	355	99	118.3
6. R DAYNES	10	329	129	36.5
7. J DYOS	7	306	126	43.7
8. D LISTON	12	302	79	25.16
9. R CATCHPOLE	13	300	79	25
10. A CAMP	13	269	106	20.69

BOWLING	O	W	AV	SR
1. D POWER	130	30	19.25	24.3
2. T KNOX	149.3	28	22.21	32
3. D ARCHER	164.4	26	24.4	31.1
4. D CATCHPOLE	98	24	27.48	33
5. J ELLIOTT	153	23	25.49	29
6. J SEXTON	79	23	29.7	21
7. TBOUGHTWOOD	85	20	21.2	26
8. R MADDER	73	19	18.42	23
9. J BRAITHWAITE	142	19	25.78	44.8
10. SE ELLIOTT	136	19	27.78	42.9

MEET YOU THERE!...**Golf Day**

The Beamer is looking to organise a golf day, shortly after the end of the season. At the moment no details have been set into concrete, so all suggestions of days / courses are most welcome.

If anyone is interested in playing or helping to organise then please get in touch with The Beamer!

Presentation Dinner & Dance

The 2008 dinner and dance is taking place on the 1st November at the highly exclusive Stock Brook Manor in Billericay.

It is clearly the most sought after ticket on the market at the moment, so if you can possibly find one of the extremely few remaining, The Beamer will see you there!

For details speak to Simon Burch.

End of Season Party??

27th September is pencilled in for an end of season party.

Help make this an event to be remembered by contacting a member of the general committee to offer your assistance.

End of Season Pub Crawl

Plans are afoot for an end of season pub crawl through Leigh-on-Sea. 11th October is the date, with potential for Go-Karting in the morning.

Keep an eye out for more information around the club in the coming weeks

Details of other events will be here in future months so please take note and mark them into your diary! If you want your event advertised then please contact us at

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SPECIAL GUEST ARTICLE...

Following on from his article on stylish cricket, self confessed 'student of the game' Mr R. A. Stubbington "Stubbo" is back with more thoughts and opinions on the topic of...

"Mental disintegration and Cricketing Mind Games"

Cricket is a game that mirrors life. To be successful you require a heady mix of talent, desire, and graft. Of course, this could be said of most sports, but in very few sports is the mental fortitude in the face of psychological bombardment of such intrinsic importance.

A cricketer who shows susceptibility to a bout of mental disintegration will immediately be identified as less of a threat from the opposition's standpoint, almost irrespective of their natural ability to time a cover drive or lace a square cut past point.

However, acts of mental disintegration don't only take place on the field of battle in a first or second team league fixture. Two of the most classic cases in recent times of Leigh-on-Sea players succumbing to bouts of fragility of the brain (and subsequently of the batting technique) were not, as you'd expect, in the intense cauldron of the high level cricket, but in the sedate surrounds of the Saturday 4th XI and Sunday 2nd XI respectively.

In the first instance, Sean Elliott...son of John, and established 1st XI player, was making an appearance as a batsman in the 4th team on his way back from yet another injury (I believe it was a strain of the buttocks). All the talk pre-game had been of a big century from the former Sunday 1st team skipper. However, one of the 11 year old, 4ft fielders on the opposition had other ideas.

After the child quickly identified that Sean was relying on the square cut almost exclusively early on in his innings, the youth let loose with a stinging taunt to Sean on the one dimensional nature of his batting. Sean attempted to right the situation by aiming his next shot straight at the little blighter; alas he missed the ball and was sent trudging back to the pavilion with his middle stump disturbed - the high-pitched laugh of his tormentor ringing in his lugholes. With precious little dignity left, Sean sunk lower by directing volley after volley of vitriol at the 11 year old when he came out to bat in the second innings.

The second instance can be witnessed in the case of that perpetual mental conundrum...Ben Giles. As many will know, Ben has sought to turn back the clock this season to his days of batting prowess in the wake of a troubling knee injury... in order to seek a fruitful start to this new challenge, Ben sought a game for cricketing anti-colossus Montgomery C.C against Leigh's Sunday 2nd XI. However, before even the day of the game, Jack Seal spotted an opportunity. Tales of in-swinging yorkers at great height from big

Jack unnerved Ben to such an extent, that before walking out to bat eyewitness accounts report he was visibly shaking, with fear in the whites of his eyes, and suffering all the hallmarks of a total mental disintegration. In this instance, Ben's tormentor wasn't even required to enact his threats, as 12-year-old, 5ft 2inch slow-medium seam bowler Ant Walker trundled in, and sent the big chinned one packing eighth ball for a duck.

Of course, it is not just batsmen that can fall to pieces from the mind downwards due to well directed sledging. Batsman themselves can also deliver telling words to those attempting to knock them over. One famous tale comes from a Sunday game against Wickford and their South African fast bowler Mr Quinton Friend. Mr Friend was being particularly unfriendly to our top order using speed and accuracy in a completely unnecessary destruction of our main run scorers. Tim Hewitt, who had been watching the carnage from the non strikers end without a helmet on, found himself on strike to the speedster. Hewitt then smashed the South African back over his head and whilst the South African gave him the fast bowler stare, Tim then informed Quinton that 'I'm a third team player, if you cant get me out you must be s***'!

Nevertheless, it is batsmen, where concentration is key, for whom the malfunction of the mind is the most targeted. Classic techniques when attempting to instil mental disintegration range from the barbed comment about a batsman's technique, audible discussion from one fielder to the next about a pugilists fashion faux pas, to the inane chatter/questioning that spills forth from the mouth of Clark Emmons. Ultimately, it is about the installation of distraction or self-doubt.

Final comment should be reserved for Leigh-on-Sea's very own 'Master of the Mind Bomb', Dave Clarke. Clarke has had many run-ins over the years, not only with opposition protagonists, but also with vacuum cleaners, dressing room doors, brick walls, and an assortment of patio furniture. But it is from behind the stumps, with his cheeky grin and biting comments that the art of mental intrusion can be seen practiced to its fullest extent. Dave can seize upon a small malfunction in shot selection or a streaky boundary and even if just for a moment make the batsman start doubting his ability. Once you start doubting your ability you are gone as a force in cricket.

All of us who have played cricket will have encountered attempted mental disintegration at one level or another. Some of us will have succumbed meekly to the overtures of the opposition, some of us will have smiled, disregarded, and subsequently triumphed, but all of us will have at some point fought this battle on the six-inch pitch between the ears.

R.A.S



The Beamer offices have been overrun recently with emails and letters from various Leigh on Sea cricketers with problems of a personal nature. In the face of such a torrent of psychological trauma The Beamer sought out an agony uncle to reply to these cries for help.

We looked for someone wise and thoughtful, kind and knowledgeable... unfortunately we couldn't find anyone fitting that description so we got the first person we saw!

(For legal reasons the identity of those writing in has been protected. The owners wanted to remain anonymous so just their initials have been used to protect their identity)

Let us enter the psychiatrist's study that is...

DEAR DAMO...

Dear Damo,

Since I have been in England, there appears to be a great deal of hostility toward us Australians. Be it in the nightclubs where my fine chiselled appearance gets less attention than a discarded bottle of Becks, or in the clubhouse, where people are virtually queuing up to have a pop at my accent or my haircut.

How can I cope with these problems?

TK, 23.

Mate.....

Firstly strap on a pair and stop acting like a whining pom. The chicks should dig your accent in the nightclub; they all love a tanned Aussie. Maybe your just not talking enough, let em hear it!

A problem you are gonna have though is the hair, who's gonna approach a 70's mullet? I haven't seen a haircut like that since Jason Donovan was in Neighbours. I suggest you follow my lead and 'whip it off' Damo style....

These poms are always gonna give it, your just not talking a big enough game.... I 'should have had a hundred' at least 30 times since I've been here! How do you think I managed to get at least 3 overs this year? (Jeez I'm a grouse bowler though....)

Don't let the Aussie side down mate, Go Aussies!!

Dear Damo,

Everyone knows I am basically Bradley Wiggins with a better face, but I am slightly worried that I am biting off more than I can chew with my plan to cycle

from Lands End to John O'Groats in a few weeks. As a man of similar physique, what tips can you give me on staying focused mentally and getting to the finish?

BG 38.

Mate....

This bike ride doesn't go over five days.....it goes over 12! What are you thinking? Sport is all about dead-set bursts of explosion....not mincing around the UK in the bloody rain, strewth mate....

Here's what you do....

For starters you're on a road which will help. Start the race AND GO HARD!! Do what ya have to do to get in front of all the other cyclists....Mate your gonna have to sledge, spit, get agro, whatever. Then just when the tank hits empty you go down quicker than the 1st team's top order. (Obviously later claiming someone clipped ya back wheel). Now its time to hit the showers, get in the bar with some Amber Nectar and tell everyone how you were robbed of a victory.

It's all about the cameo appearance mate, SWEET AS!!

Dear Damo,

My father is a head of the South Essex branch of the Mafia, and I am worried that in the future I will become tied into the life of a crime lord. I am rather accident prone and I am not sure that masterminding money laundering schemes and complex bank heists are my cup of tea.

Is there anyway of telling my family this without putting myself in the firing line?

SE, 25.

Mate.....

Bloody oath this is clearly lacking in logic, the crime game is not right for you!! Being a soft touch is about as useful to your family business as a diet book is to Shane Warne! But mate you gotta grow some kind of ticker and stand up for yourself.

You need to do what any great bar manager does....delegate. Look around the club for starters; you have a mini mafia at your disposal! Need some 'bosh'? Dean Waller. Need some brain? Rusty. Need to talk your way out of a tight spot? Selfington. It's all there for you mate...

If all else fails maybe think of moving out to Russia and settle in with your real family.

Until next time guys, I'm outta here!

If you have problems and you don't know where to turn, drop Damo a line at

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