



# TODAY'S TEAMS

## NEW BRIGHTON

from:-

Watkins T.D. (Capt)  
Botes L.  
Evans M.L.  
Hale P.A. (WK)  
Mohammed N.  
Mohammed Z.  
Nawab A.  
Roberts A.  
Thompson A.  
While D.R.  
While J.P.  
Wilson L.I.

## LYTHAM

Wisniewski J. (Capt)  
Davies J.A.  
Fayaz Ughradar  
Hackett M.J. (WK)  
Knight N.J.  
Long S.J.  
Openshaw R.J.  
Rigby M.  
Roberts G.V.  
Sharp M.A.  
Williams R.P.

UMPIRES: Peter Freeman and Chris Weston

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# Welcome to D.P. Roberts Hughes & Denye New Brighton Cricket Club

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**Saturday 27th June - 1.00pm  
1st XI v's LYTHAM**

## Captain's Comments

We welcome Lytham to Rake Lane today in anticipation of a sunny day and a closely fought contest. I trust the journey from Lytham has been smoother than last year when Jimmy Wisniewski and some of his team mates drove up and down the prom for an hour trying to find the ground next to the pitch and putt!

The Lytham side are always strong and once again their league position does not represent their skills. The regular success they achieve in cups is more representative of the level of performance they deliver year on year and today's game is an opportunity for two strong sides to 'slug it out'.

At this point I must circulate two apologies... firstly to Andy 'Pies' Evans for completely failing to mention his magnificent return of 9-28 from 16.3 overs in the seconds against Bootle prior to the last programme. This was a fantastic performance that brought Craig McKillop's side back into the title race and it is only right that this is recognised in print. It will almost certainly guarantee the return of the bowling trophy awarded in memory of Alan Dobbie to the Evans household. As you may recall Pies and Martyn both won it last year and had to settle ownership by competing in a shoot out entitled "talking about yourself for as long as you can whilst remembering to big yourself up at every opportunity, incorporating

rubbing everyone else's efforts who plays in the team with you ". Well, once the timer was started it was no contest and Martyn is still going strong six months later!

My second apology is to everyone who made the long coach journey to Netherfield last Sunday to watch that abject display. Once again, some first XI egos were greater than delivered performance (with one or two exceptions) and we came crashing down to earth as we exited the Lancashire Cup with a whimper.

As you will see I am selecting from 12 today as we have been blighted by injury last weekend with, in no particular order, gout, a bad knee, a torn stomach muscle, a strained bicep and a pulled groin being high on the list. Obviously someone will miss out and I will decide this late in the week. See if you can guess who is afflicted by the above injuries. A clue for you, it doesn't involve anyone under 22!!

We play Wigan tomorrow in the League knockout. a defeat would end our 45 over cup involvement in June. That would be a huge disappointment so I am looking for a 'bounce' from last Sunday. Tomorrow also sees Simon Rylance and his 3rd XI side in action when they play Liverpool in the fourth round of the Embee Trophy at Wayfarers, good luck boys.

Hope the weather stays fair and you enjoy today's fixture.



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