



TODAY'S TEAMS

NEW BRIGHTON

Hale PA (Capt & WK)
Evans AM
Evans ML
Mohammed N
Mohammed Z
Nawab A
Roberts A
Thompson M
While DR
While JP
Wilson LI

ORMSKIRK

Waterhouse AN (Capt)
Armstrong JM
Counce NT
Farrell MJ
Glazer IM
Glazer JA (WK)
Glazer MS
Illingworth S
Jenkins M
Kerrigan SC
Robinson IR

UMPIRES: Dave Jones and Brian Garwood

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Saturday 18th April - 12.30pm
1st XI v's ORMSKIRK

Captain's Comments

So here we go again.....! Blink and the winter's over. It's great to see everybody has returned for another crack at the LDCC Championship 2009 and it's particularly good news to see Neil Swift and Eddie Shiff returning to Rake Lane. I won't be at the ground on Saturday as both Louis and myself are on a rugby tour in Huddersfield so Paul Hale is taking the captaincy responsibilities today.

We are delighted to welcome Alex Roberts to the Club and we hope that he has a successful first season with his new friends from the north west of England. No stranger to misery (he is a Middlesborough fan) things can only get better and a good performance against the 2008 Champions, Ormskirk, would be a good way to fight off those relegation blues.

Obviously Ormskirk will present a formidable first game challenge and it will be interesting to see how Adam Waterhouse's team performs without the influential presence of Neil Wagner and Phil Unsworth, both of whom had plenty to say, for differing reasons, in last year's fixture.

I am sure those who were present last year will remember Zahid's monster six off the left-arm quickie, which was as good as shot as I've ever seen from a batsman with both eyes closed!

An additional mention must go to the presence of the Evans' brothers in the first team for the first time since Martin lost a new ball at Fleetwood Hesketh, thus denying Pies the opportunity to impress Jesse Ryder with his hostility and ready wit. To make this a perfect day, Mally Evans will have gone round Wallasey in four under and Emma will be on the bar, charging ten pence a pint! Good luck to all our Captains for 2009, the returning Phil Davies and Ken Johnstone and the new boys, Craig McKillop and Craig Bennett.

We obviously wish Ormskirk well in their title defence and hope that things work out from 25th April! Please enjoy today's fixture. We hope the sun shines and that our new groundsman, Mike Pilling, has prepared an excellent first wicket for the season.



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