

HATLEY CRICKET CLUB

Match reports 2009

Hatley and Arrington Cricket Club team members

Shaun 'Randy' Davenport	Kevin 'Bobby' Knibbs
Tim 'Earl' Davenport	Luke 'Kallis' Knibbs
Harry Dix	Matt Knibbs
Matt Dixon	Paul Knibbs
Frank 'Fred' Hooley	Brendan Larder
Captain and sometimes vice captain	Nick Lenton
Greg Hooley	Melvin Perry
Steve Hooley	Willy Perry
Vice captain and sometimes captain	Matt Steele
Andrew 'Smokey' Jakes	Bob Warman

2009 fixture list

September 13 – Away to Cokenach

Cokenach – 124 all out

Hatley – 105 all out

By Nick Lenton

Hatley travelled to Cokenach with only nine men as Matt Knibbs was in Wales judging in the Sheep of the Year competition and brother Luke was fishing with TV's John Wilson in Caistor. Russ Nicholson failed to turn up after getting a puncture on his Raleigh Grifter in the Tadlow to Pidley time trial.

Cokenach batted first and were 124 all out. All the bowlers helped to keep the score down – there was some special fielding by Nick Lenton, who had coaching from star fielder Greg Hooley.

Hatley lost by 19 runs after being bowled out for 105. Steve Hooley top scored with 32 and the big crowd were kept entertained with some lusty blows by numbers 10 and 11, Frank Hooley and Melvin Perry – cousin of Willy and who gets a mention for the first time this season following long negotiations with Mick Marshall, Hatley's President.

This week, Hatley youngster Matt Dixon did a sponsored hop for the Retired Racing Pigeon Foundation and raised £2.54.

Match ball sponsor was **Bob Warman Catering of Banbury**.

September 6 – Home to Barley

Hatley – 204 for 6

Barley – 197 for 6

By Nick Lenton

Hatley played Barley on Sunday and Barley batted first scoring 197 for 6 with A. Nicholls scoring a rapid 80. All the bowlers helped keep the score down and Greg Hooley was in a class of his own in the field.

Hatley called up Bob 'big man' Warman after Russ Nicholson pulled out following an injury to himself at the East Anglian BMX stunt championships. Hatley were without the Knibbs twins Paul and Luke, who were at the conker world cup at Wells-On-Sea, and Will Perry who failed to turn up. Steve Hooley had to play despite trapping his hand in his new car door in St Neots.

Hatley won by five wickets thanks to Bob Warman's 104 not out after his big money transfer from Waresley 3rds; Randy Davenport chipped in with 38 before getting out to Barley's Malcolm Downer.

Hatley youngster Matt Dixon did a 24 hour darts marathon for retired bus drivers and raised £6.12.

Match ball sponsor was **Gregs' Walking Holidays** in Southend.

August 30 – Home to Bassingbourn

Match cancelled – the Bassingbourn players decided to use up their bank holiday entitlement a day early.

August 23 – Home to Thriplow

Hatley – 201 for 4
Guilden Morden – 200 for 8

By Emma Jackson*

Hatley played Thriplow. Hatley were missing all-rounder Luke Knibbs, who injured himself at the Munsley Triathlon, and Greg Hooley, on a back-packing holiday around the Essex coast.

Thriplow batted first and set a total of 200 for 8. D Walker 52. Hatley bowlers all contributed and Andy Jakes had a great time behind the stumps with no byes. In reply, Hatley won by seven wickets with 10 overs remaining.

A welcome return to form for Randy Davenport 54, Andy Jakes 57 and Matt Knibbs 39 – using a new bat designed by Russell Nicholson and made in Tadlow.

Hatley's youngster Matt Dixon made £4.93 for his sponsored famine for Homeless Ex-Gamlingay Footballers. Andy Jakes was named Man of the Match by the huge crowd making use of the two for one ticket offer.

Match ball sponsor was **Steve Steeles of Tadlow**.

August 16 – Away to Shelford

Match cancelled – the Hatley players were caught in a mass car wash sponsored by Daz.

August 9 – Home to Guilden Morden

Hatley – 206 for 7
Guilden Morden – 207 for 5

By Nick Lenton

Hatley played Guilden Morden in a rearranged fixture and lost in a close game. Luke 'Smurfy' Knibbs played despite a serious knee injury which required intense treatment by Hatley's physio Mick Marshall.

Hatley batted first and scored 206 for 7 – Steve Hooley top scored with 87. Earl Davenport was not allowed to bat this week after damaging a house last week, but Frank Hooley scored a stylish seven not out despite being 'confused' at Newmarket races on Saturday. Nick Lenton hit a big six that went over the lime trees, which shocked Bob Warman and Russ Nicholson who had cycled over to watch the game.

Morden won by five wickets with two overs to spare. Andy 'Smoky' Jakes bowled the last but one over but ran out of steam after a long batting stint. Hatley were missing Matty Dixon who was doing a sponsored sit in a bath of beans for Help the Aged and Matt Knibbs was in Northumberland testing a new Yamaha.

Match ball sponsor was **Randys Taxis of Croydon**.

August 2 – Away to Aspenden

Aspenden – 172 for 7
Hatley – 217 for 6

By Emma Jackson*

Hatley played Aspenden on Sunday after not playing last week due to an admin error by Steve Hooley. Hatley started with 10 men – then youngster Kevin 'Bobby' Knibbs turned up, borrowed some whites and put in a Man of the Match performance.

Hatley batted first and scored 217 for 6. Randy Davenport rolled back the years and scored 55 and Steve Hooley got 51 not out despite getting lost in Newmarket on Saturday night. Earl Davenport hit a huge 6 which broke a chimney pot in a nearby house.

Aspenden finished on 172 for 7, with the Bear scoring 54. Nick Lenton took three wickets and the other bowlers all bowled very tightly. A special mention for Luke Knibbs and Earl Davenport who both had career best figures. Will Perry could not play as he started his new job at Pickford Removals.

Match ball sponsor was **Bobbys Snax of Beechside, Gamlingay**.

Hatley would like to wish Matt Dixon good luck on his John O'Groats to Land's End bike ride.

July 26 – Away to Guilden Morden

Match cancelled – the Hatley players were too busy cheering Lewis Hamilton on to his win in the Hungarian Grand Prix. It was also by way of a thank you to the McLaren F1 pit crew member who so bravely watched Hatley play a few weeks ago.

July 19 – Away to Polaris

Polaris – 120 for 4 – rain stopped play
Hatley – 241 for 9

By Emma Jackson*

Hatley played Polaris but the game had to be abandoned due to Jesus praying for rain and it came. Hatley set a total of 241 for 9. Luke Knibbs top scored 89; skipper Frank Hooley forgot about overseas player Paul Knibbs so he again didn't bat.

Hatley were missing vice skipper Steve Hooley due to swine flu. Tim Davenport was away on a Lords cricket batting weekend and Hatley expect a return to form.

Before the rain, Polaris reached 120 for 4. Hatley's Brendan Larder was shocked to find out that he wasn't going to open the batting and bowling and received a warning by club president Mick Marshall. Hatley's youngster Matt Dixon played after returning from an injury picked up at a party at Kids World.

Hatley would like to thank R Harris for last week's game, BBQ and beers.

Match ball sponsor **Steve's Caravans of Norfolk**.

July 12 – Home to Robin Harris XI

By Emma Jackson*

Hi Peter,

Sorry to have foiled you but there isn't a report, it was a more friendlier friendly than normal (!!??) so they didn't do a report apparently.

I was going to let you know but we were away yesterday - taking excited children around the Natural History Museum, and I have been lying down most of today getting over it!

[See report dated 19 July for an additional comment.]

July 5 – Away to Hare Street

Hare Street – 200 all out
Hatley – 201 for 4

By Emma Jackson*

Hatley played Hare Street on Sunday. Skipper 'Fred' Hooley won the toss and put Hare Street in. Hare Street were 200 all out, C Newland top scored with 78. Luke 'Kallis' Knibbs took three wickets, Paul Knibbs and Nick Lenton took two each. Luke looked lean after his two weeks in Malaga rehab clinic.

The game was delayed for 10 minutes while Kev Knibbs moved his car three times while his young old boy was bowling. Hatley knocked the runs off with six wickets in hand. Steve Hooley scored 96 not out and Man of the Match Luke Knibbs entertained the crowd with 40 not out.

Hatley wag Linda Perry nearly lost an ear when a six was hit. Brendan Larder was dropped so he could attend the Russ Nicholson School of Batting.

Match ball sponsor was **Terry's Ice Cream of Eltisley.**

June 28 – Home to Shefford

Hatley – 227 for 5
Shefford – 225 all out

By Emma Jackson*

Hatley played Shefford and the game ended up being a thriller. Mick Marshall, Hatley's President, said a game of cricket like that you just can't beat it. Hatley batted first and set a total of 227 for 5. Andrew Jakes scored 53 and Paul Knibbs was 61 not out.

Hatley's youngster Matt Dixon was unable to play after winning a VIP day out at the Walkers Crisp Factory and Luke Knibbs had to go to Ibiza to pick up Will Perry due to a passport error.

In reply Shefford were bowled out for 225. N Rainbow top scored 49. Shefford were helped by Hatley's bad bowling and fielding. Hatley's skipper Frank Hooley said his team were poor and blamed it on the sunshine.

Match ball sponsor was **Billy and Jean Jackson of Croydon.**

June 21 – Home to Croydon

Match cancelled – Croydon couldn't raise a team (it is rumoured that their players were observing Father's Day).

June 14 – Away to Bassingbourn

Bassingbourn – 132 all out

Hatley – 180 all out

By Emma Jackson*

Hatley played Bassingbourn, with, Hatley youngster Harry Dix making his debut in place of Luke Knibbs, who cut himself while filming a new series of DIY SOS. Cliff Dixon's young lad Matt made a surprise comeback after working overseas for a year.

Hatley batted first scoring 180 all out. Skipper Steve Hooley, who made the schoolboy error of declaring before Paul Knibbs batted, top scored with 43 – despite a liver complaint. Bassingbourn's A. Littlefair took three wickets.

In reply, Bassingbourn were bowled out for 132. Matt Dixon took 3 for 12, helped by a packet of Quavers and an ice-cream during the refreshment break. Paul Knibbs and Greg Hooley both took two wickets.

Hatley was disappointed to hear Russ Nicholson and Simon Blows have decided to stay at Waresley after agreeing deals.

Match ball sponsor was Hatley's **Willy Perry**, despite not playing as he was on a clubbing tour of Ibiza.

June 7 – Home to Hare Street

Match cancelled – heavy overnight rain left the pitch too wet to play on.

May 31 – Away to Eltisley

Eltisley – 245 for 9
Hatley – 105 all out

By Emma Jackson*

Hatley played at Eltisley on Sunday. Hatley had 11 men for a change, with Steve Hooley and Pedro Knibbs returning from suspension. Shaun 'Randy' Davenport was still away in Europe on business. Luke Knibbs came back specially for the game from his extreme sports week.

Eltisley batted first and scored 245 for 9, A Johnson top scored with 72; Hatley's Matt Knibbs took three wickets.

Hatley finished on a poor 105 all out. Luke Knibbs (23) and Tim 'Earl' Davenport (20) were the only decent scorers. R. Mead took 5 for 85.

Hatley have responded to this poor result by putting in a bid for Waresley prolific opener Russell Nicholson. In the big crowd, Hatley were pleased to see a member of the McLaren F1 pit crew, who is a close friend of Steve Hooley.

Match ball sponsor was **Ropers Building Supplies from Caxton**.

May 24 – Away to Royston Town

Royston Town – 157 all out
Hatley – 205 all out

By Emma Jackson*

Hatley played Royston Town at the world famous Royston Heath. Hatley set a total of 205 all out. Luke Knibbs scored 52, while Nick Lenton, Greg Hooley and Brendan Larder all scored 30s – not a bad effort as Hatley only had 10 men thanks to Hatley's second skipper, Steve Hooley, controversially playing for Waresley and taking overseas player Pedro Knibbs with him.

Hatley's Willy Perry was unable to move due to a dog bite injury so Hatley played most of the game with nine men. Mick Marshall, Hatley's President, is looking into players' contracts over the 'Waresleygate' saga.

In reply, Royston were all out for 157. S. Gwynne top scored 88. Hatley's Greg Hooley top of the bowling with 4 for 33.

On a lighter note, Hatley's Tim Davenport played at short notice despite the good news he received on Saturday – his girlfriend came along to the match.

Match ball sponsor **Davenport Donkey Rides of Clacton.**

May 17 – Home to Aspenden

Hatley – 215 for 8
Guilden Morden – 152 all out

By Emma Jackson*

Hatley played Aspenden in a friendly at Hatley[†]. Hatley batted first and scored 215 for 8, Paul Knibbs top scored with 49; Luke Knibbs scored 39 in his first game of the season after starring at the East of England Kick Boxing championships. Steve Hooley got 31 despite trapping his arm in a fridge at work. S. Lindsey and M. Strange both took three wickets.

In reply Aspenden were all out for 152, Paul Knibbs and Nick Lenton both got three wickets and Tim Davenport two.

Hatley were poor in the field except for Matt Steele who was awarded Man of the Match for a fine all round performance.

Match ball sponsor was **Ian's Music Tours of Tetworth.**

May 10 – Home to Guilden Morden

Hatley – 148 for 7
Guilden Morden – 147 all out

By Emma Jackson*

Hatley's first home game of the season was against Guilden Morden. Guilden batted first and set a total of 147 all out. S. Ingrey top scored with 37.

Veteran Hatley bowler Frank Hooley was the pick of our attack with 4 for 19. Paul Knibbs bowled 3 for 32. Hatley's Andrew Jakes made an outstanding effort behind the stumps thanks to coaching by the great Nicholson.

In reply, Hatley reached the target for the loss seven wickets. Shaun Davenport top scored with 39; Matt Knibbs was 29 not out. Guilden's bowler G. Wilson was the pick of their attack with 5 for 9.

Hatley would like to wish youngster Nick Lenton all the best after winning a prize to be a mascot for Manchester United.

Match ball sponsor **Hooley Haulage of Dunton**.

May 3 – Away to Barley

Barley – 204 for 7

Hatley – 255 for 9

By Emma Jackson*

Hatley made a return to Barley for the first time since a controversial transfer of Albert Hastings. Hatley lost the toss and batted first, setting a total of 255 for 9 declared. The Davenport twins had an opening wicket stand of 108, injured vice skipper Steve Hooley scored 41 and Nick Lenton 42. M. George was the pick of the Barley attack with 4 for 51.

In reply, Barley made 204 for 7 off 65 overs – wickets were shared by the Hatley attack. J Beedle was game for a laugh and top scored with 65.

Hatley ended the game with nine men after losing Matt Steele with a torn fetlock and Tim Davenport losing a finger after a failed catch attempt.

Match ball sponsor **BBQ World of Sutton**.

April 26 – Away to Thriplow

Thriplow – 172 for 6

Hatley – 251 for 4

By Emma Jackson*

Hatley started the season at Thriplow in their traditional opening game. Skipper Frank Hooley lost the toss and Hatley batted first, scoring 251 for 4. Vice Captain Steve Hooley scored a fine 110 (despite having drivers' elbow[†]), Shaun Davenport scored 43 and Paul Knibbs 44 not out, making his long awaited comeback after five years playing for Tadlow. Thriplow's M. Baron was the pick of the bowlers with 2 for 42.

Thriplow only managed 172 for 6 with Matt Knibbs getting two wickets, the rest of the bowlers helping keep the score down.

Hatley would like to congratulate Luke Knibbs who completed the 2009 London Marathon in a personal best of 3½ hours. J-Lo [Andrew Jakes] kept wicket in Luke's absence and was like a young Russ Nicholson.

The match ball sponsor was **Pirate Cabs of Langford**.

‡ A nerve injury caused by compression and vibration from leaning the elbow against the lower edge of a vehicle window.

* Emma is one of the Hatley WAGs who says “You don't need to put me as the report writer – really I'm just the typist/damage limitation/spell checker.”

† Asked if ‘friendly’ meant that all the other games were unfriendly or are part of a league, Emma replied: “Though I think some of them could get unfriendly, in the nicest possible way of course, they are all friendlies. Part of the reason the majority of the players play for Hatley is because it's a bit of fun rather than serious league matches (as you have probably gathered from the match reports so far!!). Some play for other teams on Saturdays to get their ‘league fix’.”