

# THE SIREN

*Tales of the Monk & Fisherman*

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> August



## **A Message from the Chairman**

*With only four weeks of the season left, five of our teams still have something to play for. The 1st, 3rds and 4ths all have a chance of promotion while our 2nds and 5ths are fighting to stay in their divisions so hopefully in four weeks time we will be celebrating three promotions and two great escapes! Our youth section is also enjoying a very successful season as well with the under 11 'A' team are in semi-final action in two weeks time, so we know the future of the club is looking good.*

*I said at the beginning of this season that this club was going to be the best club in the area and we are well on the way to that. It is thanks to a lot of hard work by a lot of people on and off the pitch. However with four weeks to go we now need a massive push by all players and captains to help yourselves and each other to reach these targets. You have all done yourself, and your club, proud and I just want you to go out each week now knowing that you are all on the verge of making this club the envy of every cricketer in the South East region. Good luck and remember to always do the right thing at the right time to guarantee our success.*

**Players** – 4 weeks to go, please make sure that for the exciting culmination of the season we have a match report for each side. Please offer to do the job for your skipper as a thank you for all that they do for you throughout the season. If it continues to be the skippers writing the reports and me having to chase up for it there will be no Siren in 2012. Please send reports to me by Monday lunch, [jamesholmwood@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesholmwood@hotmail.com). Thanks - Homer

## **1s v Leigh-on-Sea**

**SOS & EMT 242 all out (Hackney 111, Homer 31)**

**Leigh 209-8 and hanging on..... (Johners 2-31, Butcher 2-54)**

**By Homer**

On a day where the side had a patched up look Dale Hackney stood up and took his chance on his way to a maiden ton for the club as the 1s completed a 'winning' draw v local rivals Leigh.

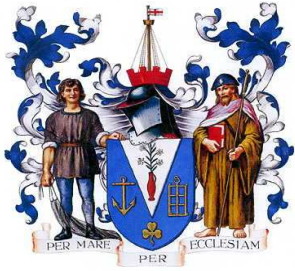
Dale, batting at 3, in place of fireman Daynes, who was in transit when the match started, joined the returning Homer at the crease following Nommie's departure for 11.

Homer went for 31, after playing some glorious drives, to a rank attempted bouncer leaving Dale to fiddle around and play what can only be described in his own words as 'non cricket shots,' before some wise spark in the oppo decided to try and wind him up. How this back fired as Dale launched into the Leigh bowling, hitting the ball to all parts and after taking 13 overs to go from 1 run to 2 he suddenly passed 50 to rapturous applause from the ever-increasing crowd.

The Leigh bowlers including the three man communications team continued on their way trying to tempt Dale to loose his head, it has been known, but Dale played the oppo skipper with respect and smashed the rest!!



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Steve Hunt chipped in with 19 runs, at times looking outstanding when driving, providing support to Dale as he went on towards three figures. One over from a Leigh-ite went for two 4s and a six, I think this was the most satisfying over for our Dale as the bowler had not been polite in his commentary on Dale's technical ability with the willow!

With a soft handed dab he reached his first hundred for the club and if it had been a hat-trick in football you would have been clearly able to pick out the players that had assisted him on his way, cheers boys!!!

242 on our track was an impressive score and we knew Leigh were missing their gun bat as they went about the chase, we had a great chance to nail their promotion chances. 15 year old Aaron Butcher, making his 1<sup>st</sup> XI debut, bowled superbly and could have picked up an lb and two catches in his first over. Supported by the ever willing Chris Hunt we took two early wickets and felt an end was open to send Leigh back along the London Road very quickly. This was not to be though as Simon Birch batted superbly for Leigh and at one point he and the Leigh keeper were scoring at the rate required.

In true Seaside fashion we fought back, SJ and Bells picking up two wickets each and Aaron taking one in his return spell.

Sadly we couldn't quite get the final two wickets and despite some great appeals and effort they snuck away with a draw.

Overall it was a good result for us as it stretched the gap between us and Leigh, Wickford are now our main challengers for promotion. They sit on 177 and could make it to 247 by winning all of their games. We are on 210, so 48 points from four games will see us up, up and away!!!!

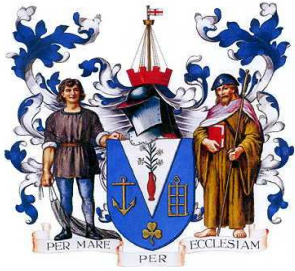
**2s v Buckhurst Hill**  
**SOS & EMT 154 all out**  
**Buckhurst Hill 155-3**

**3s v Brookweald**  
**SOS & EMT 247-8 (Liam Jordan 123....for 5)**  
**Brookweald 167 all out**

**Report by Liam Roger.....The Dodgy Aussie with the Dodgy Perm!!!!!!**

G'day Poms, our game started with two older blokes called Stan (Pete Stannard) and Dick (Richard Hawkins) I think, opening the batting for us, and jeez did they make a hash of it. We only had 44 runs off the first 15 overs. Then some bloke who looked like Gollum but was called Glen came in and to be fair he batted better than he looked! He was followed by what looked like one of our sightscreens I think (John Seaden ?) who looked like he was useful. But only in a pie eating competition!!! Then I strolled to the crease to score a quick 100 while hitting only 9 sixes to save you pommies!!! Luckily for me the second sightscreen that came out to bat (oy curly that's your chairman you are talking about!!!!) looked quite useful and realised that the only way to win the game was to give me the strike. Well me and fatboy (last chance sheila!!!!, put on 86 runs in 10 overs to make the score a bit more respectable. Many thanks must go to the oppo fielders who dropped me five times. Our batting was finished off by pretty boy matt sessions after the big northerner (Banksy) and the lanky tramp (Dean Johnson) both spent longer walking in and out than they did at the crease. Pretty boy hit a couple of stonking boundaries too, without messing his hair up too much.





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When we took to the field I decided I had done my bit so didn't bother trying to stop the ball that flew past my head. This made the Lanky Tramp annoyed. The northerner showed Lanky what can happen if you actually bowl at the stumps!!! The highlight of the day though was the young guy Charlie Seaden who is only 12 !! which coincidentally is the same number of cakes his dad eat at tea) who came on to bowl and not only got a flaming wicket with his first ball, but then bowled a maiden over. ( I bet it was a long time ago that his dad bowled a maiden over !!! ) (note from the chairman- yes mate about as long ago as you last held the ashes!!)

Young Chas then went on to bowl 3 more overs for not many runs which quite frankly put our main bowlers to shame. Anyway I've got a tinny waiting for me so I better be off, Cheers Guys

On behalf of the club I would like to thank Liam for his efforts on the pitch and at being funny  
.....Stuart

### 4s v Wickford

**Wickford 177-9 (Ejax 3-47)**

**SOS & EMT 158-8 dec (Hill 52)**

### 5s v Rayleigh

**Rayleigh 155 all out (Dev Shah 3-30, Anderson 3-34)**

**SOS & EMT 87 all out (Fessey 31)**

### 6s v Old Parkonians

**Old Parks 211-8 (Raj Ahmed 3-24)**

**SOS & EMT 215-4 (Michael Kane 92, Enderby 58)**

**By James Gilroy**

*This is the game that made me cast aside my atheist beliefs. After what happened on that cricket field has left me with the un-challengeable belief in a divine spirit; one capable of performing miracles in this material existence. There's just no other way of explaining it.....*

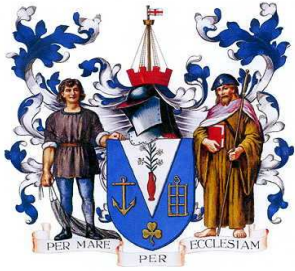
We were gathered all together in the changing room and Enders was explaining today's tactics "We've got to Bat first, I can't see us having any chance in chasing down a score, we must bat first, we simply must"; naturally he lost the toss and the Old Parks Skipper (who's coughing and spluttering indicated he was only playing because Queens Hospital didn't have any free death beds) elected to bat.

The pitch wasn't the usual batting paradise that Old Parks pitches have been on the last few visits and the opening bowlers, Wood and myself kept it reasonably tight. Wood made the first breakthrough when a ball shot up off a length and Scott Brenton took a sharp catch in the gully. After some of the horrendous fielding in the last couple of weeks that would have attracted sympathy from Stephen Hawking, Lord Nelson and The Venus de Milo this effort really lifted the side. Inspired by this Luke Bunce took a good low catch at mid off to give me my first 6<sup>th</sup> team wicket.



*"Unlucky Mills"*





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It was one of those wickets where it was “easy to stay in but hard to score” and Old Parks ground their way to 80-2 at drinks. At this point I’d bowled thirteen consecutive overs without anything falling off but could only manage two more after drinks and was replaced by Raj who, as it turned out, has the deadliest long hop in the game. Raj managed to steal three wickets with these deadly half trackers and those quick wickets took the wind out of the sails of the Old Parks innings and they could only grind their way to 211-8 of their 52 overs. Who’d have guessed at the start that the side would take five catches and affect a direct hit run out (Enders at the bowlers end)?

We left the field in tatters, Scott Brenton had damaged his wrist, My ankles were shot to bit, Enders had damaged his shoulder, In fact the fittest players to leave the field were Singh and Wallace!!

At the rather lacklustre tea it dawned on us how long we’d taken to bowl our overs and that we’d probably only get about 35 overs back, so when Dave and Kano went out to bat the draw or loss were the only realistic results.....until the opening partnership put on 192 in about 28 overs.

The Old Parks opening quickie gave us the first impetuous into our innings by bowling 28 wides or no balls in six overs and giving Andy Wallace a severely sore throat as the umpire having to call them. After he was taken off it was all Enders and Kano; Old Parks fed Kano’s pull shot and served it up for Ender’s shovel to leg. In fact during their mammoth partnership they did not beat mid on or mid off once. Nice wagon wheel!!!

Kano was looking at his first ton (well with the bat anyway) but Dave was having none of this and run him out on 92.

When Dave fell a few balls later I was joined at the crease by Doc. We only needed 20 from six overs and after a few booming drives and nurdles round the corner the game was virtually won with only 4 runs needed of four overs. I tried to win it in a blaze of glory and was stumped going for the big mow and Doc also fell but it was immaterial at that point and Wallace & Bunce jnr knocked off the winning runs a few balls later.

The impossible had happened Southend-on-Sea & EMT 6<sup>th</sup> XI had chased down 211 in 33.1 overs thanks to superb batting from Enders and Kano. A fantastic win for the boys where everyone contributed in some way.

Amen.

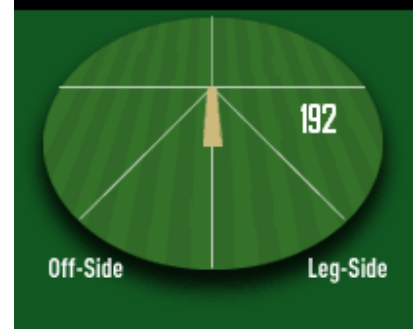
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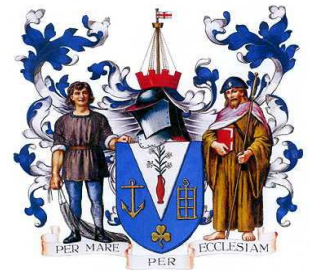
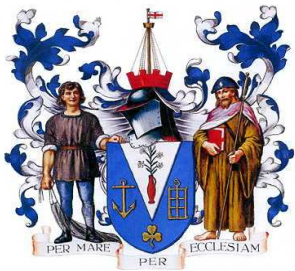
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### SOSEMT VS OLD PARKONIANS

D. Enderby & M Kane

Partnership 192





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### Centurions



Kevin Grant	1s	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	106* v West Essex
Steve Hunt	2s	30 <sup>th</sup> April	127 v Old Brentwood
Glen Norfolk	2s	28 <sup>th</sup> May	102 v Benfleet
Numan Khan	1s	4 <sup>th</sup> June	101* v Wickford
Tom Kenton	2s	4 <sup>th</sup> June	100* v Wickford
Glen Norfolk	2s	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	101 v Horndon
Vajinder Paul	4s	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	165* v Horncurch
James Holmwood	2s	9 <sup>th</sup> July	131* v Orsett
Vajinder Paul	4s	30 <sup>th</sup> July	126 v Buckhurst Hill
Tom Kenton	Eve		105 v Eastwood
Tom Kenton	Sun	31 <sup>st</sup> July	103 v Leigh
Scott Elliott	Sun	31 <sup>st</sup> July	100 v Leigh
Dale Hackney	1s	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	111 v Leigh
Liam Jordan	3s	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	123 v Brookweald

### Michelle Pfeiffer's



Max McNamara	Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> May	6-19 v Belhus
Chris Gore	6s	7 <sup>th</sup> May	5-66 v Old Southendians
Vajinder Paul	6s	14 <sup>th</sup> May	7-52 v Chingford
Patrick Kearney	4s	21 <sup>st</sup> May	5-23 v Wickford
Mark Irvine	3s	4 <sup>th</sup> June	5-33 v Brookweald
Patrick Kearney	4s	4 <sup>th</sup> June	5-46 v Woodford Green
Lucas Wiggins	U11a	5 <sup>th</sup> June	5-8 v Rankins
Maxwell McNamara	1s	25 <sup>th</sup> June	6-41 v Harlow
Maxwell McNamara	1s	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	6-39 v Horndon
Vajinder Paul	4s	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	6-96 v Horncurch
Scott Elliott	2s	9 <sup>th</sup> July	6-46 v Orsett

### Where are the Monk and Fisherman next week?

1s	v	Hutton	Away
2s	v	Ardleigh Green	@ Southchurch
3s	v	Sandon Sports	Away
4s	v	Colchester	Away
5s	v	Rettendon	@ Ecko
6s	v	Shenfield	@ The Garrison
Sun		No game	

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