

## UNDERCLIFFE CC EST 1875

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### LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 2018 SEASON

Hope everyone has wintered well and looking forward to some better weather and good cricket to boot.

After a good season in 2017 with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI finishing 4<sup>th</sup> place & 2<sup>nd</sup> XI in 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively in their leagues, plus 1<sup>st</sup> XI having great runs in the Priestley Cup Final & T20 we ultimately ended up with no promotion or silverware.

This season the aim is to go one better and see if one or both Bradford League teams can gain promotion and have good Priestley Cup & Priestley Shield runs.

### GENERAL CRICKET NEWS

As previously reported UCC is proud to have been chosen by the Bradford Premier League to host the **Priestley Cup Final** for the second successive year on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August**. Looking forward to seeing you there on the day.

Pleased to say that **Linda Town & Sharon Binns** will once again be providing their splendid teas throughout the season for the three senior & juniors teams. **Louise McDonald & Sam Brame** will fill in when **Linda & Sharon** are not available.

**Alan Douglas** has taken on the groundsman's role and sure with the help of other members the ground will both play well and look great.

**Matt Reynolds** continues his highly efficient 1<sup>st</sup> XI scorer duties again. **Maryam Keating** is going to score for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI for the first time with help from **Jess Frost & Craig Hudson**.

**Sue Raynor** will once again be producing her excellent & informative 1<sup>st</sup> XI match programme.

### SENIOR CRICKET NEWS

**Scott Etherington** will captain the 1<sup>st</sup> XI again, with **Craig Wiseman & Luke Holroyd** his vice captains.

**Richard Skillicorn** has taken over captaincy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI from **Darren Drake**, [with my thanks for all his hard work in his time leading the side] who remains at UCC but has stepped down from the captaincy after 3 years. **Richard** will be assisted by **Adam Frost & Myles Robinson** as his vice captains.

**Richard** is a quiet but strong person with his own ideas. With both vice captains being on the youthful side providing him support and ex-pro **Andy Wilsdon** playing all season there to provide advice when required.

**Michael Kelsey** will captain the UCC team that will play on a Wednesday in the Bradford & District Evening League. The team will be a mixture of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> players with the aim being to reach the League's play off finals day on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI have entered the Bradford Premier League Twenty/20 again and will play home matches on a Tuesday or Thursday.

## SENIOR PLAYERS NEWS

### 1<sup>ST</sup> XI SIGNINGS

**Khalid Usman** [o/s] UCC's main key signing for this season. **Khalid** has spent 3 seasons in the last five years playing for Ossett. He is regarded as one of the best all-rounders in the league. A fine slow left hand bowler, good right handed batter and excellent fielder.

**Fahid Rehman** comes to UCC from playing for East Bierley in the Premier League last season. **Fahid** is a free scoring to order batsmen and looking forward to playing a full season's cricket.

**Sunny Matharu** back at UCC from Brighouse, he is a right hand slow bowler & middle order batsman. Looking for him to bowl in tandem and learn from **Khalid Usman**, our new overseas.

**Scott Price** is a local lad who played for Shepley last season but has also had spells at Idle & Yeadon. **Scott** is a middle order batsman.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> XI DEPARTURES

**Billy Whitford** has left to play for New Farnley in the Premier League.

**Toby Thorpe** after two years at UCC has left to play for Cleckheaton in the Premier League.

**Anas Mahmood** [o/s] has not been retained for this season.

**Amir Hussain** after many seasons service at UCC has left to play for Bilton in the Aire Wharfe League. I hope we will see Amir back at UCC at some time in the future.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> XI SIGNINGS

**Craig Smith** back for his second spell at UCC he is a middle order batsman.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> XI DEPARTURES

**Keon Dalladay** has left to play for Baildon in Championship One.

I wish all the new signings and players that have left UCC all the best for the coming season.

## JUNIOR CRICKET NEWS

**Dax Sowrey** continues as the Juniors Head Coach with UCC fielding 3 teams i.e. All Stars Juniors XI [for children between 5 to 8 years of age], U9 XI & U11 XI.

He will be assisted on training nights by **Craig Smith, John Armstrong, Richard Skillicorn & Myles Robinson** thereby giving **Dax** time to fulfil his junior cricket management role.

### THAT IS ALL FOR NOW

I trust this cricket newsletter gives members/supporters a good indication on how things stand as UCC approaches the coming cricket season.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible giving your support to everyone involved in senior & junior cricket as we look to build on last season's good start in my chairmanship.

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