



# THE GORDON RIGG BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



## Newsletter 7

It was very pleasing that all 48 clubs were able to participate in Thursday night's Annual General Meeting which was conducted on Zoom for the first time.

Chairman David Young was delighted with the response and wishes to extend his thanks to all the club representatives who took part.

During the meeting, Chief Executive Mark Heald outlined the main changes that have been made to the league rules for the 2021 campaign. A full copy with the changes highlighted in yellow is attached to the email accompanying this newsletter.

Many of the changes have been made to take account of the impact of Covid-19 with rule 14 detailing the conditions needed to be met for promotion and relegation to be achieved if this season is interrupted or curtailed.

There have been changes to playing regulations and we urge clubs to make their players aware of these. The most significant ones are listed below: -

- 1 Start times on Saturdays will be 12.30pm until September when they will be advanced to 12 noon. **Rule 12.**
- 2 Duckworth Lewis Stern will be implemented in the Premier Division and Division One. **Rule 27.**
- 3 Transference of over has been scrapped in all other divisions with a comparison of scores being used to determine the winner when the side batting second does not have as many over to bat as their opponents. **Rule 27**
- 4 The 30-minute allowance when no overs are lost to rain during interruptions to play has been removed and overs will be deducted immediately when weather intervenes. **Rule 27.**
- 5 Overs will now be deducted whenever sun halts play. **Rule 27.**
- 6 Legside wides will apply in all first team cricket only. **Rule 32.**
- 7 Whenever ball sanitization is in place an extra 10 minutes is added to all over-rate target times. It means teams will have 3hrs 30mins to bowl 50 overs. The over rate rule applies only to first team cricket. **Rule 35.**
- 8 Matches postponed due to Covid-19 isolation rules will be rearranged for Sundays. Where it is not possible to re-arrange a match the two teams will be awarded average points per game based on their matches played up to the time of the postponement. **Rule 33A.**
- 9 Umpires expenses have been increased to £50. **Rule 43**





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## ECB Roadmap

The ECB issued their roadmap for the return of cricket on Friday outlining the key dates previously announced by the Government was released on Friday and a copy is attached to the email accompanying this newsletter.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson will be making a big announcement tomorrow which will confirm or amend the dates for the easing of lockdown measures.

On Wednesday, the ECB will reveal the guidelines which will apply for the forthcoming season. David Young and Alan Birkinshaw will be participating in a video call with the chairmen of all the ECB Premier Leagues and will feed back information to clubs as soon as they can so that it can be incorporated in their Covid Risk Assessments.

## Priestley Shield

The draw for the first round of the competition was made today after on-line entries closed. Thirty-one teams will be taking part so there will be 15 ties and one bye on Sunday, May 23.

### **Round 1 Sunday, May 23, 1pm**

Carlton v Pudsey Congs  
New Farnley v Spen Victoria  
Northowram Fields v Pudsey St Lawrence  
Rodley v Cleckheaton  
Bradford & Bingley v Morley  
Bankfoot v East Bierley  
Bowling Old Lane v Keighley  
Ossett v Jer Lane  
Great Preston v Farsley  
Gomersal v Undercliffe  
Yeadon v Townville  
Hanging Heaton v Baildon  
Birstall v Batley  
Hartshead Moor v Woodlands  
Lightcliffe v Buttershaw St Paul's  
**Bye:** Methley





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### League Ethnicity, Diversity & Inclusion Officer

Nasa Hussain has been appointed as the league's Ethnicity Diversity and Inclusion Officer and will bring to the post a wealth of experience.

He is the vice-chairman of the National Asian Cricket Council and is employed by Yorkshire CCC as groundsman at Park Avenue.

Alongside this role, Naz is development officer for the Yorkshire Cricket Foundation working on the Core Cities Project which has seen him lead several key initiatives including the formation of a thriving women's cricket programme based at Park Avenue.

Nasa played in the Bradford League with Queensbury, Laisterdyke, Bowling Old Lane and Undercliffe and was part of Undercliffe's title winning side of 1997.

After retiring from playing, he served the club as vice chairman of cricket and later chairman of cricket. In 2009 he became a member of the Bradford League Management Board and served for five years.

He is fiercely proud of his Bradford League background and is looking forward to leading Ethnicity Diversity and Inclusion in the league at a time when the ECB are going to require all leagues and clubs to adopt EDI as part of their constitutions.

Nasa's appointment also mirrors what is going on at county level where another Bradford League cricketer, Mahboob Hussain, has been appointed as Yorkshire's EDI Officer.

Nasa is looking forward to taking up his new role. He said: "I have been involved in and around the Bradford League for many years and to me it is important that everybody in the league feels valued."

Chief Executive Mark Heald, who revealed Nasa's appointment at Thursday's AGM, said: "We are delighted to have been able to appoint somebody with Nasa's wide range of experience and cricket knowledge."





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## T20 Cups 2021

The draws for this season's Gordon Rigg T20 Cup competitions were made this afternoon after on-line entries closed at midnight.

In the Group A Cup the four group winners will qualify for the semi-finals, while in the B Cup the winners of Group 1 and Group 3 will be joined from the top two in Group Two.

### T20 Group A

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Baildon	Bankfoot	Birstall	Carlton
Bradford & Bingley	East Bierley	Farsley	Methley
Keighley	Hartshead Moor	Pudsey Congs	Ossett
Undercliffe	Woodlands	Pudsey St Lawrence	Townville
		Morley	Hanging Heaton

#### **Tuesday 25th May**

Baildon	v	Undercliffe
Bradford & Bingley	v	Keighley
Bankfoot	v	Woodlands
East Bierley	v	Hartshead Moor
Farsley	v	Morley
Pudsey Congs	v	Pudsey St Lawrence
Methley	v	Hanging Heaton
Ossett	v	Townville

#### **Tuesday 1st June**

Morley	v	Pudsey Congs
Birstall	v	Farsley
Hanging Heaton	v	Ossett
Carlton	v	Methley

#### **Tuesday 8th June**

Undercliffe	v	Keighley
Baildon	v	Bradford & Bingley
Woodlands	v	Hartshead Moor
Bankfoot	v	East Bierley
Pudsey Congs	v	Birstall
Pudsey St Lawrence	v	Morley
Ossett	v	Carlton
Townville	v	Hanging Heaton





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## Tuesday 15th June

Birstall	v	Pudsey St Lawrence
Farsley	v	Pudsey Congs
Carlton	v	Townville
Methley	v	Ossett

## Tuesday 22nd June

Bradford & Bingley	v	Undercliffe
Keighley	v	Baildon
East Bierley	v	Woodlands
Hartshead Moor	v	Bankfoot
Pudsey St Lawrence	v	Farsley
Morley	v	Birstall
Townville	v	Methley
Hanging Heaton	v	Carlton

## Semi Final Tuesday 6th July

Winner of Group 1	v	Winner of Group 2
Winner of Group 3	v	Winner of Group 4

## Final Sunday 25th July

## T20 Group B

### Group 1

Altofts  
Great Preston  
Hunslet Nelson  
Sandal

### Group 2

Crossbank Methodists  
East Ardsley  
Gildersome & Farnley Hill  
Heckmondwike & Carlinghow  
Hopton Mills

### Group 3

Jer Lane  
Northowram Fields  
Rodley  
Windhill & Daisy Hill

## Tuesday 1st June

Altofts	v	Sandal
Great Preston	v	Hunslet Nelson
East Ardsley	v	Hopton Mills
Gildersome & Farley Hill	v	Heckmondwike & Carlinghow
Jer Lane	v	Windhill & Daisy Hill
Northowram Fields	v	Rodley

## Tuesday 8th June

Hopton Mills	v	Gildersome & Farley Hill
Crossbank Methodists	v	Heckmondwike & Carlinghow



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## Tuesday 15th June

Sandal	v	Hunslet Nelson
Altofts	v	Great Preston
Gildersome & Farley Hill	v	Crossbank Methodists
Heckmondwike & Carlinghow	v	Hopton Mills
Windhill & Daisy Hill	v	Rodley
Jer Lane	v	Northowram Fields

## Tuesday 22nd June

Crossbank Methodists	v	Heckmondwike & Carlinghow
East Ardsley	v	Gildersome & Farley Hill

## Tuesday 29th June

Great Preston	v	Sandal
Hunslet Nelson	v	Altofts
Heckmondwike & Carlinghow	v	East Ardsley
Hopton Mills	v	Crossbank Methodists
Northowram Fields	v	Windhill & Daisy Hill
Rodley	v	Jer Lane

## Semi Final Tuesday 6th July

Winner of Group 2	v	Winner of Group 3
Winner of Group 1	v	Second in Group C

## Final Sunday 25th July

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Important update for scorers

There has been an important update to PCS so we encourage all clubs to pass this information to their scorer as soon as possible so they can update their laptops. Failure to upgrade will result in them being unable to login or live score.

Play-Cricket Scorer Pro 4, a great new release that includes many scoring improvements, is now available. This now includes support for multi-camera video inputs, simplified video settings and reduced laptop hardware requirements for capturing video. The full release notes are included below.

A short video which shows how to update can be found at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuicjXnPmBs&t=13s&ab\\_channel=RunsWktsOvers](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuicjXnPmBs&t=13s&ab_channel=RunsWktsOvers)





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As with previous updates, please launch Play-Cricket Scorer Pro from the Start Menu (not the task bar) to detect the update, then close and re-launch PCS Pro again to install it. If the software does not automatically update, or you're installing it for the first time, please [download it here](#).

**Important Note:** Because Play-Cricket Scorer Pro is a server-connected system, all users MUST upgrade to v4.0.3 and will not be able to login or live score until they have done so.

Please also ensure that all support requests go through the Play-Cricket Help Desk. Where possible, this should be done within PCS Pro using the **Help -> Report an Issue** facility.

### **Important update regarding Overseas players**

Currently there are 16 clubs who have indicated that they intend to sign an overseas player this season. It is important that all of them follow the latest Government advice relating to the quarantine arrangements for all people arriving in the country.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-quarantine-when-you-arrive-in-england>

