



# THE GORDON RIGG BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



**Newsletter April 26, 2020**

## **Dear Colleagues**

As you will have seen, the ECB announced on Friday that there will be no first-class cricket before July and the suspension of recreational cricket remains in place.

Following that announcement, the league formally cancelled all fixtures and cup ties up to June 30. When the season will start remains a subject of much conjecture and will be based on the advice from Government and the ECB.

Talks between the major sport governing bodies and the Government are due to take place over the coming week and another meeting of the ECB Board is due to take place on Wednesday. If there are any further announcements, we will let you know.

The starting date is critical, and we continue to assess several options as we consider how social distancing and other health related regulations might impact on the game.

These include the financial implications of playing if bars were to remain closed and sources of normal match-day revenue are not available.

A lot of thought is being put in but until we get specific information and guidance from the Government and ECB, we cannot publish our plans in any detail.

The key focus for clubs at the current time is to ensure they take full advantage of rate rebates, small business support grants, as well as ECB and Sport England funding.

Over the past two weeks our club representatives Brian Pearson and Bob Schofield have had telephone conversations with all 48 clubs. The purpose of these calls was to ascertain if anybody had any serious issues and to make every club aware of the funding and assistance that is available.

Links to the websites which give details of how to apply for all the types of funding outlined above are listed at the bottom of this newsletter. You will also find them in the Covid 19 section of the league website.

Rate relief and the Business Support Grant can make a huge difference to a club at this difficult time, so we urge you to make sure your club does not miss out.

The lockdown is a time when members of clubs can undertake on-line training to enhance their skills. This week's newsletter contains details of an ECB ACO training resource for scorers on using Duckworth Lewis Stern. All Premier and Division One scorers would be advised to take advantage of this new resource.



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In the coming weeks there is due to be a free on-line training course for umpires released. We will be urging all clubs to get members to take the course as we are going to need more umpires not just this season but moving forward.

We have already pointed out in a previous newsletter that 24 of the members of our umpires panel are over the age of 70 and therefore their health and well being will not be put at risk, so the need for support from clubs is clear.

We do not want a situation where an umpire is forced to stand alone and just have the assistance of players. Please help us to help you by ensuring that our umpires get the support they deserve. This current situation has illustrated just why as Bradford Premier League community we need to pull together.

### Home DLS training for scorers

This is an ideal training tool for all Premier Division and Division One scorers. They can join in a live demonstration of how to operate Duckworth Lewis Stern (DLS) within Play Cricket Scorer Professional (PCS Pro) on YouTube on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

You can follow along using your own copy of PCS Pro and ask questions via the chat window. If you want to join in, go to the RunsWktsOvers YouTube

channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tGhBmwYDU> at 7pm on Wednesday. You can just watch the presentation but if you want to follow along, please have your laptop at the ready with PCS Pro already installed.

If you don't yet have PCS Pro, download it free-of-charge from the Play Cricket website (<http://play-cricket.com/updates3>). The demonstration will start with a game that is already in progress and has been scored up to the point that it started raining. The game has been exported from PCS Pro at this point and can be downloaded

from <https://www.dropbox.com/s/nml32bx1bori35n/20200424%20Scratchers%20v%20Notchers%20.cri?dl=0> and imported into PCS Pro as follows:-

1. Download the exported PCS Pro file (with the extension .cri) from the link above.
2. Open PCS Pro on your laptop (no need to login), click on the File menu, then on Import Match(es).
3. Click on the Browse button (top right), navigate to the folder where you stored the downloaded ".cri" file and click on OK to close the Browse window.
4. Select the downloaded in the main Import window and then click on the Import button (bottom right).
5. If asked to confirm that the match was exported from PCS Pro (ECB full version) – click on Yes.
6. When you see the Import Complete message, click on Open Match Now. The match will open with Notchers at 167/9 off 18.5 overs in the first innings of a T20 match.
7. Don't score anything else in this match until the demonstration starts. You can close PCS Pro with the match still open and re-open it later with the match at the same point."



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## Home training for scorers

Due to the lockdown caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic, several club scorers were not able to access our pre-season training sessions. To help them gain knowledge of the system which will be used throughout the league from now on here are some training resources they can access. Please make scorers in your club aware of them.

### **Play Cricket Scorer Pro (Laptop) 61 videos**

PCS Pro is **mandatory** for all first elevens games) and optional for 2nd eleven games)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NB2Fxc0UsQQ&list=PLKHiPQIRv8bzbv4yzzK5pDyYPPUxzt-vEh&utm\\_campaign=11462218\\_070420\\_Over%26Out&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_source=Email\\_ACO&utm\\_content=PCS+Pro](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NB2Fxc0UsQQ&list=PLKHiPQIRv8bzbv4yzzK5pDyYPPUxzt-vEh&utm_campaign=11462218_070420_Over%26Out&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=Email_ACO&utm_content=PCS+Pro)

### **Play Cricket scorer (Tablet and Phone) 23 videos**

(optional for second eleven games)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02M3qgNgdBw&list=PLKHiPQIRv8bxLpZpNdGAejOyWbd-rTg5x&utm\\_campaign=11462218\\_070420\\_Over%26Out&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_source=Email\\_ACO&utm\\_content=PCS](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02M3qgNgdBw&list=PLKHiPQIRv8bxLpZpNdGAejOyWbd-rTg5x&utm_campaign=11462218_070420_Over%26Out&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=Email_ACO&utm_content=PCS)

## Maintaining outfields

It is important that all clubs give due consideration to ground maintenance particularly the cutting of outfields. We need grounds to be ready for play whenever it is deemed safe to go ahead and if an outfield is left uncut it will present problems later. If you have a problem regarding the cutting of outfields you can contact our grounds advisor James Nixon 07914 404528 or email [nicko231070@outlook.com](mailto:nicko231070@outlook.com)

## ECB and Sport England funding

Last week all clubs were emailed details of how to apply for the ECB Emergency Support for Clubs and Leagues and the Sport England Emergency Community fund. If you did not receive the email or would like to check out the details, links to the appropriate documentation can be found in the Covid 19 section of the league website and at the bottom of this newsletter.

## Please Remember

- 1 If your club has a problem or needs help please let us know.
- 2 Do not be afraid to speak up as hiding a problem can make the situation harder to resolve
- 3 Remember those members and followers of your clubs who are in the at-risk categories. Give them a call and offer help where you can.



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### Insurance

There are still several clubs who have yet to submit a copy of their insurance certificate to the league. If you still haven't done so, please take this as another nudge to do this as it should have been submitted by March 31. League Rule Nine states: *The Secretary of every club is responsible for ensuring that a copy of its current insurance certificate is forwarded to the League Secretary by March 31 each year. No Club will be allowed to fulfil fixtures until a valid certificate is produced. Each club must ensure that insurance provides adequate protection for its players, officials, and club umpires. The insurance must also cover clubs for public liability.*

### Overseas players

Clubs are confirming to the league when they are no longer pursuing the signing of an overseas player. If your club is not continuing with the signing of an overseas player, we need to know as we need to remove them from the list of potential signings. Contact [overseas@bradfordcl.com](mailto:overseas@bradfordcl.com)

### Contact point

The first point of contact for league matters is currently Alan Birkinshaw, email: [editor@bradfordcl.com](mailto:editor@bradfordcl.com) Phone: 07758 8861632.

### Useful information

All of these documents are available on the league website.

[ECB Emergency Funding for Clubs and Leagues](#)

[Emergency Community Funding](#)

[IOG Interim Pitch Advice](#)

[Business Support Advice](#)

[ECB Advice on Ground Maintenance](#)

[How to close down your beer dispensing system](#)

[ECB Update on Covid 19](#)

### ...and finally

Thank you to all those club officials who are continuing to put in a lot of hard work despite not knowing if there will be any cricket this season. Your work is greatly appreciated.

**Alan Birkinshaw** Communications & Data Officer.