

MAGNA MAGIC!

The crickety update for the players, friends and family of Sherston Magna Cricket Club

A taste of summer & a taste of success!

Take a look at the Saturday league table and Junior BBQ pictures - more on page 5



Welcome to Magna Magic number 4!

Our 4th edition sees more exciting times as the Saturday XI continue on their winning run and holding on to the top of the table spot. Keep it going into the second half of the season guys - we're all right behind you!

In another packed edition see in pictures how the successful BBQ was enjoyed, hear from our junior coach and regular resident columnist Matty G as well as a first look at this season's stats. Also hear about Kev Smith's fantastic charity ride. Enjoy!

The Magna Magic Editorial Team



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Treacle's tales

Captain's report on the performances of the Magna league side

I couldn't have hoped for a better start to my leadership of the SS magna. Firstly playing seven games out of nine to date is something of a miracle compared to the weather of last year!

Secondly we have made an excellent start to the league season being top after 7 games played (5 wins with 2 cancelled). Here are my reports on the games so far.....

The preamble....

A couple of good runs outs in friendly games, a ten wicket win away to Chipping Sodbury and a hard fought defeat to Glos League 1 side Oldlands CC.

The main event....

May 4 - Oaksey (won by 145 runs)

The league season began on the 4 May with a home game versus Oaksey, the ground looking splendid for the first week in May saw me lose the first of four tosses and we were inserted to bat. A slow but secure start from the openers gave the platform for 16 year old Ewen Kenny to unleash 20 overs of savagery on the Oaksey bowling finally being out in the last few overs for his maiden hundred (113). Sherston ending up with full batting points on 229-8. Some top quality tight bowling from Moore and Pegg opening up put the chase out of Oaksey's reach with Gould (6-36) and Stevens (2-1) ensuring maximum points for the Magna. Oaksey finishing on 87 all out.

May 11 - Ashton Keynes away (abandoned)

A return to the dark days of last season with wet weather encouraging Ashton Keynes to call off the game late on Saturday morning. A squad of Magna players left frustrated....

May 18 - South Hill (won by 96 runs)

In the second home game of the season, we (yes we) lost the toss and were inserted once again. Another secure start was built on by Cavey (59 not out) and a late cameo from Gould (20 in quick time) pushed the total to 177 and four batting points. Again a tight opening spell from Pegg accompanied by Gould put South Hill way behind the rate, although plenty of wickets to take. On came Stevens with his left arm twerkers who bowled superbly to end up with figures of 9-6-7-6 and South Hill were all out for 96 giving the Magna a 19 point win.

May 25 - Coates (won by 28 runs)

There was no change of fortune at the toss in our first away match at Coates, again Sherston being invited to bat first. Another solid start was followed by some impetus from Matthews (41) and myself (33) to get Sherston within a whisker of full batting points on 192 all out. Some early wickets and some superb catching (from me by the way - happy to discuss over a beer) restricted Coates at one stage to 55-5. Some hard hitting from their skipper made the game closer than it should have been but a silly run out left Coates short



and they were eventually out for 164 with Pegg claiming 3-25.

June 1 - Bibury (won by 99 runs)

Yes, you guessed it. Toss lost, Sherston batting first.... However not the solid start we had been accustomed to with Lovell dismissed for 0. This did though bring Cartwright to the crease who scored a majestic 76 on a very slow pitch (well Goodwin at the other end made it look slow and hard to bat on!). A total of 195 always looked a good score. However what we were starting to rely on was the opening bowlers keeping the rate down with Pegg and Gould being miserly! With Bibury needing well over a run a ball on came the spin twins, Kutchera (3-14) and Stevens (3-21), who whirled away to dismiss Bibury for 96 and another 19 points.

June 8 - Avening and Cherington (won by 4 wickets)

Stop the press, I won the toss and put Avening into bat (Cherington was presumably in at 4...). On a tricky wicket, Gould managed to extract some movement to remove two of their top 4 both being taken sharply by Kutchera at slip. Just when they appeared to be looking to set a tricky total, another excellent spell from Stevens (5-15) who has now taken 16 wickets at 2.86 runs apiece, supported by some sharp bowling from Kenny meant they were all out for 119. The run chase could not have started worse...one over down and the magna were 0-2. Some resolute batting from myself and Jarvis (the older one...) steadied the ship before Jarvis took the game to the bowling to finish with 66 and although some nerves at the end, the game was won and 18 points brought back to the shire.

June 15 - Poulton home (abandoned)

This looked like the game of the season to date with first against second and both teams unbeaten; however a monsoon ended any home shortly before the start.

June 22 - South Cerney Away (Win by 9 wickets)

Another fabulous performance on Saturday. Good toss to win but Super bowling from Ollie Moore (5-4-1-3), Andy Pegg and Ian Gould up front left them at 12-5 and out of the game from there. Eventually making 72 all out on a poor pitch still didn't look enough and solid batting from Goodwin, Lovell and Cartwright saw us to 19 points and a 9 wicket win!

The future....

So after eight games of the 18 we are top of the league, and if the spirit and commitment of the guys remains it should be a good year! Thanks to those guys who have made themselves available, it's been a pleasure to captain!

Chairman's column

I wish I could have started my column with "As I sit here with the sun streaming through the window" but unfortunately I can't.

As most of you will be aware I have spent several weeks in plaster and a few more on crutches but I am now getting back to full fitness.

I feel that this has some similarity with the Club. Having had a year of "off games" due to the weather, the Club has started the season with renewed vigour. This begins with the fantastic Monday night junior training and carries on through the week to the weekend with the Saturday side, which has had a wonderful winning start to the season and the Sunday team continuing to blood juniors to the senior squad.

So let's pray that the sun shines on the Pinkney Park ground for the rest of the season, hopefully for real but definitely metaphorically.



Captain marvel's at it again - all in the name of charity!

A sincere and heart felt well done to Sunday skipper Kevin Smith who has completed a 400+ mile charity bike ride from Bristol to Bordeaux in just 4 days.

Supporting PROPS, a Bristol based charity who enrich the lives of young people with physical and learning difficulties.

It's not too late to donate just visit Kevin's justgiving page at: - www.justgiving.com/LeRatNoir-B2B2013

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The gloves compartment...

an invitation to gloat by Matty Goodwin

I can trace my train of thought, which has since snowballed in to a full mid-life crisis, back to the first game of the season this year... a friendly against Chipping Sodbury. It was impossible not to notice the difference having a few under 20's made to our team, both in terms of the energy levels generally and certainly the athleticism in the field. Ewen, Ben, Ned, Fred and Harry bounded around stopping everything that came anywhere near them and without even as much as a glancing thought for how they were going to feel the next day.

It made me think, made me realise how many 40-somethings make up our Saturday regulars (has anyone watched us in the field on a Saturday when our dynamic ring of fielders on the off-side consist of Big Jarv, JK, Chris and Dan P?), and made me face the fact I'm one of them all of a sudden. Indeed, I've noticed in a number of league matches since how many of the opposition are 40-something, if not 50-something or worse. There is a serious point here I suspect about the vitality of village cricket for the future, which I won't dwell on particularly, but it's a worry surely to see so few teenagers or 20-somethings playing locally for their home team every Saturday.

Anyway, back to my train of thought. I am starting to notice that I ache in places I didn't know you could ache after a gentle game of cricket. My back doesn't bend the way it used to, my reactions are nowhere near what they used to be, a whack on the toe definitely hurts for longer, and worst of all after cricket on a Saturday I have a regular battle on a Monday morning trying to get close enough to my feet in order to try to put my socks on.

I was putting all of this to the back of my mind, adopting the 'it's all in the mind' approach, until Jack intervened on Friday.

Jack for those who don't know is my very sporty, sport-mad, aficionado of sport, 9 ½ year old. More importantly he is my little'un, my guy who I have taught how to play sport, whether that is kicking a football, taking a catch or thwacking a tennis ball over next door. He has always been super-talented but he has always been not quite as good as me. You see this is very important. He has always looked up to me as Mr Sport to his Master Sport, and that's the way the universe should work.

I fear the tide is turning and the guard is a changing though. I still look back at the day Jack played for the Sunday side last year and outplayed me taking 3-20 with enormous heart-bursting pride, but was there perhaps something more sinister going on. Jack is catching me up, overtaking and well, waving and laughing. Now he can do things I can't do. He's beginning to learn how to 'play down' to me, and not the other way around. Am I becoming scrapheap suitable, only good now for supporting Jack from the sidelines while clutching a walking frame for stability?

OK, I admit it, OK, yes this is about Friday... you see, Jack won the Boules get-together last Friday night, in partnership with James and Laura. It was a fantastic get together, really, but you see I won that last year (with help, thanks Peggy Sue).

I'm still getting over it. I'm still not getting over it!

I haven't actually spoken to him since. Can I be on Jack's team next year?

Matt.

Editor's comment - dating last month, full blown mid-life crisis turning 40 this? Whatever next Matty? Oh and by the way, sorry to dissappoint but I heard all Jack's sporting prowess was courtesy of his mom!

Stato's board - you may be too!

Introducing something designed especially for all you with insomnia - our very own stato page, or for the non playing readership out there an opportunity to have your name in lights or to be named and shamed!

With six league games played the Saturday Bowling, Batting and Catching averages are beginning to look meaningful. James has used 19 players already, with 14 having played three games or more.

Bowlers	P	O	M	R	W	Av	Best	Strike	Econ	5W	6W
Harry Stevens	4	29.4	11	46	16	2.9	6-7	11.1	1.55	1	1
Ian Gould	5	48.1	1	154	15	10.3	6-34	19.3	3.20		
Andy Pegg	6	51.5	11	146	7	20.9	3-25	44.4	2.82		
Ollie Moore	3	21	9	54	6	9.0	3-1	21.0	2.57		
James Kutchera	4	21	5	66	5	13.2	3-14	25.2	3.14		
Ewen Kenny	4	8.1	2	25	3	8.3	2-5	16.3	3.06		
Richard Cartwright	3	6	1	16	2	8.0	2-16	18.0	2.67		
David Fitch-Peyton	2	1.5	0	7	1	7.0	1-7	11.0	3.82		
Milo Morgan	1	4	0	15	1	15.0	1-15	24.0	3.75		
Ben Dickenson	3	6	0	36	1	36.0	1-36	36.0	6.00		
James Harmer	6	2	0	11	0	N/A	0-11		5.50		
Simon Hulance	1	4	1	11	0	N/A	0-11		2.75		
Phil Cavey	3					N/A					
Dan Pritchett	2					N/A					

Batsmen	P	I	R	NO	Av	High	50	100
Matt Goodwin	6	6	142	1	28.4	40		
Ewen Kenny	4	3	126	1	63.0	113		1
Richard Cartwright	3	3	112	1	56.0	76	1	
Andrew Jarvis	4	3	110	0	36.7	66	1	
James Harmer	6	5	75	0	15.0	33		
Chris Lovell	5	5	75	0	15.0	27		
Harry Stevens	4	3	62	3	N/A	38*		
Phil Cavey	3	2	59	1	59.0	59*	1	
Will Matthews	2	2	57	0	28.5	41		
Dan Pritchett	3	2	38	0	19.0	23		
Ian Gould	5	4	23	1	7.7	20*		
David Fitch-Peyton	2	1	13	0	13.0	13		
Ben Dickenson	3	3	12	0	4.0	9		
James Kutchera	4	1	6	0	6.0	6		
Ollie Moore	3	2	3	2	N/A	3*		
Andy Pegg	6	2	2	1	2.0	2*		
Mark Howell	1	1	0	0	0.0	0		
Milo Morgan	1	1	0	0	0.0	0		
Simon Hulance	1	0			N/A			

me	4/5 OAKSEY (H)	18/5 SOUTH HILL (H)	25/5 COATES (H)	1/6 BIBURY (H)	8/6 AVENING & CHERINGTON (A)	22/6 SOUTH CERNEY (A)	Games	Catches /Dismissals
Goodwin	0	2	0	1	1	3	6	7
Harmer	1	1	2	0	1	0	6	5
Pegg	0	0	1	1	1	1	6	4
Jarvis			1	0	1	1	4	3
Kutchera	0			0	2	1	4	3
Lovell	1	0	1	0		0	5	2
Stevens	2	0		0	0		4	2
Kenny	1			0	0	0	4	1
Cartwright			1	0		0	3	1
Dickenson	1	0	0				3	1
Gould	0	0		0	0	0	5	0
Cavey		0			0	0	3	0
Moore	0		0			0	3	0
Pritchett		0	0		0		3	0
Fitch-Peyton		0			0		2	0
Matthews			0	0			2	0
Howell	0						1	0
Hulance		0					1	0
Morgan			0				1	0
Benson							0	0
Littlejohns							0	0
Marcq							0	0
Pitt							0	0
Smith							0	0
Tremellen							0	0
Stumpings	0	1	0	0	1	0		2

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It's that time of month,
and it can only mean...

International Coach's Corner

*Paul Jarvis, cricketing legend
and Sherston Magna head
coach updates you on all
things cricket, and because
he's from Yorkshire, sheep.*

The cricket season is well under way and the weather has been kinder to us so far this year with only two junior games rained off for the U13's and no Monday night practices cancelled!

I have been very pleased with the attendance at Junior practice, now with over 30 boys from age 7 to 13 and numbers increasing each week the future is looking promising. We have also had a couple of really good Women's Cricket sessions with good numbers, these take place on a Tuesday so come on down, more the merrier, and all ages and abilities welcome.

We had a successful Junior BBQ with the weather just holding off, with a good turn out and lovely sausages thanks to The Sherston Sausage Company and the Matthews family for organising.

The Under 13 team have seen some excellent individual performances and great team efforts. Cricklade at home was a win by 80 runs with Ben Kavanagh scoring 45, Lorcan Purser was the main destroyer with the ball, taking 3 wickets in the second over of Cricklades innings and just missing out on a hat-trick!

The next match we came up against Kemsford and this proved to be a great leveller. Winning the toss Kemsford were put into bat with only 9 players. They only lost one wicket in scoring 138 in 20 overs, to which we replied with 55 and only James Skeldon the captain showing any resistance.

Last week we took on Cirencester B away which saw a much improved team effort and two Under 11 players making their debuts.

Michael Dicks and Patrick Frost came in due to unavailability and injury and presented themselves well. Bowling first Sherston reduced Ciren B to 88 all out in the last over with a good all round bowling performance.

Kyle Witt is showing consistency and dependability, Ben Kavanagh control and swing and Dominic Evans with event-a-ball bowling. In Dominics only over he had the same batsman bowled, caught and run out, but unfortunately each ball was a 'no-ball'! But one effort that must be mentioned is Patrick Frosts first over which saw him take his first wicket for Sherston in hard ball cricket, well done Patrick I'm sure you will take many more! Chasing the Ciren score James Skeldon led by Captains example scoring 50 not out to secure our second win by 5 wickets.

There's still plenty of cricket to come, so keep up the hard work in practice and keep enjoying the game.

Paul



Shovel digs the dirt...



Captains putting their bodies on the line

Two former Sunday skippers demonstrate that good captaincy is all about setting an example of, well, anethetising cricketing injuries as only they know how.

Try avoiding the ball next time chaps!

If you having any amusing shots of any fellow magna players you'd like publicised let us know - it's all in the name of good sport!



Saturday September 7th, Sherston Sixes is back!

After the success of the two previous Sherston Sixes competitions, we will be running the tournament again this year on Saturday 7 September.

The number of teams has yet to be decided but will be on a first come first serve basis so get your entry in early. There will be food and a bar on the day and will surely be a great day once again!

If you would like to play in the Sherston six-a-side cricket tournament, entry for a team costs just £30.

The tournament takes place from 11.00am on Saturday 7 September and is intended as a fun event at the end of the season.

To enter a team at the Sherston Sixes, contact sherstonmagna@yahoo.co.uk giving your team name and contact details.

We'd love to hear from you and you can do in lots of ways...

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Junior BBQ - what a taste of summer!

The club celebrated an encouraging start to the year for the junior section, with an evening BBQ, where cricket and good food were enjoyed by all.



Sherston Magna Saturday X1 table position after 9 games

	P	w	l	c	t	BatP	BowlP	Pen	Pts	Ave
Sherston Magna CC	9	7	0	2	0	28	35	0	133	19.00
Poulton CC	8	6	0	2	0	27	26	0	113	18.83
Avening & Cherington CC	9	6	2	1	0	23	28	0	111	13.88
Oaksey CC	9	4	5	0	0	29	32	0	101	11.22
Coates CC	9	3	3	2	1	17	26	0	78	11.14
Andoversford CC	9	4	5	0	0	22	24	0	86	9.56
South Cerney CC	9	3	6	0	0	24	26	0	80	8.89
Ashton Keynes CC	9	2	5	2	0	11	27	0	58	8.29
Bibury CC	8	0	5	2	1	18	21	0	44	7.33
South Hill CC	9	2	6	1	0	12	19	0	51	6.38