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Minor Counties Fixtures :

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Sun./Mon., 10th-11th August v. Dorset (Wellington)

Sun./Mon., 24th-25th August v. Wiltshire (Trowbridge)

Sun./Mon., 31st August/1st September v. Cheshire (Shifnal)

M.C.C. Knockout Trophy Competition

Preliminary Round :

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Second Round :

Sunday, 1st June Home Draw (Wellington - provisional)

Nat West Trophy Knockout Competition

First Round :

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FURROWS SHROPSHIRE PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE KNOCKOUT FIXTURES

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First Round :

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FOREWORD

The formation of the Furrows Shropshire Premier Cricket League heralds the writing of yet another chapter in the long history of Shropshire cricket, and it goes without saying that if this new venture is to prove, what we all hope will be a huge success much dependence 'lies at the door' of the twelve founder member clubs and their respective memberships. The co-operation of clubs is paramount, if we are to achieve our objectives of aiding the continual improvement of Shropshire club cricket both on and off the field of play.

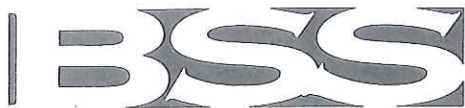
Sincere thanks are due to 'Furrows Ltd.,' who once again have shown total commitment towards the cause of cricket within our county by readily taking on the mantle of the leagues' chief sponsor, with other valuable support forthcoming from 'The Shropshire Star', 'The Shrewsbury Chronicle' and 'B.B.C. Radio Shropshire'.

We are also most grateful to all those who opted to volunteer their services, in respect of taking up positions within the league structure, so ensuring the smooth 'day to day' running of league affairs.

May I also bring to your attention the introduction of an official code of conduct. It is expected that all connected with the game, will strictly adhere to its instructions, as it is the clubs, players and officials, who must act as responsible custodians of this 'Code of Conduct' and uphold all its principles.

It is my pleasure to extend much appreciation to our handbook co-ordinator, Brian Kitson for 'coming up trumps' once again in producing this latest edition. Finally, may I wish everyone, whether they be players, officials or followers of the game a very enjoyable 1997 campaign.

CLIVE SMITH, (Ch. F.S.P.C.L.)



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**FURROWS SHROPSHIRE PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE
CONSTITUTION 1997**

1. **TITLE:**
The title shall be 'The Furrows Shropshire Premier Cricket League' (Hereinafter referred to as 'the league').
2. **OBJECTIVE:**
To foster and maintain Club Cricket in Shropshire.
3. **MEMBERSHIP:**
 - (a) The League shall consist of 12 member clubs namely:- Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Newport, Oswestry, Perkins, Shifnal, Shrewsbury, St. Georges, Wellington, Wem, Whitchurch and Wroxeter & Uppington Cricket Clubs.
 - (b) The League shall further consist of a number of divisions, the composition of which shall be decided by the Executive Committee, but the size of any division shall not normally exceed 12 teams.
 - (c) The number of clubs in membership shall only be increased if the Executive on the recommendation and guidance of the Constitution Committee so decide after investigating the merits of each application. The Executive Committee shall have the power to refuse any application for membership and is not bound to give any reason.
 - (d) Clubs wishing to resign from the League shall give notice in writing to the League Secretary by 1st October in the preceding year.
 - (e) Clubs desiring admission to the League must apply in writing to the League Secretary no later than the 1st November of the year preceding that in which they wish to take part.
 - (f) The Executive Committee reserves the right to ask any Club to resign if, in its opinion the general conduct of appointments of such a Club do not satisfy the requirements of the League. In the event of any complaints against a member of the Club, that Club shall receive 14 days prior notice of the Committees' intentions to hear that complaint, and will be invited to send a representative to attend that part of the meeting hearing the complaint. This action shall be in addition to any steps taken under 'Rules for the Conduct of Matches'.
 - (g) Any Club ceasing to be a member of the League, shall at once forfeit any rights of participation in the assets of the League.
4. **OFFICERS**
 - (a) Officers of the League shall consist of the President, The Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Press Officer and Honorary Fixture Secretary, all of whom, with the exceptions of the President, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The President shall be elected by the Executive Committee.
 - (b) Honorary Life Members shall be elected by the Executive Committee in recognition of past services to the League and shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Executive Committee.
 - (c) An Honorary Legal Adviser shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (a) The League shall be governed by an Executive Committee, consisting of the officers named in 4(a) above, representatives nominated by each member Club and a delegate nominated by the Shropshire A.C.U.
- (b) Any officer named in 4(a) above and delegate nominated by the Shropshire A.C.U. shall declare his interest in any Member Club.
- (c) Not more than one representative from any one Club shall serve on this Committee, with the exception of the officers named in 4(a).
- (d) In his absence a representative may appoint a deputy to attend meetings on his behalf.
- (e) Nine members shall form a quorum.
- (f) At least 42 days notice of meetings shall be given, such meetings to be held every third calendar month.
- (g) The Executive Committee shall be entitled to co-opt and may form sub-committees who's proposals shall be reported to the Executive Committee for ratification, with the exception of the Protest/Disciplinary sub-committee who will make decisions should the need arise according to 'The Code of Conduct'.
- (h) A Management Committee shall be formally appointed by the Executive Committee, with full power to deal with any matters or issues which may arise and which are not provided for in these rules.
- (i) Not more than one representative of each Member Club (or his deputy) shall be entitled to vote.
- (j) Any officer named in 4(a) and delegate nominated by the Shropshire A.C.U. shall be entitled to vote, providing he has no interest in any Member Club.
- (k) The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, or if both are absent, a deputy appointed by the Committee shall preside at all Executive meetings and shall have a casting vote.
- (l) The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.
- (m) Members shall be elected to the Committee for a period of three years after which time they shall retire and if willing offer themselves for re-election.
- (n) Executive Members should register an attendance figure of at least 75%. Club representatives failing to reach such an attendance level are liable to expulsion, and their respective Clubs, where appropriate, liable to a financial penalty not exceeding £50.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November each year.
- (b) Twenty-eight clear days notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all member clubs.
- (c) Nominations for officers and members of the Executive Committee must be received by the League Secretary not later than seven clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

- (d) Proposals for alterations to the constitution must be received by the League Secretary 42 days before the Annual General Meeting, the proposed alterations to the constitution shall be circulated to all member clubs at least 21 days before the date of the meeting.
- (e) Proposals for alterations to the constitution must receive a two thirds majority of the votes cast before acceptance and can only be considered at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- (f) Not more than one representative of each Member Club or his deputy shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote, but no other person shall have more than one vote.
- (g) If it is thought desirable that only certain Member Clubs should vote on a particular matter, this restriction shall only be permitted with the specific consent of the Annual General Meeting.
- (h) Proxy votes will not be accepted.
- (i) Nine Member Clubs shall form a quorum.

7. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

- (a) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee or on receipt by the League Secretary of a written request signed by not less than a third of the Member Clubs, stating the reason for which the Extraordinary General Meeting meeting shall be called.
- (b) The provisions applicable to the Annual General Meeting, with the exception of 6(a), shall also apply to an Extraordinary General Meeting whenever such a meeting is convened.

8. FINANCE

- (a) The subscription from each Club shall be £20.00 per team per annum, or as determined by the Executive Committee and shall be due as payable on the 1st May each year, Clubs not paying subscriptions by the date due, may be charged an extra £10.00 penalty every month or any part thereof, they remain in arrears.
- (b) If the League income from subscriptions is insufficient to meet League requirements, a further levy may be made on each Club, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- (c) The funds of the League shall be dealt with by and through an account with a bank, in the name of the League. Cheques may be drawn on two signatures, the Chairman, League Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be the authorised signatories.
- (d) The financial year shall end on September 30th, after which the accounts will be audited by an Honorary Auditor who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

9. REPORTS AND AUDIT

An Annual Report and audited accounts shall be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

10. TROPHIES

- (a) Cups and shields respectively will be awarded at the end of each season to the champions and runners-up in all Divisions.

- (b) In addition there shall be awards for 'Young Player of the Year', the batsman who has scored the most league runs and the bowler who has taken most league wickets during the season.
- (c) All trophies should be returned in good condition to the League Secretary not later than 30th September. Failure to do so may result in that Club being invoiced for the cost of a new trophy.

11. FIXTURES

- (a) All League matches will be played on the dates published in the League Handbook unless agreed as in (b) below.
- (b) Clubs wishing to re-arrange a published fixture must BOTH give written notice to the League Secretary not less than ten days before the date of the proposed alteration. Such changes must receive the sanction of the Executive Committee who will only allow them in exceptional circumstances.
- (c) Clubs not fulfilling fixtures shall be fined £50.00 for a first offence, £75.00 for a second offence and shall face expulsion from the League for a third offence.
- (d) Clubs will be informed of dates on which a League representative XI may be required to play in a competition and **save in exceptional circumstances**, no player selected for such a competition shall be withdrawn to play in a Club competition.
- (e) In the event of a Furrows Shropshire Premier League club qualifying for the final of the National Club Championship Trophy, any club desirous of re-arranging their League fixtures for that day may do so.

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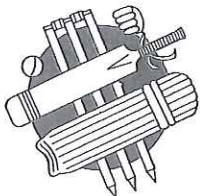
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FURROWS SHROPSHIRE PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. The Code of Conduct defines the standards required of Clubs, Players and Officials.
2. All Member Clubs and their players must uphold the constitution and playing rules of the League.
3. All Member Clubs, players and officials must accept that
 - (a) Cricket within the League is played in a competitive manner at the highest level in regard to personal conduct and sportsmanship.
 - (b) They are responsible for ensuring that the spirit and the laws of the game are upheld at all times. Prime responsibility lies with the team captain, on the field of play and within the club premises, and in any connection with the game.
 - (c) Positive action is required by clubs to uphold the highest standards of behaviour. Both captains and clubs may be liable to disciplinary action for offences committed by players.
 - (d) Registration of players deems acceptance and understanding of the code of practice by each player so registered. Registration is for the complete season, and is not transferable between clubs during the season, unless both clubs involved and the player are completely agreed on the transfer.
 - (i) A sub committee comprising of any three Management Committee Members will arbitrate in the event of exceptional circumstances regarding registration and transfer of players.
4. Clubs, players and officials must understand at all times that the following behaviour is NOT acceptable, and non compliance will be deemed to be a disciplinary offence.
 - (a) The use of crude, obscene or foul language on the field of play and within the premises of the club.
 - (b) Any form of abuse, by action or word directed at the opposition, an umpire or members of the public.
 - (c) Any show of petulance, anger, disgust in a dissenting way against an umpire, opponent or team-mate when a decision is made for or against a player.
5. Clubs are responsible for the behaviour of players, members and spectators at all times. It is the responsibility of each club to acquaint their players and members of the Code of Conduct.
6. Clubs are expected to instigate their own internal enquiry when the standards in the Code of Conduct are not complied with, and, if misconduct has been proven, to impose punishment compatible with the said misconduct. The action taken by the club will be considered by the League Protest/Disciplinary Committee which will take any further action it considers necessary.

7. Any Club, Player or Official dealt with by the League Protest/Disciplinary Committee shall have the right of appeal to the Appeals Committee which shall comprise of three members of the League Management Committee other than those Management Committee Members serving on the Protest/Disciplinary Committee.
8. The decision of the Appeals Committee is binding on all parties and is not subject to any further right of appeal.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

1. The umpires panel organiser will inform the Protest/Disciplinary Committee Chairman by Sunday evening (latest) of any problem where he feels action would be appropriate.
Note: If the complaint is from any other source (clubs, spectators etc., the same procedure shall apply). All complaints direct to the Protest/Disciplinary Committee Chairman.
2. The Protest/Disciplinary Committee Chairman will notify the relevant Club Secretary or Management Committee delegate member by phone confirming the details of any complaint. He will then confirm the details of any discussion in writing with the least delay. The Protest/Disciplinary Committee Chairman puts committee on standby for following Monday.
3. The Club involved will be allowed until the following Sunday to confirm to the Protest/Disciplinary Chairman any actions they have taken (this would allow the offending player to play one more game).
4. On receipt of actions taken (no reply means no action taken) the Protest/Disciplinary Committee Chairman will contact his committee and the umpires panel organiser and they will assess whether the actions taken are sufficient and satisfactory (if yes, the issue ends once confirmation of details are passed to the appropriate sources).
5. If the Protest/Disciplinary Committee are not satisfied with the actions taken they will sit on the Monday evening to consider the issue in full. Clubs must be aware all suspensions will commence the following Saturday. (The Protest/Disciplinary Committee Chairman puts the Appeals Committee on standby).
6. The Protest/Disciplinary Committee inform the appropriate clubs of decisions taken.
7. Any appeals are to be heard by the end of the same week. The decisions must be final (clubs who select players pending appeal must withdraw the player if the appeal is unsuccessful).

KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS

In the case of knock-out competitions the procedure will be the same. The knock-out fixture will be treated as if played on the next Saturday to enable it to fit into the disciplinary time table.

PRESS

No club or individual will make any press statement. If required this will be done through the League Press Officer. All meetings should be logged and their conclusions recorded.

RULES AND PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS

1. **GENERAL**
The Rules and Arrangements set out below will apply to all three Divisions of the League from 1st April, 1997, and will continue until officially amended on the authority of the Executive Committee of the League.
2. **QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**
 - (a) No player shall be brought in from an outside League to play in the League during the playing season without first obtaining the written consent of the Rules Sub-Committee of the League. An exemption will be made to this rule for clubs with teams competing in another league.
 - (b) A list of playing members for the coming season, from whom teams will be selected, must be submitted to the League Secretary before the commencement of the playing season. Failure to comply with this requirement, will result in no points being achieved until such a list is submitted. No permission will be granted to register players after 1st August.
Any new players must be registered with the League Secretary after any such list is submitted.
 - (i) In exceptional circumstances players may be registered on the day of the game with the permission of the Rules Sub-Committee.
 - (ii) Transfer Forms - issued by the League - are to be completed by both Clubs and acknowledged by the Rules Sub-Committee before players are eligible to play - any such transfers are to be completed within seven days.
 - (c) Any bona fide member of a club may take part in League matches provided that:
 - (i) Transfer of players - see 'Code of Conduct'.
 - (ii) if he has played in 12 or more first team matches, he shall not be allowed to play in any of the last three matches in a lower division or in a second team match without the approval of the Rules Sub-Committee.
 - (iii) if he has played in 12 or more first or second team matches, he shall not be allowed to play in any of the last three matches in a lower division without the approval of the Rules Sub-Committee.
 - (d) Only one player not qualified to play Minor Counties cricket in this country, shall be allowed to play for a Member Club in any one League or Shrewsbury Chronicle Knock-out Competition game at any one time.
3. **RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF ALL MATCHES**
 - (a) All teams shall play each other on a home and away basis, fixtures being arranged by the League Fixture Secretary between mid-April and mid-September. All fixtures shall take place on a Saturday unless clubs are desirous of re-arranging a fixture after they have been published. In this case BOTH clubs must give written notice to the League Secretary not less than ten days before the date of the proposed alteration and must be granted permission before carrying out any change. Any infringement of this rule will result in the match being declared void.
 - (b) Matches shall be played in accordance with the LAWS of CRICKET subject to such specific points as are hereinafter stipulated.
 - (c) No underarm bowling will be allowed in the League.
 - (d) (i) The Executive Committee shall have the discretion to call a match void if they deem it necessary and may award or deduct points at their discretion.
(ii) In games with panel umpires officiating (e.g. Division One Games) umpires are instructed to apply a strict and consistent interpretation of the law covering 'Wide Ball' in order to prevent negative bowling, especially down the leg side or over the batsman's head.
The following criteria should be adopted as a guide to umpires :-
 - (a) If in the umpire's opinion the ball passes either side of the wicket, sufficiently wide to make it virtually impossible for the batsman to play a normal 'cricketing stroke' - both from where

he is standing and where he should normally be standing at the crease, the umpire shall call and signal 'wide ball'.

(b) If the ball passes over head height of the batsman - standing upright at the crease, the umpire shall call and signal 'wide ball'.

Note: The aforementioned provisions do not apply if the striker makes contact with the ball or if it passes below head height between the striker and the wicket.

- (iii) After the toss has been made umpires officiating in Division One games shall be the sole arbiters of ground, weather and light conditions and are instructed that play shall not start, re-start or proceed when rain is falling.

4. HOURS AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- (a) All matches inclusive of Saturday, 26th April, to Saturday, 9th August, shall commence at 2.00 p.m., after which all matches inclusive of Saturday, 16th August, to Saturday, 20th September, shall commence at 1.00 p.m.
- (b) Prompt starts are essential and the toss for innings shall take place at least fifteen minutes before the scheduled starting time. In the event of a team not being able to comply, the opposing team may, if it so wishes, exercise the right to claim the toss. Clubs who arrive late without a satisfactory explanation will be dealt with by the Executive Committee who may deduct two points from the record of the offending club.
- (c) (i) The duration of play shall be limited to 100 six-ball overs with an interval of 20 minutes for tea between innings.
- (ii) In a 100 over match the side batting first may if they so wish, receive a maximum of 52 overs, with the side batting second receiving 48 overs.
- (iii) In reduced over matches that exceed 70 overs the same 4 over ratio shall apply, should the side batting first wish to take advantage of this option, e.g. in a match reduced to 80 overs, the side batting first, if they so wish, may bat for a maximum of 42 overs, leaving the side batting second to receive 38 overs.
- In matches reduced to between 50 and 70 overs (inclusive) the side batting first may, if they so wish, bat for two more overs than the side batting second, e.g. in a match reduced to 60 overs, the side batting first may, if they so wish, bat for 31 overs, with the side batting second receiving 29 overs.
- (iv) The side batting second shall utilise the balance of the overs not used by the side batting first. Any odd balls bowled shall constitute an over.
- (v) In conjunction with the scorers, the umpires shall ensure that the recording of overs and runs is correctly made and adequately displayed.
- Before the first ball of the last over of each innings, the umpires shall call 'last over' clearly so that both sides understand.
- (vi) Captains may agree to reduce the overs before the toss takes place if in their opinion the weather conditions so indicate. In these circumstances the provisions of Rule 5 will have no bearing unless 30 minutes have been lost after the start of play. The minimum number of overs to constitute a match shall be fifty.
- (vii) No match throughout the season shall start after 4.00 p.m.

5. INTERRUPTION OF PLAY

- (a) (i) In the event of interference by weather, light or other unforeseen circumstances amounting to 30 minutes or more after the scheduled starting time of 2.00 p.m. in matches to the second Saturday in August inclusive, play shall cease at 8.30 p.m. or on the completion of the final 20 overs, or on the completion of the number of overs that constitute that particular match, with the final 20 overs, as per the laws of cricket, commencing at 7.30 p.m.
- (ii) In matches played from the third Saturday in August play shall cease

at 7.30 p.m. or on the completion of the final 20 overs or on the completion of the number of overs that constitute that particular match, with the final 20 overs, as per the laws of cricket, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

- (iii) If an interruption of play occurs during the final 20 overs, the number of overs will be reduced by one over for every full three minutes lost and if the reduced number of overs are completed in matches to the second Saturday in August, before 8.30 p.m., and unless the number of overs constitute the completion of that particular match, play will continue until 8.30 p.m., or on the completion of the number of overs calculated to be bowled in the last hour, whichever shall be the later, the same will apply to matches played from the third Saturday in August, the cessation time being 7.30 p.m.

(iv) Note: If the teams are off the field of play at the scheduled closing times detailed above, play shall be abandoned.

- (b) If, at the scheduled finishing times in (a) above, the side batting second occupy the crease, and have received at least as many overs as the side batting first, then the game shall be a draw and the points allocated in accordance with Rule 6.

(c) If the side batting second do not receive as many overs as the side batting first then the game shall be abandoned.

(d) If a bowler is incapacitated during an over, that over shall be completed by any member of the fielding side other than he who bowled the previous over.

6. ALLOCATION OF POINTS

WIN: 8 points.

TIE: 4 points to each side only when the scores are equal and the team batting second are all out or have used their allocation of overs (Subject to Rule 5(b) and 5(c)).

WINNING DRAW: 4 points to the side scoring the greater number of runs in a completed match subject to rule 5(b) and 5(c).

LOSING DRAW: 1 point, provided that the side batting second scores more than 75% of the runs scored by the side batting first in a completed match.

Note: If the side batting second fails to score more than 75% of the runs scored by the side batting first in a completed match, the side batting first shall receive 5 points and the side batting second shall receive no points.

NOT STARTED: 1 point to each side.

ABANDONED: 1 point to each side.

OVER RATE: In Division One games only, overs are required to be bowled at a minimum of 17 per hour. Clubs will be assessed at four points during the season, i.e. after 6, 11, 17 and 22 games. Clubs failing to achieve the required rate at each assessment point will have 8 points deducted from their total on each occasion. The four assessments will be based on the actual number of completed games played during the assessment period, and calculations for the next assessment will start from zero i.e. no plus or minus overs will be carried forward. (This will apply to all teams, whether they achieved the required rate or not). Any deduction of points required to be made will be made at the conclusion of each assessment period, and will be shown in the next published league table.

BOWLING BONUS POINTS: 1 point awarded for every 3 wickets taken by the fielding side, i.e. at the fall of the 3rd, 6th and 9th wicket.

7. THE BALL

Two new balls purchased through the League shall be used in all Division One and Reserve Division One games. In Reserve Divisions, a new ball need not be provided for every match but the ball to be used shall be in good condition and of good quality. This shall be submitted to and approved by the Captains before the toss. Two new balls, purchased through the League may be provided by the home side for use in any League game subject to the agreement of the opposing Captain prior to the toss taking place.

8. QUALIFICATION OF UMPIRES

- (a) An umpire may be required to satisfy the Rules Sub-Committee as to his

- competence either on appointment or at any time thereafter.
- (b) If one side provides an umpire and the other side does not provide one, that one umpire should be the official umpire for the match and should stand at the bowler's end throughout the match.
- (c) Umpires should be responsible for noting and recording the over rate - viz. overs bowled and time taken - and will be required to note this information on the official League Score Sheet.
- (d) The Shropshire Association of Cricket Umpires will be responsible for appointing umpires to all Division One and Shrewsbury Chronicle Knockout fixtures.
- (e) No fee as such is payable to umpires appointed from the panel. Expenses will be met by the Shropshire Association of Cricket Umpires with all Division One Clubs being expected to submit, on request, a one-off payment to the Shropshire A.C.U. to cover such costs.
9. PREPARATION OF PITCHES
- (a) Preparation of pitches must be in accordance with the M.C.C. Laws and instruction. Pitches should not be watered in the 48 hour period preceding any match.
- (b) Pitches may be wholly covered at all times where possible. Before the toss is made, the home Captain should advise his opposite number whether covers are available.
10. PLAYERS CROSSING
- (a) The attention of Captains is drawn to Note 2(b) of Law 31, whereby it is one of their duties to ensure the incoming batsman passes the outgoing one before the latter leaves the field of play.
11. CANCELLATION OF MATCHES
- In the event of any ground being unfit for play owing to weather or other circumstances it shall be the responsibility of the home club to inform the visiting club of this fact.
- This should be carried out on the day of the match NOT before 11.00 a.m. and NOT later than 12.00 noon. (10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. from the third Saturday in August).
- Opponents have the option to travel.
12. NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS
- (a) It shall be the responsibility of the home club to send full details of the match played on the score sheet issued by the League which is signed by both Captains. This score sheet must reach the League Secretary by the first post each Thursday after the match has been played. Failure to comply with this rule will result in two points being deducted from the offending club. For Division One games only, the signed result sheet must be handed to the match Umpires, who will forward it to the League Secretary.
- (b) Clubs should make every effort to notify "the Shropshire Star" of the result of their game by the Monday deadline.
13. LEAGUE POSITIONAL PLACINGS
- In the event of two or more teams finishing on the same number of points at the end of a season, the following factors shall be used to determine final placings: firstly - the number of points gained from least completed matches; if still equal, most wins; if still equal, least defeats; if still equal, most winning draws; if still equal, most away wins; if still equal, the points tally of League matches played that season between the teams involved; if still equal, most wickets taken during the season.
14. These rules are binding on all players and clubs in the League and the Executive Committee may take action against defaulting clubs or players.
15. ARTIFICIAL PITCHES
- Clubs outside Division One who wish to play a League fixture on an artificial pitch, must notify and obtain agreement from the opposing team ten days before the fixture is due to be played. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the loss of points.

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DIVISION ONE FIXTURES 1997

Home Games Bracketed

RESERVE DIVISION ONE FIXTURES are the reverse of these

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	20
1. ST. GEORGES	(10) 9	(8) 7	(6) 5	(4) 3	(2) 1	(11) 10	(9) 8
2. PERKINS	(9) 8	(7) 6	(5) 4	(3) 12	1	(11) 10	9
3. NEWPORT	(8) 7	(6) 5	(4) 12	2	(1) 11	(10) 9	8
4. SHREWSBURY	(7) 6	(5) 12	3	(2) 1	(11) 10	(9) 8	7
5. WELLINGTON	(6) 12	4	(3) 2	(1) 11	(10) 9	(8) 7	6
6. LUDLOW	5	(4) 3	(2) 1	(11) 10	(9) 8	(7) 12	(5) 4
7. BRIDGNORTH	4	(3) 2	(1) 11	(10) 9	(8) (12)	6	(5) (4) 3
8. SHIFNAL	3	(2) 1	(11) 10	(9) (12)	7	(6) 5	(4) (3) 2
9. OSWESTRY	2	(1) 11	(10) (12)	8	(7) 6	(5) 4	(3) (2) 1
10. WROXETER	1	(11) (12)	9	(8) 7	(6) 5	(4) 3	(2) 1
11. WEM	12	10	(9) 8	(7) 6	(5) 4	(3) 2	1
12. WHITCHURCH	(11) (5)	10	(4) 9	(3) 8	(2) 7	(1) (6)	11

RESERVE DIVISION TWO FIXTURES 1997

Home Games Bracketed

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	20
1. ST. GEORGES 3rd XI	10	(9) 8	(7) 6	(5) 4	(3) 2	(12) 11	(10) 9
2. PERKINS 3rd XI	9	(8) 7	(6) 5	(4) 3	(12) (1)	11	(10) (9) 8
3. SHREWSBURY 3rd XI	8	(7) 6	(5) 4	(12) (2)	1	(11) 10	(9) 8
4. OSWESTRY 4th XI	7	(6) 5	(12) (3)	2	(1) 11	(10) 9	(8) 7
5. WELLINGTON 3rd XI	6	(12) (4)	3	(2) 1	(11) 10	(9) 8	7
6. LUDLOW 3rd XI	(5) 4	(3) 2	(1) 11	(10) 9	(8) 7	(12) 5	(4) 3
7. BRIDGNORTH 3rd XI	(4) 3	(2) 1	(11) 10	(9) 8	12	(6) 5	4
8. NEWPORT 3rd XI	(3) 2	(1) 11	(10) 9	12	(7) 6	(5) 4	3
9. OSWESTRY 3rd XI	(2) 1	(11) 10	12	(8) 7	(6) 5	(4) 3	2
10. WELLINGTON 4th XI	(1) 11	12	(9) 8	(7) 6	(5) 4	(3) 2	1
11. WEM 3rd XI	(12) (10)	9	(8) 7	(6) 5	(4) 3	(2) 1	(11) 10
12. SHIFNAL 3rd XI	11	5	(10) 4	(9) 3	(8) 2	(7) 1	(6) 5

1996 HONOURS

DIVISION ONE

Champions: St. Georges
Runners Up: Perkins

RESERVE DIVISION ONE

Champions: Bridgnorth
Runners Up: Shifnal

SHREWSBURY CHRONICLE KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

Winners: Shrewsbury
Runners Up: St. Georges
Man of the Match: Chris Male (Shrewsbury)

1996 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR: League Award Jonathan Prince (Shifnal)
(BBC Radio Shropshire Trophy)

MOST RUNS DURING SEASON: Matt Kelton (St. Georges - 1,209)
(Shropshire Star Trophy)

MOST WICKETS DURING SEASON: Junior Boyce (Glynwed - 108)
(Impact Shield)

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PREVIOUS YEARS' DIVISIONAL WINNERS/RUNNERS UP

Winners Runners up

DIVISION ONE

1970	Rolls Royce	Newport
1971	Newport/Wem (TIE)	Newport
1972	Oswestry/Shifnal (TIE)	Newport
1973	Wroxeter	St. Georges
1974	Wroxeter	Newport
1975	Shrewsbury	Wroxeter
1976	Shrewsbury	Bridgnorth
1977	Newport	Shrewsbury
1978	Shrewsbury	St. Georges
1979	Wroxeter	Shrewsbury
1980	Shrewsbury	Wroxeter
1981	Whitchurch	Newport
1982	Shrewsbury	Wem
1983	Shrewsbury	Whitchurch
1984	Shrewsbury	Shifnal
1985	Shrewsbury	Shifnal
1986	Shrewsbury	Wroxeter
1987	Shrewsbury	Wem
1988	Wroxeter	Newport
1989	Newport	Shrewsbury
1990	Shrewsbury	Shifnal
1991	Newport	Wroxeter
1992	Wem	Shrewsbury
1993	Wroxeter	Shifnal
1994	Wroxeter	Shrewsbury
1995	Wroxeter	Shrewsbury
1996	St. Georges	Perkins

RESERVE DIVISION ONE

1970	Newport	Rolls Royce
1971	Newport	Wem
1972	Wellington	Newport
1973	Newport	Wroxeter
1974	Bridgnorth	Newport
1975	Wellington	Shrewsbury
1976	Newport	Shrewsbury
1977	Shrewsbury	Wroxeter
1978	Bridgnorth	Wroxeter
1979	Shrewsbury	Whitchurch
1980	Whitchurch	Wellington
1981	Bridgnorth	Whitchurch
1982	Newport	Bridgnorth
1983	Shrewsbury	St. Georges
1984	Wem	Newport
1985	Wroxeter	Whitchurch
1986	St. Georges	Bridgnorth
1987	Shrewsbury	Newport
1988	Wroxeter	St. Georges
1989	Bridgnorth	St. Georges
1990	Shrewsbury	Shifnal
1991	Shifnal	St. Georges
1992	Wroxeter	Oswestry
1993	Wroxeter	Oswestry
1994	Shrewsbury	Oswestry
1995	Bridgnorth	Wroxeter
1996	Bridgnorth	Shifnal

DIVISION ONE STATISTICS 1996

Final League Table

	P	W	D	A	L	Points
St. Georges	22	13	4	1	4	119
Perkins	22	11	4	0	7	98
Newport	22	9	6	0	7	92
Shrewsbury	22	8	10	1	3	90
Wellington	22	9	4	0	9	85
Ludlow	22	8	6	1	7	82
Bridgnorth	22	6	8	2	6	79
Shifnal	22	7	9	0	6	78
Oswestry	22	7	7	1	7	76
Wroxeter	22	7	8	0	7	76
Whitchurch	22	3	7	0	12	29
Wem	22	2	5	0	15	23

Highs and Lows

Highest Total by Team :	319-7	Wem v. Ludlow	17 August
Lowest Total by Team :	45	Whitchurch v. Newport	24 August

Batsmen Scoring Centuries (23)

146	I. Payne	Oswestry v. Shrewsbury	20 July
139*	M. Turner	Bridgnorth v. Perkins	22 June
139	A. Breakwell	Bridgnorth v. Whitchurch	13 July
139	M. Kellon	St. Georges v. Whitchurch	21 September
121	R. Shepherd	Wem v. Ludlow	17 August
115*	K. Sharp	Bridgnorth v. Perkins	7 September
113	J. Cadwallader	Oswestry v. Wroxeter	11 May
112	K. Sharp	Bridgnorth v. Shifnal	15 June
109*	D. Williamson	Shifnal v. Ludlow	22 June
109	A. Hurdley	Bridgnorth v. Wem	3 August
108*	G. Home	Wroxeter v. Whitchurch	18 May
108	S. Hughes	Wroxeter v. Newport	20 July
107*	E. Home	Wroxeter v. Wem	14 September
107	S. Gale	Shrewsbury v. Wroxeter	22 June
106*	M. Kellon	St. Georges v. Perkins	15 June
106*	M. Kellon	St. Georges v. Bridgnorth	11 May
105	M. Kellon	St. Georges v. Wroxeter	17 August
104	G. Byram	Wellington v. Whitchurch	14 September
103*	J. Anders	Perkins v. Whitchurch	17 August
102*	S. Purdie	Wem v. Shifnal	13 July
102	M. Davies	Perkins v. Bridgnorth	7 September
102	A. Gul	Newport v. Bridgnorth	14 September
101*	D. R. Elcock	Wroxeter v. Wem	14 September

Bowlers Taking 7 Wickets or More (10)

M. Jones	7-21	Ludlow v. Bridgnorth	25 May
E. Middleton	7-28	Whitchurch v. St. Georges	6 July
J. Prince	7-40	Shifnal v. Wroxeter	21 September
N. Goodwin	7-41	Ludlow v. Whitchurch	4 May
S. Azhar	7-50	St. Georges v. Shifnal	24 August
K. Malcolm	7-58	Wellington v. Perkins	24 August
P. Massey	7-62	Wroxeter v. Shifnal	6 July
J. Williams	7-63	Wroxeter v. Shifnal	21 September
T. Owen	7-66	St. Georges v. Newport	7 September
A. Donald	7-71	Newport v. St. Georges	22 June

DIVISION ONE AVERAGES 1996

BATTING (qualification 10 innings, average over 33.00)

Name	Club	Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Runs	Average
M. KELTON	St. Georges	22	8	139	1209	86.35
Ed. HOME	Wroxeter	16	6	107*	549	54.90
K. SHARP	Bridgnorth	20	4	115*	808	50.50
A. JOHNSON	St. Georges	22	6	89*	725	45.31
Bryan JONES	Wroxeter	15	2	89	580	44.61
T. PARTON	Perkins	15	2	92*	562	43.23
J. FOSTER	Shrewsbury	13	5	76	338	42.25
A. GUL	Newport	13	-	102	528	40.61
S. PURDIE	Wem	15	2	102*	491	37.76
S. GALE	Shrewsbury	21	3	107	674	37.44
M. DAVIES	Perkins	20	4	102	591	36.93
P. SPARROW	Ludlow	21	-	96	773	36.80
A. BREAKWELL	Bridgnorth	18	2	139	571	35.68
J. ANDERS	Perkins	22	4	103*	638	35.44
K. HUMPHREYS	Shifnal	22	2	93	703	35.15
D. BOWETT	Wroxeter	15	6	63*	308	34.22
M. DAVIDSON	Newport	16	-	83	543	33.93
D. WILLIAMSON	Shifnal	18	2	109*	534	33.37
Guy HOME	Wroxeter	15	1	108*	467	33.35
L. EVANS	Bridgnorth	13	2	79	364	33.09

BOWLING (qualification 20 wickets, average under 20.00)

Name	Club	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
S. AZHAR	St. Georges	313	75	863	55	15.69
T. OWEN	St. Georges	247.5	59	736	43	17.11
A. BARNARD	Shrewsbury	240.4	44	606	35	17.31
A. SHIMMONS	Shifnal	308.3	44	948	54	17.55
A. GUL	Newport	160.3	39	493	28	17.60
P. TRIMBY	Shrewsbury	202.1	28	705	39	18.07
A. BYRAM	Wellington	234	53	674	37	18.21
N. GOODWIN	Ludlow	225.2	33	881	48	18.35
B. SHANTRY	Perkins	269.4	36	839	44	19.06
I. LOCK	Bridgnorth	161	42	474	24	19.75
A. DONALD	Newport	260.4	41	856	43	19.90
S. CAINE	Bridgnorth	304.2	49	1038	52	19.96

RESERVE DIVISION ONE STATISTICS 1996

Final League Table

	P	W	D	A	L	Points
Bridgnorth	22	15	4	1	2	140
Shifnal	22	14	3	0	5	122
Perkins	22	12	3	0	7	106
Shrewsbury	22	10	7	1	4	100
Newport	22	9	3	0	10	83
Oswestry	22	8	7	2	5	78
Wroxeter	22	8	4	0	10	76
Whitchurch	22	4	9	1	8	55
Ludlow	22	5	7	0	10	50
Wellington	22	4	6	0	12	48
St. Georges	22	4	5	0	13	46
Wem	22	5	4	1	12	44

Highs and Lows

Highest Total by Team :	315	Shifnal v. Newport	11 May
Lowest Total by Team :	63	St. Georges v. Shrewsbury	10 August

Batsmen Scoring Centuries (16)

157	D. Jones	Shrewsbury v. Whitchurch	27 July
128	P. Angeloff	St. Georges v. Wem	20 July
114	P. Angeloff	St. Georges v. Whitchurch	6 July
113	S. Ingram	Whitchurch v. St. Georges	6 July
111	M. Griffiths	Perkins v. Wellington	8 June
109	A. Hitchcroft	Shifnal v. Oswestry	3 August
107*	P. Furniss	Newport v. Wem	10 August
107	M. Rogers	Whitchurch v. Perkins	17 August
107	D. Taylor	Wem v. Ludlow	1 June
105	J. Everall	Wroxeter v. Wellington	25 May
104	G. Williams	Perkins v. Ludlow	14 September
103*	C. Male	Shrewsbury v. Wellington	3 August
101*	A. Bird	Newport v. Shrewsbury	27 April
101*	M. Bullock	Shifnal v. Perkins	20 July
100*	R. MacPherson-Lees	Bridgnorth v. Ludlow	10 August
100	M. Griffiths	Perkins v. Shifnal	20 July

Bowlers Taking 7 Wickets or More (11)

C. Black	8-31	Wellington v. Newport	31 August
R. H. Jones	8-46	Whitchurch v. Shifnal	10 August
A. Wiggington	8-57	Perkins v. Wellington	24 August
A. Bird	7-14	Newport v. Shrewsbury	27 April
R. Beech	7-28	Newport v. Wellington	31 August
I. Cleary	7-32	St. Georges v. Perkins	15 June
P. Darlington	7-35	Wem v. Wroxeter	29 June
I. Cleary	7-38	St. Georges v. Wellington	13 July
R. Butler	7-43	Newport v. Bridgnorth	14 September
T. Fern	7-57	Wroxeter v. Whitchurch	18 May
C. Browne	7-59	Shifnal v. Ludlow	7 September

RESERVE DIVISION ONE AVERAGES 1996

BATTING (qualification 10 innings, average over 30.00)

Name	Club	Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Runs	Average
S. BRADFORD	Shifnal	18	3	99	693	46.20
M. GRIFFITHS	Perkins	20	3	111	740	43.52
A. STREET	St. Georges	11	2	93*	371	41.22
R. MOORES	Bridgnorth	10	4	84*	243	40.50
G. THOMPSON	Bridgnorth	15	3	98*	482	40.16
T. BALL	Shrewsbury	16	4	67	480	40.00
J. EVERALL	Wroxeter	14	1	105	519	39.92
C. WHITNEY	Bridgnorth	14	6	66*	315	39.37
M. BULLOCK	Shifnal	10	3	101*	263	37.57
R. GENNER	Shrewsbury	18	2	71	560	35.00
P. ANGELOFF	St. Georges	11	1	128	348	34.80
A. EVANS	Bridgnorth	15	3	78*	410	34.16
M. MacPHERSON-LEES	Bridgnorth	12	3	100*	303	33.66
C. WOODCOCK	Shifnal	10	1	92	289	32.11
S. VELLA	Shrewsbury	17	1	76*	508	31.75
J. HULME	Oswestry	16	2	82	444	31.71
P. TARR	Newport	18	0	76	548	30.44
T. FERN	Wroxeter	16	2	57	425	30.35

BOWLING (qualification 20 wickets, average under 20.00)

Name	Club	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. GREEN	Shrewsbury	67.5	9	257	20	12.85
T. FERN	Wroxeter	240.2	45	695	53	13.11
A. WIGGINGTON	Perkins	433	100	1294	86	15.04
D. WILLIAMS	Shrewsbury	239.5	49	638	41	15.56
C. BROWNE	Shifnal	308	78	731	46	15.89
P. BROOK	Wem	138	39	448	27	16.59
I. CLEARY	St. Georges	243.3	55	677	40	16.92
R. BUTLER	Newport	266.1	65	868	49	17.71
I. ROE	Bridgnorth	221.1	45	576	32	18.00
A. BIRD	Newport	231.4	45	849	47	18.06
J. GOLIGHTLY	Bridgnorth	169.1	41	425	23	18.47
G. ARCHIBALD	Shifnal	217	49	670	35	19.14

SHREWSBURY CHRONICLE KNOCKOUT COMPETITION RULES

1. **Objective**

The objective of the competition is to promote an eleven-a-side evening knock-out competition in Shropshire. The matches will be played according to the M.C.C. Laws of Cricket (1980 Code) modified as under 3 below.
2. **Organisation**

The Shrewsbury Chronicle Knock-Out Competition shall be open to the twelve Furrows Shropshire Premier League Clubs, plus four other clubs invited from within Shropshire.
3. **Rules**

Law 1
 - (a) Each player must be a boni-fide member of the club he represents on the date the competition starts (5th June 1997).
 - (b) A player who is a member of more than one club can play only for one club in the competition.
 - (c) Any team failing to fulfil a fixture at any stage of the competition shall be automatically excluded from the following year's competition and will also be barred from entry in future years. Applications for re-admittance must be made to the League Executive Committee by no later than 1st October in the preceding year.

Law 3
 - (a) Umpires should note that no appeal against the light shall be allowed after the commencement of the second innings unless both captains agree that further play is undesirable.

Law 5
 - (a) A new ball will not be used, but a suitable re-polished or re-varnished ball of sound quality, which is acceptable to both captains, will be used throughout the game.

Law 12
 - (a) Excepting Finals, each side will have one innings consisting of twenty six-ball overs.
 - (b) Provided that both captains agree prior to the commencement of play, the match may be contested over a lesser number of overs in the event of bad weather or a late start.
 - (c) Before the toss for Innings, the umpires shall acquaint themselves with the number of overs agreed upon by the two captains.

Law 16
 - (a) The interval between each innings shall be not more than ten minutes.

Law 21
 - (a) A match is won by the side scoring the higher number of runs in the agreed number of overs. In the event of scores being level, the side losing fewer wickets shall be declared the winner. If this is also equal, the side scoring the greater number of runs in the first ten overs (or at the half way point in their innings if different) shall be the winner. If this is also equal, the match is tied and will be replayed on a ground chosen by the visiting team.

Law 22
 - (a) No bowler may bowl more than five overs out of the allotted twenty. If a match of fewer overs is agreed upon, no bowler may bowl more than one quarter of the total.

Law 25
 - (a) In addition to the normal provisions of this law the umpire shall call and signal "wide ball" if the ball passes more than 18" outside the batsman's pads (to the legside), when he is standing at his normal position at the crease.

Restriction on placement of fielders

At the instant of delivery, a minimum of four fielders (plus bowler and wicket-keeper) must be within an area bounded by two semi-circles, centred on each middle stump, each with a radius of 30 yards and joined by a parallel line on each side of the pitch. In the event of an infringement the square-leg umpire shall call 'no-ball'.
The fielding circles may be marked by white painted dots at five yard intervals or if possible by white plastic or rubber (not metal) discs measuring approximately seven inches in diameter.

4. **Fixtures**
 - (a) The Shrewsbury Chronicle Knock-out Competition rules shall be forwarded to all participants prior to the start of the season and for the benefit of Furrows Shropshire Premier Cricket League Clubs the full draw and dates on which ties are to be played will be published in the League Handbook.
 - (b) The draw will be pre-drawn to the semi-final stage. The ties shall be played on the ground chosen by the side drawn as the home side.
 - (c) Each round of the competition will be played on a conference date specified by the Knock-out Sub-Committee and printed in the League Handbook. However, in the event of both teams agreeing, the match may be played on an earlier date than that which is laid down in the Rules providing the Knock-out Competition Sub-Committee is notified at least forty-eight hours prior to any such rearranged match.
 - (d) In the event of inclement weather not allowing the match to be completed on the conference date, a revised date (within fourteen days of the original) must be agreed by both clubs immediately and communicated within 24 hours to a member of the Knockout Sub-Committee by the home club. Failure to agree on a new date will result in the Knock-out Sub-Committee defining a date on which the match shall take place.
 - (e) No match shall be played after the conference date – other than one rearranged under Rule 4(d). If it is found that clubs do arrange a match after the conference date, both clubs will be expelled from the competition.
 - (f) If either club is unable to play on the conference date and are not able to agree an earlier date they shall forfeit the match.
 - (g) Matches shall normally commence not later than 6.15 p.m. on the day arranged. The umpires shall call play not later than 6.45 p.m. and any side refusing to play shall lose the match.
 - (h) Prompt starts are essential and the toss for innings shall take place at least fifteen minutes before the scheduled starting time of 6.15 p.m. In the event of a team not being available to comply, the opposing team may, if it so wishes, exercise the right to claim the toss.
 - (i) The winning clubs – in each round of both competitions – shall notify the Knock-out Organising Sub-Committee of the result within 48 hours of the fixture taking place.
 - (j) After each round of both competitions, the home side are responsible for notifying their opponents and the Knock-out Organising Sub-Committee as soon as possible, in regard to whom they must play in the following stage.
5. **Finals**
 - (a) The final of the competition shall be played on an afternoon basis on dates to be ratified by the Knock-out Sub-Committee.
 - (b) A neutral ground selected by the Knock-out Sub-Committee shall be used. In the event of no ground being available the two sides will toss a coin to decide on a venue of the winner's choosing.
 - (c) The finals shall be played over two innings each side of twenty overs per innings which shall be taken alternately. No bowler may bowl more than five overs in each innings.
 - (d) In the event of the scores being equal at the end of the match the side losing fewer wickets shall be declared the winner. If this is also equal, the side scoring the greater number of runs in the first twenty overs of their innings shall be the winner. If this is also equal, the final shall be replayed.
 - (e) The Organising Committee will provide two new balls for the final.
 - (f) The members of teams competing in the final will be presented with small trophies as mementoes of the occasion.
6. **Umpires**

All Shrewsbury Chronicle Knock-out ties shall be taken charge of by umpires appointed by the Shropshire Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers.

SHREWSBURY CHRONICLE KNOCKOUT COMPETITION 1997

1st Round - To be played on Thursday, 5th June (6.15 p.m.)
2nd Round - To be played on Thursday 26th June (6.15 p.m.)

A Wem v. Iscoyd & Fenns Bank	
B Market Drayton v. Perkins	
C Whitchurch v. Oswestry	A v. B
D Whittington v. Shrewsbury	C v. D
E Bridgnorth v. Bromfield	E v. F
F Ludlow v. Wroxeter & Uppington	G v. H
G Wellington v. Shifnal	
H Newport v. St. Georges	

Semi Finals (To be drawn): Thursday, 17th July (6.15 p.m.)

Final at Shrewsbury C.C. on Sunday 14th September at 11.30 a.m. start
To be played on the basis of two innings per side, each of 20 overs per side.

Competition Organiser: Clive Smith Tel: 01743 355383



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1996 'SHREWSBURY CHRONICLE CUP' LEAGUE KNOCKOUT FINAL

Sunday, September 15th at Wellington. Shrewsbury won by 5 runs.

First Innings

Shrewsbury	128-4	(M. Lascelles 61, J. Foster 46 n.o., A. Hyde 2-22)
St. Georges	103	(R. Williams 32, L. Brazier 24 D. Lewis 3-20, B. Champkin 3-21, P. Trimby 3-31)

Second Innings

Shrewsbury	99-7	(Chris Male 46 n.o., W. O. Davies 22, T. Owen 2-15, A. Reeve 2-21, A. Johnson 2-34)
St. Georges	119-7	(M. Kelton 47, A. Johnson 26, A. Barnard 3-21)

Man of the Match: Chris Male (Shrewsbury)

Losing semi-finalists: Ludlow & Shifnal

PREVIOUS YEARS' FINALISTS LEAGUE KNOCKOUT

	Winners	Runners up
1970	Rolls Royce	Newport
1971	Newport/Fenns Bank (TIE)	
1972	St. Georges	Bridgnorth
1973	Newport	St. Georges
1974	Rolls Royce	Wellington
1975	Shrewsbury	Shifnal
1976	St. Georges	Shrewsbury
1977	Shrewsbury	Ludlow
1978	Shrewsbury	Newport
1979	Shrewsbury	Whitchurch
1980	Wroxeter	St. Georges
1981	Shrewsbury	Wroxeter
1982	Shrewsbury	Wroxeter
1983	Shrewsbury	Whitchurch
1984	Shrewsbury	Newport
1985	Wroxeter	Newport
1986	Wroxeter	Shrewsbury
1987	Wellington	Whitchurch
1988	Shrewsbury	Newport
1989	Newport	Oswestry
1990	Newport	Oswestry
1991	Wem	Wellington
1992	Wellington	Shrewsbury
1993	Shrewsbury	Whitchurch
1994	Perkins	Wellington
1995	Wellington	Bridgnorth
1996	Shrewsbury	St. Georges

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Ground		01746 764919
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Second XI Captain	S. NICHOLSON	01691 670775
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Ground		01952 462033
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Second XI Captain	J. PEEL	01948 667090
Ground		01948 663923
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Secretary	D. BREARLEY	01743 352960
Treasurer	D. BLOFIELD	01743 357820
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1996 LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

**LEAGUE CRICKET CONFERENCE
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY KNOCKOUT COMPETITION**

1st Round. Sunday, 9th June at Shrewsbury. Won by 10 wickets.
North Somerset League 93 (Ed Middleton 3-23, D. Shimmons 3-28)
Furrows Shropshire Cricket League 96 for no wicket.
(M. Downes 53 n.o., C. Martin 30 n.o.)

2nd Round. Sunday, 30th June, at Moseley. Won by 3 wickets.
Birmingham League 233-9 (J. Anders 3-48, Ed Middleton 3-49)
Furrows Shropshire Cricket League 236-7 (C. Martin 91, K. Humphreys 48 n.o.)

3rd Round. Sunday, 21st July at Shrewsbury. Lost by 43 runs.
Bristol & District League 182 (A. Byram 5-29, A. Johnson 2-20, M. Tooze 2-31)
Furrows Shropshire Cricket League 139 (K. Humphreys 35, A. Johnson 25
C. Martin 23)

**MIDLANDS CLUB CRICKET CONFERENCE
INTER LEAGUE KNOCKOUT COMPETITION**

1st Round. Wednesday, 5th June, at Shifnal. Lost by 7 wickets.
Furrows Shropshire Cricket League 146 (C. Martin 43, W. O. Davies 27,
T. Parton 27)
Northants County League 148-3 (G. Byram 1-17)



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