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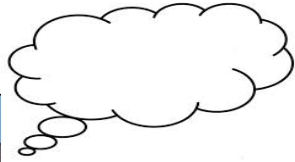


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Shazzy's Thoughts



The 2016 season is now upon us. As you will be aware this season will be one of the toughest for the club. We are back playing in the top flight of the WDCU after a 14

year absence.

Winter training and recruitment has gone very well, signing two excellent batsmen and generally good fits for the team. Firstly, we have Fraser MacDonald, the former club captain returning to the club after short and very successful spell at our visitors this week, Kelburne CC. Faisal Jawad, a hard hitting top order bat joins us from Kilmarnock. I would also like to welcome back Christo-

pher Millar, returning to cricket after a few season out. I wish all these guys ever success in the coming season and I am confident they will produce the goods on the field and add to the positive environment we have created around the club.

This season we are aiming to win one of the knockout cup competitions and a top 5 finish in the league. It is very important that we get off to a flier. We start off this week with a visit from Kelburne, last season's league runners up. Our young guns are looking to cause an upset right from the off. We are at full strength this week and excited for the challenge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the guys who do so much work behind the scenes. Well done guys, we are definitely going in the right direction. To all the sponsors - thank you for all you do, as without you we simply wouldn't be able to support cricket in the community.

2016 Here we go!!!!



Returning opening batsman, F. MacDonald.



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Prestwick 1st XI

Western Union Premier Division 2016

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Drumpellier	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dumfries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Kilbride	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ferguslie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelburne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prestwick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stenhousemuir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uddingston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Upcoming Fixtures

May		
Sun 1st	St Michaels	Away
Sat 7th	East Kilbride	Away
Wed 11th	Kilmarnock	Away
Thu 12th	Irvine	Away
Sat 14th	Dumfries	Home
Sun 15th	Carlton	Home
Wed 18th	Ayr	Away
Sat 21st	Drumpellier	Away
Wed 25th	Irvine	Home

Recent Results

23/04/2016
Prestwick v Poloc
 Prestwick 193 for 5 off 40 overs
 Poloc 194 for 4 off 39.4 overs
Poloc win by 6 wickets.
24/04/2016
Prestwick v Hillhead
 Prestwick 148 all out
 Hillhead 98 all out
Prestwick win by 50 runs.

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Junior Section Update

Junior Honours

Under 18's
 Frank Smith Winners
 2007 & 2009
 WDJCU League Winners
 2007,2008,2009

Under 15's
 WDJCU League Winners
 2005 & 2008

Under 13's
 WDJCU League Winners
 2003

Under 11's
 WDJCU League Winners
 2007 & 2012

Junior Achievements

5 Former Prestwick CC
 members selected at Full
 International Level

15 Prestwick CC Junior
 have been selected at
 Junior International level

Our winter training was not attended as well as I had hoped for, so it is hard to say exactly where we are as we move into the outdoor season. Things did not get any better when almost all of our Easter programme was washed out with wet weather. On a positive note Prestwick have appointed a Junior Club Development Officer in Tom Fleet. He has had a positive effect already with his enthusiasm in the schools coaching.

We had our first Wednesday training session as the sun shone. We started with 29 juniors attending which is brilliant for night one. We also look forward to seeing what overseas star Mustafa Trunkwalla will bring to our juniors when he arrives this week. On a competitive note we are entering an under 11's, under 15's and under 16's on our own and an under 13's, under 14's and under 18s with Kilmarnock, in a joint venture. Our goal is to get back to putting teams out on own again and we are making extra efforts to improve our numbers.

I am looking forward to watching our juniors' progress and keep improving. I am hoping that we see a lot of personal bests and some good team wins. I think our u13 and u15 sides are the ones to watch and should be looking to challenge for silverware. Our u18s will be very young outfit but it will be a good challenge for them.

We are running a sponsored walk, followed by a single wicket competition on Sunday 29th May. Everything is in place, all we



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St Ninians XI

After the hugely successful 2015 season, where the St Ninians XI went undefeated in the league, 2016 will see a much sterner test for skipper Kevin Lawler and his troops.

Going into the season the team looks just as strong as last year, but with the step up in class the team will need regular, high contributions from their skipper, Jake Stafford, Carlyle, Kennedy and Old Father Time, Phil Stafford. With good availability in the first XI then the St Ninians should be complemented with a few first XI wannabe's on a fairly regular basis to bolster the quality of their XI.

On a bowling front there should be a familiarity about it, with the majority of overs coming James McCreath, Alan Thayne, Phil, Sean McGinness and returning favourite – Chris Millar.

We also have a number of junior players that will be chapping at the captain's door, looking to dislodge some of the senior players. In the likes of Sam Cole, Euan McBeth, Callan Turner and Fletcher Rao, we look forward to seeing them develop over the season.

2016 will be an exciting season, and with good availability, then there should be no reason the St Ninians XI shouldn't find themselves near to the league summit come the end of August.

Results

23.04.2016

St Ninians v Shawholm

Shawholm 193 all out

St Ninians 89 all out

Shawholm win by 104 runs.

Fixtures

April

Sat 30th Whitehaugh Away

May

Tue 3rd Cambusdoon Home

Sat 7th T. House Home

Tue 10th G. Accies Away

Sat 14th Nunholm Away

Tue 17th Partick Away

Sat 21st Langloan Home

Tue 24th Poloc Home

Sat 28th Meikleriggs Away

Tue 31st Albert Park Home



2015 Review



The 2015 season was a historic one for our First XI. We gained promotion to the highest level of cricket available in Scotland, the first time we have done this for a long, LONG time. We finished the season in second place, but only lost 2 matches, and ended up with the highest Net Run Rate in the division.



Promotion celebrations get underway

The season itself found ourselves, Stenhousemuir, Poloc, and to a lesser extent Stirling County, locked in a battle for promotion. Against the noted 3 opposition our record was, P4 W3 L1. The solitary defeat was to Stenhousemuir, early in the season. The only other defeat during the season was at the hands of St. Michael's, in what can only be described as a "freak" performance.

Doing the double over Stirling was huge, with the first game of the season at their place seeing us squeeze home by a relatively narrow margin. Finger nails were also whittled down during the away game against Greenock, where it took a last over heist from last year's professional Tim Spence to see us home in rather soggy conditions.

The away victory against Poloc was what turned out to be our "cup final", with it being very apparent that the winner of this game would be joining Stenhousemuir in the Premier Division. After falling to 177 all out on a decent wicket (credit to Abhishek Rajadhyaksha for top scoring with a fluent 56, and to Ross Patterson on 44 of the most important runs of his career), the bowlers needed to really perform against a highly-motivated Poloc side. Prestwick stalwart Gav Pitt ended up deciding the contest, coming on for a rare second spell to take the prized wicket of the fluent looking Poloc skipper Craig Young. Special mention goes to Craig Morrison who took the fantastic catch to dismiss Young in damp, dark conditions.

Gav and Mitchell were absolutely crucial to our promotion bid, and it was fitting that the two shared the end of season player of the year awards. Skipper Shaz led from the front, being our highest scoring amateur batsman. Shaz scored a maiden first XI century away at Kilmarnock on a hot July day. A seriously powerful innings punctuated by the humongous checked drive which flew over the fencing at Kirkstyle. Young Mikey Miller also deserves credit for his batting during the season, scoring some crucial runs against good attacks. Mikey's standout innings was undoubtedly against Premier League Uddingston, where his 51* guided us to a Rowan Cup semi-final. Future Saltire Mitchell also stood out that day for what was arguably shot of the season as he drilled the 3rd last ball of the match for 6 to secure the victory.

All in all a very successful season which every member of the club should be proud of. Everyone played a part along the way and we are now perfectly geared up for the challenges that await us in the Premier Division.



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