

Selectors' Notes - 1 December 2017

To all our players, many thanks for your commitment to this season's pennants. This is the second issue of "Selectors Notes" and hopefully provides you with an update on our thinking and challenges ahead.

As all selectors know we are entering the period when many players head off for Christmas and New Year holidays. Hopefully we will be able to cover the expected vacancies, however, we will do whatever is required to provide full competitive teams.

As you may have noticed some players have moved around the divisions. What we want to stress is that all players are equally important to this club whichever position or division you play in. As you know I have already played in a number of sides and I have been impressed with the commitment shown by so called "lesser players" committing their heart and soul to club results. Thank you from the club. You know who you are.

We'd also like to thank the twilight players, ie our emergencies and reserves. Although we'd like you to commit to a regular game we appreciate that cannot always be the case. Thank you to all those who have helped the club out when we've been short (which is often). I probably owe a few favours to people but I'm sure I'll be asking a few more!

It's also worth noting that our club's age profile is not getting younger. That can be seen in some of our players requiring body maintenance and health issues being addressed. That results in increased changes to teams and sides so please bear with us.

We offer our condolences to Alan and Maureen Davison at this time and hope that we may see them back at the club with their mates and playing the game they both love.

Often, we cannot place players back into the team they originally played with once they have been away from that team. That may be a result of replacements playing well, team balance issues (not necessarily in the team you've been previously with) or sometimes we make mistakes. If you think we have made a mistake, please talk to any of the selection team and we'll explain why or look to address the issue.

On a specific issue you have more than likely seen that in terms of results we have struggled on Thursdays. We have been trying to address that issue but as you can imagine it sometimes takes a while for changes to impact.

On a technical note Ivor Davies asked that we remind players, and in particular skippers, about keeping an eye on the aggregate rather than be solely focused on your particular team. Just to remind everyone it is the Skipper and the 3rd's responsibility to be watching the aggregate. However, that doesn't preclude any player from watching the aggregate and mentioning it to your team or the other teams when things tighten up at the end of the match.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and great New Year and that you all have a wonderful break whatever you are doing.

Alan Pitman and the Selection Team of Kent Warburton, John McIntosh and Peter Jeanes