HAVERHILL AT WORK

Sports & Social Clubs

Cricket was a popular summer team game. Many firms had teams.

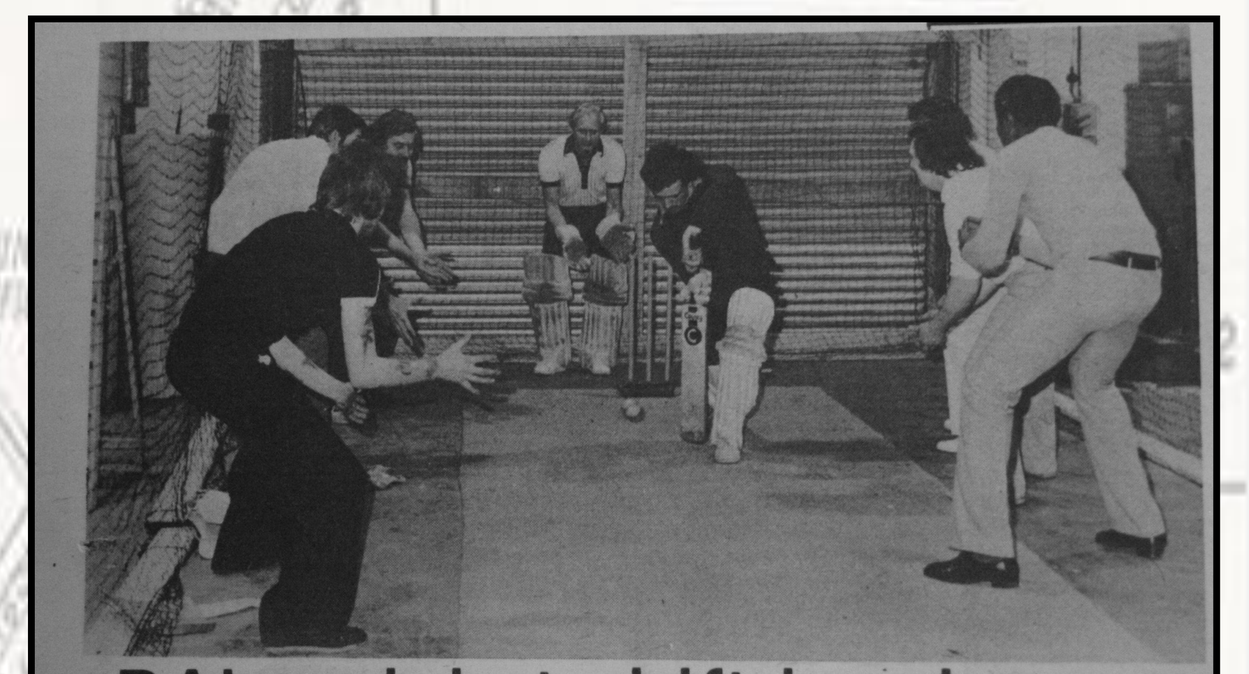


Delta RA cricket team





Delta RA: *"A cricket team was formed at Delta RA and that was the social side I enjoyed. RA was the only company in Haverhill that had their own practice nets on company premises. After work we would come back and practice in the nets. We started in the lower divisions and in 1982 we won the 2nd Division of the local league."*



RA's cricket shift is winner

THE shop floor at a Haverhill factory is one workplace which men have no objection returning to for an evening shift. That is on Thursday nights when everything is pushed aside and out come the cricket nets.

Delta RA of Hollands Road, are sounding out warnings to rivals in the Haverhill and District Cricket League. They hope their exclusive net practice will pay off with loads of runs and wickets on the pitch in the coming Summer.

The factory cricketers have bought 22 yards of high netting and a coconut batting mat from Haverhill Rope Company for £250. This only takes up a fraction of the 200—yard long shop floor.

Now the budding Geoff Boycotts and Denis Lillees can let rip to their hearts content getting in that vital winter practice.

Managing director Michael Brown said already there had been increased interest in the cricket club. "The company was good enough to let us use the factory floor so long as we took care nothing was damaged.

"The nets are ideal. We have nothing against facilities at the Sports Centre but we have found they are very heavily subscribed."

Foremen, shop stewards, management are all on level pegging when it comes to the bat and ball game on the shop floor and cries of "out" are not taken as a sign to down tools!

Pictured above is an example of Factory-floor cricket at Delta RA as Fernando Freitas plays to a close field in the new nets.



A delighted HMP team after receiving the Delta RA Cup and shield as Division Two winners, with Miss Echo, Michelle Lucas. The members of the winning HMP side were: Simon Bishop, Phil Suffling, Clarence Hulyer, Steve Potter, Pete Skulskyj, Steve Coleman, Graham Salmonese (capt), Andy Brown, Ross Nickerson, Trevor Hyett, Ken Styles. Skulskyj was chosen as man of the match by league president Ernie May.



The HMP team, who have carried all before them in Division Two of the Haverhill Midweek Cricket League this season, with Simon Bishop averaging close on 90 after an incredible run of high scores. At the back, from left to right, are K. Syles, T. Hyatt, S. Potter, A. Brown, P. Skuskyj, R. Nickerson. In front are P. Suffling, S. Coltman, G. Salmonese, S. Bishop, C. Blackwell.



Delta RA: *"I've still got my cricket jumper!"*

HMP HEROES SNATCH CUP

1983: Delta RA Cup goes to HMP after a close match.

SCOREBOARD

Linton	
M. Goodman c Potter b Skulskyj	21
J. Rix run out	63
B. Gelder b Skulskyj	0
D. Bywater b Potter	6
M. Morris c and b Hulyer	6
J. Richardson b Skulskyj	4
H. Collier b Salmonese	19
D. Morris not out	1
M. Goody b Suffling	0
Extras	3
Total (for 8 wkts)	123

Bowling: G. Salmonese 1-15; S. Potter 1-12; P. Skulskyj 3-23; C. Hulyer 1-24; P. Suffling 1-28.

HMP	
S. Bishop b B. Gelder	16
P. Suffling lbw b M. Morris	2
S. Potter b B. Gelder	6
S. Coleman b Goody	14
P. Skulskyj c Bywater b Goody	36
C. Hulyer b Goody	1
G. Salmonese c Goodman b hM. Morris	11
R. Nickerson b Morris	0
T. Hyatt not out	9
A. Brown not out	5
Extras	27
Total (for 8 wkts)	127

Bowling: M. Morris 3-20; B. Gelder 2-9; M. Goody 3-29.



Mansol

Mansol are well clear at the top of the Haverhill Cricket League (Section 'A'), and will now take some beating.

Their team, from left to right, is: back, Peter Sturma[illegible], Malcolm Nunn, Dave Driver, Paul Bruty, Frank Smith, and John Disley, front, Vic Robinson, Martin Robinson, Ken Corbett (captain), Frank O'Farrell, Eric Berlyn.



Staff from Mansol still enjoy a game!



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