

MESSAGE TO PLAYERS & MEMBERS OF PLYMPTON CRICKET CLUB

November 2017

Following on from our recent AGM, the new Committee would like to keep all Players and Members updated with Club news and of our strategic thinking and direction as we head towards 2018.

For those who do not yet know, there are several new faces involved in the Playing side of the Club for the 2018 Season :-

1sts Captain – Craig Donohue ; Vice-Captain – Alex Carr
2nds Captain – Jason Degg ; Vice Captain – Sam Agnew
3rds Captain – Sean Mortimer ; Vice Captain – Paul Hamilton
Sunday League Captain – Neal Maynard ; Vice Captain – Tom Shears
Chairman of Selectors – Lee Mundell (subject to confirmation)

The Committee will shortly be considering and hopefully confirming 2018's Overseas Player and the Captains will be forwarding full details of Winter Indoor Training arrangements. Should any Player have any requests regarding how Indoor Nets run, please do not hesitate to contact either Craig or Jason with your ideas.

As we head towards 2018, the Committee wanted to confirm, to all Players and Members, the Club's Strategy going forward. Having a strategic direction is important in any organisation, where that organisation is a sports club, such as ours, our strategy must include looking forward towards a sustainable future whilst providing all current players with an enjoyable playing environment in which they can have fun, compete and enjoy their time with Plympton CC.

As such, the Committee would like to make clear the following basic tenants within our strategy:-

- We will always look to win games by playing the best players in their best roles
- We will, irrespective of age, always look to field our best three teams from available players, every Saturday. (The Sunday League Team is very much focussed on introducing younger players to Adult cricket, whilst it does have a 'competitive edge', the focus is on inclusion.)
- Being a Captain or Vice-Captain of a team does not guarantee a place in any team. Players will be chosen on merit – no player will be guaranteed a place in a specific team and no player will be forgotten

- We will actively manage our up and coming younger talent. There will be a managed Colt progression strategy but never will we place 10 “young players” with any of our captains in any of our teams. The only squad that may be more flexible than others in this regard will be the Sunday League team which is seen as the development team.
- As a Club we are actively looking to develop leadership talent. In 2018 some younger players will be given the opportunity to learn how to captain an adult team but never will a young player be expected to lead a team onto the playing field. It must be stressed that where an U18 is a Vice Captain it is a permanent role, ie if the Captain is not available for a game an older player will take the role of Captain for that game.

It is the Committees intention to provide all players with enjoyment and opportunity. If this can be achieved in an environment that leads to success on and off the field then the winner will be Plympton Cricket Club!

Thank you for taking the time to read this message and we look forward to all working together during the 2018 season.

Should you have any concerns that you wish to discuss, please contact either the Club Chairman, Keith Alexander or the Vice-Chairman, Jon Goulder – either or both will be available to answer any questions.

Regards

Keith Alexander, Chairman