

ANNUAL REPORT – 2008 SEASON

Introduction

Wednesday 23rd April 2008 was a momentous day for Worcestershire CCC as it marked the return of 1st XI cricket to New Road after a gap of 306 days following the summer floods of 2007. The massive recovery effort was testament to the great spirit that exists within the Club and the huge support it receives from members, supporters and partners from around the world. New Road is rightly regarded as one of the grounds most cricket followers wish to visit and despite climatic matters outside its control, the resolve to make sure this ground is retained for future generations to enjoy is undiminished.

For many, 2008 will represent the end of an era. After 25 seasons with the Club, Graeme Hick announced his retirement from County Cricket. Much has been written by many people about his glorious career with Worcestershire and England and the statistical milestones he achieved are too numerous to detail here except for one. Graeme played more senior competitive matches than any other player in the history of the game – 1,214 to be exact. His was a truly remarkable career and the Club wishes to place on record its thanks and appreciation for all he has achieved by naming the new Pavilion, The Graeme Hick Pavilion.

On the field the main objective was to secure promotion to Division One of the LV County Championship and remain in Division One of the NatWest Pro40 League. These targets were met and 2009 will see the Club as one of just seven Counties in the top division of both League competitions which is a highly satisfactory position. We continue to punch above our weight.

International Recognition

Moeen Ali and Steven Davies were both selected for the England Performance Squad at Loughborough and a tour to India pre-Xmas 2007. Steven Davies and Kabir Ali were both selected for the England Lions tour to India in February 2008 but both had to withdraw because of injury.

Academy Players Matt Pardoe and Neil Pinner were selected for the England Elite Player Development U17's training camp at Loughborough in May.

Moeen Ali, Mehraj Ahmed and Richard Jones were invited to a camp at the National Centre of Excellence made up of the most promising 62 young and emerging players in County Cricket in late June.

Jack Manuel was selected for England U17 in July to play in two matches against New Zealand U19's. In the warm up game he scored 107 and was placed on standby for the 1st U19 Test Match a week later.

Kabir Ali played for the England Lions in a one day match against South Africa in August.

The LV County Championship – Division Two

The campaign to gain an immediate return to the First Division of the LV County Championship was really one of two halves. A mixture of weather and inconsistent form during the first half of the campaign resulted in just two wins from the first eight matches.

The campaign opened at Edgbaston and Warwickshire only had 3 wickets left in the final session of the match when the weather prevented any further play. The team were in total command at Leicester but 151 out of 384 overs were lost over the 4 days. Most of day one against Northants was lost and only a match saving innings from Nick Boje saved them from defeat.

In the next game, weather and a stubborn display with the bat after being asked to follow on against Gloucestershire saved the day but this was quickly followed by a three day 75 run win in a relatively low scoring game at New Road over Essex.

A very poor batting performance to lose by an innings and 95 runs at Chesterfield against Derbyshire was the low point of the championship season but this was quickly followed by a win in three days against Leicestershire and a draw against Northants.

At the half way stage, Simon Jones topped the first class bowling averages with Kabir in 6th place but the batting had yet to really fire. This soon changed over the next five games.

Promotion was really won with a run of four wins in the five games at the start of the second half of the season with convincing 10 wicket wins over Glamorgan and Middlesex highlighted by three century partnerships in four innings for Moore and Mitchell. Gloucestershire were beaten by an innings and 142 runs at Cheltenham and a draw against Derbyshire was followed by a 6 wicket win over Essex after a fourth day run chase at Colchester.

With three games to go, the team were in pole position to gain promotion before two days of the home game against Warwickshire were lost to the weather and not a single ball was bowled against Glamorgan at the new SWALEC Stadium in Cardiff.

Because of the floods, the last game had to be played at Kidderminster with the team needing a minimum of eight points to secure promotion. Only five points were secured during a poor three day defeat but local rivals, Warwickshire, ensured promotion for themselves as well as Worcestershire by defeating Essex in four days and thus depriving Essex of the points needed to overhaul Worcestershire.

The Friends Provident Trophy

The Friends Provident Trophy was revamped into four groups of five teams with the top two in each group going through to the quarter finals. This revised format kept the group stages alive until the final round of games.

The competition started badly for the County with a heavy 6 wicket loss at Bristol and didn't get much better when rain saved the day in the next game against Somerset Sabres after a poor batting display. The team then chased down a difficult total of 185

to win by 6 wickets in a 28 over game against Glamorgan Dragons and this was followed by an emphatic 9 wicket drubbing of Hampshire Hawks including a career best 5-32 from Simon Jones.

The next two games proved to be critical. Having put Somerset Sabres in at Taunton and reducing them to 32-3, they recovered to score 278 before bowling the Royals out for 194 despite a career best 92 from Daryl Mitchell.

The key game was played at the Rose Bowl against Hampshire Hawks on TV and resulted in a disappointing loss. From a poor start at 66-6, Gareth Batty led a revival which allowed the team to reach 201-8 off 50 overs. In turn the Hawks collapsed to 65-6 before a 7th wicket unbeaten stand of 137 between Brown and Mascarenhas saw them to victory with 13 balls to spare.

An emphatic 7 wicket victory at Swansea over the Dragons in a rain affected match meant that the final game against the Gladiators had to be won. Unfortunately the weather won the day again. Not a ball could be bowled at New Road which meant a final position of third in the group whilst the Gladiators and Sabres went through to the quarter finals.

The Twenty20 Cup

There was great expectation in advance of the Twenty20 Cup following the news about the creation of the Champions League for the domestic champions from England, India, Australia and South Africa. It also proved to be the first experience of playing Twenty20 cricket for Simon Jones.

The campaign started on a high with an emphatic 9 wicket win over Gloucestershire Gladiators at New Road but 5 losses in a row thereafter meant there was no chance of qualification for the quarter finals as the competition went into the final week. Two wins over the Steelbacks and the Sabres before a final defeat to the Dragons, leaving the team second to bottom of the group, did not disguise the fact that the team has yet to master this form of the game.

The NatWest Pro40 League

As defending champions, the campaign got off to a bad start with a poor batting performance in the day/night game against Nottinghamshire Outlaws. Batting first under lights saw the team only score a total of 185 runs which resulted in a 6 wicket defeat. This was followed by a rained off game at Horsham against Sussex with just 3 balls left to reach the 10 over cut off point with the team in a dominant position. A 105 run win against Lancashire Lightning at Old Trafford revived the County's fortunes but a disappointing 8 wicket defeat against Durham meant the team were in a battle to avoid relegation.

Chasing 299 to win, Daryl Mitchell's boundary off the last ball of the match at Taunton secured a thrilling tie in front of the TV cameras against Somerset Sabres and just two days later the Gladiators failed to match the Royals' imposing target of 316 by just 21 runs.

An abandoned match at the Rose Bowl meant a win in the final match against Middlesex Crusaders at Kidderminster was required to guarantee Division One survival. Defeat resulted in a final position of 7th in the table and a trip to Cardiff for the play-off.

The play off at the SWALEC Stadium turned out to be a very one sided affair on a used wicket. After winning the toss, the Royals romped to a very professional 103 run victory having posted 186-6 in the first innings. Fine fifties from Solanki and Moeen Ali really sealed the victory before Fernando, Harris and Batty ripped through the opponents for just 83 runs.

The Tourist Matches

Fresh from their series defeat to England in the Test Matches, New Zealand arrived with their one day squad for a warm up game before the start of the NatWest Series in which they eventually triumphed 3-1. Having won the toss, the visitors blasted their way to an impressive 358-8 – the second highest one day score ever at New Road – on the back of an 83 ball century from the world class Brendan McCullum. Worcestershire's reply got off to a good start with an opening stand of 98 between Solanki (80) and Davies (48) but the unfortunate run out of Davies led to a mini collapse. A late order charge saw the total reach 263 and a 95 run defeat in front of a good sized crowd.

The three day match between South Africa and Bangladesh 'A' was played in glorious weather and provided good practice for South Africa who dominated the match throughout. They posted 429-3dec before bowling Bangladesh 'A' out for 121. South Africa chose to bat again and posted 328-4dec before Bangladesh batted out the game scoring 97-2 in a meandering draw.

The four day U19 Test Match between England and New Zealand in early August resulted in an exciting draw. England finished the match 27 runs short of victory with 3 wickets remaining and secured a 1-0 series victory following an innings victory in the first Test Match in Taunton.

Individual Performances in 2008

Graeme Hick

On 18th April at Edgbaston, Graeme Hick scored his 135th first class century and 104th for Worcestershire. During that innings he passed 40,500 first class runs. During the same game, Graeme's 4th catch in the match moved him up to 23rd on the all time list of catchers in all forms of cricket (including wicket keepers).

On 18th May at Taunton, Graeme Hick became the 14th highest catcher and the leading non-wicketkeeper in the history of List A cricket.

On 19th June at New Road against Somerset Sabres, Graeme Hick passed Graham Gooch's world record number of appearances in senior cricket. Gooch retired having played 1,195 matches and Graeme eventually played a total of 1,214 senior competitive matches in his career.

On 30th July at Cheltenham during the first innings of the LVCC match against Gloucestershire, Graeme Hick took his 1000th catch in all cricket.

On 6th August at New Road, Graeme Hick scored his 178th century in all forms of cricket (his 136th first class century and 50th first class century at New Road for the County).

Graeme passed 22,000 career List A runs against Durham Dynamos on Sunday 24th August at New Road. Only Graham Gooch has scored more.

Vikram Solanki

On 31st July at Cheltenham, Vikram Solanki scored a hundred before lunch off 88 balls. The last Worcestershire player to do this was Lou Vincent in 2006.

On 6th August at New Road, Vikram Solanki became the first player in the country to reach 1000 Championship runs.

Stephen Moore

Stephen Moore became the first player in the country to reach 1000 first class runs in the season at Cheltenham on 31st July and finished the season as the highest run scorer in first class cricket with 1,451 runs.

Kabir Ali

Kabir Ali became the first player in the country to reach 50 first class wickets in the season at Cheltenham on 30th July.

He passed 400 first class wickets for the County at Colchester in August.

Steve Davies

Steve Davies was the leading wicketkeeper in First Class cricket in 2008 with 72 dismissals.

PCA Awards 2008

At the annual PCA Awards Dinner in September, Graeme Hick received a Special Merit Award and Steven Davies won the NatWest Pro40 MVP Award.

County Records

First Class

Vikram Solanki and Stephen Moore broke the all time County 2nd wicket record of 300 (Weston and Hick against India at New Road in 1996) at Cheltenham on 31st July against Gloucestershire. The following day the partnership reached 316 before Moore was out for 129. Solanki went on to score 270.

List A

On 30th August at New Road against Gloucestershire Gladiators in the NatWest Pro40 League, the Royals broke the County record for the highest ever 40 over score in their history when finishing on 316-5 after the full 40 overs. The previous highest score was 307-4 against Derbyshire in 1975.

In the same match, the Club's highest ever aggregate 40 over score of 611 runs was achieved beating the record set just two days earlier of 596 against Somerset Sabres at Taunton.

Vikram Solanki and Steve Davies combined to score two 150+ partnerships in successive List A games – against Somerset Sabres on 28th August and Gloucestershire Gladiators on 30th August – for the first time in the Club's history. It was their third List A partnership of 150+ during the season, equalling the record set by Tim Curtis and Tom Moody in 1991.

Twenty20 Cup

Daryl Mitchell took 4-11 in 3 overs against Gloucestershire Gladiators at Bristol on 25th June thus creating a County best in the competition.

2nd XI

It is believed that Aneesh Kapil became the youngest player ever to play for the 2nd XI on 14th July 2008 aged 14 years and 345 days. Steve Davies was the previous youngest on record at the age of 15 years and 8 days on 25th June 2001.

Career Bests during 2008

Significant career best figures were achieved by Worcestershire Players during the year as follows:

First Class

Moen Ali scored a career best 92 against Loughborough UCCE at Kidderminster on Wednesday 7th May.

Steve Davies equalled his career best 6 catches in an innings against Northants at Northampton on Thursday 1st May.

Imran Arif took 5-50 in the first innings of the LVCC match against Glamorgan at New Road on 19th July on his first class debut.

Vikram Solanki scored a career best 270 in just 253 balls on Friday 1st August during the LVCC match against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham.

Chris Whelan took a career best 4-66 against Warwickshire in the first innings of the LVCC match at New Road on Wednesday 3rd September.

Chris Whelan scored a career best 58 against his former county, Middlesex, in the first innings of the LVCC match at Kidderminster on Wednesday 17th September.

Gareth Andrew took a career best 5-58 against Middlesex in the first innings of the LVCC match at Kidderminster on Thursday 18th September.

List A

Simon Jones took a career best 5-32 in 10 overs against Hampshire Hawks on Sunday 11th May in an FPT Group Match.

Daryl Mitchell scored a career best 92 against Somerset Sabres on Sunday 18th May in an FPT Group Match.

Steven Davies secured his maiden List A century when scoring 103* in 83 balls against Lancashire Lightning on Sunday 10th August at Old Trafford. He followed this up with a career best List A score of 119 off 87 balls against Gloucestershire Gladiators at New Road on Saturday 30th August.

Gareth Batty took a career best 4-17 off five overs in the NatWest Pro40 play off victory against Glamorgan Dragons on Sunday 21st September in Cardiff.

Colours

Gareth Andrew (447), Steve Magoffin (448), Simon Jones (449) and Chris Whelan (450) were all awarded their colours when making their Championship debut for the County against Warwickshire at Edgbaston in April. Imran Arif gained his colours (451) against Glamorgan in his first class debut at New Road in July. Andrew Harris (on loan from Nottinghamshire) received his colours (452) against Warwickshire in September. Dilhara Fernando arrived late in the season as a replacement overseas player and was awarded his colours (453) on 17th September against Middlesex at Kidderminster. A full list of all the 453 players to have played Championship Cricket for Worcestershire can be found at www.wccc.co.uk.

Debuts

Alexei Kervezee made his first class debut for the County against Loughborough UCCE on Wednesday 7th May.

Mehraj Ahmed made his List A debut for the County against Glamorgan Dragons on Monday 5th May and his first class debut for the County against Loughborough UCCE on Wednesday 7th May.

Player awards 2008

The end of season player awards were presented after the last home game played at Kidderminster on Sunday 14th September.

The Worcester Cricket Society's Champagne Moment was awarded to Daryl Mitchell for his last ball four to tie the NatWest Pro40 match at Taunton on TV.

The Dick Lygon Award as selected by the Captain and Coach went to Stephen Moore.

The Don Kenyon Award went to Vikram Solanki for his match winning career best score of 270 at Cheltenham against Gloucestershire.

The Fans Forum Fielder of the Year Award was won by Daryl Mitchell.

The Apollo 2000 Brian Peters Academy Player of the Year went to Jack Manuel.

The One Day Player of the Year was awarded to Steven Davies.

The Rock Lobster Player of the Year was won by Kabir Ali.

Second Eleven

The Second Eleven under the guidance of Damian D'Oliveira had one of their best seasons for many years when finishing fourth in the 2nd XI Championship Table. The increase in the number of matches played by the 2nd XI in this competition clearly proved to be beneficial as the young squad picked up four wins in twelve games to finish behind Durham, Middlesex and Somerset in the final table.

Stand out performances during the season included Jack Manuel's 75 against Warwickshire in a low scoring game, a partnership of 122 between Moeen Ali and Nitesh Patel to beat Northants by 4 wickets, Alexei Kervezee's 150 against Leicestershire and Imran Arif's 7-39 off 13.3 overs against Middlesex to set up a 6 wicket victory.

In the 2nd XI Trophy, the team finished 3rd in their group behind Glamorgan and Somerset with 7 points. All three teams won 3 games but ironically the two top placed teams were badly affected by the weather and secured more points through no result matches. Top performances came from Dave Wheeldon with 136* off 115 balls and 4-23 against Warwickshire to secure a 159 run win and Gareth Batty's 81 against Gloucestershire helped secure a 148 run win.

The Academy

The 2007/8 Academy had an intake of 11 young players ranging in age from 14 to 18 years and it proved to be one of the best intakes for a number of years.

Both Jack Manuel and Aneesh Kapil have been given summer contracts for 2009 whilst they continue their schooling.

Since 2003, 11 out of 34 players who have been through the Academy have signed some kind of professional contract with Worcestershire CCC or another County which represents a success rate of 30%.

Eight of the eleven will remain on the Academy and be joined by a further five players from the Satellite Academies for 2008/9.

Pitches

Unfortunately the legacy of the floods in 2007 and the wet summer in 2008 conspired to make pitch preparation very difficult. The Club came bottom of the Pitches League table for both four day and one day cricket although it should be noted that pitches for the final three games at New Road in 2008 were marked good, good and very

good. The installation of new drainage systems on the outfield certainly allowed the playing area to dry more quickly on wet days than previously.

The ground staff have had an immensely difficult two seasons and it is hoped that an Autumn visit from the ECB Pitches Inspector, Chris Wood, and Groundsman of the Year, Bill Gordon, will help see an improvement in 2009.

Colleagues

Karl McDermott joined the ground staff in March having moved from the Clontarf Cricket Club in Dublin where he was Head Groundsman.

Nicola Abrams was appointed to the position of Assistant Catering Manager in April following the departure of Sian Maddocks who had been with the Club for 5 years.

Farewell

At the end of the 2008 season, the Club bade farewell to a legend of Worcestershire Cricket, Graeme Hick.

The Board

Under the rotation system for Elected Directors, two places became vacant for the year commencing 1st October 2008. Existing Elected Directors, Mr Dave Broughall and Mr Peter Radburn, both sought re-election. One further nomination from Mr Timothy Davies was received by the closing date so a postal ballot was required.

As a result of the ballot Messrs Broughall and Radburn were re-elected to the Board and will serve for a period of three years.

Finance

Last year the Club reported a pre tax loss of £693,211 as a result of the floods of 2007. This followed four years of financial stability and last year's annual report stated full financial recovery would take two years. The Board is delighted to announce that the first year of this plan has been achieved as it reports a pre tax surplus of £359,856.

Major contributions have been received during the year including a £70,000 insurance claim, a donation from the Supporters Association of £50,000, sponsorship from Advantage West Midlands worth £100,000 over two years and a donation from the National Sports Foundation of £55,023. The Chairman's Flood Club raised nearly £150,000 during the year and donations from members and supporters raised over £30,000. In addition to this, the Club wishes to express its thanks to everybody at the ECB who have been very supportive in so many ways over the fifteen month period since the first flood of 2007. It has been a tremendous effort by all concerned and means that over £900,000 of the costs of £1,164,114 attributed to the floods in last year's report have been secured.

Total income rose by 42% as a result of significant increases in gate, catering and commercial income streams whilst expenditure was reduced by 16%. These year on year differences are largely attributable to the exceptional situation inherited from the previous year. Apart from the high additional costs in the upkeep of the ground and buildings, expenditure remains under control and it is pleasing to note that the cricket expenses (£1,699,402) more closely matched the income received from the ECB (£1,623,103) than the previous year.

2009 represents the final year of the current Memorandum of Understanding with the ECB with regard to the level of financial distribution each County receives. The new four year cycle will start in 2010 with the new domestic structure and TV contract already in place. The growing stature of cricket both internationally and domestically and the income streams likely to flow from that must be tempered by the fact that the 'new order' in cricket will put pressure on the salary expectation of all players plus it is too early to know what impact, if any, the current economic situation will have on all the commercially related revenue streams.

Kidderminster Victoria CC

Following the events of 2007, the Club entered into an agreement with Kidderminster Victoria CC whereby 1st XI cricket could be transferred to their ground at 48 hours notice. The Club has agreed to invest £50,000 over a period of five years in the Kidderminster facilities and the first part of this agreement has been completed with the upgrading of the umpires' facilities.

The contingency plan was put into place following the September floods and we thank all the officials at Kidderminster and the Birmingham League for their help in enacting the change of venue at such short notice.

Ground Development

Since planning permission was achieved in April 2007 for the ground development scheme, discussions have taken place with potential commercial partners against a background of decreasing confidence in the financial markets.

During the year it was decided to start phase one of the development plan with the demolition of the original Pavilion to be replaced by the new Graeme Hick Pavilion incorporating the Tom Graveney Members Lounge. Work commenced in September and it is expected the new facility will open in May 2009. The budgeted cost is £2m and will be paid for with a loan from the Club's bankers, Clydesdale Bank.

By the end of the year, an agreement was reached with Premier Inn Hotels Ltd to become the lead tenant for the hotel subject to planning permission being achieved to increase the number of bedrooms from 80 to at least 120. Owned by Whitbread plc, the Premier Inn brand is the largest hotel company in the Country and is expanding aggressively throughout the UK. The search continues for a tenant to take on the 5,500sq ft restaurant premises on the ground floor. It is hoped that phase two of the ground development scheme will commence during 2009.

Thanks to

BBC Hereford & Worcester for providing ball by ball commentary of all matches on the radio and online. It was a service well received by thousands of Worcestershire supporters from all around the world.

Our television partners at BSkyB who continue to underpin the finances of English Cricket and provide such extensive and innovative coverage of the game from here and abroad. A total of seven matches involving the team were transmitted live giving valuable exposure to our corporate partners.

Headmaster at King's School, Tim Keyes, for allowing the Club to use the John Moore Theatre for the AGM and to use their playing fields for car parking on busy days (weather permitting!)

Peter Seward FCA for his second year as Club President which proved to be much drier than his first year and to his wife Yvonne for her support. The President's Day collection raised £1,500 and was split between The Lord Cobham Worcestershire Youth Cricket Trust and St Richard's Hospice.

The Club wishes to thank and give appropriate appreciation to:-

The Worcestershire County Cricket Supporters Association for their ongoing and generous support of the Club. During the year the Association made a £50,000 donation to the Club to help with the Flood Recovery programme.

The Volunteers in the Ladies Tea Pavilion who continue to provide wonderful cakes and tea on match days at New Road. Once again their donation helped provide the floral decorations around the ground.

The WCCC Heritage Group under the Chairmanship of Tim Jones who continue to give of their time in ensuring the Club's heritage is fully documented and archived.

Our Honorary PA Announcers, Clive Fieth and Ernie Mann, who continue to provide a most informative and entertaining service on match days.

The officials of Kidderminster Victoria, Ombersley, Bromsgrove, Barnt Green and Himley Cricket Clubs plus RGSAO Worcester and Malvern College for hosting 1st and 2nd XI matches during the 2008 season and providing such good wickets, often during extreme weather conditions.

The media who always play an important role in the life of Worcestershire County Cricket Club. They continue to support the Club and provide an excellent service to local supporters. Thanks go to Michael Reeves (Worcester News), James Peacock and George Dobell (Birmingham Post), Tim Clarke (Worcester Standard), Mike Beddow & Chris Oldnall (Freelance), John Curtis (PA), Graham Hill, Trevor Owens, Dave Bradley and Howard Bentham (BBC Hereford and Worcester), Andy Walker (Sunday Mercury), Nick Owen, Dan Pallett and Ian Winter (BBC Midlands Today), Matt Teale (ITV Central & Setanta Sports), Steve Lea (Sky) and Wyvern FM for their superb coverage.

All the Club's stakeholders including Members, Supporters, Sponsors, Advertisers, Hospitality Clients and the Media for their support throughout the year.

The non-executive Directors of the Board who continue to devote many unpaid hours of their time to the Club.

Congratulations

To Durham on winning their first ever LV County Championship; Sussex Sharks on winning the NatWest Pro40 League off the last ball of their final game; Middlesex Crusaders on winning the Twenty20 Cup by 3 runs in a pulsating final and Essex Eagles on winning the Friends Provident Trophy at Lord's.

To Walsall CC on winning the Birmingham League and Eastnor CC on winning the Crusader Worcestershire County League thus gaining promotion to the Birmingham League.

Most of all we extend our congratulations to a true legend of Worcestershire Cricket and wish him a very happy retirement. His was a phenomenal career and we must all be thankful Graeme devoted his whole career to the County. It is unlikely his like will be seen again for many years.

Martyn Price
Chairman

Mark Newton
Chief Executive

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MERGED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 SEPTEMBER 2008

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WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2008**

		2008	2007
		£	£
Income	Notes		
Subscriptions	2	428525	412446
Match receipts	3	279687	135482
Fund raising and other income	4	343027	36582
England and Wales Cricket Board		1623103	1572666
Catering Deficit/Surplus	5	70601	-25893
Commercial Department surplus	6	307143	14101
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		3052086	2145384
 Expenditure			
Administration expenses	7	295162	308134
Cricket expenses	8	1699402	1776718
Match expenses	9	107274	64728
Upkeep of ground and buildings	10	590392	1064015
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		2692230	3213595
 Surplus/Deficit before exceptional item		<hr/>	<hr/>
		359856	-1068211
 Exceptional income		<hr/>	<hr/>
			375000
 Surplus/Deficit before tax		<hr/>	<hr/>
		359856	-693211
 Tax on Profit/Deferred Tax Credit		<hr/>	<hr/>
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 Surplus/Deficit after tax		<hr/>	<hr/>
		318636	-603211

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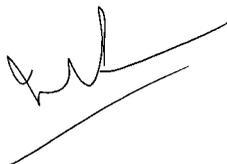
WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

	Notes	2008 £	2007 £
Share Capital		139	182
Reserves	11	<u>1987093</u>	<u>1668414</u>
Shareholders Funds		<u>1987232</u>	<u>1668596</u>
Employment of Capital			
Fixed assets	12	3056826	2848935
Investments	13	25000	25120
Current Assets			
Stock		29373	32291
Debtors	14	441809	735672
Cash at Bank		<u>328455</u>	<u>355390</u>
		799637	1123353
Less Current Liabilities	15	<u>1225611</u>	<u>1498518</u>
Net Current Liabilities		<u>-425974</u>	<u>-375165</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		2655852	2498890
Loans	16	<u>668620</u>	<u>830294</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>1987232</u>	<u>1668596</u>

Approved by authority of the Board on 8th December 2008.

J M Price



Chairman

M S Newton



Chief Executive

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

1. Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Club's accounts:

Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of land and buildings. These unaudited merged accounts are an informal consolidation prepared from audited statutory accounts of Worcestershire County Cricket Club Limited and Worcestershire County Cricket Trading Limited.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all fixed assets on a straight line basis, at rates calculated to write off the cost or value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Buildings	–	over 50 years
Basil D'Oliveira Stand	–	over 50 years
Fixture and fittings	–	5 – 10 years
Equipment	–	5 – 10 years
Motor vehicles	–	5 – 10 years

Stock

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Leases and hire purchase contracts

Tangible fixed assets acquired under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised at the estimated fair value at the date of inception of each lease or contract. The total finance charges are allocated over the period of the lease in such a way as to give a reasonably consistent charge on the outstanding liability. Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account as incurred.

Pension

The Club contributes towards personal pension schemes for players administered by the England and Wales Cricket Board. The pension costs are charged to the Income and Expenditure Account as they are incurred.

Deferred Tax

Deferred Tax is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

	2008	2007
	£	£
2. Subscriptions		
General	368402	430695
Members' car park tickets	60123	62301
Ticket compensation		-80550
	<u>428525</u>	<u>412446</u>
3. Match Receipts		
LV County Championship	39892	39315
NatWest Pro40 League	57530	20584
Twenty20 Cup	105951	101368
Friends Provident Trophy	15074	26203
Tourist Match	13788	11145
Credits / Refunds	47452	-63133
	<u>279687</u>	<u>135482</u>
4. Fund raising and other income		
Match day parking	6047	2617
Supporters' Association	50000	3000
Donations	286980	30965
	<u>343027</u>	<u>36582</u>
5. Catering deficit / surplus		
Sales	719082	534626
Cost of Sales	-279501	-247245
	<u>439581</u>	<u>287381</u>
Less direct expenses		
Wages	334693	272803
Other overheads	34287	40471
	<u>368980</u>	<u>313274</u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year	<u>70601</u>	<u>-25893</u>

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	2008	2007
	£	£
6. Commercial Department surplus		
Commercial income:		
Sponsorship and advertising etc	686145	290602
less direct expenses		
Salaries	159623	102075
Other expenses	219379	174426
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Commercial costs	379002	276501
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Surplus for year	<u>307143</u>	<u>14101</u>
7. Administrative expenses		
Salaries and expenses	167461	198870
Bank, lease purchase and loan interest	7908	-398
Audit	9000	8300
Accountancy	7509	3900
Telephone and postage	37698	31940
Training fees	0	702
Printing, stationery and general expenses	64063	60764
Professional fees	1523	4056
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	<u>295162</u>	<u>308134</u>
8. Cricket expenses		
Players' salaries, insurance, meals and expenses	1642443	1717539
Players' pension scheme	56959	59179
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	<u>1699402</u>	<u>1776718</u>
9. Match expenses		
Second XI umpires	3925	3125
Gatemen's and scoring costs	66986	55304
Sundries	36363	6299
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	<u>107274</u>	<u>64728</u>

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	2008	2007
	£	£
10 Upkeep of ground and buildings		
Ground staff wages	114041	93661
Upkeep of mowers and rollers	13636	7570
Ground upkeep	202258	753526
Insurances	37887	20509
Heat and light	36084	37758
Rent and rates	62853	63961
Depreciation	200786	147931
Pay and display parking income	-77153	-60901
	<u>590392</u>	<u>1064015</u>

11 Reserves

	Capital Redemption Reserve	Revaluation Reserve	General Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£
As at 1 October 2007	213	1340861	327340	1668414
Surplus/Deficit for the Year			318636	318636
Transfer		-27426	27426	
Other movements	43			43
	<u>256</u>	<u>1313435</u>	<u>673402</u>	<u>1987093</u>

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	Land & buildings	Equipment fixtures & fittings	Leasehold property	Total
Cost or valuation	£	£	£	£
At 1 October 2007	2525559	944242	95227	3565028
Additions	193668	215007		408675
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At 30 September 2008	2719227	1159249	95227	3973703
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Depreciation				
At 1 October 2007	144906	539988	31199	716093
Charge for year	72453	124352	3979	200784
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At 30 September 2008	217359	664340	35178	916877
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Net Book value				
At 30 September 2008	2501868	494909	60049	3056826
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At 30 September 2007	2380653	404254	64028	2848935
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13 Investments

	Listed Investments	Other Investments	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 October 2007	120	25000	25120
Disposals	-120		-120
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At 30 September 2008	<hr/>	25000	25000
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Other investments consist of a complete set of Wisdens.

	2008	2007
	£	£
14 Debtors		
Trade debtors	107580	44138
England and Wales Cricket Board	250872	270365
Prepayments and accrued income	34577	331169
Deferred tax	48780	90000
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	441809	735672
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15. Current liabilities

Bank loans and overdrafts	31144	29312
Trade creditors	275886	375453
Taxation and social security	167590	276917
Loans	557297	350756
Accruals and deferred income	193694	466080
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	1225611	1498518
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	2008 £	2007 £
16 Loans		
Worcestershire County Cricket Supporters Association repayable by 2009		20000
Other loans	668620	810294
	<u>668620</u>	<u>830294</u>
 Instalments due		
Within 2 years	83090	81144
Within 2 to 5 years	390553	449150
Over 5 years	194977	300000
	<u>668620</u>	<u>830294</u>

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	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Income	£	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions	428525	412446	453433	423167	400656
Match Receipts	279687	135482	219375	277695	221577
Fund Raising & other income	343027	36582	46650	198415	137312
ECB distributions	1623103	1572666	1548080	1418687	1491176
Catering surplus	70601	-25893	80124	57250	59395
Commercial Dept surplus	307143	14101	239721	224172	204655
	<u>3052086</u>	<u>2145384</u>	<u>2587383</u>	<u>2599386</u>	<u>2514771</u>
Expenditure					
Administrative expenses	295162	308134	370567	357475	352804
Cricket expenses	1699402	1776718	1602746	1536745	1492295
Match expenses	107274	64728	103676	169370	180943
Upkeep of ground & buildings	590392	1064015	457024	485801	438890
	<u>2692230</u>	<u>3213595</u>	<u>2534013</u>	<u>2549391</u>	<u>2464932</u>
Surplus/Deficit on activities for the year	359856	-1068211	53370	49995	49839
Exceptional items		375000			
Pre Tax Surplus/Deficit	<u>359856</u>	<u>-693211</u>	<u>53370</u>	<u>49995</u>	<u>49839</u>
Deferred Tax Credit	-41220	90000			
Surplus/Deficit after tax	<u>318636</u>	<u>-603211</u>	<u>53370</u>	<u>49995</u>	<u>49839</u>
Balance sheet					
Shareholders Funds	<u>1987232</u>	<u>1668596</u>	<u>2271808</u>	<u>2218437</u>	<u>1131437</u>
Fixed assets	3056826	2848935	2839927	2705148	1615424
Investments	25000	25120	25120	25120	25120
	<u>3081826</u>	<u>2874055</u>	<u>2865047</u>	<u>2730268</u>	<u>1640544</u>
Current assets	799637	1123353	662782	314255	466238
Current liabilities	1225611	1498518	736021	573586	760345
	<u>-425974</u>	<u>-375165</u>	<u>-73239</u>	<u>-259331</u>	<u>-294107</u>
Loans	668620	830294	520000	252500	215000
Total net assets	<u>1987232</u>	<u>1668596</u>	<u>2271808</u>	<u>2218437</u>	<u>1131437</u>