

2015 SEASON

John Templeton

The club were saddened to learn of the passing of stalwart John Templeton Sr. on Tuesday 23rd June.

John was an honorary vice-president at the club, having been a player in the successful Second XI of the 1970s. After his playing days were over, John turned to umpiring and was well respected in his field by players and colleagues alike. A great supporter of the Club, John was often seen spectating at both the old and new grounds. He will be missed.

Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

John's funeral will take place on Thursday 2nd July at St Ninians Old Parish church from 2pm before heading on to Falkirk crematorium at 3.15pm.

ICC World T20 Qualifiers

For the first three Saturdays in July, the ground will not see any Stirling County action as we host the ICC World t20 Qualifiers.

We will host five matches between Saturday 4th-Saturday 18th July and will be the home of numerous practice sessions for all the competing nations. Although there will be no home matches for the club in this period, training will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays as normal. Access to the changing rooms will be restricted so if you have a locker to keep your kit in it is advised that you remove it following training on Thursday 2nd July.

Following on from the Intercontinental Cup match we hosted in June, it is another great opportunity for the club and one that we are proud to be hosting.

MATCHES AT NEW WILLIAMFIELD:

Netherlands vs. Local Side (7th July, 10am - warm up match)
 Afghanistan vs. Hong Kong (7th July, 2.15pm - warm up match)
 Canada vs. Oman (12th July, 10am)
 Afghanistan vs. Kenya (13th July, 2.15pm)
 UAE vs. Oman (17th July, 10am promotions).

June Performances

There were two centurions in the month of June for the club. Newcomer Fergus Martin made 113* for the West XI in a thumping win over Marress for the West XI, while Alexander Campbell made 105* for the East XI as they eased to victory over Edinburgh Accies 2s. Alex was unlucky not to make back-to-back centuries as he notched 92 against Preston Village for the East XI as well. Matthew Tweedie was also in the runs again in June as he made 82 in the First XI's victory over St Michael's. Andy Carswell hit 75 in the same match, while

Junior Summer Camps

We are pleased to confirm that there are two separate Junior Cricket weeks at the club this summer, in association with Cricket Scotland and Active Stirling. This is a great way to improve cricket skills with loads of fun along the way!

VENUE: New Williamfield

AGES: 7-11 years old

DATES: 27th-31st July 2015 and
3rd-7th August 2015

TIME: 10am-12noon

COST: £36 per weeks or £7.20
per day

BOOKING: Call Active Stirling
on 01786 273555

Scotland v. Afghanistan

In the opening week of June, the club hosted its first-ever First-Class international match as Scotland played Afghanistan in the ICC Intercontinental Cup. The weather was far from ideal for the week but after much patience, frustration and hard-work from the ground staff across the four days, there was able to be play enough for Scotland to force a winning first innings draw.

The club would like to express a huge thanks to all those who helped out across all areas throughout the week. This goes out to those working in the bar, on catering duties, on the ground and everything in between!

Anton Ehlers hit 59. 15 year-old Jack Bradburn made 70 in the First XI's match with Greenock to round off a decent month for the club's batsmen. Chris Geddes found himself with a score once more as he made 65 for the East XI in the Edinburgh Accies match and Euan MacGarvie, in his comeback match for the club, hit 51 in the same game.

With the ball, Casper Wright lead the way with phenomenal figures of 6-9 to help the Fourth XI to a win over Watsonians 4s, but Adam Dawtrey was not far behind as he racked up equally impressive figures of 6-15 for the West XI as they toppled Marress. Gavin Anderson claimed 5-13 as the First XI skittled out Irvine, with Anton Ehlers also contributing with 4-35 in the same match. Sandy Watt racked up wickets throughout June, finishing with figures of 9-61 in all the games across the month.

Sir Garfield Sobers Visit

Days after New Williamfield became a First-Class cricket ground, players and officials were stunned to see one of the world's greatest ever players pay a surprise visit. The club was hosting an independent schools t20 competitions when West Indies legend Sir Garfield Sobers turned up.

County's chairman Rod Turnbull, who happened to be at the ground helping to move equipment after the previous week's Scotland vs. Afghanistan match, was amazed to see the legend.

He said: "After hosting our first ever First-Class match last week, it was a delight to meet one of the world's greatest ever all-rounders. It was a huge thrill for those of us at the club and he was very complimentary about New Williamfield."

Scotland Call-Ups

There were a few call-ups across the Scotland groups for members of the club in June.

Lorna Jack, Rachel Scholes and Kari Carswell were part of the Scotland Wildcats squad that played in the Natwest Women's County t20 matches, contributing to a victory on that trip down south.

The Scotland Under 15s called up Jack and Tom Bradburn for their match against Cumbria at Ayr's New Cambusdoon ground but, unfortunately, this game fell foul of the weather.



Club Chairman Rod Turnbull (not quite dressed for such an auspicious occasion) meets the great Sir Gary Sobers at New Williamfield

