



Lancashire County Cricket Club

A BRIEF HISTORY TO DATE

In January 1864 thirteen successful cricket clubs from Lancashire met in Manchester to form the Lancashire County Cricket Club. It was decided that the powerful Manchester Cricket Club, whose headquarters was Old Trafford, should be the home of the County XI. Cricket Clubs were run by Committees and 14 influential professionals and business people were appointed as a Committee to run the Lancashire Club. Half the Committee were gifted amateur cricketers and, when they could release themselves from their businesses, they strengthened the County side to bring early success. A N Hornby was one of those 14, a wealthy landowner, an excellent all round sportsman, captaining England at cricket and rugby. This perceptive leadership united the team under one roof in the main Pavilion.

Hornby brought success in winning the Championship followed by the aristocratic Archie MacLaren who continued the success along with the gifted Allan Steel, a barrister who led England to success against Australia. Many famous players have captained the County including Cyril Washbrook, Brian Statham and Clive Lloyd. Lancashire continue to produce England Captains, the latest being Mike Atherton, and currently international players such as Andrew Flintoff and James Anderson.

The most successful period of Lancashire dominance was between the wars when they won the Championship five times between 1926 and 1934 and were unbeaten for the whole of the season on two of those occasions. In the last thirty five years Lancashire has been the most successful one day cricket side; winning seventeen major trophies.

Old Trafford is a Test Match ground. All England's Tests for the first 22 years were held only in London and at Old Trafford. The first Test at our famous ground was in 1884. It was the second England venue after the Oval -Lord's became the third.

The stadium is continually being updated. It houses a hotel, banqueting suites, one of the largest indoor cricket schools in the country, a museum and library. Lancashire CCC has the largest membership in the country. Ground development and growing business activities support the cricket and maintain the team as a premier side in Britain. Lancashire County Cricket Club has a bright and exciting future. We welcome you to join us and be part of it.