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- First ever NEMAs
- Five League Cricketers of the Year
- National Awards
- Wisden have 5 players of the year – now club cricket has the same

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LEE HODGSON NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL HONOUR

Lee Hodgson is the NYSD nomination to the League Cricket Conference for their inaugural League Cricketers of the Year awards.

Each member league from around the country was asked to nominate one player who excelled in 2016.

It didn't matter that overseas and County contracted players were not able to be put forward as Lee, who won the Durham CCC Tees Valley Cricketer of the Year award at the NYSD Presentation Evening last November, enjoyed a superb season at Windy Hill Lane, hitting a club record 8 league centuries, including the first ever double ton on the ground. 1520 league runs at an average of 90, not to mention 30 wickets, should give

Lee a great chance of making the final 5 who will be announced before the end of February.

The awards are named in memory of Neil Edwards, the former LCC secretary who sadly died at a relatively young age in 2015.

The 5 successful players will be honoured at a luncheon at Nantwich Cricket Club in Cheshire on Saturday March the 11th, with Geoff Cook, the former England and Northants player, and Durham CCC legend making the presentations as Honorary President of the LCC.



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PRE-SEASON MEETING OF CLUBS – GET IT IN YOUR DAIRY

The annual and much valued pre-season meeting of clubs will now take place on Monday the 10th April, with clubs asked to particularly note the change of date.

As in the last few years the venue will be Teesside University where we will once again

have use of the magnificent lecture theatre to present everything that is new in the NYSD and further afield.

The atrium will once again become the hub for the distribution of cricket balls, handbooks and other assorted 'goodies' and it is hoped that

all key club personnel - chairmen, secretaries and captains – will make the effort to attend.

As ever the meeting will be followed by a (free) buffet to ease the hunger pangs of those who have travelled from afar.



NatWest U19 Club T20 – NYSD lead the way yet again

With entries just about to close for the Under 19 T20 the NYSD once again lead the way with 14 clubs set to do battle in the 2017 league competition.

Involved in the initial pilot competition a few years ago, the NYSD have consistently provided the most number of entrant clubs on a pro rate basis than any league in the country.

In 2016 there were 15 NYSD competing in three regional leagues, with Hartlepool eventually emerging triumphant before going on to qualify for

the prestigious County final held at the Emirates Riverside under floodlights—a tremendous occasion for everyone involved.

Pools just missed out to Shottley Bridge in that game but their lads will never forget the experience, and a youthful side will no doubt be aiming to go one better in the coming season.

The following 14 clubs will do battle for the NYSD crown in the coming season:

Blackhall Bulldozers
Hall Yendalls Engineering
Hartlepool Hangers
Maltby Mandrills
Marton Manics
Middlesbrough Sirkars Sgts.
Norton
Richmondshire SDX
Saltburn
Sedgefield Stallions
Stockton Swifts
Stokesley Knights
Thornaby Spitfires
Yarm Lions



TAG TEAMWEAR SUPPORT THE NYSD ONCE MORE

“Our dedication to be a dynamic customer focused organization who can offer a personal service has allowed us to build long term relationships with our customers, especially the NYSDPL.” Andy Fothergill, TAG Managing Director

TAG Teamwear have once again confirmed their magnificent support of the Teesside University NYSD Fifteens tournament in 2017.

For many years TAG have enabled the League to distribute prizes to the value of £1,800 per annum, with £300 going to each of the four winners of the 15s cups, and £150 to each of the losing finalists.



Coloured clothing in all senior cup competitions in 2017

With coloured clothing set to be used in all senior NYSD cup competitions in the 2017 season TAG are ready to help NYSD clubs with their requirements.

Suppliers of the famous Cotton Traders brand of cricket gear, TAG Managing Director Andy Fothergill would be delighted to help: “Tag Teamwear Ltd has over 20 years experience in the clothing industry and has developed a renowned reputation for providing the best quality service to its customers throughout the UK. Our dedication to be a dynamic, customer-focussed

organisation who can offer a personal service, has allowed us to build long-standing relationships with all our customers, especially the NYSDPL

“We pride ourselves on the expertise we have developed in the fields of our cricket clothing both coloured and whites. All of our production is completed in-house using the expertise of our design and artwork team who can reproduce your artwork or logo's ready for the application process. Our customers can be confident in the knowledge that

their orders will be provided on time and at a competitive price.

We are based in Middlesbrough and would welcome the opportunity to speak with you regarding your kit requirements.

Please contact sales@tagteamwear.co.uk or call us on 01642 462926 where our sales team will be happy to chat through your requirements, or call in at our showroom Monday to Friday



Umpires get in on the act

With coloured clothing cup cricket comes the challenge of finding complementary umpires clothing.

Officials have used red tops for a number of years now in the Macmillan and Fifteens competitions where pink and orange balls are respectively used.

But with red balls to be used in the other cups then the red umpires tops are out for those, with light blue polo tops and warm jackets now in production.



Managed Migration

The new regulations introduced by the Home Office in conjunction with the ECB are causing a few headaches for clubs up and down the country.

They primarily relate to overseas amateurs who come to this country to play, usually under Standard Visitor Visas (SVV), Youth Mobility Scheme (YMS), or as Non-Visa nationals (primarily Australians or

New Zealanders).

The problems lie in what the Home Office define as professionals – their new guidelines capture many players who have never been paid for playing cricket and those considered to be on a ‘player pathway’

*The definitions is as follows: ***Player “Pathway” definition:** A player may*

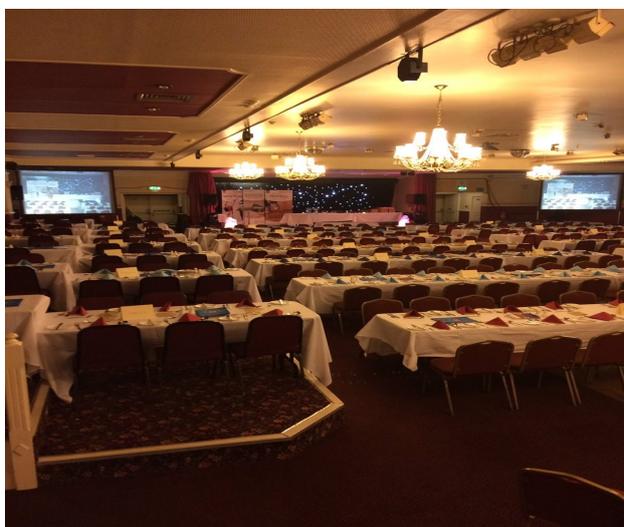
*be considered to be on a “Pathway” and therefore classified as a “Professional Sportsperson”, if that person has played cricket **above U17 at state/ province/ territory level (paid or unpaid) in any country.***

This also disappointingly covers those who may have played the odd game at that age group level in the dim and distant past but have always been an amateur.

“Genuine amateurs are going to miss out because of this. Many life enhancing experiences will be lost following this change.” Chris West, NYSD president

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2017

It’s back to a Saturday night for the 2017 presentation evening – mark the 11th November in your diaries.



FEEDBACK WELCOMED

How has it been for you?

This has been a very tentative first step towards producing a newsletter for our clubs and supporters.

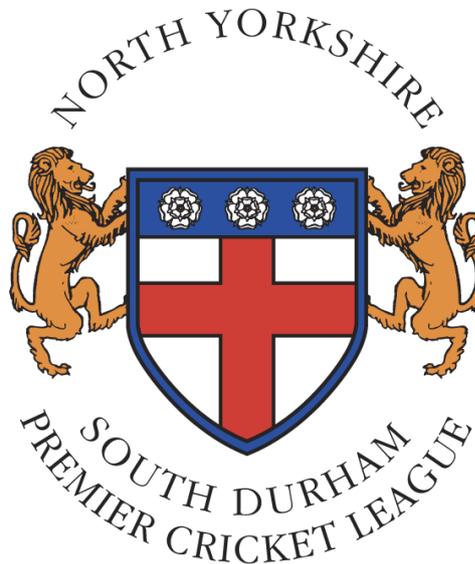
Whilst this first stab has concentrated on league news it is hoped that future editions will lean heavily towards club news.

What would you like to see in future editions? Pieces on 'Know Your Pro'?? Grounds for optimism— featuring ground development news from around the league??

Let us have your views — good or bad — and if anyone wants to be a regular contributor to future editions let us know.

Email cwcpres@btconnect.com with your thoughts

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nysdl.play-cricket.com

and that twitter thing!!

[@NYSDCricket](https://twitter.com/NYSDCricket)

NYSD Masters About To Take Off ?

There look to be 8 clubs competing in the inaugural NYSD Masters competition which is expected to be played in July and August.

This new Over 40's competition aims to keep many long serving cricketers involved in the game in a social and fun way.

Barnard Castle, Guisborough, Maltby, Normanby Hall, Norton, Richmondshire, Seaton Carew and Stokesley are all girding their loins for the challenge, although there appears to be no truth in the rumour that the Priorymen will be able to field their full first team!

