

*Lame Norma Major's*



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## Cricket Match

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## The Bunburys v Lashings

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## Welcome

from Dame Norma Major

It is a pleasure to welcome you all to Alconbury Sports and Social Club for the annual Cricket Match in support of Mencap. Once more David English has brought the special genius of the Bunburys team and we are thrilled that they are once again able to play David Folb's Lashings.

The match this year is an especially poignant one, for it takes place without David Pilling whose brainchild it was. When David died unexpectedly and prematurely in February the village lost a man who was dedicated to the community and who was the inspiration behind the Annual Cricket Match. Over fourteen years David had

organized and refined this event which has raised more than £60,000 for Mencap and provided an enjoyable afternoon for players and spectators alike.

This year's match is a tribute to David, who will be remembered with enormous respect and affection by all who have been involved with the match and all those who have benefited from his commitment.

We also owe much to our sponsors and advertisers who contribute so much to the success of the event, and we thank our spectators for their support and wish you all an enjoyable afternoon. May the sun shine.

# Lashings Cricket Club

(Formerly Lashings Wine Bar)

Lashings were formed in 1984 when John Steer, a gentleman very much out of cricket's old school told David Folb, the Lashings owner, of the plight of the Minstrel Wine Bar Cricket Club who had been scheduled to play a team the following day in the less than idyllic surrounds of Mote Park only to find that their opposition had pulled out of the fixture. Folb assembled hastily side for the fixture, quickly ringing around friends including his solicitor, bank

manager and the venerable Mr Steer himself. Even the Lashings manager John Tobin, an Irishman, was enlisted for the game having never played a game of cricket in his life before, or since. And so this ragbag team took to the field and their performance matched the sum of their parts. After their bowlers had been dispatched for 323 runs, Lashings amassed just 29 in their reply but such a one-sided outcome did not prevent Folb, ever the entrepreneur from starting up a

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Lashings cricket team on a permanent basis. A list was put up in the bar and soon the Lashings cricket team had enough personnel to be able to field sides on a regular basis.

However even someone as ambitious as Folb himself could not have forecast the way in which his side would grow and soon Lashings were successfully taking on many of the more established sides in the area and as the success of the Lashings grew so too did the jealousy and acrimony towards it among members of the local cricket establishment.

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However such injustices only served to galvanise Lashings as a team not to mention the resolve of Folb, never a man to shirk a challenge.

His biggest coup and perhaps still the biggest in terms of the development of the club was the signing of Richie Richardson, the former West Indies captain. Announcements that the great man who had only recently retired from Test cricket, would be joining a club that was still little more than a pub team, were greeted by hoots of derision by the local media and sporting community with Geoff Clark, now Meridian's front man in the studio, famously declaring that he would eat his hat if ever the player played for Lashings.

Panamas, bowlers and stetsens were quickly

hidden away when Richardson announced his arrival at the Meridian newsroom. Richardson's impact could hardly be underestimated and soon some of the most famous names in cricket were on their way to Lashings. Muttiah Muralitharan was among the first, making his debut on the bottom pitch at The Mote against the might of Cobham. The Mote, who became one of Lashings's most bitter early rivals refused to offer Muralitharan the centre stage of the top pitch despite the interest in the game. That platform was in use by their Sunday 2nd XI.

Soon Lashings were to become the bête noir of the local cricket scene, their very name being greeted by ridicule and cynicism and even appearances by the likes of Shoaib Akhtar and Brian Lara failed to quell the antipathy of the local masses.

Thankfully beyond the local opposition cricket was at least sitting up and taking notice on a wider scale and soon counties were entertaining Lashings at their grounds while the rising profile of the club was attracting big name sponsors even though one of them reneged on the deal leaving Folb to meet a £250,000 shortfall in order to keep the club going and forcing the restauranteur and property owner to sell some of his properties

However Folb was never going to be perturbed by such setbacks and new deals were still forthcoming as were the biggest names in the game of cricket. Still the team continues to strike at the heart of the cricketing hierarchy with its audacious rude boy logo and its jet black coloured clothing but now far away from the windswept expanses of Mote Park on that afternoon in 1984, Lashings can count on packed houses at home and abroad. Their efforts for chairity have raised hundred of thousands of pounds and they will go down in history as the team that changed the face of English cricket.



# Dame Norma Major's Charity Cricket Match - **Score Sheet**

**Teams:** The Bunburys V Lashings

**Played:** Old Great North Road Alconbury **Date:** Friday 2nd July 2004

**NOTES ON THE GAME:** (outstanging batting, bowling, catching, hat-tricks, 6's etc):

## INNINGS OF

## CLUB

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**Result:**

**Side batting first:**

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