



WASHINGTON CRICKET CLUB
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Year Book 2019

Dear Washington members, players, and significant others,

Last year was my first season as Chair of the Wash. Having been Social Secretary for the 6 or so years prior, I can honestly say it has been a privilege and a pleasure overseeing Wash operations this last year, and that I look forward to continuing the effort with the entire committee to make this club work best for you.

During my time as Social Secretary, I came to really understand the importance of a good quality club and the benefits of a collective team approach, and I got to see people at their best in a wide variety of social situations. Organizing those events has taught me a lot about the value of the people that inhabit this club.

Sustained membership over several years has also given me a regular sporting challenge – that being to try to play this wretched game in a way that did not embarrass my team or myself! I'm not sure I've always achieved this, but over the years I have learnt a lot about my own strengths and limitations, and through that have developed a desire to make this club even better than it already is.

I hope you'll enjoy this small volume, relish in the collected stories and stats, and continue to see the Washington CC as the fantastic home for cricketing enthusiasts that it is.

2019 in Review

After 3 non-starts due to weather – this being the typical pattern for the English cricket season – four games in, the actual playing year started with a bang down at Valley End CC. Max opened his bowling account with a 5-fer, which helped the Wash to a fabulous season opening low-scoring win.

From this high, the Wash slumped to two low scoring losses, three games in a row not played due to a variety of weather patterns – including wind – and 3 further disheartening losses. The loss to Codicote by 12 runs was particularly annoying as we totally had that game by the throat and let it slide, and it came off the back of a crushing defeat to a rampaging Barnes who smashed us around with abandon and beat us by 243 runs. For sure, these were dark days.

Now for a more positive note; from this point in mid-June, the season looks much more respectable: 3 wins, 3 losses, 1 draw, 1 match abandoned and 1 incredible tie against Chigwell in Essex - this game evokes tremendous pleasure when mentioned and will surely go down in Wash folklore as one of the most enjoyable games, and most likely but somewhat perversely, 'because of the result'. These wonderful nuggets of sporting gold should serve to remind us why we play this game.

Despite this meagre tally of wins, there has been some amazing, nay heroic performances: Luke Mitchells' fantastic hat-trick on the return trip to Barnes; Clinton's hungover century against old foe Hollybush, the already mentioned Chigwell tie; a wonderful opening stand at Vagabonds by Shyam and Mike Egan; to name but a few. It was also great to see Ash Cruickshank return for a stint at Vagabonds in September to play one game and take a fabulous catch off my bowling. He can come back anytime.

Unfortunately we've not been on the right side of the statistics this season, despite some superb individual batting performances from several players like Nisar (new recruit and batsman of the season), Shyam (returning after a few years and looking solid as ever), Clinton Dugmore (departing skipper and top bloke) and new recruit Eswar Kalidasaan (hopefully back for more in 2020), we very rarely scored enough runs to be truly competitive. This is something we must try to address in season 2020 and so recruiting batsman will be the watchword in the committee for the coming season.

The year included a great mini-tour to Brighton, where we played Toby's Zambucca Tigers on the Saturday, and then headed back to Mynthurst CC to play out a respectable and hard fought draw on their very picturesque ground. This will almost certainly be a feature of the coming season.

The end of season tour – always a highlight – was this year in Portugal. Fantastically organised by Russ Pendry, this tour was brilliant, with a staggering number of attendees and a surprise return appearance by our 'foregin friend' Smooth and the hairy Toby. We played a memorable first under lights (sort of) win on the Saturday and got beaten soundly on the Sunday. But the highlight was getting to see the skipper run around the park at the end dressed in a blue lion suit! Thanks for all your efforts Russ and we look forward to another great tour in 2020.

This season also saw Alex Britten depart for some far-flung place inhabited by goats and military men, and our amazing South African skipper Clinton has called time to head home for a bit (but he'll be back). These are some big talents and we'll be working hard to fill these boots in the new year.

I hope you find this offering enjoyable to read – look out for a few extra treats – and this point I would like to offer here a huge thanks to the entire committee and all Washington players who keep this club going. Without you all, this club would be nought!

Looking forward to smashing some 2020 leather!

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Marsh', written in a cursive style.

Stuart Marsh
Washington CC Chairperson

PS. Check out our fancy new website [here](#) if you haven't done so already!



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2019 Team Results

Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Drawn	Weathered off	Cancelled	Abandoned
15	4	8	1	1	6	2	1

Team Statistics

Highest team score:

265 for 9 vs. Hollybush CC, Sun 28th July, home (Won)

220 for 4 dec. vs. Mynthurst CC, Sun 18th August, away (Draw)

Lowest team score:

67 all out vs. Barnes CC, Sun 4th August, away (Lost)

Highest individual score:

114*, Eswar Kalidasan vs. Mynthurst CC, Sun 18th August, away (Draw)

Best bowling:

5-23, Max Murrain vs. Valley End CC, Sun 12th May, away (Won)

Best Partnership:

196, Clinton Dugmore and Alex Britten, for the 1st wicket, vs. Hollybush CC, Sun 28th July, home (Won)

2019 Awards

Batman of the year

Nisar Sheikh

Bowler of the year

Stuart Marsh

Fielder of the year

Clinton Dugmore

Most improved player

Keith Williams

Captains Award

Mike Egan

Clubman of the Year

Clinton Dugmore

They make a Silly Point Award (Inaugural)

Sam Clark

2019 Batting Averages *Qualification: 5 innings*

Batsman	Games	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Best	Average	100s	50s
Nisar Sheikh	12	11	0	263	75 *	23.91	-	1
Matthew Cragoe	6	6	2	89	44 *	22.25	-	-
Clinton Dugmore	11	10	0	220	105 *	22	1	-
Mike Egan	8	8	2	131	35 *	21.83	-	-
Sam Clark	7	6	0	115	42 *	19.17	-	-
Nick Kripps	5	5	1	51	19 *	12.75	-	-
Luke Mitchell	8	7	4	37	9 *	12.33	-	-
Stuart Marsh	10	10	0	80	25 *	8	-	-
Peter Kloss	8	7	2	38	16 *	7.6	-	-
Richard Creed	9	6	0	41	19 *	6.83	-	-
Keith Williams	9	6	1	26	17 *	5.2	-	-
Russell Pendry	9	8	3	8	3 *	1.6	-	-

Also Batted

Shyam Pushpanath	3	3	1	98	61 *	49	-	1
Alex Britten	4	4	0	154	82 *	38.5	-	2
Vinay Venkateshan	3	3	0	59	32 *	19.67	-	-
Grant Dixon	1	1	0	14	14 *	14	-	-
Toby Mariner	3	3	0	41	37 *	13.67	-	-
Geoff Barraclough	1	1	0	12	12 *	12	-	-
Tony Harris	1	1	0	11	11 *	11	-	-
Aff Naseem	2	2	0	22	18 *	11	-	-
Max Murrain	4	4	2	22	13 *	11	-	-
Shreekanth	1	1	0	11	11 *	11	-	-
Raj	1	1	0	10	10 *	10	-	-
Dileep Kumar M	1	1	0	9	9 *	9	-	-
Ayon De Barnes	1	1	0	8	8 *	8	-	-
Naveed Mir	3	3	1	16	8 *	8	-	-
H Freeman	1	1	0	6	6 *	6	-	-
Sam Collins	1	1	0	6	6 *	6	-	-
Matthew Holt	1	1	0	5	5 *	5	-	-
Brian Wingfield	3	3	0	12	6 *	4	-	-
Dan Hayes	1	1	0	3	3 *	3	-	-
Paul Hollingsworth	1	1	0	3	3 *	3	-	-
Andrew Gibbs	5	4	1	8	4 *	2.67	-	-
Aman	2	2	0	5	5 *	2.5	-	-
Michael DiMonaco	1	1	0	2	2 *	2	-	-
Habib Gul	1	1	0	1	1 *	1	-	-
Tom Hayes	1	1	0	1	1 *	1	-	-
Dan Synge	2	2	0	2	2 *	1	-	-
Abhishek Thakur	2	1	0	1	1 *	1	-	-
Raj Muthanna	1	1	0	0	0 *	0	-	-
Sjoerd Koekkoek	1	1	0	0	0 *	0	-	-
Chad Bhaskar	1	1	0	0	0 *	0	-	-

Josh Gibbs	2	2	0	0	0 *	0	-	-
Nigel	1	1	0	0	0 *	0	-	-

No Average

Eswar Kalidasan	1	1	1	114	114 *	-	1	-
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2019 Bowling Averages Qualification: 10 wickets

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best	Econ	Strike
Luke Mitchell	58.4	8	184	13	14.15	4-10	3.15	26.95
Keith Williams	29	1	154	10	15.4	2-5	5.31	17.4
Richard Creed	45	9	187	10	18.7	3-26	4.16	27
Stuart Marsh	64	9	308	14	22	3-23	4.81	27.43

Also Bowled

H Freeman	4	0	0	1	0	1-0	0	24
Dan Hayes	3.2	0	6	3	2	3-6	1.88	6.4
Tom Hayes	5	1	14	2	7	2-14	2.8	15
Max Murrain	35	5	124	8	15.5	5-23	3.54	26.25
Dan Synge	9	0	60	3	20	3-23	6.67	18
Nick Kripps	14.4	2	121	6	20.17	2-30	8.4	14.4
Matthew Holt	6	0	22	1	22	1-22	3.67	36
Toby Mariner	21	2	91	4	22.75	2-26	4.33	31.5
Naveed Mir	7	1	46	2	23	1-0	6.57	21
Russell Pendry	29.3	0	202	8	25.25	2-28	6.89	21.98
Clinton Dugmore	30	6	111	4	27.75	2-21	3.7	45
Nisar Sheikh	34	1	150	5	30	2-16	4.41	40.8
Peter Kloss	29.3	2	176	5	35.2	4-28	6.01	35.16
Habib Gul	8	0	45	1	45	1-45	5.63	48
Mike Egan	6	0	58	1	58	1-13	9.67	36
Andrew Gibbs	6	0	71	1	71	1-7	11.83	36

No Average

Shreekanth	3	0	16	0	-	0 - 16	5.33	-
Sam Clark	2	0	13	0	-	0 - 13	6.5	-



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The Washington Cricket Club has a new website
<https://www.thewashingtoncc.com/>

You can also find us posting fabulous club stuff on Instagram
<https://www.instagram.com/thewashcc/?hl=en>

We're also on Twitter (who knew?)
<https://twitter.com/WashCricketClub>

And of course, we have a Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/washingtoncc/>

2019 Highest Partnership for Each Wicket

Wicket	Runs	Batsmen	Opposition
1	196	Alex Britten & Clinton Dugmore	Hollybush C.C. Home
2	82	Eswar Kalidasan & Sam Clark	Mynthurst CC C.C. Away
3	41	Nisar Sheikh & Sam Clark	Haringey Libraries C.C. Home
4	84	Eswar Kalidasan & Stuart Marsh	Mynthurst CC C.C. Away
5	38	Eswar Kalidasan & Naveed Mir	Mynthurst CC C.C. Away
6	25	Aff Naseem & Peter Kloss	Hollybush C.C. Home
7	33	Alex Britten & Max Murrain	Hayes C.C. Away
8	28	Matthew Cragoe & Richard Creed	Codicote C.C. Away
9	16	Matthew Cragoe & Luke Mitchell	Codicote C.C. Away
10	32	Richard Creed & Keith Williams	Chigwell C.C. Away

All Partnerships over 50

1	196	Alex Britten & Clinton Dugmore	Hollybush C.C. Home
1	112	Shyam Pushpanath & Mike Egan	Vagabonds C.C. Away
1	70	Alex Britten & Matthew Cragoe	Hayes C.C. Away
2	82	Eswar Kalidasan & Sam Clark	Mynthurst CC C.C. Away
2	66	Alex Britten & Sam Clark	Hayes C.C. Away
2	58	Mike Egan & Nisar Sheikh	Haringey Libraries C.C. Home
4	84	Eswar Kalidasan & Stuart Marsh	Mynthurst CC C.C. Away

2019 Fielding Statistics

Wicket-keepers

Keeper	Catches	Stumpings	Total
Chad Bhaskar	2	1	3
Shyam Pushpanath	2	-	2
Alex Britten	2	-	2
Sam Clark	1	-	1

Outfield Catches

Catches	Fielder
5	Clinton Dugmore
4	Keith Williams
3	Nisar Sheikh
2	Raj Muthanna
	Luke Mitchell
	Richard Creed
	Max Murrain
1	Ash Cruickshank
	Sam Clark
	Peter Kloss
	Russell Pendry
	Nick Kripps
	Raj
	Tom Hayes
	Dan Hayes
	Mike Egan
	Andrew Gibbs

The day the child cried: an ode to Sjoerd **By Max Murrain**

This tale doth begin, 2017
For joining our club, the biggest man we've ever seen.

No cricketing credentials, no history of the game;
No respect for our bowlers, an unpronounceable surname.

But look a little closer, and what you will see,
Is hand-eye coordination, and a spirit truly free.

So we welcomed king Sjoerd, a new member to the squad.
All welcome to our team, to the Washington I do nod.

Not knowing the rules and eager to learn,
He came enthusiastic, respect he had to earn.

That he did truly, he tried really hard.
What came naturally, was hitting the ball bloody hard.

Net after net, game after game.
Though still developing, destruction was displayed.

This brings our tale to 2018,
Just north of London, where I set the scene.

The team did assemble, off we did trot,
To take on the mighty Codicote.

The sun shone bright, the grass emerald green,
Which makes a strange setting for a terrible scene.

The Wash bowled well in the shining sun,
180 the target when our innings begun.

What struck us as odd when the game did restart,
Was the age of some that did take part.

Some with grey hair, one barely a teen,
And all kinds of ages right in between.

After a strong start some wickets fell,
Straight up the order King Sjoerd was propelled.

The orders were clear: "Sjoerd, take your time"
But one ball in he'd clearly made up his mind.

Ball after ball, miss after miss.
The opposing captain then tried to take the piss.

As we've seen before, a truly nasty habit.
The excited energy of catching a fresh rabbit.

A rabbit, by cricket definition: someone not very good.
And soon they'd know that they've misunderstood.

With a broad smile and a roar from their skipper,
Their young kid was summoned, "warm up, little nipper"



And on he came to bowl out the bunny.
what came shortly after, whilst completely damaging for our reputation as a friendly club,
was just quite funny.

A swish of the bat and a boom off the blade,
King Sjoerd hit the child for six, our day was made.

An arm round the shoulder, try again young friend.
Only to be smashed into orbit again.

King Sjoerd, quite kindly, hit the next one for four.
The child's spirit left, he wanted no more.

It is rumoured the Dutch take a deep sense of pleasure,
In hitting six more, just for good measure.

The Wash on boundary, shouting with pride.
Had to wind it in as the little boy cried.

As Sjoerd got out we couldn't believe what he'd done,
As he calmly strolled off saying "well, that was fun"

Let's raise a glass, to our giant Dutch friend,
Here's to next season, where you can do it all again.



Some Memorable Moments from 2019

Alex Britten Recalls: Playing against a youth-laden Hayes on the day England won the World Cup - memorable for many reasons. Firstly there was this quality 17 year old reverse sweeping Creedy off middle-stump for four, but we gave some back, in the form of Sam Clark launching some of the biggest hitting we saw all season in a strong show of defiance. Alas, we went down to a 39 run loss, but surely the greatest part was the sprint off – before the game had ended – to watch the end of England's innings at the bar, then sprinting back out to finish the game before legging it one last time to watch the Super Over. Great memories, watching England win the World Cup with the Wash!

Marshy recalls: The Brighton tour was a special highlight for me. Two days of cricket and some great chat with all the lads from Toby's other team. The fact they managed to get a full squad of 11 for 2 days was quite an achievement, and everyone had a great time. Plenty of beers meant the snoring levels in the 8 person dorm room in Hove was cacophonous, but plenty of beers meant that we all slept pretty well through it too. The pub where those beers were consumed was a classic – they did some very interesting and spicy cocktails, and rather than bar-hopping, we decided to settle in and listen to the brilliant 80's rock, although this was not to everyone's taste. The next day saw us head to Mynthurst, with it's lovely ground and fantastic hosts. After Naveed forked out £100 to get Clinton's keys out of his own locked car, we settled into a great game which saw Wash debutant Eswar score a sparkling century. The game ended in a draw but never mind, the first Wash mid-season local tour for some considerable time can be chalked up as a complete success and will happen again in 2020.

Luke Mitchell recalls: The tied game at Chigwell will live long in the memory. Both sides ended up all out for 146 to secure this amazing result. The game was hard fought and exciting and very fairly played, and followed on from a draw the previous year. I can also recall the game at Vagabonds - every bowler was excellent, and Ash took a screamer of a catch running in from cow-corner. To close the game, Shyam and Mike batted superbly, showing poise, control and dedication.

Washington CC Club Cap ('The Baggy Black')

Baggy blacks are awarded to players who become club members and play the required 5 games in a season. The list below shows the caps that have been awarded to date including the date that the players commenced with the Wash. Some vacant cap numbers have been reserved to enable players to earn their cap in the future and still receive their rightful number.

No.	Name	Wash Debut	No.	Name	Wash Debut
1	David Gluckman*	1982	40	Ian Relf	28-Jun-09
2	Terry Tidey*	1989	41	Stuart Marsh	24-Apr-10
3	Taran Persaud*	1985	42	Nick Bunney	15-May-10
4	Pete 'Guru' Demetri*	1990	43	Mike Turner	05-Jun-10
6	Matthew Cragoe	1995	44	Will McDonagh	24-Apr-11
8	Justin Gurney	2000	45	Tom Allott	24-Apr-05
9	Nick Tidey	1999	46	Shyam Pushpanath	19-Sep-09
10	Rob Tidey	Early 2001	47	Andrew Anderson	19-May-12
11	Steven Brown 'Dog'	23-Jun-01	48	Max Murray	26-May-12
13	Peter Kloss	23-Jun-01	49	Mani Ahmed	15-Jul-12
14	Gary 'Knick Knack' Malcolm	23-Jun-01	50	Andrew Crook	5-May-13
15	Lee 'Fogs' Fogarty	Late 01	51	Kevin Read	28-Apr-13
16	Eric 'Smooth' Stoughton	23-Jun-02	52	Leo Lang	30-Jun-13
17	Brian White	03-Aug-02	53	Tom Harper	21-Jul-13
19	Tony 'Kiwi' Harris	25-Aug-02	54	Andrew Walsh	04-May-14
21	Chris Davis	02-May-04	55	Nick Kripps	20-Apr-14
22	Sandeep 'Colonel' Kuckreja	14-Aug-04	56	Aftab Akram	17-Aug-13
24	Shawn Hill	24-Apr-05	57	Richard Creed	17-May-15
25	Russell Pendry	22-May-05	58	Aravindan Ilangovan	03-May-15
26	Aff Naseem	31-Jul-05	59	Abhishek Thakur	26-April-15
27	Max Murrain	29-Apr-06	60	Arun Prasad	22-May-10
28	Elliott Bromley	21-Jun-08	61	Khan Bin Abdul Azeez	05-Jun-16
29	Toby Mariner	26-May-07	62	Ian Moore	09-Jul-16
30	Ash Cruickshank	10-May-08	63	Keith Williams	10-May-15
31	Chandan Bhaskar	19-April-09	64	Mike Egan	24-Jul-17
32	Mark Cumming	19-Apr-09	65	Andrew Gibbs	30-Apr-17
33	Luke Mitchell	19-Apr-09	66	Richard Brown	14-May-17
34	Steve Coyle	19-Apr-09	67	Andrew Speck	21-Aug-10
35	Sam Clark	19-Apr-09	68	Alex Britten	04-Sep-16
36	Clinton Dugmore	25-Apr-09	69	Sjoerd Koekhoek	27-Aug-17
37	Nassar Ahmad	25-Apr-09	72	Brian Wingfield	23-Apr-17
38	Glenn Matthews	02-May-09	73	Tom Brotherhood	30-Apr-17
39	Rory Guy	09-May-09	74	Mark Molloy	04-Jun-17
			71	Nisar Sheikh	19-May-19

* Life member

Washington CC Life Members

Life membership of the club is something which is bestowed only on those who have been a part of, and served the club over many, many seasons, going well beyond 10 years. As a consequence Life Membership honours the true height of loyalty and commitment to the club.

The full list of current Life Members is:

David Gluckman
Dave Walker
Pete Demetri

Kit Cooper
Alan Moffat
Taran Persaud

Terry Tidey
Mike Walton

BOWLER'S PARADISE (an original song)

By Brian Wingfield

It was a fine summer morning
North of London way
Me and the boys met down at the Wash
Gonna smash some leather today
So we drove out to the country
And, man, it sure was nice
But when we got there
We had a helluva scare
It was a bowler's paradise

Bowler's paradise, batsman's hell
Never know just what you're gonna get
But you can probably tell.
All them divots on the pitch
To hit that thing it sure is a bitch.
It's a bowler's paradise and batsman's hell

Well Skip sorted out the order
Said "Can you bat number five?
And don't worry 'bout smashin' that ball,
Just try to stay alive.
So I took my guard right at the stumps,
Crouched in a defensive stance
Elbow high, level eyes
But I never stood a chance

In a bowler's paradise, batsman's hell
Sounds like some kinda cocktail drink
Oh, that shit will never sell
Play every shot you can recall
Just make sure you live to see another ball
In the bowler's paradise, batsman's hell

Now let me tell you about this bowler
Well, he was a mean lookin' dude
Toothless grin, stinking of gin
And old pavilion food
He'd start out on his run-up
Somewhere in Hertfordshire
So by the time he got down to London town
He was hurling nothing but fire

Well the cricket gods weren't smiling
On our batsmen there that day
The whole top of our order
He sent them on their way
And what would be my own fate?
I hardly ever knew
Just don't get stumped or caught, I thought
Or draw an LBW

Oh, the first ball came a-flyin'
But the red orb it sailed wide
I thought about swattin' it to the slips
But that'd be cricket suicide
And the second bounced right at my head
But I was quicker than a fox
And the third was just a bit inside
Thank Jesus for my extra large box

The sun in was sitting high in the sky
On that long summer day
The sweat was dripping down my face
But drinks were still some overs away
When I looked down at the umpire
He said "Three balls to come."
Then my partner, he walked over and said
"Mate, just go out and have some fun."

I stared that bowler right in the eyes
And saw him glaring at me
It was a 22-yard showdown
But a Desperado I'll always be
So I let ball four go by me
Number five got a short leg glance
But the willow popped on number six
And I smashed it halfway to France

It's a batsman's paradise, bowler's hell
Once you get your groove back
Man it sure feels swell
Cause you don't want to break for tea
Thinking that bowler got the best of me
Batsman's paradise, and bowler's hell

Well the moral of my story
Man, it's plain to see
Keep your eye upon the ball
But don't take yourself too seriously
Cos' the whole point of this game
Is to go out and have some fun
Spend the day with your mates
And drink beers in the setting sun
And don't get down upon yerself
If someone takes your wicket
Cause everybody knows at the end of the
day
The real winner here is cricket.

Howzat?

Washington CC Past Clubmen of the Year

The Clubman of the Year has been awarded every year since 1988, and with the award goes a magnificent trophy. A complete list of winners is given below.

The award is made to someone who has made a considerable contribution to the club in that year, both on and off the field. The Clubman is someone who enjoys their cricket and has put in significant effort towards team success, but also someone who furthers the values of the club, balancing the cricketing and social aspects, and contributing in significant ways off the field too.

Until 10 years ago the club committee selected the Clubman of the Year, but since then the Clubman has been selected by a popular vote of the Club Members.

1988	David Gluckman	1999	Tim Sparkes	2010	Lee Fogarty
1989	Tony Connor	2000	Alex McNellan	2011	Stuart Marsh
1990	Mike Walton	2001	John Roche	2012	Toby Mariner
1991	Taran Persaud	2002	Gary Evans	2013	Luke Mitchell
1992	Terry Tidey	2003	Grant Mcdonald	2014	Shawn Hill
1993	Toby Reisz	2004	Pete Demetri	2015	Russell Pendry
1994	Malcolm Mackay	2005	Eric Stoughton	2016	Tony Harris
1995	James Wood	2006	Brad Hitchcock	2017	Brian Wingfield
1996	Dave Walker	2007	Aff Naseem	2018	Richard Creed
1997	Matthew Cragoe	2008	Peter Kloss	2019	Clinton Dugmore
1998	Alan Moffat	2009	Ash Cruickshank		

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Portugal 2019 – The Desperadoes Tour: 24th – 28th October

Tour Report by Russel Pendry

The Washington CC returned to Portugal for the 2019 end of season tour, 7 years after our first visit in 2012.

The theme in 2012 was The Muppets, but in 2019 we returned as the Desparadoes, based on bandits, criminals and cheats, both fictional and non-fictional. What a difference 7 years can make.

The official start of the tour was the 24th, but some of the more depraved members flew into Porto a few days earlier to scope out Portugal's second biggest city.

The tour was based in Figueria da Foz on the west coast half way between Lisbon and Porto, and is known for its large and super wide sandy beaches, just right for Toby to take photos of.

With 24 tourists flying out including partners and a mini-Desperado, this was the largest touring party to date, which helped make for a great vibe and plenty of banter opportunities.

Although Figueria da Foz was quiet, being at the end of the holiday season, there were plenty of bars and restaurants to keep the tourists watered and fed. The local smoke-filled Casino was frequented by several Desparadoes, who sought to viciously plunder the tables. There were some sights in there I can tell you.

Two games against the Amigos CC were played; a first ever day-nighter on the Saturday and a regular day game on the Sunday. A warmer welcome on tour cannot be remembered, and with welcoming blackboards, warm handshakes and friendly opponents, this made for two great days of cricket. Add to this the wonderful facilities at the Woodlands ground at Pousaflores in Ansaio, and the outstanding teas –

widely regarded as the best teas ever – then it is really hard to remember such a successful tour.

The Washington took to the field in their traditional whites and won their first game on Saturday by 72 runs thanks to 92 from Tony Harris (16 fours and 2 sixes). Early on saw a poor run call which saw Aff runout for 1 having only faced 1 ball, but Kiwi settled into a fantastic anchor role that set the tone for the Wash innings and he was forgiven over a few post-match drinks. Shyam 32 and Mike Eagan 19 steadied the ship and supported superbly. The score was pushed along nicely with the arrival of Naveed who hit a quick fire 73, containing 8 fours, 6 sixes (several of which are still going), and several straight-batted conventional shots (where have they come from?). Nick Kripps (17) and Richard Creed (14 not out) saw us home to a very strong 279 that we knew would be difficult to chase down.

After a wonderful tea of homemade sandwiches, salads and other superb local treats and cakes, and a few beers, the Amigos CC commenced their innings in the late evening sun. Despite 84 from Jitou, 35 from Ranjeet and 32 from Deery, it was not enough to overhaul the Washington score. With the sun going down and the floodlights coming on fielding and batting became very difficult as only the central portion of the ground really received any decent light and had conditions been the same for their batsman as ours, then it might have been a different result. However, accurate bowling from Creed and Clint, which took 3 wickets a piece was just too much for the batsman to deal with. All bowlers took wickets apart from the unlucky Luke who bowled 4 overs for 3 runs.

Onto Sunday and wearing their Portuguese colour-themed tour shirts (some might say West Indian themed), Clinton took to the field playing his last game as Captain for the Washington, given his imminent departure for South Africa, and was given a guard of honour onto the pitch by the Amigos CC.

Unfortunately the Wash couldn't send Clinton off with a win as they lost by 6 wickets. Shyam opening made 28 and Kiwi followed his 92 from the Saturday game with 49, taking the All-Blacks defeat to England in the Rugby World Cup out on the Amigos bowling attack. A quick fire 25 from Naveed of 12 balls was the only other score in double figures. Pick of the Amigos bowlers being Dudfield with 4 wickets and John Z, the Easyjet pilot, with 2 wickets and two superb catches. The Wash finished on 139 all out, a total that felt 50 odd runs short and may have been so after several days of drinking and gambling – who can really say?

After another amazing tea and a few more beers, the Wash took to the pitch weighed down by the incredible abundance of delicious food, which we suspect was a tactic to slow us down. Despite two more wickets from Creedo and two from Nick, the Amigos batsman were just too strong. Sabha finished with 42, Les Bickley scored 15, and there was a strong 59 from man of the Match John Z which was enough to see the Amigos home after just 22.5 overs.

After team photos, awards were given out by both Captains, with Kiwi receiving an Amigos mug for his batting performance and Brian Wingfield for bowling his first overs in a competitive match for the Wash. Russ Pendry was duly awarded for superb tour organization, and Clint the captain got to dress up as a blue wolf / lion thing (a bit weird) and be chased around the ground as is their tradition with opposing touring captains. The Wash skippers award (of a Wash black cap) went to John Z whose flying abilities we

hope are as good as his cricketing ones.

After more beers and several large G&T's, the transport picked us up and took us back to the Hotel to shower and change before heading out for the Washington Tour and Fines dinner. The fines this year were read out by Eric Stoughton who we were delighted to have on tour all the way from his new home in Thailand.

As the Wash tourists made their way back to the Hotel that evening conversations naturally turned to the next tour in 2020. Wherever we head, we all agreed it would be hard to tour against a more friendly and welcoming oppo, as we have done here in Portugal against the Amigos CC.

The Wash have been touring for many years now all over the world, and it is a tradition that I hope continues for a long time to come. It can be difficult pulling together a successful tour and to cater for the needs of the all tourists, but with a quality bunch of lads playing this fabulous game, whilst exploring new places with great friends and partners, and many beers, it is a pleasure to take the Washington's brand of social cricket and play cricket the right way, anywhere in the world.

Thanks a lot,

Russell Pendry
Washington CC Tour Manager

The Washington 2019 Season, Game by Game

Sunday 21st April vs. Aldenham, away:

Rained off

Saturday 27th April vs. Strongroom, away:

Rained off

Sunday 5th May vs. Crouch End Calthorpe, away:

Rained off

Sunday 12th May vs. Valley End CC, away – Won!

Max's Marvellous Five

**Washington C.C.
Valley End CC C.C.**

**106 all out
51 all out**

The 2019 season started in fine form for the Wash, as Max Murrain took 5/23 in helping to restrict Valley End to 51 all out, bowling the Wash to victory.

On a sticky pitch runs were hard to come by, however, Shyam and Clint dug in for 25 and 22 respectively, whilst Mike Egan's 15 and newcomer Grant Dixon's 14 helped boost the Wash to 106 all out.

In reply, Valley End were in trouble early as Max took a wicket with his first ball. He got plenty of help from the surface but bowled tremendously well to tie up the opposition, whilst Keith Williams took 2/5 and Marshy and Russ both chipped in with a catch each.

A professional performance in the field, if not with the bat, saw the Wash home by a margin of 55 runs.

Sunday 19th May vs. London Theatres, away – Lost ☹

“Break a leg”... as they say!

**Washington C.C.
London Theatres C.C.**

**100 all out
101-2**

“The Marshall” reports:

Imagine an Opening Night where the actors fall off the stage and are concussed, their understudies are all cut down by a virulent strain of influenza, and the rest of the cast have not read the script... this is something like the Wash performance against London Theatres at North Midds on Sunday.

Only three Wash batters managed to flicker in the limelight – Nisar Sheikh cameoed with a breezy top score of 19; Nick Kripps bashed 18; and Stuart Marsh glided to a beautiful 16. The Thespians got the 100 runs required without breaking a sweat, and the teams then repaired to the pav for a strangely delayed tea – the Wash men assuming that a booked pitch came with a booked tea, & the opposite being the case. What a shemozzle!

Sunday 26th May vs. Follies Farm Old Spots, away – Lost

10-man Wash go close ... but not close enough

**Washington C.C.
Follies Farm C.C.**

**128 all out
129-6**

Matt Cheviot reporting:

Washington tumbled to a 4-wicket defeat against Follies Farm Old Spots on Sunday. Losing the toss and batting first on a green wicket which offered lateral movement and some variable bounce, they were indebted to a spirited 35 from Nisar for their final total of 128.

Wash opening pair Marsh (2-30), Toby Mariner (2-26) and Dugmore (1-23) got Washington back into the game and a fabulous catch in the deep by Nisar off Mike Egan's bowling (1-13) soon after drinks gave Wash a flicker of hope.

However, that was as good as it got for the Wash, and Messrs Fiennes (44 not out) and Tebbit (14 not out) patiently saw Follies over the finishing line.

Sunday 2nd June vs. Hollybush CC, away:

Rained off

Sunday 9th June vs. Aldenham CC, away:

Rained off

Sunday 16th June vs. XI Players CC, home:

Rained off

Sunday 23rd June vs. Barnes CC, away – Lost

Wash Pulverised in West London

**Barnes C.C.
Washington C.C.**

**351-7 (35 overs)
108 all out**

How many ways are there to lose a cricket ball? Washington must have experienced them all during a truly dismal afternoon on Barnes's tree-fringed ground in West London.

There was the simple lost-in-the-undergrowth loss; the gargantuan I-think-it-hit-that-tree-about-20-yards-up-and-bounced-into-the-forest loss; the I-can-see-it-in-the-brambles-but-can't-reach-it-has-anyone-got-a-bat? loss; and many, many others.

Luke Mitchell bowled very well early on and troubled all the Barnes batsmen, but skipper Sanjay (75) hit well, and Wash were completely overwhelmed by Zef who scored 182 not out, including 13 sixes.

Washington's reply never got going, though there were nice cameos from Nisar (21) and Clinton Dugmore (18), and Mike Egan who batted very well for an unbeaten 29.

Sunday 7th July vs. Codicote CC, away – Lost ☹

Wash come up short

Codicote C.C.

171 all out

Washington C.C.

160 all out

Washington lost out in a seesaw battle in Hertfordshire on Sunday at Codicote. It was 'advantage Wash' at various points in the game, but ultimately they came up 12 runs short in this 35 over contest.

Wash seized the early initiative as superb bowling from Stuart Marsh 3-37 reduced the Cod to 2-2; later, during an excellent spell from the rejuvenated Peter Kloss (4-28), supported by some outstanding catching, Wash had their opponents at 6-89.

Codicote's eventual total of 171 looked well within Washington's grasp, especially when, with Matt Cheviott (44 not out) dropping anchor at one end, Vinay Gupta (21) and Nisar Sheikh (32) were savaging the attack. However both perished and, despite a flamboyant knock from skipper Richard Creed (17), the innings ran out of steam.

Sunday 14th July vs. Hayes CC, away – Lost ☹

Wash celebrate England world cup win in Kent

Hayes C.C.

224-4 (35 overs)

Washington C.C.

185-6 (35 overs)

Washington played and lost a very entertaining CCC game at Hayes in Kent on Sunday.

The home side, with youngsters Alfie (Peck (100 retired) and Rory Low (89) in the van, posted a competitive total of 224-4 in their 34 overs.

In reply the Wash started steadily. Alex Britten (82) and Matthew Cragoe (25 retired) putting on 70 for the first wicket by drinks, when the latter was obliged to retire hurt. This brought in Sam Clarke (40) who batted very well in first game of the year, but thereafter, Wash fell away.

Max Murrain played some delightful shots in a cameo towards the end - interrupted by a mass exodus to watch the last three balls of England's innings in the club house - but it wasn't enough, and the home side emerged as worthy winners.

Sunday 21st July vs. Chigwell CC, away – Tie!

Wash tie in Chigwell!

Chigwell C.C.

146 all out

Washington C.C.

146 all out

Washington secured a dramatic last-gasp tie in a nail-biting finish at Chigwell on Sunday.

Chasing 146, Chigwell looked well placed at 108-5 with 18 overs remaining; however, brilliant bowling at the death by Nisar Sheikh (2-16) and Max Murrain (2-19 off 11 overs!) caused panic in the home side's ranks and the wickets started tumbling! And with 9 down, a suicidal single to Russell Pendry was the wrong option, leaving the hosts rueing their fortunes as the scored ended level! Meanwhile, the Wash men were somewhat ecstatic as they had felt the game ebbing away, so to come back from the brink and secure the tie was as sweet as a win!

Earlier, Wash were indebted to great knocks from Vinay Gupta (32) and Sam Clarke (20) and a wonderful last-wicket partnership between Keith Williams (17) and Mitchell (6 not out) for posting what turned out to be a very competitive total. Luke Mitchell (1-29) and Pendry (2-28) then set the platform for the drama that followed.

Sunday 28th July vs. Hollybush CC, home – Won!

Wash grab first win since May!

**Washington C.C.
Hollybush C.C.**

**265-9
171 all out**

Alexi Rosso reports:

After a day of heavy drinking, followed by an afternoon of choice cuts of meat in Gibbo's garden, topped off by an evening of heavy drinking, the Wash played host to old friends Hollybush at North Midds. It had been a week of unseasonable rain; Clint lost the toss and the Wash were batting first.

The good captain opened up with Alex Britten, and after a period of watchful defence as the 'Bush's opening bowlers got swing and movement, shots were played. Cover drives from Dugmore, back foot square drives from Britten. Clint got into his stride quickly, eviscerating the demons of the night before as he found the boundary with will. The fifty stand, then the 100 stand - then Clint's century, his second for the Wash, and his second against the Bush. Britten had too passed fifty, his second in successive innings, yet failed to complete his second ton for the Wash - falling for 72 in his final innings for the club before his self-imposed exile on the Ascension Island. This wicket sparked a collapse - 196/1 became 214/5, and without Aff's 18 off 8 and Klossy's 16*, the final total of 265/9 would never have been reached. Underpinned by Clint's 105, it seemed a good score.

After tea, the Bush opened up, attacking the short boundaries and utilising the wind that had picked up. Yet in Creedy, there was a man who was not willing to bow to pressure. 3/27 he took, taking out the top order of the Bush. And if he had removed the head of the opposition, it was Marshy's 3/45 that got rid of the spine. Despite runs coming at a lick, the Wash began to squeeze the chase and fielding standards were raised. Russ bowled cleverly to frustrate; Nisar bowled fast to intimidate. 171 all out was the final score, and the Wash completed a victory by 94 runs, their first for over 8 weeks.

Sunday 4th August vs. Barnes CC, away – Lost ☹

Mitchell's hat-trick heroics all in vain

**Barnes C.C.
Washington C.C.**

**161 (all out)
67 (all out)**

Matthew Cragoe reports:

A career-first hat-trick from Washington paceman Luke Mitchell was not enough to bring his side a much sought-after victory against Barnes on Sunday. Mitchell's 4-16 off 7 overs played a crucial part in restricting Barnes to a relatively modest 161 all out - a total which would have been considerably smaller without 108 from Zef. Dan Synge (3-23) helped mop up the tail.

Washington's tea-time optimism, however, was quickly blown away as they were hustled out for just 67 in 16.3 overs. Tony Harris, making his first appearance of the season, top-scored with 11; Mike Egan (10) and the un-keep-downable Mitchell (9) were the only batsmen to find their feet.

Sunday 11th August vs. Great Gaddesden, away:

Match abandoned.

Saturday 17th August vs. Zambuca Tigers, away (tour) – Won!

Tense T20 victory for Wash in Brighton

Washington C.C.	85 all out
Zambuca Tigers C.C.	83 all out

Stu Marsh looks back:

A first mini tour in a long time, certainly the first in my time at the club. Game 1 on the Saturday was a friendly 20-20 encounter against Toby Mariner's other team. Klossy arrived well-oiled from the train journey from up-norf, and along with the cows at (fittingly enough) cow corner, watched the Wash stutter and stumble to a reasonable 85 all out. We thought this was a bit shy, but the given the rough and ready – and damp – nature of the playing surface (calling it a wicket is really not right here), the Wash capitalised on those same conditions when it came to their turn to bowl and emerged triumphant in a tense battle. In the end, there were several overs to spare which meant more time for the after-game beers at a lovely little pub and garden in town.

Sunday 18th August vs. Mynthurst CC, away (tour) – Draw

Wash held on in tense finish

Washington C.C.	220-4dec
Mynthurst CC C.C.	211-5

Stu Marsh again:

The second game of the mini-tour weekend saw us head back to Mynthurst. With the Ashes on the radio, a lovely tea and a superb ground bathed in sunshine after so much overnight rain, the scene was set for a fabulous day... after that is, Nav retrieved Clinton's keys from his locked car, at great expense to Nav.

Clinton's mind was elsewhere, and he fell early for 7. However, Sam Clark (42) and debutant Eswar Kalidasaan steadied for the Wash, the latter going on to score a marvellous 114 not out with shots all around the ground. Marsh supported for 25 and Naveed Mir clunked 8 not out, to give the tourists a decent total to defend.

Mynthurst made a slow start as the Wash opening bowlers were just too good, leaving them at about 60 for the loss of 2 wickets near the halfway mark. Being a timed game, starving them of runs wasn't the plan. We needed wickets. Clinton was unsuccessful though he came close on many occasions, but KW with his upwards finger took 2 quick ones of his 4 overs. Pendry, Marsh and Gibbs all bowled but with only 1 wicket from Russ, the game was in danger at times of heading for a loss. In the end though, the Wash fielded with courage and the bowling remained tight enough to restrict the hosts to tantalisingly close draw.

Sunday 25th August vs. Haringey Libraries, home – Lost ☹

Wash shelved by Bookmen

Haringey Libraries C.C.	155 all out
Washington C.C.	131 all out

The Wash came back down to earth with a bit of a bump today after last weekend's exhilarating tour to Brighton and the South. Wash looked on course to overhaul Haringey Libraries' total of 155 as they passed 100 with just two wickets down and Nisar in fine form hitting 75. However, his dismissal led to collapse of Biblical proportions, and 108-2 became 131 all out.

Earlier Dan Hayes (3-6) and Tom Hayes (2-14) were the pick of the bowlers, Dan also holding on to a great catch at slip to give Nisar (1-10) a well-deserved scalp.

Sunday 1st September vs. Vagabonds CC, home – Won!

Washington do it in style!

**Vagabonds C.C.
Washington C.C.**

**108 (all out)
112-0**

Wash drove to the delightful village of Bentworth deep in the Hampshire countryside to renew hostilities with old friends and rivals, Vagabonds CC. 2018 resulted in a closely contested draw; this time, Wash prevailed.

Vagabonds batted first but tight, accurate and hostile bowling from Luke and Clinton both 2-21 blew away the top order. Marshy and Creed followed up with 3 wickets apiece. Superb catching from Megan, Keith Williams and Ash meant that Vagabonds were rolled for 108.

Mindful of the potential for the Wash batters to implode at any point, Shyam and Megan proceeded cautiously against the oppo's accurate openers. As the bowlers tired, Wash savaged the attack both openers ending not out and the Wash winning by a mighty 10 wickets.

Sunday 15th September vs. Datchworth CC, away – Lost ☹

Defeat in Datchworth!

**Datchworth C.C.
Washington C.C.**

**228*8 (40 overs)
Not enough**

Wash came up short in this CCC game against Datchworth in Hertfordshire. On a dry flat pitch with little bounce, the home team amassed 228-8 in 40 overs, a score which seemed about par given the speed of the outfield. Wash bowled steadily with Clinton Dugmore the pick of the bunch in his last domestic game for Wash. A special word for Sam Clark who kept wicket brilliantly despite falling down stairs that morning ... For a brief period, Washington's reply prospered as Nisar (38) and Geoff Barraclough (12) added 50 for the second wicket in good time, but their dismissal heralded a familiar collapse. Some pyrotechnics from Toby Mariner (37) apart, Wash folded with little more than a whimper in the early evening sunshine.

Sunday 22nd September vs. Strongroom CC, home

Cancelled

Sunday 29th September vs. Pacific CC, away

Cancelled

Roll on the 2020 season!