

Minutes of ManCom (28) meeting - Saturday 23rd September at the Galtres Centre Easingwold

This meeting had been called by the Chairman at short notice in order to discuss "Team Selection". It was held during the lunch break on "Practice Day". All 9 ManCom members were present. (JoN, JiN, BS, JR, RH, RG, AJ, BT, PJ)

The Chairman opened the meeting saying he was concerned with the difficulty the Premier and "A" teams captains had been having in selecting full teams for their first fixture especially as the Premier teams had been unable to find the full 20 and he felt that all should be aware of the reasons for this.

Premier team - BT had "lost" 9 core players from last season,.

7 had "retired" (no longer playing IC at all) - (FB, SD, JC, JiN, SH, MH, BR)

2 had transferred to the B team - (RH, LL)

In addition 2 were unavailable for this first match - (PW and PW).

This had initially left her 10 players short.

She had recruited 4 new players

2 transferring from Staffordshire – (GS, MS)

1 from Bempton (LG)

1 who had recently moved from Herefordshire to Easingwold (RD)

Also

1 had transferred from the A team – (MC)

2 other players from Crossgates had agreed to help out temporarily (JS, JA)

1 non-core player had also agreed to play (AW)

This meant that she was planning to go to Cheshire (tomorrow) with a team of 18 (2 short).

However after discussion a further player from the "A" team (JT) was transferred and in view of the desperate situation 1 of the "retirees" agreed to fill the final gap (JiN).

This made up the full 20 required.

BT confirmed that the 2 ex-Staffs players had been made fully aware of all the implications of joining North Yorkshire.

"A" team - AJ had "lost" 8 core players from last season.

4 had "retired" (MR, AR, JiW, JeW)

2 had transferred to the "B" team (RG, GF)

2 had transferred to the Premier team – (MC + JT see above)

Also.

1 was unavailable (DB)

2 were injured (JR, JH)

This had initially left him 11 players short.

He had recruited 4 new players

1 from Raskelf - (TJ)

1 from Kirkbymoorside - (LW)

2 from Knaresborough – (SuP StP)

Also he had selected

4 non-core players from last years "A" squad (HW, SP, AM, FA)

2 non-core players from last years "B" squad (MT, DW)

1 had transferred from the B team (CW)

This made up the full 20 required.

B” team - PJ had lost 2 core players from last season
1 due to illness (AT)
1 had transferred to the “A” team (CW).
and
1 was not available (AM)

However she had gained 4 new core players
2 from the Premier team (LL, RH)
2 from the “A” team (RG, GF)
and
2 non-core players (ML, TP)
She had not had any problems in selecting a full team.

Overall

Although the available player pool showed 101 names, only 80 of these were actually used last year and of these, 13 had “retired”
The other 21 were all past players or potential players. Several of these had been approached but turned out to have “retired”, were just not interested, could only play at home or had transport problems.

2 were new and 3 had not been asked (?)
6 more names had now been added.

All these factors (28 losses and 8 gains) meant the pool was effectively reduced to less than 80. This meant that where all 3 teams were playing on the same day there was always likely to be difficulties in putting 60 effective players together.

RG wondered whether we were actually approaching the stage where we could no longer really support 3 teams. However everyone was keen to struggle on through this season.

Selection

It was re-iterated that if any player is approached by 2 (or 3) captains then the player has the final choice over which team they would prefer to play in and their decision must be respected.

However, the Premier team nominally has first pick of available players followed by “A” and then “B”. Selection should be on a match by match basis and selection into one team does not mean that those selected are locked in to that team for the rest of the season (subject to the NESMBA “starring rule”).

Communication

The Chairman asked that communication between captains regarding their selections be improved as there seemed to have been some misunderstanding over the past few weeks which had not been helpful. Captains must work together in a spirit of cooperation for the good of the county at large.

Next year

BS felt that the decision not to canvass all pool players in advance of the season had been a backward step. He felt that knowing players preferences in advance was of benefit. JiN wondered whether captains knew the reasons behind those who had dropped out or transferred. She had made her own reasons clear but what about the others?

ManCom had already agreed that there would be a “trials day” at the end of this season (Apr 28th) rather than just prior to next season. It was felt that this would be the best time for captains to pick their core players for 2018/19 rather than leave team selection to the last minute. .

Next ManCom meeting date and venue tba