

Warwick Uni Staff CC vs Thornborough CC – a short report

This was our second home league game of the season and just like the first home game; this match too was interrupted by showers. I've outlined below a few issues that we've been facing every time we play at home – especially during weather like this!

Our hut is not big enough to accommodate 22 players, 2 umpires and 15 kit bags; in fact at one point in time, there can be maximum 5-6 people in the hut. With all the rain around, the kit bags have to be moved in to the hut so there is hardly any space for the players or umpires.

This also means that the tea that is prepared by us being the home team has to be stored outside. During the rain, while a few players were covering the pitch with the covers, the remaining players tried to move the tea inside the hut but a lot of sandwiches, biscuits and plates did go soggy.

So, we didn't have a place to store tea, or a place for the players to stand – or even a place for the players to change their clothes which were drenched as we do not have proper changing room facilities or toilets.

This is not the first time this has happened and won't be the last. As the league umpire put it correctly, this is a university club. People who come to play here do not differentiate between the men's team or staff team or the postgraduate team. This is the university team for them – this is the university ground and he expressed shock over the facilities that exist (none!). The umpire called this the best ground he's been to, a fabulous pitch, a well maintained square, a fast outfield but unfortunately, poor facilities.

Thanks

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