

# UK Test Cricket Report

## Summer 2007

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The failed teams of the ICC World Cup England, West Indies and India contest 2xfour Match Test Series of 5 days. The first series of four Matches resulted in England(3) West Indies(0) quite encouraging for England?

Yes, but, the Windies are like a ship without a rudder minus Brian Lara. The World Cup served only to devastate players and spectators alike. Tickets prices at \$ 100 US, no calypso and shirts inside out if wrong advert.

They need not only new players but new legislators.

### The County Game

The winter has provided an opportunity for nomadic overseas players to transfer from one county to another. Some players have three counties to their name! So much for loyalty. They most meaningful move was that of Darren Gough from Essex back to his home county of Yorkshire.

When asked why he decided to return after three happy years at Essex, where he assisted in winning two back-to-back trophies in one day competitions he said, "I am a Yorkshire man and a Barnsley lad through and through. The opportunity to captain my home county and finish my career where it all started was too good to turn down."

...and on Yorkshire hard to please members, "Well so far I have been pleasantly surprised they've been very supportive."

Let's face it we all have a

favourite county. This year the championships are more open than ever in both Division One and Division Two. We remind you of who is where.

L.V. Division One

	P	W	L	T	Nr	Pts
Yorkshire .....	7	3	1	3	0	99.0
Sussex .....	8	3	2	3	0	94.0
Durham.....	7	3	2	2	0	91.5
Warwickshire .....	7	2	0	5	0	90.0
Lancashire .....	7	2	0	5	0	87.0
Hampshire .....	7	2	1	4	0	78.0
Kent .....	7	2	3	2	0	71.0
Surrey.....	7	0	4	3	0	47.0
Worcestershire .....	7	0	4	3	0	43.0

L.V. Division Two

	P	W	L	T	Nr	Pts
Somerset .....	8	4	1	3	0	122.0
Nottinghamshire .....	8	4	1	3	0	120.5
Essex .....	8	3	2	3	0	101.0
Middlesex.....	7	3	0	4	0	85.5
Derbyshire .....	7	1	1	5	0	70.0
Northamptonshire.....	7	2	3	2	0	68.0
Gloucestershire.....	7	1	3	3	0	59.0
Leicestershire .....	8	0	4	4	0	53.0
Glamorgan .....	6	1	4	1	0	41.0

To add spice to the season we will give a prize to any reader correctly forecasting the top

teams at the end of the season in both divisions (a meal for two in a leading restaurant)

If any of our readers are members of first class counties let us know and we will give you the latest news from inside the dressing room.

### The One Day Game

Michael Vaughan (Yorkshire) resigned as the one day captain after England's dismal failure in the world cup. he (a) failed to motivate players to perform to their full potential (b) failed to impose the discipline necessary from players representing England. The Flintoff pedalo affair was a disgrace and he was rightly punished along with his accomplices.

Paul Collingwood takes over after a run of good performances.

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lengths some inmates will go to stay in touch with the outside world while banged up."

Staff launched a series of searches at Swaleside in a crackdown on smuggling of drugs and phones.

### Beach wedding spells trouble

A Gloucestershire couple who spent \$8,000 on a Caribbean wedding are not legally married - because of a spelling mistake.

Mike Goodhall and Heidi Loader, from Tewkesbury, have spent the past six months trying to rectify the problem, reports the Times.

A clerk in the Dominican Republic, where the couple were married on a beach, spelt Mr Goodhall's surname with an 'e' instead of the first 'l'.

Mr Goodhall, 37, and Ms Loader, 34, returned the certificate asking for it to be amended but travel agents Thomas Cook said it had been lost along with the record of their booking.

As a result, Ms Loader has been unable to get a passport or credit card in her married name.

A spokeswoman for Thomas Cook said that it was still investigating whether it was responsible for losing the wedding certificate.

### Worker slept in cupboard for 8 months

A hard-up British Airways worker slept in a works' store cupboard for nearly eight months.

Stephen McNally, 30, bunked down among computers and photocopiers to avoid security.

He got his supper from office vending machines and, before going to bed, would watch telly in the staff room, reports the Daily Mirror.

But the £18,000-a-year manager was rumbled when colleagues noticed he smelt and security found food in the cupboard at the airline's call centre in Scotswood, Newcastle.

A source said: "He'd never leave blankets or anything and there was no trace of his stay...it is amazing he got away with it for so long."