

STRENGTH IN DEPTH

Stainland CC in 2009

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History:

Formed back in 1884, Stainland's first major achievement was when they lifted the Parish Cup in 1902, a feat they have achieved four more times and they were sent a letter of congratulations from the competition's organising committee in 1935. The team played at Drury Park for 40 years since its formation; the club have been playing at their current Memorial Ground on Stainland Road since 1922. The ground was given to the club as a post-World War One present and remains one of the largest in the league despite, in 1998, its pavillion being burnt down, with a new one being finished three years later. Stainland's second team was successful during the 1960s, winning four competitions in this period. In addition, the first eleven won Division Two in 1979 and 1985. The club haven't tasted a major triumph for a number of years but they did lift the second division title in 2002.



Last Season: League Position – 10th (85 points)

“Last season was the same as the last few seasons, too inconsistent. We had a poor start to the season where we lost 4 games on the trot then went & won 5 games on the trot. The bad start set the trend for the rest of the season. Everyone focused on the games we lost rather than the games we'd won which affected everyone's confidence for the rest of the season which ultimately led to us having to apply for re-election [to the league, having finished second bottom].” (Club captain Ryan Severn)

This Season:

“We've added a couple of new players & some old players have come back to us, this gives us more strength in depth as they are good players. It also

means we get to pick from a bigger pool of players if we ever have anyone missing from the 1st team. This has been a problem over the last couple of seasons but if we improve our consistency then there's no reason why we can't be near the top of the league at the end of this season. I would expect us to be in the top 2 at the end of the season.” (Club captain Ryan Severn)

Key Players:

Ryan Severn: Club captain of three years, Severn has given his club 13 years of service. He finished top scorer and second in the bowling averages last season.

Brett Spencer: Right-handed batsman who arrived from Copley last year and finished second in the batting averages.

Andrew Brown: Left-handed opening batsman who was signed from Barkisland. A steady performer with bat and ball, Brown is coming to the end of his career but has had a very good one and is still capable of getting big scores and taking important wickets.

Sam Oddy: Another ex-Barkisland player, the 16-year-old was the third highest wicket-taker last season and is also a very good junior batter, although he is yet to transfer this to open-age cricket. There are high hopes for this youngster at Stainland

Previous 1st XI Meetings:

July 15 2006 – Stainland 144-10 (4 pts); Outlane 148-9 (10 pts); Outlane win by one wicket

June 21 2008 – Match abandoned - rain

September 9 2008 – Match abandoned – ground unfit