

Profile of James Dollive

By Matt Elston

James Dollive is the third member of the Dollive triumvirate. The youngest member of this cricketing family, 'Jimmy' considers himself to be an under-performer who, in his own words, 'can do better'. He had an unsuccessful season last time round but this hasn't deterred this dogged character, who has now set his sights on a minimum 600 runs, 15-plus catches and the biggest six of the summer in 2007!

Dollive has enjoyed playing with and against high quality opposition and recalls beating Wassim Jaffer's bat with his first ball in an Examiner Eights tournament in 2004. After asking the Indian star whether 'he wanted a bell in it', James watched his following five balls hit the boundary ropes. Lesson learnt.



Always up for a bit of socialising, Jimmy has enjoyed touring Barbados with the Golcar Cavillers on five occasions. However, on these occasions he failed to make an impact and puts this down to copious amounts of Mount Gay rum! Nevertheless, he has enjoyed success elsewhere.

After making his debut against Barnsley juniors he began playing second -team cricket at SCC aged 14. He failed to secure a regular place and moved on to Nortonthorpe where he played in the Arrow Central League between 1997 and 1999. Jimmy moved back to Skelmanthorpe after this brief interlude and has developed into a hardworking team player whose never-say-die attitude makes him an integral team player.

The high point of Dollive's career was seeing Skelmanthorpe first team promoted back into the premiership in 2004. Their game against Rastrick was rained off and the fate of the Lidget Lane boys lay in the hands of Primrose Hill who had to beat Barkisland for Skelmanthorpe to triumph. After a tense nail-biting wait, Pip Hill emerged as victors and Skelmanthorpe were promoted as league champions.

A keen fair-weather fisherman, James enjoys watching various other sports. The coming cricket season holds no fear for him. His steely will and tenacious personality mean that his personal goals are well within his grasp. Should he achieve these goals it would go a long way towards propelling himself and Skelmanthorpe towards more success and yet another league title.