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2019 Home Counties League
Surrey v Middlesex
Croydon BC – Saturday 18th May 2019 – 1030hrs

CLEAN SLATE AS NEW BROOM SWEEPS INTO CROYDON

This Saturday Middlesex will, for the 10th Consecutive occasion in an uneven year, start their Home Counties campaign with a trip to Croydon to face Surrey BA.

This time however there will be differences. Middlesex are under new Management. Step forward Poplar's Darren Gosnell who along with his new selection committee will be keen to see Middlesex get off to a good start. Middlesex's players have certainly embraced the opportunity to impress with at present only 2 enforced changes to the original 24 picked. Darren has confirmed that places remain up for grabs in the Middleton Cup squad and he will be using this game as well as next week's home game against Sussex as additional "trials".

Darren is keen to bring a number of new methods to the squad this season and build upon the undoubted quality of the players available to him within the County. He is keen to blood some of the younger players in Competitive action so that Middlesex can build their way to success in both the short and longer term.

This Saturday 6 players will make their debuts at Home Counties level. They are Steve Boyle & Mark Catchpole of Bush Hill Park, Michael Coulsdon and Charlie Butcher of Poplar, Mark Laws of Ealing Central and Luke Mann of Ashford BC. We wish them all the best both for Saturday and for the future both at Home Counties level and maybe higher.

The Home Counties League for 2019 has already started. Last Saturday Surrey lost 5-17 away to Buckinghamshire so they will be looking to bounce back quickly. On the same day Sussex beat Berkshire 18-4 to lead the embryonic table. This Saturday also sees Buckinghamshire host Berkshire at Gerrards Cross and Kent host Sussex at Maidstone.

Middlesex for their part will be hoping that the change in Management also brings a change in fortune at Croydon where we have been defeated on the last 4 visits. The last win came in 2009 when we went on to win the league, a similar outcome on both counts would go down very well!

Supporters will be welcome for the game which starts at 1030hrs.
Report to follow....