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Rogers: adopt us for the day

Derbyshire Falcons v Essex Eagles at Leek Cricket Club - Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May, 1.45pm.

Chris Rogers has called on the Staffordshire Moorlands public to adopt Derbyshire for the day when the Falcons face Essex Eagles at Leek Cricket Club on Monday.

The Bank Holiday Clydesdale Bank 40 showdown begins at the Macclesfield Road ground at 1.45pm.

Rogers is hoping the local community come out in support of the event and take the opportunity of watching first team county cricket.

“It will be enjoyable to visit a new ground and to play in-front of new people,” Rogers said.

“Hopefully the local public will come out in force, get behind Derbyshire and enjoy a memorable occasion.

“I understand Derbyshire haven’t played a game in this part of the country for almost two decades, so this is a great chance for cricket lovers in the area to see some professional cricket.

“We are an exciting team and we have enjoyed a very good start to the season. Essex have achieved excellent success in one-day cricket in recent years. It all makes for an exciting encounter.

Monday’s match is crucial to the Clydesdale Bank 40 ambitions of both teams after both lost their opening fixtures last weekend.

Rogers himself is one of the star attractions of the match having been in scintillating form so far this season.

The former Australia left-hander became the first Derbyshire player in history to score a double-century and a century in the same match during victory against Surrey before following those heroics with another ton in this week’s match against Northamptonshire.

South African international Robin Peterson will also be on show for the Falcons. His left-arm spin has been bamboozling batsmen during the season so far and the aggressive brand of batting that saw him utilised as a top-order hitter in international cricket is waiting to explode.

Essex, meanwhile, are likely to bring no fewer than five full internationals to the party.

Alistair Cook is expected to feature as well as fellow England international James Foster, Zimbabwe’s Grant Flower and Holland’s Ryan ten Doeschate.

Danish Kaneria has not arrived in England as expected. But he has been replaced by New Zealand fast-bowler Chris Martin.

Any juniors (aged 0-12 on 1st January 2010) who wish to attend the game can do so for FREE if they become a member of the club for FREE, thus entitling them to Free entry at all Derbyshire cricket throughout the season. Supporters should note, however, that they must be signed up as a member prior to the day of the game in order to gain free entry to the match at Leek.

Advanced tickets are available, priced at £13, online at www.derbyshireccc.com, by telephone on 01332 388 101 or in person from Leek Tourist Office, 1 Market Place, Leek, ST13 5HH, Tel: 01538 483 741.

Tickets are available on the day of the game priced at £15 adults, £8 juniors.

Limited parking will be available at the ground priced at £5. However, supporters are recommended to use the additional car parking which is available at Leek Hockey Club, situated just a few minutes' walk down Macclesfield Road, for £3.

For further information contact Tom Holdcroft on 01332 388 125, 07768 552 667 or tom.holdcroft@derbyshireccc.com.

Notes to Editors

- Derbyshire County Cricket Club will be delighted to arrange phone interviews with players ahead of the match on request.
- Action photos of Derbyshire in action can be provided on request.