

Dear Staffordshire Scorer

**SUPPORT SCORER:** For some of you, there is still time for you to explore this facility in your last match of the season. It is a valuable feature for the away scorer to electronically check scores at the end of each over. It seems some scorers do not realise that they have to use “Tools”, “Configuration”, “Network” to tick the relevant boxes. Please do let me know how you get on (or fail!) with this laptop PCS Pro only feature.

**BIG APOLOGY** to J G Meakin CC. They did broadcast highlights from their matches on 31aug19 and 14sep19 – viewed from sightscreen. There is no direct link from their Play-Cricket site but you can find the links amongst the results. I have also discovered a few others in 2019 in non-league matches. I have been appealing for you all to share your experiences of videoing and you have not done so!

There are three cost levels. The cheapest can be done with a webcam starting at £5 or mobile phone with an inexpensive App connected with USB cable or WiFi. More sophisticated is [USB Webcam Plug & Play with Zoom Lens](#) at roughly £100 or the reduced price ECB starter pack [IP Camera Setup](#) at roughly £1000 – or even more expensive options – more details later.

I hope to arrange a workshop (online or physical) during the winter about videoing not only for those who are thinking of starting but also for sharing experiences from those of you who have tried it. Details to follow later BUT, meanwhile do PLEASE tell me NOW if you are interested.

Apologies also to Ewan of Hanford for citing him as King of the Video, only to knock him down. You can view copies of their matches on 02aug20, 16aug20 and 30aug20 – view from scorebox. I also note Wombourne 2nds on 20apr19 & 27apr19 and some other competitions. Unfortunately I have not found a way to identify matches on Play-Cricket that do have video embedded – only through PCS Pro.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you do gain PERMISSION from all concerned, especially parents of juveniles. Some clubs are already including this issue on their membership application forms and I am trying to obtain recommended legal wording and will be suggesting to clubs that they get all their players (and umpires) to sign up (or opt out) at the beginning of each season rather than on a match by match basis. Once again more detail during the winter.

If you do video someone who later complains, then you need to contact [play.cricket@ecb.co.uk](mailto:play.cricket@ecb.co.uk) immediately as they are the only ones with ability to remove it. They do not have a telephone number but do monitor emails very actively.

**SCOREBOARDS** – many of you have electronic controllers and it is possible to link these to laptops using PCS Pro. I am hoping to organise an exchange of ideas on this later. This will also cover displaying scores on TV screens in the clubhouse.

**PRIZES:** I am still waiting for claims from scorers with more than 30 points – [Tinyurl.com/SACOpriizes](https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/officials/find-a-course/scorers-count), potentially 5 points per match AND You can earn 15 points by completing the **Online Basic Course** (<https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/officials/find-a-course/scorers-count>) if you have not already done so and then also join ECB ACO (FREE subject to conditions). **PLEASE TRY AND COMPLETE the course by 15th October.** Please help me show that Staffordshire has a better take up than all the other counties! **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT next year's funding is likely to be based on the number of scorers that we have got registered.**

A summary of all scorer hints and stop press news can be found at

tinyurl.com/SACOScorer

Please share this with other scorers and ask them to complete our survey, if not already done so, at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LXDVHHN>

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