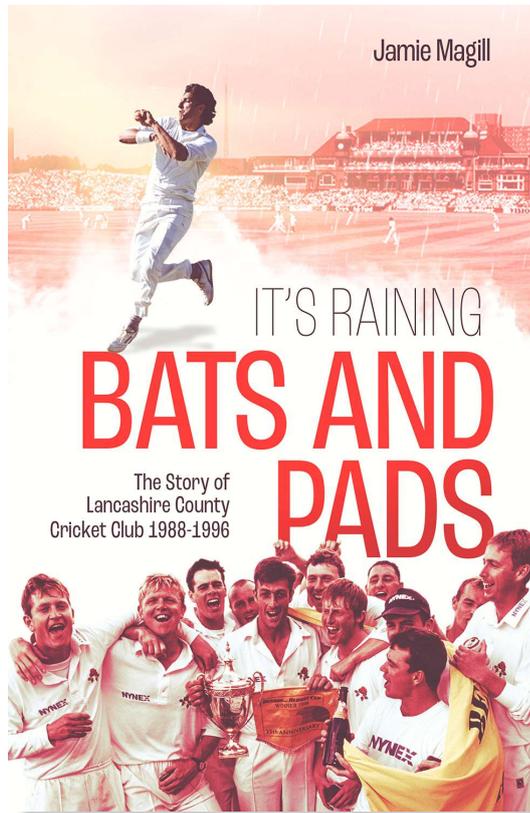




## Title information



### It's Raining Bats and Pads

The Story of Lancashire County Cricket Club 1988–1996

By Jamie Magill

#### Key features

- Illuminating look at Lancashire County Cricket in the late 1980s and 90s, filled with fascinating and often funny stories
- Recalls the comedy of ITVs regional coverage of Roses cricket: 'Need 15 from the last over? No problem. We shall go to a commercial break
- Takes us inside the dressing room with the son of the captain who the author went to school with
- Memories of missing A-level exams to see Ian Botham bat and bowl and the joy of one glorious afternoon watching David Gower bat at Old Trafford
- Recalls silverware in the Sunday league, success in the NatWest Bank Trophy and gold with the B&H Cup, a trip to Lord's to see a one-day final
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

*It's Raining Bats and Pads: The Story of Lancashire County Cricket Club 1988–1996* vividly captures the sporting and cultural landscape of the late 1980s to mid-90s, and shows the sea change between then and now. It's a romantic jaunt through the halcyon days of Mike Atherton, Neil Fairbrother and Wasim Akram as seen through the eyes of the author, who as a child and young adult lived through that era. It harks back to the glory days of lazy linseed summers when life was much simpler, time was not strictly of the essence and kids had to entertain themselves. Although primarily a tale of Lancashire's success on the field – punctuated by some lively spectator incidents at the grounds – the book also explores broader societal questions. Is the game in a better place now? Has the standard of cricket improved? Has freedom of choice caused the game's popularity to fall among the young? And is the Hundred an allegory for a society that simply can't wait for better?

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