

## RICHARDSON MEETS HIS MATCH

A three team Pro-Am Tournament at Bledlow Village Cricket Club in August saw Kapil Dev's XI take the Trophy after a final match victory over Brian Lara's team.

Kapil Dev, having been dropped first ball, powered his way to 97 (including seven sixes) and was well supported by his amateurs. The luck was not with Brian Lara who was caught second ball and the rest of the team were unable to maintain the required run rate.

In the other 20 over matches both Kapil Dev and Brian Lara overcame Richie Richardson's XI. As a result the soon to be appointed West Indies captain finished in third and last place (even though he had personally scored over 100 runs). Some 50 non-playing guests and the 33 players enjoyed superb catering and over 700 runs and forty wickets during the day.

*Editor's note:* The three team round robin format is the most popular Pro-Am day.



*Richie Richardson at Bledlow.*

# COUNTRY HOUSE, COUNTY GROUND OR AT THE VILLAGE CLUB

**The opportunity to play with the likes of David Gower, Richie Richardson, Kapil Dev, Brian Lara and Roger Harper have established Pro-Am Cricket as a very popular corporate entertainment event.**

Cricket is one of the very few sports where a Pro-Am format can be successful. Many amateurs do score runs and many amateur bowlers boast professional scalps. And facing Kapil Dev can be fun!

The Rob Darcus Partnership can offer many venues from the country house atmosphere of Castle Ashby in Northamptonshire, to a county ground at Tring, Hertfordshire or a village club such as Bledlow nestling below the Chilterns. Alternatively we will bring Pro-Am to your ground.

The number of professionals engaged is discussed with you to meet your requirements and budget. Two or three professionals on each side provides sufficient personalities whilst still ensuring



*Kapil Dev, Richie Richardson and Brian Lara with amateur guests.*

your clients and customers have the chance of sharing the glory.

**We also organise Celebrity, Charity and Benefit cricket matches.**

All our cricket days have full catering for the VIP guests and players alike. The level of hospitality on your day is your decision.

Pro-Am cricket is well worth looking into if you are seeking corporate entertainment with a difference.

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