

## STUART MEEK

Born 23 November 1965

A naturally talented all round sportsman, Stuart was a cavalier cricketer either slogging right hand with the bat or bowling left arm swing or spin, or making chirpy remarks in the field to team mates and opposition alike. He started in the Youth team in 1979 and always had plenty to say at club social functions, on and off the mike.

His father Rod Meek occasionally played for the



club in the 1960's but Stuart comes from good Keyworth sporting stock. His grandad Tommy Hinchliffe (pictured left), a professional footballer whose clubs included Nottingham Forest and Derby County was a flamboyant batsman with the club between 1938 and 1963, once scoring 102 not out against Sandiacre CC on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1949. Mary,

Tommy's widow who was an Honorary Vice President until her death in 2012 and was the daughter of Edgar Pike and the sister of Bill Pike (all three are pictured right). Edgar was an opening bat and wicketkeeper for the club between 1899 and 1929 and Bill also played during the 1930's but was more fondly remembered as groundsman, scorer or umpire.

Stuart, a left wing back footballer, captained Nottingham Forest FC's youth team in the Brian Clough era and also played for the reserve side on several occasions, later turning down a professional contract with Scunthorpe United FC after sustaining a serious injury. He went on to be a member of the Keyworth United's 1984/85 Notts Alliance League championship winning team.

'Meeky' as he is usually known has scored over 6000 runs for the club and cleared the boundary with 136 sixes, including 21 hit in 2004 and made three centuries, 138 against Stanton by Dale CC on September 4<sup>th</sup> 2004 and 108 against Attenborough CC II's on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 in the first eleven and 111 not out in an evening league match against GPT CC on June 17<sup>th</sup> 1993. He also has twenty one half centuries to his name and holds two batting partnership all time records, both with Steve Rendu. Together, they put on 182 runs for the fifth wicket against Attenborough CC II's on July 15<sup>th</sup> 2006 and 128 runs for the 8<sup>th</sup> wicket against Radcliffe upon Trent CC II's on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2005.



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Stuart took five wickets or more in a match on nine occasions in a total haul of 434 wickets, his best being 7 wickets for 17 runs against Hickling CC on May 16<sup>th</sup> 1998 in a second team fixture. He has also held on to 112 catches and twice been named Player of the Year in 2001 and 2005, having been the Young Player of 1983 and among many other trophies, he was the Under 15 Batsman of the Year 1981 to first make his presence felt.

His cousin's Richard & Steve Thomas have also featured for the club in the past fifteen years and Stuart's brother-in-law Kevin Hitchcock (pictured right), the former Mansfield Town & Chelsea goalkeeper and Blackburn Rovers, Manchester City, Fulham & Queens Park Rangers keeper coach, was a hard hitting batsman for the club during the 1980/90's and once held the club individual batting record score of 165.



Stuart retired in season 2014 and became a Vice President from 2016.

### Stuart Meek's Keyworth career statistics...

	Mat	Inns	NO	HS	Runs	Ave	6's	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Ct	St
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	175	154	15	138	2582	18.58	63	858.5	147	3032	166	18.27	53	
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	155	141	15	88	2528	20.06	55	1131.2	201	3484	210	16.59	44	
Evening	53	41	12	111*	684	23.59	11	110.4	5	623	44	14.16	11	
Youth	17	15	3	39*	214	17.83	7	57	9	175	14	12.50	4	
CAREER	400	351	45	138	6008	19.63	136	2157.5	362	7314	434	16.85	112	