

CRICKET COMES TO THE U.S. IN OREGON HIGH SCHOOLS

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Foreword:

Imagine my amazement and delight when I opened my newspaper today and read the headline, "Cricketers Told To Repair Field Of Seams". I have located their website and will be monitoring their development.

Watch Out! WINDIES!

A club that built its cricket pitch on a middle school field used by Sunset High lacrosse teams is to pitch it elsewhere.



BEAVERTON - There's a bit of a sticky wicket over Washington County's newest cricket field. A club of enthusiasts of the British sport last weekend had contractors tear out a 22-yard strip of sod, dig down 6 inches, lay in a bed of gravel and stretch artificial turf over the top.

The \$4,000 "pitch" on Meadow Park Middle School property would be the envy of cricket players far and wide. It has everything...except clear permission to be there. And while the pitch was set away from baseball diamonds, it stretches into the center of a nearby lacrosse field. A representative of the Bazaar Cricket Association said it was authorized to build the field. But Beaverton School District disagrees, saying a plan proposed by the club was never approved. School officials said the club must restore the field by Monday or the district will have it done and pass on the bill.

Cricket, a popular game in Britain and its current and former colonies, is considered the forerunner of baseball. Surrounding the batting pitch is an elliptical field extending 60 to 80 yards in all directions. The Superintendent of Sports and Recreation stated, "At this point, we've decided that the use for baseball and lacrosse is not compatible with cricket."

Comment from Lady Charli: His point well taken, but I hope it's not the end of the beginning of cricket in the U.S.; If they can accept lacrosse, I say let them make provision for cricket as well. The Club has several teams, complete with equipment.