

## **Frost's New County Role**

TONY FROST has switched from wicketkeeping to wicket preparation after ten years of service to Warwickshire.

The 30-year-old was forced to retire from playing last month because of a chronic hip complaint but Warwickshire are helping Frost to develop a new career by finding him a job on the ground staff at Edgbaston.

Frost will officially join the staff under Steve Rouse, another former Warwickshire player turned groundsman, on March 1 but he has already been involved in the relaying of three pitches at the county ground and he has been busy acquiring knowledge at courses run by the Institute of Groundsmanship.

"It's been a busy month since I finished playing," Frost said.

"I've got my Level 1, 2 and 3 qualifications, which has involved me attending courses at Yorkshire's Academy ground in Leeds and at Leamington Football Club.

"I don't start officially at Edgbaston until March 1 but I helped out in relaying three pitches immediately after the end of the season.

"That was valuable experience for me to see the pitches being dug out, around 40 tons of soil being taken out and then helping to bed the new soil in. I'm looking forward to seeing how they play."

Frost's experience as a groundsman may be limited but it has already made him appreciate what a difficult job it can be.

"When you play you just turn up and you expect to play on a good pitch and if it isn't you have a moan about it," he said.

"But the courses I have been on have really opened my eyes to just how difficult it is."

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