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To Whom It May Concern:

RICKY AITKEN

Ricky has worked as a member of the MCC Groundstaff at Lord's on two occasions, first in 1998 and then in 2000, both were six-month seasonal placements. Throughout both periods at Lords, Ricky soon proved to be an excellent addition to the Groundstaff, readily undertaking any duty or task asked of him with total dedication and boundless enthusiasm.

Working mainly alongside myself and also other members of the groundstaff, it was soon apparent to us that Ricky was an extremely likeable person and an excellent team man.

Ricky assisted in all match preparation, including the preparation of Test Match and One-Day International pitches. I firmly believe that his contribution enhanced the very successful playing characteristics of all pitches on both his visits here at Lord's.

I was immensely impressed with Ricky's extensive knowledge of Groundsmanship - both practical and theory. His total dedication is a credit to himself and his profession.

We have been very fortunate to have had Ricky working with us, not only for his skills, but also as a thoroughly "nice guy". He was a pleasure to work with and also too befriend and would always welcome his return, but I'm sure Ricky is eventually destined to a senior position at a Major test match venue.

From the above it will be readily appreciated that I strongly recommended Ricky to any establishment to which he is appointed.

If you require any further details, please do not hesitate to contact me.

M Hunt

Head Groundsman