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Welcome to Issue 34 of the European Development Programme newsletter. Please continue to send us press releases, reports on events or details of forthcoming events for the diary at any time - we look forward to receiving your information soon!

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NEWS

U17-1st Division Championships



The DCF kicked off the ECC's tournament season with the U17-1st Division Championships

at Nykøbing CC in Jutland. Scotland won the tournament, winning all three of their games, and

bringing to an end two years of Irish domination of the ECC 1st division youth tournaments. The Scots showed great character against Ireland on the second day, fighting back to win the match when Ireland were in a commanding position at a hundred for no wicket chasing. Player of the Tournament was Scotland's Gordon Goudie, who certainly looks like a fine prospect for the future. Congratulations to the DCF and other personnel on a very well organised tournament.

For further details and photos, [click here](#).

U13-1st Division Championships

The DCF also hosted the U13-1st Division Championships at Svanholm CC in Copenhagen, where the ground was in immaculate. The Irish took home the silverware for the 3rd year in a row after beating Holland on the last day. There were fine individual performances by various players, but Alexei Kervezee (Netherlands) was named Player of the Tournament after a fine 125 on the second day and 45 on the last. Again, congratulations to everyone involved in this very successful and efficiently run tournament. There was also good support from parents who had travelled from the various participating

countries, adding to the great atmosphere throughout the three days. ECC Umpire Dennis Stones



stood and boundary assessed, and was very impressed by the umpiring standards and superb facilities for players, spectators, and (of course!) umpires.

For further details and photos, [click here](#).

U15-1st Division Championships

Not content with maintaining their winning streak at U13 level, the Irish also retained the U15-1st Division title with a 3rd successive victory at this age group

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level. Hosts Scotland were relegated to 3rd place by the Dutch.

ICC European U19 World Cup Qualifier



The action then moved to the Netherlands, where the European Associate

members (minus Israel) took each other on for two places in the next U19 World Cup. The weather was excellent, and the pitches were of a high standard. Tournament winners Ireland were dominant, including a convincing victory over the ECB U17s in

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the warm up matches. Scotland also qualify for the U19 World Cup in Bangladesh, 2004, by dint of a superior run rate to Denmark and the Netherlands. Ireland's Gary Wilson (Player of the Tournament for his batting and wicket keeping) and Gary Kidd (for his remarkable bowling statistics - 42-15-55-16), and Scotland's Kyle Coetzer (for his all-round play and captaincy) are certainly players to look out for in the future. A gap remains between the leading Associate members and the newer Associates, but there were signs that the gap could potentially be closed in the near future.

Forthcoming Tournaments

Both the U15-2nd Division Championships in St Astier, France, and the ECC Notts Sport® Trophy are due to get under way this coming weekend. Anyone wishing to receive e-mail updates of their team's progress in the latter should visit the Tournament

Website at <http://ecct2003.austrian-cricket.info> and follow instructions to subscribe to the list. The season concludes with the A-Team Championships in Belfast (12-14 August).

Ireland win IWCC Trophy

Not strictly under the European banner, but certainly worth a mention, is the recent IWCC Trophy, hosted by the Netherlands. The Irish

women, winning 100% of their matches, qualify for the next Women's World Cup, along with the West Indies. The Netherlands narrowly missed out on a

World Cup place, having lost to both Ireland and the West Indies, while fellow Europeans and relative

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newcomers Scotland finished fifth, behind Pakistan, but ahead of Japan.

EDM Visits Isle of Wight

On 25 July, Ian Stuart, ICC European Development Manager, attended the opening of the Ventnor CC academy on the Isle of Wight. Former ECB Chairman Lord McLaurin was present, along with many well known cricketing folk including the ECB coaches team and newly appointed EDM Richard Holdsworth. The 3-lane indoor facility, managed by

former Italian player, Orazio Santalucia, certainly has a great deal to offer any clubs/countries , wishing to tour the island either as a pre season visit or during the season. More information may be found by visiting their website on <http://ventnor.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Sri Lankan Test captain Hashan Tillakaratne paid a surprise visit to the Austria Cricket Stadium, Markomannenstrasse, Vienna on 7 July.



COACHING

Academy ECB Level I Passes

Congratulations to the following who successfully completed the ECB Level I coaching course during this year's European Academy in Spain - your certificates will be with you shortly: Craig Anderson (Scotland), Moritz Karpf (Germany), Paulo

Buccimazza (Portugal), Christian Dirkov (Denmark), Iain Brand (Scotland), Adnan Mohamad (France), Jonathan Thompson (Ireland), Stuart Murray (Scotland), Boyd Rankin (Ireland), Simon Wells (Ireland) and Gert Mol (Netherlands)

UMPIRING

Umpire Exchange Scheme

The EDP's new umpire exchange scheme is now up and running, and two European umpires have already travelled to England to spend a weekend increasing their knowledge and experience:

George Poulimenos (Hellas):

The umpire exchange project is very useful to European umpires wishing to broaden their experience, providing the opportunity to stand in games that are competitive yet very different in structure and essence from the usual league and championship matches on the Continent. I was

Niels Bindslev (Denmark):

The ECC were delighted to welcome Niels Bindslev to England for a seven-day visit from July 6 to 13. On Monday and Friday Niels umpired in the

For full reports on both visits and photos, [click here](#).

picked up on Thursday 26 June at Gatwick by EDP umpire instructor Dennis Stones and driven to the HSBC Club ground at Beckenham - a very nice ground, an interesting game and a very pleasant clubhouse were the perfect introduction to this umpiring weekend.

Cranleigh School Cricket Festival where he experienced the delights of English Public School cricket at its best. .

YOUNG CRICKETERS

Swiss Youngsters get a Taste of Cricket



Two groups of youngsters were introduced to cricket by clubs working in association with the Swiss Cricket

Association. Winterthur CC presented to children from a junior school in Ober-Winterthur. The children learned some theory and were then taught basic throwing, catching, striking and bowling skills, before taking part in their first ever game of cricket. Harry Potter DVD's, compliments of *Warner Bros. (Switzerland)* and certificates were distributed. Nomads CC introduced cricket to children from a school in Altstetten-Zurich. The youngsters were

put through a couple of exercises by coach Ian Bond, followed by a game of Lord's cricket, and then the girls played the boys in their first ever cricket game. A Kwik Cricket set and book "Spas mit Cricket" were presented to the school and ECC T-Shirts given to the children. Ian was delighted with the way the day had gone: "The whole event was very positive for me. The kids has no preconceptions - the girls didn't think it was a boys game (the pictures in the book reinforced this) and nobody thought it was boring."



For further information and photos, [click here](#).

EVENTS FROM THE REGION

Spain: Costa Blanca League



The first competitive league competition to be held in Spain for

some years took place on the Costa Blanca during June. Due to the lack of suitable venues, all matches were played at the Columbus Oval, Playa Albir - the home of Sporting Alfas C.C. Four Clubs were

involved in the competition, Intellectuals CC, Javea CC, Mojacar CC and Sporting Alfas CC with the matches being played over three weekends. The fixture programme at the Columbus Oval only allowed Clubs to play each other once, but in spite of the limited number of matches, the competition proved to be a success, with all matches being completed and all three Clubs involved in the final weekend being in with a chance of taking the Costa Blanca League title.

For the full story, [click here](#).

Cricket returns to Barcelona

Nathan Long reports

Despite the local weather allowing for cricket near enough 365 days of the year, until last Saturday no games had been played in Barcelona since the old Barcelona Cricket Club (BCC) ceased to exist somewhere between 1997 and 1998. Before then it was a thriving sporting and social club with an excellent squad of players, good sponsors and most importantly a "grass" field to play on. The players, however, are still here and several of them who were part of the original BCC (which also toured China in an effort to promote the game) were involved in



their first match in six years when they took on a Sitges (a town 40 minutes down the coast) invitation XI. The game took place on a dirt football field in the shadow of the Nou Camp, home of Football Club Barcelona and a lovely grass surface that these cricketers can only dream of playing on.

For the full story and photos, [click here](#).

Only Icelanders and Englishmen go out in the Midnight Sun



“Does one drink red or white with guillemot?” asked Hugh Ellerton, non-playing manager of the Effigies

Cricket Team, studying the menu in a Reykjavik restaurant. The Effigies - a team composed of employees of Mayfair’s EFG Private Bank - and various guests (including Henry Blofeld and his wife, ICC European Development Program Coach Tim Dellor and Project Officer Alison Smith, and assorted members of the press) recently returned from a weekend tour of Iceland, which probably sounds rather surreal to anyone who wasn’t there. First up was the team photo in front of the Iceland

For the full story, plus photos, [click here](#).

And if you fancy a taste of the Midnight Sun...

...Guttsta Wicked CC are inviting teams to take part in the 2004 Midnight Cup at the Kolsva International Cricket Tournament in Sweden. As many clubs have weekend league commitments, Guttsta have this year designed a midweek competitive Midnight Cup to complement the weekend Social Midnight Cup.

Ljubljana CC Win Inaugural Velden Sixes Tournament

Michi Tschernitz, Eric Holmes & Michael Bailey report

Latschach was the venue on 12-13 July for the first CC Velden 91 International six-a-side cricket tournament. The competition saw teams from Italy

Express plane at Stansted. Nothing too unusual about that, apart from the man standing in the middle of the group, wearing the Iceland Express uniform, who looked strangely familiar to anyone with a penchant for Heavy Metal.



Yes, First Officer on the flight to Keflavik was none other than Bruce Dickinson, lead singer of Iron Maiden. Not content with merely flying the team out, Bruce played in their first match in Reykjavik on the Flicx pitch provided by the Development Program.

These packages includes 3 games of cricket including 1 final, entertainment, a regional tour of central Sweden, and 3 days in Stockholm - one of the world’s most beautiful cities. For further information, [click here](#).

(SS Lazio Baseball and Cricket - from Rome - and Milan CC), Slovenia (Ljubljana CC) and Carinthia Cricket Club join the hosts in the tournament.



AUCUS
umpires
Graham
Tebb
and
Walter

be in action at next month's ECC Notts Sport®
Trophy at Seebarn and Markommannenstrasse. The
group stage saw a number of very close games, with
Ljubljana CC qualifying first for the final, by virtue
of having won all three group games, and Lazio
edging out the hosts, having been level on points.

Blaschke officiated at the tournament, and both will

For the full story, and photos, [click here](#).

It is hoped that the 2004 Velden Sixes, scheduled for 26-27 June 2004 at the Latschach/Velden groun, will be a six-team affair, with six nations represented. For further information contact Michael Tschernitz (Chairman), Tel.: 0650-4301828, Mail: tschernitz@ccv91.at; Eric A. Holmes (Secretary), Tel.: 0676 494 1077, Mail: holmes@ccv91.at; or Gerd Ladstätter (Treasurer), Tel.: 0664-5266318, Mail: ladstaetter@ccv91.at.

Zuoz International Cricket Festival 2003

Graham Kelsey reports

There can't be many things more extraordinary than waking up on a beautiful summer's day in early July, opening the shutters to the sound of cowbells resonating along the valley slopes, breathing in the lush green odours of recently cut and well watered grass and looking down into the well of the mountainous valley in the shadow of the snow-capped peaks, to perceive beneath one an enormous

expanse of well-trimmed grass on which four - yes 4 - matches of cricket are being simultaneously played, next to each other, on juxtaposed pitches. And yet this is what any late-riser in the tiny village of Zuoz would have beheld on the first Sunday of July this year, as indeed on the first Sunday in July of any of the last fifteen years past.

For the full story, [click here](#).

France vs Switzerland

On Saturday 12 July a youthful Swiss side featuring a number of new names gathered in the grounds of the majestic Château de Thoiry for the first of two friendlies against France. In recent years these fixtures have been dominated by France, who have

won 5 out of 6 matches since 1999. This year, however, with preparations for the ECC Notts Sport® Trophy hotting up, the Swiss team, led by Tom Brink-Wehrli, had other plans.

For the full story, [click here](#).

ADMINISTRATION

Hello, Goodbye

We are delighted to announce that Richard Holdsworth has been appointed as Ian Stuart's successor in the role of ICC European Development Manager. Richard previously worked for the ECB in their Performance Department and played a role in setting up the new ECB Coaches Association. Before that he was the Cricket Development Manager for Gloucestershire County Cricket Club. Some of you may already know Richard as Portugal's National Coach - a role which he has carried out since February 2000, and which enables him to bring an in-depth knowledge of development issues and the European scene to his new role. Richard will begin a handover period with Ian on 8 September before being handed the reins on 6 October. We wish him the best of luck in this new role.

All our best wishes and thanks, in the meantime, go to Ian, who has worked incredibly hard for the cause over the past three years, and has implemented many new and exciting initiatives to help drive the programme forward, including the European academy, the Imagination Roadshow and the Administration & Management Forum. Having taken over from Nigel Laughton at a critical period

in the programme's development, Ian has striven to constantly review and update its policies, strategies, procedures and activities in order to assist member and prospective member countries in the most effective way. Many thanks to all those countries who expressed their appreciation for Ian's efforts by contributing so generously to his leaving present.

And we're not finished with the best wishes and thanks yet, as by the time this newsletter reaches you, Adam Cole will have already left his role as European Development Officer to take up a position in sales and marketing with Musashi, a company already well-known in sporting circles in the Southern Hemisphere which produces nutritional supplements for athletes. Adam's hard work and commitment to European cricket, as well as his sense of humour and charm, have made him a popular member of the development team, and thanks go again to all those countries who contributed to his leaving present. Adam's mobile phone has now been returned to the ECB, so please delete the number from your address books forthwith, and his email address will also be removed from the server shortly - please send any messages to Ian or Alison.

From Smith to Davies...

As most of you will already be aware, Alison's email address has changed to alison.davies@mcc.org.uk. Any emails sent to the old address will be diverted to the new address for a limited period, but you should update your address books now. This also

seems like a good opportunity to add to the above catalogue, and to thank everyone who contributed to Alison and Owain's wedding present - it really was extremely generous of you, and it's great to know we have so many friends across Europe.

DIARY

- 10-15 Aug:** ECC U15-2nd Division Championships, St Astier, France
- 10-16 Aug:** ECC Notts Sport® Trophy, Vienna, Austria
- 12-14 Aug:** ECC A-Team Championships, Belfast, Ireland
- 5-8 Sept:** Intercontinental Cup Qualifier, Dublin, Ireland
- 12-14 Sept:** ECC Tournament Rules Sub-Committee Meeting, Rome, Italy
- 19 Sept:** ECC Coaches Forum, Warwick University
- 28 Oct:** ECC Executive Committee Meeting, Lord's Cricket Ground

For further information about European development initiatives, please see www.ecc.cricket.org.

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