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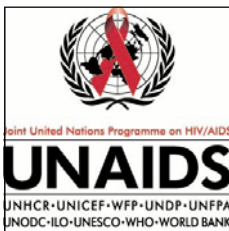
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## EUROPEAN U19 WCQS CHAMPIONSHIPS

A successful tournament in Dundee, Scotland, saw winners Scotland and runners-up Ireland qualify for the 2006 U19 World Cup to be held in Sri Lanka.:

**Division 1**

Winner: Scotland  
Player of the Tournament: Michael Pedersen (Denmark)  
Spirit of Cricket Award: Ireland

**Division 2**

Winner: Gibraltar  
Player of the Tournament: Arun Ayyayooraju (France)  
Spirit of Cricket Award: Belgium



Above: Kasim Farid (Scotland) receives the trophies from Doug Insole, ECC Chairman



Right: Michael Pedersen batting for Denmark at the tournament

Below: Winning Gibraltar squad



### ECC Tournaments Current Results

- U13 1<sup>st</sup> Division - Ireland
- U17 1<sup>st</sup> Division - Ireland
- U15 1<sup>st</sup> Division - Ireland
- U23 Championship - Scotland
- U15 2<sup>nd</sup> Division - Isle of Man

- Still to come:
- Notts Sports Affiliates Championship
  - Women's European Championship
  - Intercontinental Cup

Full results, statistics, photos and audio interviews for all ECC tournaments can be found on [www.ecc-cricket.com](http://www.ecc-cricket.com)

## HOLLAND THROUGH TO WORLD CUP

Holland join Ireland and Scotland in qualifying for the 2007 World Cup. Europe has therefore gained three of the five places available through the ICC Trophy qualification route.

Having narrowly missed out on automatic qualification during the group stage, Holland bounced back with two emphatic victories to seal the final place in the Caribbean in 2007. Holland beat Denmark by 89 runs to reach the play-off against UAE and proved far too strong for them, claiming a victory that will see them compete in a second consecutive ICC Cricket World Cup and third in total.

Final Results table:

GROUP A	P	W	NR	L	Pts	NRR
Ireland	5	4	1	0	9	1.49
Bermuda	5	3	1	1	7	0.69
UAE	5	2	1	2	5	0.43
Denmark	5	2	1	2	5	-0.21
Uganda	5	1	1	3	3	-1.05
USA	5	0	1	4	1	-1.39
Group B	P	W	NR	L	Pts	NRR
Scotland	5	5	0	0	10	2.00
Canada	5	4	0	1	8	0.79
Holland	5	3	0	2	6	1.45
Namibia	5	2	0	3	4	-0.42
Papua NG	5	1	0	4	2	-2.13
Oman	5	0	0	5	0	-2.73

Right: Bas Zuiderent (Holland), Man of the Match v UAE, receives his award from Joe Doherty, Chairman ICU. Bas made 3 centuries for his country at the tournament.



# GIBRALTAR'S U19 DIARY

Chris Philips of the Gibraltar U19 squad writes a report on his tournament experience. The full version can be found on [www.ecc-cricket.com](http://www.ecc-cricket.com).

After months of hard preparation - twice weekly net practices and fielding work at 5pm and in 30 degree heat - the Gibraltar squad arrived in Dundee, eagerly anticipating the ECC Under 19 2nd Division Championship.

In 2004, our Under 17s came in second place to Israel, however since then the squad had developed immensely with the arrival of 3 new players, myself and Mark Bacarese - who had been too old for the Under 17 tournament - and Ross Harkins. We felt we had a strong, well prepared squad and were hopeful of having a successful tournament yet were taking nothing for granted.

We opened our tournament

against Germany and after winning the toss they elected to bat. We bowled many extras to begin with and had their number 3 batsman dropped in slip - off my bowling! - whilst on 0. This seemed to set the tone for our fielding and bowling efforts, as this guy went on to get 96\*, and at the other end, V Airtharan bludgeoned our attack to make 76\* of 56 balls. The Germans closed on 260/2 - not the start to the tour we had envisaged!

We had faith in our strong batting line up however, which was vindicated, as despite an early loss, skipper Bacarese and John Hazell set about building a good foundation for the chase, making good scores of 59 and 40 respectively before falling. At 161/4 we had our number 5 (Ferrary) and 7 (Harkins) at the crease. Such was the depth of our batting that these two guys could easily have come in at the top of the

order. Needing just over 4 runs an over for about 15 overs, they set about the task calmly and, despite some nervous moments, got us home with 4 and a half overs to spare.

We were elated, but knew that we had to play much better - certainly in the bowling department - if we wanted to win the tournament.

Next up were Italy, at the beautiful Perth North Inch ground. They opted to bat first, and we tasted success almost immediately with Karan Aswani dismissing their skipper in the first over, caught behind. We had to wait till Italy got to 54 to claim our second wicket; yet thereafter wickets continued to tumble. The ball was swinging all over the place as I managed to take 5/29 off my 10 overs thanks to some nice outswing, as the Italians were bundled out for 104....

Continue reading Chris's diary on the [ECC website](http://www.ecc-cricket.com).



Chris Philips batting v France at the U19 Championship



Ami Banerjee v Bermuda



Lee Savident v Namibia



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# GUERNSEY PUTS ITSELF TO THE TEST

Guernsey prepared for its admission to ICC membership by arranging two high-profile ICC Trophy warm-up matches against Namibia and Bermuda in Sussex in late June. After defeating a strong Horsham Select XI containing numerous first-grade players from Australia and South Africa, the islanders met Namibia at the superb setting of Horntye Park in Hastings.

Namibia batted first and after an hour's play on what is generally regarded as one of the best batting tracks in England, the scoreboard read a remarkable 64 for 5 and the Namibians knew that they had a tough game on their hands. It could have been even worse for Namibia at that point as former Hampshire all-rounder Lee Savident (Guernsey's only home-grown professional cricketer) had a catch taken at slip off a no-ball. Namibia then gradually recovered through a fine innings of 91 by Gerry Snyman, but with 10 overs to go Namibia were well short of a par score on that wicket. Up stepped tail-ender Kola Burger to provide some long-handle fireworks with a rapid 52 not out off just 25 balls, and Namibia closed on 278 for 9 in their 50 overs. Guernsey might well have settled for that score be-

fore the game, but at 64 for 5 such a score looked a very long way off.

The Guernsey innings started badly with Savident bowled by a beauty from Kola Burger, and former Bengal Ranji Trophy player Ami Banerjee also out cheaply. At 34 for 3 things were looking grim. However, former England U-19 cap Jeremy Frith and Tim Duke, who has played for Essex 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, steadily repaired the damage and put Guernsey back in the game with an excellent partnership of 120. Frith made a superb 78 while Duke made a well-composed 40, both looking comfortable against the considerable pace of Snyman. After Frith was caught on the long-off boundary the asking rate was approaching 9 an over off the last 10, which was less than the Namibians managed off their last 10 overs, but this proved too much as the Namibians' experience restricted Guernsey to 229 all out to win by 49 runs. The scorebook shows that after 43 overs Guernsey were ahead of Namibia with fewer wickets lost, which reflects what might have been for Guernsey. This was the island's first defeat of the season following excellent wins against Norfolk CCC, a strong MCC side and three Scotland Academy sides, and

indeed was only the second defeat in 20 matches over 3 seasons.

The following day saw Guernsey move along the Sussex coast to The Saffrons at Eastbourne to play Bermuda, who subsequently became the surprise package of the ICC Trophy. At stake was a trophy put up by Butterfield Bank for future fixtures between the two islands, which are similar in so many ways in terms of size of population and importance of the offshore finance industries. Guernsey won the toss and batted first in sweltering heat on a wicket which was lower and slower than the Hastings track. The Bermudians impressed with their tight bowling and excellent fielding and restricted Guernsey to 177 for 9 in 50 overs, which was probably 30 runs short of a par score on that wicket. Frith and Duke continued their excellent work from the day before with another excellent partnership, Frith again making a quality half-century and Duke falling just short. In reply, Bermuda were restricted to 49 for 2 after 22 overs with Banerjee bowling a superb spell to concede just 12 runs in his 10 over spell, but they never let the rate rise above 5 an over and won relatively comfortably by 6 wickets with 10 balls to spare.

Continued overleaf.

## EUROPE OFFICE NEWS

We are pleased to announce that Jenny Thornton has joined the Europe Office as Project Officer (part-time).

Jenny's previous role was as Project Officer in ICC's Global Development Department and we are pleased that her knowledge and experience will bene-

fit the Europe program.

Denise O'Neill has now completed her maternity leave and we are pleased to advise that she will be resuming her role as Accounts Officer on 17<sup>th</sup> August on a part-time basis, working from home.

This means we are sadly losing Jon Mahood but would like to thank him for his work over the past few months and wish him all the best.

## ICC MOVE TO DUBAI

ICC have now ceased their operations at Lord's and opened their new premises in Dubai on 1<sup>st</sup> August. The postal address is as follows:

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ICC website and staff email addresses remain the same.

ICC President Ehsan Mani expressed the ICC's deep and abiding appreciation to Marylebone Cricket Club which has been home to the ICC for 96 years. "I thank the MCC for the pivotal role it has played in the ICC's development, and the wonderful support it has given to us

since the Imperial Cricket Conference, as it was then known, was formed in 1909," said Mr Mani. "As the ICC prepares to enter the next exciting phase of its development it does so physically far removed from the shores of England, but forever spiritually at home at Lord's." The ICC will return to Lord's for its Annual Conference in June/July 2006.

## U15 FUNDRAISING IN SPAIN

The 6 a side soft ball competition, to raise funds for the Spanish U15 team to the ECC Under 15 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Championship in Rome, was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July on the tennis court of the Hotel Angela in Los Boliches, Fuengirola.

On the Saturday, 3 teams played each other twice with the result that Gibbons Guerillas (a team of 6 U14 boys) & the Eadingtons (a team raised by the parents of one of the boys chosen for the national team) progressed to the semi finals the following Sunday. The team from Moo Moos bar was eliminated. The outstanding batting performance of the day was from Sam Eadington who scored 95 runs in 2 overs, ably supported by his

brother Robbie who scored 25.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 4 teams took part, the Ark Fellowship, Emerald Isle Bar, the Brigg and the Bow Bells Bar. In 6 exciting matches, the Ark Fellowship and the Emerald Isle Bar progressed to the semi finals. There was an outstanding bowling performance from Dave Bentley (the Brigg) who in 3 matches took 7 for 27.

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July in the 1<sup>st</sup> semi final the Emerald Isle easily defeated the Eadingtons. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> semi final Gibbons Guerillas won an exciting game by just 2 runs. So to the final, 6 young boys against 6 adults. The result was a tie. It was decided that a 1 over shoot out should settle the game. This

was won by the Emerald Isle.

The following Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, a presentation evening was held in a local bar. The representative of AEC (Shrard Fernando) presented the trophies to the winners.

Winners - the Emerald Isle Bar  
Runners up - Gibbons Guerillas  
Best batsman - John Cornforth (the Ark Fellowship)  
Best bowler - Dave Bentley (The Brigg)  
Best dressed team - Moo Moos Bar

A raffle and auction were held and at the end of the evening the grand sum of 810 euros had been raised for junior cricket in Spain.



Lakmal Kasturiarachige (Austria) and Michael Pedersen (Denmark) are with the MCC YC's at Lord's at present and the picture above shows Lakmal as 12<sup>th</sup> man for the MCC v Combined Services on 9 July



Spanish U15 team at the ECC U15 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Championships in Rome

## GUERNSEY continued...

The Guernsey players came away from the tour genuinely disappointed not to have won both games, and proved to themselves that they were able to compete well at this level, having not been sure what to expect. The Namibians were all very fit, young, full-time professionals and the Bermudians had been working together 4 days a week since November in preparation for the ICC Trophy. Both factors were telling, with Guernsey starting to struggle in

the sweltering 90-degree heat after 3 games in successive days. Namibia beat Bermuda comfortably at Hastings on the third day, and both teams hopefully flew off to Ireland having benefited from these fixtures.

Their progress in Ireland was closely followed by the Guernsey players and Bermuda's qualification for the 2007 World Cup was a fine example of what is achievable with a lot of hard

work and commitment.

Only one of Guernsey's 14-man squad will not be ICC-eligible by the time of Guernsey's first European tournament, and with several very good teenagers coming through in the next year or two Guernsey have every reason to feel confident about its future at all age levels, having proved that they can compete well against leading ICC Associate member nations.



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## VIENNESE 'WORLD CUP'

On the weekend of the 2-3 July it was that time once again. The Viennese Cricket World Cup 2005 took place for the third time at the Austria Cricket Stadium. After the huge success of 2004 the expectations were high, but this weekend proved that even expectations can be topped.

This year with participating players from Denmark, Holland (Team ESCC) and France, the international flavour was highly present over the weekend. Together with these three the VWC 2005 showed how Cricket can bring people together from different nations, different cultures and different religions to work for the same cause and follow the same aims.

All players, including, India, Pakistan, England, Austria, West Indies, Sri Lanka, France, Holland and Denmark, showed great effort to provide a highly competitive tournament and not even bad weather could stop them from playing.

Split into two groups, the Saturday started with the first playoffs in each group with a rainy morning. Everyone was thinking about giving up hope for the weather, but the enthusiasm and motivation of the teams overshadowed this matter and made it an unbelievable day for cricket.

Though the opening game between Sri Lanka and Pakistan started an hour late, nobody really seemed to care and Pakistan, the title holder of VWC 2004, opened the tournament with an Innings ending with over a 100 runs in only 8 overs, which decided the match for them. Even after such a glorious victory of Pakistan, they had no chance against India, who got Pakistan all out for 19 after 2.3

overs. India ran over all teams, not even giving single chance to any team and reached the semi-finals without any big effort.

But the highlights of the weekend surely were provided by ESCC (players from Denmark and Holland) and France. In their debut match at the VWC 2005 they faced each other and in the same way as India, France slashed off every team moving on to reach the semi-finals.

After losing against France, it didn't seem as if ESCC would have any chance of moving forward, but the loss did not demotivate them at all. They showed some unbelievable strategic cricket in their matches. All their planning and anticipation enabled them to finish second in their group.

Here also big thanks goes to the Sri Lankan Ambassador, Mrs. Aruni Yashodha Wijewardane, who also was not stopped by the weather and visited the tournament to show her support for the efforts put in this weekend.

On the next day even the weather understood that it could not stop those cricket maniacs and so the VWC had a great sunny Sunday with semi-finals between ESCC (players from Denmark and Holland) against India and Pakistan against France. Pakistan and ESCC had already lost a match in the group games, France and India were unbeaten. But things could change.

India got ESCC all out for 56 runs and they were no high hopes of ESCC reaching the finals. But with the great support of their fans who danced, sang and played drums to support their team, they found a way. Getting a quick wicket in the first over, ESCC put India under such great pressure with tactical play that India were

all out and missed the final by ten runs. ESCC reached the finals in an absolutely amazing thriller innings.

On the other side, Pakistan once again slashed a killer innings reaching 106 runs in their 8 overs, giving France no chance to reach the final. So the final was played against Pakistan and ESCC.

Winning the toss once more, Pakistan continued its "six or miss" strategy getting another 100 and could decide the final once more for themselves. So **Pakistan** won the Viennese World Cup for a second time in a row.

At the end of the thrilling final, a presentation was held to thank all who participated and supported the event by the chairman of the Austria Cricket Club Wien and Tournament organiser, Siva Nadarajah.

### "Most Developing Youth Cricketer"

Rohan Dickinson from Austria Cricket Club Wien received a signed picture of Adam Gilchrist by the President of the Austrian Cricket Association, Michael Bailey, for the "Most Developing Youth Cricketer" of the year, showing some great cricket skills. Rohan Dickinson entered the tournament as the youngest player.

*Below: Michael Bailey, Rohan Dickinson and Siva Nadarajah at the presentation*



## CRICKET COMES TO LITHUANIA

The British Embassy organised a friendly cricket match in Vilnius on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. On a gloriously sunny summer evening, players from Lithuania, England, Scotland, Sweden, Hungary, Spain, Australia, Canada, and the USA enjoyed batting, bowling and fielding at the sports ground of the Lithuanian Military Academy. We think this is the first time cricket has been played in Lithuania.

The photo is of the first ball being bowled in Lithuanian cricket. It

was bowled by the British Ambassador (Colin Roberts) to the Vice Consul (Helena Hagstrom, who is actually Swedish) at the Danish Embassy.

It is hoped to build on the enthusiasm of the Lithuanian players to ensure the sustainability of the game in Lithuania.

