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JERSEY BEATEN IN ECC DIV II FINALS



JERSEY'S hopes of playing Division I cricket in 2008 disappeared when they were beaten by 49 runs by Norway in the European Division II Championship final in Glasgow. Chasing Norway's 50-over total of 250 for 7, Jersey were all out for 201 in 46.4 overs with Ian Crocker and Bobby Minty top-scoring with 38 and 37 respectively. Despite the defeat the Jersey squad can reflect on a fine début at the level having won and lost twice with another match against Israel cancelled. Jersey skipper Mathew Hague said: 'It was disappointing to lose the final but in truth we were outplayed on the day. 'Our downfall came as a result of not having anyone go on to make a big score. No-one really got among them and we desperately needed someone to do that to help us along. 'It's

certainly been a worthwhile experience playing here,' Hague said. 'It's been a good tournament and it's taken us to another level. The standard has been a different class, we've played on different wickets and many players we have played against have been quality cricketers. 'The schedule was tough with four games in quick succession and that went against us a little at the end. Usually we play once a week so we have time to recover, that has certainly not been the case here. 'After the cancellation of the first game against Israel and then losing to France we did really well to get to the final. It was a fantastic feeling that day beating Norway and with the other result going for us we reached the semi-finals. Unfortunately we were unable to repeat that Norway result. 'Peter Gough has impressed

me. He batted beautifully in two matches proving what most knew already that he is a class player.' Gough and Hague put on the highest second-wicket partnership in the Championships, an unbeaten 152 against Norway in their Group II match. Hague finished sixth and Gough tenth in the top run aggregates with 179 and 155 respectively.



Captain Mathew Hague
Picture courtesy of Chris Clark, Jersey Evening Post



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THE ROAD TO THE FINALS!

The team left the Island at the beginning of the month for their international cricketing début planning to return with the ECC Division II trophy. Captain Mathew Hague told the local press, "We're going to Scotland to win. We have a lot of all-rounders in our squad and there is a lot of flexibility. I'm confident Jersey will give a good account of themselves."

Things looked pretty bleak at the beginning of the tournament, with a cancelled match against Israel and then a defeat to France.

1st Game Vs Israel

Student groups planning protests against Israel's attacks on Lebanon during Jersey's first match meant that Strathclyde police could not guarantee the safety of the public at the Weirs venue. The fixture was therefore cancelled with both teams being awarded a point each. Team manager Dave Gorman said, "It's a big disappointment for everyone. Having been awarded a point each does set us back a little because had we played and won we could have gained two points."

2nd Game Vs France

Jersey bowled well and sensed a French collapse at 80 for six but the French progressed to 166 with 4 wickets for Matty Hague, 3 for Tony Carlyon and 1 each for Andy Dewhurst and Chris Jones. In reply, Jersey initially looked to be in control but with 34 runs needed and five wickets down some anxiety started to creep in. Tom Minty and Tony Carlyon got within seven runs of the French score but after Carlyon was stumped, two balls later it was all over as Minty was bowled out with Jersey still seven runs short of their target and their first ever international victory.

3rd Game Vs Norway

The previously unbeaten Norwegians were struggling at 50 for 5 with bowlers Mark Saralis and Peter Blackburn revelling in the conditions but a partnership of 77 saw Norway progress to 168 for 9 with Chris Jones capping a good day in the field by taking two wickets off the last two deliveries of the innings. After the loss of Ian Crocker for 17, Peter Gough and Mathew Hague made light work of the batting, Gough eventually making 82 not out, with Hague's 59 not out plus earlier wicket earning him the man

However as the saying goes, a week is a very long time in cricket (or is it politics? In this tournament, the two seemed to go very much hand in hand).

A week after their arrival in Glasgow, the team were in their first ever international final against Norway, who'd they'd already beaten by 9 wickets in a previous match and the Captain's predictions seemed like they might come true. Here's how the team reached the final:

Semi-Final Vs ~~Greece~~ Germany

Having been docked points for fielding ineligible players, Greece were replaced by Germany for the semi-final. Jersey's bowlers restricted the Germans to 212 for 7 after 50 overs and in reply, Ian Crocker and Peter Gough put on 47 off 11 overs before Crocker was out lbw for 16. Skipper Hague then joined Gough and the pair increased the score to 105 of 23 overs. After Gough's stumping on 59 runs, Dave Morfee and Hague accelerated to 162 off 33 overs, comfortably over the required run rate. After the dismissals of Hague (45) and Chris Jones (4) Morfee guided Jersey to a fine win, ending his innings on 37 not out. Hague also took his second man-of-the-match award.



Fielding practice in Glasgow!
Picture courtesy of Chris Clark, Jersey Evening Post

Cable and Wireless Summer School

MORE than 300 children - one of the largest groups in the school's 20 years history - bowled and batted their way through the summer in the Cable and Wireless cricket summer school. Held at the FB Fields and Les Quennevais, some 20 coaches were on hand to provide expert tuition to the children from school years three to eight. JCB Board Director of Cricket Chris Minty, said: 'I am thrilled at the number of participants this year. Cricket is a great game for youngsters as it helps them to develop team working skills and promotes healthy competition.' Many thanks to Cable and Wireless for sponsoring the event and providing goody bags to all the participants.



The Cable and Wireless Cricket School.
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U15s Taunton Festival

The Channel Islands Under-15s recently completed an excellent week's cricket when they beat Devon by six wickets on the final day to claim maximum points and win the Taunton Festival. William Peatfield took five wickets for 36 runs and supported by some accurate bowling and good fielding all round, the Channel Islands team restricted Devon to 224 all out in the final over.

U13 Inter-County Cricket

Channel Islands Under-13 cricketers completed the inter-county festival at Shrewsbury this month by winning the final match between the group winners. In a nail-biting finish, Tom Still hit the winning run with just three balls to spare with the last pair at the wicket. Jersey official Mick Johnson said, "Ollie Johnson and Tom were at the wicket and just a few balls earlier Ollie survived a run out. It was a fantastic match to end the festival and I'm delighted for the team. The CI bowled and fielded well restricting Warwickshire to 145 for 6. Guernsey fast bowler Matt Renouf impressed with

U11 matches in Guernsey

Following the fog earlier this year which meant that Jersey were unable to attend the six county Festival in the UK, the Under-11 cricketers played two matches in Guernsey this month against Dorset and East Devon. The team ground out a losing draw against East Devon after struggling early on 21 for four wickets after 5 overs chasing 198 for victory. But following a fine innings from Luke Gallichan (66), ably assisted by Ben Kynman (16) and Mark Hicklying (18 not out) the team finished on 153 for 7.

KPMG Channel Islands Championships

Jersey champions Sporting Club are through to the semi-finals of the KPMG Channel Islands Championships, despite having one match still left to play against fellow Guernsey qualifiers Cobo. The two teams meet this Saturday when the winner of Group A will be decided. In Group B, Old Victorians are virtually guaranteed their place in the semis but any of the remaining teams in Group B could join them for the final place.

Sporting Club were again led to victory by openers Steve Carlyon and Jersey captain Matty Hague who put on an opening stand of 148 against St Ouen last weekend before Hague was caught by Paul Horton off Richard Anthony's bowling. Having bowled St Ouen out for 177 with the last ball of their 50 overs, Sporting Club reached their target in 31.1 overs, with Carlyon and Hague the only wickets to fall – both to Anthony, who returned two for 19 in four overs. Earlier Hague's eight-over spell resulted in one maiden and three wickets for 21 runs.

Old Victorians cruised to a 178-run win against Romerils with Pete and Jonny Gough putting on 120 for the first wicket with 44 and 82 runs respectively. Skipper Chris Jones and Bobby Minty also piled on the runs with a sixth-wicket partnership of 102,

John Borg (28) and Edward Kean (51) got the CI off to a good start in reply. The run chase continued with an aggressive partnership between Tim de la Haye (33) and Tim Ravenscroft (73 not out). CI team manager, Chris Minty said "The team played positive, efficient cricket all week and thoroughly deserved to win the Festival."

three wickets for seven runs in six overs while Jersey's Charlie Fricker had another good spell of off-spin with two wickets for 21 runs in eight overs. CI opening batsmen Aiden McGuire (22) and Nick Wildman (25) put on 60 for the first wicket. At the conclusion of the festival, Charlie Fricker was awarded top bowler in the Festival, taking 12 wickets during the week.

Jersey players in the CI squad: Aidan McGuire, Tom Le Lievre, Daniel Kearns, Nick Wildman, Oliver Johnson and Charles Fricker.

The team lost by 2-wickets to Dorset in a very close game, with Dorset gaining their victory off the last ball of the penultimate over. Team manager Wayne Gallichan said 'It's only the third time our lads have played in a 40 over innings; they're more used to playing 15 or 20 overs at school. It is a huge difference to them but overall we've had two excellent games in Guernsey and the players will benefit from that.'

Minty out for 52 and Jones unbeaten on 67. OV's huge total of 321 for 7 was out of Romerils' grasp and they were all out for 143 in 36.2 overs with 2 wickets each for Andy Dewhurst, Chris Jones and Andy Brown, and 1 each for Ward Jenner, Tom Minty and Bertie Broughton. Guernsey champions Optimists must win their final match this weekend against Romerils to progress to the semi-finals.

	Group A			
	P	W	L	Pts
Sporting Club	2	2	0	79
Cobo	2	2	0	79
Rovers	2	0	2	22
St Ouen	2	0	2	17

	Group B			
	P	W	L	Pts
Old Victorians	2	2	0	76
Romerils	2	1	1	53
Mavericks	2	1	1	47
Optimists	2	0	2	35

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the date of the Inter-
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**Saturday 2nd
September at
Grainville.**

It should be a great day
out so come along and
support the team! The
match starts at 11am.

'Faintheart' by Mark Saralis (with a little help from Tom Minty!)

Passport – check, cricket shoes – check, socks – check, one pair of clean pants – check, right, already to head off for the airport. Hold on have I got my passport – yep safely installed in new blazer inside pocket after ripping cotton stitching open. Right now I'm ready. Wait, did I put my cricket boots in, let me just check. The scene of the 21 households on Wednesday the 11th of August as the fourteen strong squad, four management, coach Driver, Ryan that is, scorer, Lynne and umpire Mike Carpenter prepared to leave for the airport. Anticipation, trepidation and palpitations (Ryan Driver) filled the air as they boarded the aircraft. Having arrived safely at Edinburgh, Ryan Driver scurried off to change his underpants before a short coach journey saw the team at the Thistle Hotel in the centre of Glasgow, the home of all competitors of the tournament. News was already filtering through that the following day's match against Israel was likely to be cancelled due to security problems meaning a free day and the possibility of an extended curfew that night. The green light was given by the accommodating management for an evening out, although Ward Jenner was sent to chaperone the fledglings, and after a supper that did not please the more cultured taste buds the team was ready for some bonding in the city. Culturally Glasgow has much to offer, there's an Odeon cinema, some nice statues, big buildings and art, sprayed interestingly on the outside of buildings. Anyway this was not to be a cultural evening and after a brief motivational speech from Matty Hague, in which he pointed out the virtues of socialising together, the team and Lynne who from now on will be included in "the team" unless it specifically states that she was not present, got ready to strut their stuff around the city.

The following day a few sore heads turned up for breakfast. It was decided to watch a bit of the opposition so everyone headed off to watch Norway v France. First impressions were that the standard was good but nothing too daunting and overall there was a lot of optimism about the forthcoming match against France on the Saturday. A good training session at the Titwood cricket club in the afternoon bolstered the team spirit and the team went back to the hotel, tired but happy. A somewhat more sedate evening followed and most had fairly early nights in preparation for the golf competition at Troon the following day. Nigel Crocker masterminded the golf trip that almost ended in disaster when team mates Jamie Brewster and Dave Morfee didn't quite get off the train in time having let everyone else go first. Their little dejected faces, as the train left the station, had everyone in hysterics, and the rest of the team (excluding Lynne) trudged toward the golf course. A less likely looking golf party you will never see. An array of shorts, crickets shoes and an irreverent regard of the finer points of golf etiquette will have had the members choking on their brandies although the club manager who was hiring out fifteen sets of clubs at £15 a time didn't seem to mind too much. Amazingly Morfee and Brewster turned up two minutes later and the team set about decimating the course like a swarm of locusts. Room mates Stapleford scores were added together to decide the winners and lo and behold Matty Hague and Tony Carlyon won, although Tony's handicap of 22 may never be seen again. His protest of "but I played to my handicap" fell on deaf ears and everyone refused to pay up, and that was the last we heard of it.....not. The serious stuff began the following day and no need to elaborate any further than to say we were beaten by France. Doom and gloom was followed by sunshine and cheer after a nine wicket victory against Norway the following day and with other results going our way a semi final place was secured. The management gave permission to "have a few drinks, but to be responsible" and so it was that the team left the hotel for a few quiet drinks. The following day it was evident that the few quiet drinks had left their mark on a few of the more impulsive and inexperienced members, and numbers for breakfast were down on the previous day. Still a free day saw people lounging around

the hotel, shopping and generally chilling. The evening passed without incident and everyone drifted off to bed to prepare for the following days semi final with Germany.

Following that victory, despite the obvious excitement and jubilation within the squad, celebrations were slightly subdued as it was only a few hours until the final and there were some seriously aching bodies. The following day the team of course lost in the final. Grief can however be brief and the whole process was worked through in a few minutes. Sadness, gave way to denial, which gave way to anger which gave way to acceptance and thoughts of how the team may spend their last night together.

After attending the Awards ceremony, during which the team collected their runners up medals, the team celebrated what had generally been a very positive experience. I have to add that the management went to extraordinary lengths to ensure everyone arrived back at the hotel each night. They ensured that there was at least one member at the bar the whole of the time checking players in, no matter what time of the night, sometimes even Mike Carpenter was employed to help. So a big thank you must go out to Chris Minty and Keith Dennis for their diligence which went beyond the call of duty and everything else they did which helped the trip run so smoothly.

The next day's early morning ride to the airport saw some very sleep-deprived bleary eyes. Shaving foam in people's hair told stories of high jinks and some fat wallets indicated an about-turn of luck for those who had ventured to the casino. It was therefore disappointing to say the least that after queuing for an hour or so we were told that the flight to Jersey had been cancelled. Still the management sorted it all out and we arrived back in the Island later than expected but in one piece except for Tom Minty and Johnny Gough who were by this time in bits.

Ten lessons learnt during the trip.

- 1) Do not sniff custard doughnut when Ryan Driver says "it is custard, smell it" (Pete Gough)
- 2) Do not stand in front of Jamie Brewster in crowded dining hall wearing loose fitting shorts (Johnny Gough)
- 3) Do not play pool for money when you are particularly bad at it (Tom Minty)
- 4) Do not play Tony Carlyon for money at anything (Tom Minty)
- 5) Follow Tony Carlyon's football predictions at all times (whole team)
- 6) Don't fall asleep around Pete Blackburn, you may end up with something in your ear (Ian Crocker)
- 7) Don't fall asleep near Ian Crocker when he has shaving foam on him (Ryan Driver, Peter Blackburn)
- 8) Get off train (Jamie Brewster, Dave Morfee)
- 9) Wear a box during training sessions, especially when Johnny Gough is wielding a cricket bat (R. Driver)
- 10) Don't leave brother's entire CD collection in Thistle Hotel (Tom Minty)

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