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## SQUAD NAMED FOR SCOTLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS



Jersey Cricket Board selectors have named their 14-player squad for their début in the European Cricket Council Division II Championship in Scotland. The squad is: Mathew Hague (captain), Bobby Minty (wicketkeeper), Chris Jones, Peter Gough, Ian Crocker, Tony Carlyon, Mark Saralis, Nigel Crocker, Pete Blackburn, Jonny Gough, Dave Morfee, Jamie Brewster, Tom Minty and Andy Dewhurst.

Jersey play matches against Norway, France and Israel with the top two sides in the group progressing through to the semi-final stages where they will meet either Guernsey, Germany, Gibraltar or Greece. First place will play second place in the opposite group in the semi-finals with the winners of the semis then meeting in the final. The international matches will be played between 2nd and 9th August.

JCB team manager, Dave Gorman said, 'The loss of former County player Ryan Driver because of his ineligibility is a big blow to the squad but he will still travel with us as coach. When Jersey first decided to go into ICC Ryan was not around so hopefully he will be around for the next competition in two years' time.'

'We know little about the opposition apart from Guernsey. Knowing little is dangerous and it could be the biggest threat to us. Old Victorian Andy Dewhurst has recently returned to Jersey this week from University in Chichester having played in the Sussex Championship this summer. Gorman added, 'Andy is an important ingredient in the squad's mix. He is a talented all-rounder who bats well while also being a useful right-arm medium pace bowler. He is

youthful and enthusiastic and he has been playing at a good standard this summer.' The official party for Glasgow also includes: Chris Minty (Director of Cricket), Ryan Driver (Coach), Lynne Davis (Scorer), Mike Carpenter (Umpire), Dave Gorman (Team Manager), Keith Dennis (Tour Manager/Chairman of JCB) and Ward Jenner (Deputy Chairman of JCB).



Three of Jersey's squad won awards at last year's NatWest Awards Dinner: Tom Minty (2005 Young Player of the Year), Mathew Hague (2005 Cricketer of the Year) and Mark Saralis (JCA President's Award-winner), pictured with ex-England bowler Gladstone Small and Jerry Whitsey of Natwest. (Picture courtesy of Jersey Evening Post)

## JEP Knockout Final Results

SPORTING Club Français won the JEP 'Brighter' Cricket KO Cup for the ninth time in 20 years at the beginning of July. But the much expected landslide win against Division II St Helier RFC did not materialise as the minnows gave a fine account of themselves taking the Division I leaders to the last over before losing by five wickets with four balls remaining. St Helier's Pat Dean, coming on at first change, took four wickets for 17 runs in his four overs and with his unbeaten 22 - and a couple of fine stops in the covers, deservedly won the man-of-the-match award chosen by former Jersey Cricket Association president Ray Pearce.



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## SCF are NatWest Weekend League Champions

Sporting Club Français have won the NatWest Weekend League title for the sixth time in seven years and tenth time overall.

Matty Hague's side defeated second-placed Romerils by seven wickets at Les Quennevais to record their ninth consecutive Premier Division win of the season.

And it was captain Hague who led from the front, steering his side to victory in 28 overs chasing Romerils' 133 all out in 41.4 overs. Hague said 'I think it was a good toss to lose, the wicket did look as if it had a bit in and I'm glad we did not bat first. I said to my bowlers to bowl on the spot, they did that and it worked for us. We bowled a good line and length and we were rewarded. We had a good start and overall I think we valued our wickets more. I felt good, I was seeing it well and although there were difficult balls to face I was reasonably happy that I applied myself well.'

Romerils skipper Pete Blackburn said 'We got off to the worst possible start losing three wickets in the first few overs. It was a nightmare start and in the end we did well to stay there for 41 overs. Peter Scott batted really well for his 59 runs and had he not stayed there it would have been worse. Sporting Club usually bat first when they win the toss and I didn't want to put them in for us to possibly face a huge total. The pitch didn't help us either, there was an inconsistent bounce throughout. We didn't have a big enough total to defend and credit to Matt Hague he made batting look easy for his 77 runs.'

St Ouen and Caesareans defeated former champions Old Victorians and Springfield respectively with St Ouen and OV's qualifying for the final four Jersey places in the Channel Island Knock-Out Cup which starts this weekend.

## News from the Over 50's Tour

The Channel Islands Over 50s cricket team kept alive hopes of qualifying for the knockout rounds of the ECB Over 50s County competition with an impressive victory on their UK tour last week. Dave Gorman was top-scorer for the Channel Islands, hitting a magnificent 130 not out, with a host of tremendous boundaries among his total, which was the highest individual score in the competition. But it was not all plain sailing, with Wiltshire ahead of the run chase after 30 overs. Their victory fizzled out, however, with Steve Birkett grabbing three wickets and Barry Middleton, Gregg Sykes and Ralph Anthony taking two each.

'We were playing in 103 degrees centigrade, with not a breath of air,' said captain Paul Robson, 'So it made the team's performance all the more impressive. It was one of those games when everyone came on and played well, and there was a very fast outfield which helped us along.'

Although delighted with the victory, the CI can only hope to qualify for the knockout rounds if they've done well enough to finish as the best fourth-placed team of all the leagues in the competition, which still has a week to run.

## Side by Side Twenty20 Match Great Success

Large crowds turned out at Grainville to enjoy Jersey Side by Side's recent Twenty20 charity cricket match between hosts JICC and an International Veterans XI. In the end it was a comfortable seven-wicket victory for the visitors, forged by classy half centuries from Sri Lanka's Aravinda Da Silva and former England opener Bill Athey, who hit an enormous six which nearly made it out of the ground and onto St Saviour's Hill! The JICC, faced with former England international bowlers of the class of Gladstone Small, John Lever, Mark Ilott, Peter Such and David Capel, did well to gain a 155 total for five wickets from their 20 overs, with Tom Minty top-scoring with an excellent 37 before being bowled by Da Silva. The reply, opened by Athey and Naveed Rafique of PricewaterhouseCoopers, was solid with the bowling highlight being Bobby Minty's stumping of Athey off the bowling of Andy Brown. The openers scored 57 and 26 respectively to secure a winning platform. But it was fitting that Da Silva was to the fore when the match was decided, his unbeaten 55 including some delightful strokeplay that was worthy of a man who will long be remembered as one of the world's top batsmen.

JICC: Nigel Crocker (captain), Ian Crocker, Tom Minty, Bobby Minty, Peter Blackburn, Andy Brown, Richard Gomersall, Peter Scott, Danny Bertram, Mark Reynolds and Karl Moyse.

England/Sri Lanka: Aravinda Da Silva, John Lever, Keith Fletcher, Bill Athey, Gladstone Small, Mark Ilott, David Capel, Clive Radley, Peter Such, Naveed Rafique and Chris Hill.

## Under-13 League Final Results

The first Jersey under thirteen league sponsored by the Jersey region of The Lords Taverners has been a resounding success, with Old Victorians winning the final play off against Caesareans by four runs on Friday 14 July.

The two sides reached the final after being the top teams in the league and it was probably fitting that as Old Victorians won the league, they should win the play off final as well. OV's Captain, Michael Renouf was presented the trophy by John Taylor of the Lords Taverners.

The final league table was as follows:

	Won	Lost	Bonus Pts	Points
Old Victorians	5	0	5	25
Caesareans/ De La Salle	4	1	4	20
Romerils/Le Rocquier	3	2	4	16
St Ouen/Les Quennevais	2	3	4	12
Grainville	1	4	3	7
SCF/Haute Vallée	0	5	1	1

Over 100 youngsters have taken part in the competition this year and it has been a great achievement to get cricket being played by all the schools that have been adopted by Premiership sides, plus Grainville. Many club members with coaching qualifications have given up time this year to

coach children in the schools taking part and it has been great to see the skills they have learnt being put into practice on the pitch.

Clubs and Schools now have the challenge of moving this initiative on and ensuring youngsters have opportunities to play further in the years to come. Hopefully many will ultimately graduate into senior cricket, both improving the standard of cricket in Jersey as well involving more and more in the recreational side of the game.

Who knows we may even produce our own Freddie Flintoff!!



*FB Fields has been buzzing on a Friday night with the new and hugely successful Under-13 League*

## VCP Victorious in Trent Shield Final

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Trent Shield, the most prestigious competition in Jersey primary schools cricket, was held last Saturday at the Farmers Field in St Martin, with Victoria College Prep retaining the Shield by defeating a combined St George's, Grouville and St James team by seven wickets. The combined team are new to hardball competition and formed as a result of the inaugural primary hardball friendly league which ran so successfully last half-term. Prep openers Bradley Morgan and William Millar produced a stand of 69 off 17 overs before Morgan was bowled by Ben Kynman for 33 and Millar was bowled by Tom Floyd just two overs later for 32. Robert Cuming scored 33, including five 4s and one 6, and took Prep's total to 129 for 3 after the allotted 25 overs.

The combined team lost a couple of early wickets to Chris Minchington before opener Ben Kynman and No 4 Ryan Marshall produced a stand of 31 before Marshall was bowled by Luke Gallichan. Kynman top-scored for the combined team with 27 runs but the last wicket fell with the total on 56 after 22.5 overs.

Prep coach Ray Pearce was happy with the team's fielding performance although conceded that his players had not played to their full potential this season. 'This is the first season of hardball cricket in the Primary Schools and with seven teams playing under amalgamation I hope the Association can sustain and, hopefully, increase the interest.'

St James teacher Nikki Holmes commented on how much everyone had enjoyed the game and the occasion. 'Hardball cricket has certainly been a worthwhile experience for the youngsters, most of whom had never played

hardball before. We have been able to use the excellent facilities at St George's School on Friday evenings to practice and the team's progress has been great to see. I hope the hardball game continues to develop as interest in the game continues to increase in Jersey.'



*The picturesque Farmers Field hosted the Trent Shield final with VCP victorious against a combined St George's, St John's, St James' side*

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## INTER-INSULAR

Now is the time to put the date of the Inter-Insular in your diaries:-

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
September at  
Grainville.**

It should be a great day out so come along and support the team!

Further details in due course.

## Inside Edge by Mark Saralis

The months of speculation ended at the weekend when the fourteen man squad for the World Cup preliminary qualifiers in August was announced. The selectors of the squad that will be travelling to Glasgow on August 2<sup>nd</sup> have managed to blend youth and enthusiasm with elderly and apathy. Amazingly there are three sets of brothers within the squad which surely prompts the question, does cricketing ability run in families?

At the youngest end of the spectrum you have Tom Minty (20), who top scored in the weekend's Side by Side match but then confessed that he got the yips when bowling to Aravinda De Silva. Funnily enough I think that's what Aravinda said to me when I asked him how he had felt immediately before facing Jersey's Young Cricketer of the Year. Or maybe he said Yippee, my memories a bit hazy.

Next are the Gough brothers both 21, Johnny and Peter. There is intense rivalry between the two which is a pity because they both have distinct qualities. Pete is a fine left handed batsman who I would imagine will be opening for the team and his off spin bowling offers nice variety to what is mostly a pace attack. Johnny is a charming individual who has nice tattoos. The fourth youngster is Andy Dewhurst (22) who hasn't played much cricket in Jersey recently as he is away on teacher training. He narrowly missed out on Inter Insular selection last year but made the Devon tour. Ian Crocker at 24 comes next, he has scored 277 runs at an average of 46. His bowling has also developed and the selectors will have sat up and taken notice after he bowled Chris Hill out in the Side by Side match. At 25 Pete Blackburn, or Eric Cartman as he's now known, may not be considered a youngster any more. You would have therefore thought his new found seniority would have gained greater respect, but despite being captain of Romerils, people still refuse to respect his authority. If Bobby Minty was a dog he would be 182 which some, not me, may say, would be closer to the age his exterior implies. He may not be a puppy anymore but as he is the wicket keeper is a valuable member of the side. Just hope that whoever is fielding at first slip will be able to get the ball off him before he starts chewing it.

Nigel Crocker and Jamie Brewster are both around the average age of the squad at 29. Nigel's wife Sara has off course recently gifted him with a son. This could provide us with a subject for the question raised earlier about genetics and cricketing ability. If Charlie turns out to be a gifted cricketer that represents his country etc, we will have a strong argument against the hypothesis. If however he turns out to be something closely resembling a large green waste disposal unit it will add more weight to the hypothesis. Jamie Brewster will be a useful back-up keeper for Bobby although Ian Crocker can also fill that role. I think he probably keeps wicket as it means he can buy some gloves and purpose built pads to go with his seven bats, five sets of pads, gloves, a box for every occasion and helmets of a variety of colours to match the ribbing on his countless shirts and bat grips. He is well known for his big hitting which will be a useful

addition to the middle order and has probably been the keenest of all to go on this trip. The sense of relief on his face when selected was similar to that seen on Peter Barnard's face every time Jamie walks into Wheways. Moving on to the thirty-something's, Jonesy like so many of the Old Victorian players seems to have been around for ever. After a few seasons in the wilderness he has come back better than ever this year despite his team being below par. Jonesy is at risk of boiling over as the fervour surrounding the tour takes grip. When asked how he felt about being included in such a seminal tour he said "nice". Calm down Jonesy, there's no room for hysterics on this trip. Marginally ahead of Jonesy, chronologically speaking, is skipper Matty Hague, the only player who may be considered a complete ringer by the fact that he is Australian. A useful all-rounder he adds a touch of class to the team although drinking wise he's a number eleven batsman and would only bowl after Pete Gough had bowled himself into unconsciousness. Not that there will be any drinking on the trip of course.

After Matty there's a bit of a jump to the elders. Tony Carlyon is the youngest at around 35 or 36. A real winner Tony hates losing at anything so he will be disappointed not to be able to claim the title of oldest member of the team. You're welcome to it Tony, if it means that much to you. Dave Morfee who has had such a good season is the penultimate name on the time line. At 38 he is approaching his peak and is the winner of the inaugural Side by Side Handicap after scoring 332 runs and taking 16 wickets. Whereas Haguey has left Australia, Morf would love to live there but has received several knock-backs from the country. Unfortunately he doesn't have sufficient criminal record; they've obviously never seen his Elvis impressions.

And finally there's me, at 42, over twice the age of the youngest player. Hopefully all the youngsters will still be playing at my age and even more hopefully will be afflicted by worse piles, arthritis, memory problems, wandering in their sleep and incontinence. Now I just need to decide who will be my lucky room mate. On the Devon tour it was Ryan Driver and he woke up soaking wet one morning. I'm sure it was nothing to do with me though, I always use the wardrobe. Talking of Ryan, I'm sure there are those of you who had expected to see his name in the squad. Two ducks in his last two innings however has meant that he has been axed. Alternatively he's not eligible to play as he has not been on the Island for the required length of time. Make your own mind up.