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## JERSEY IN LINE FOR WORLD LEAGUE?



JERSEY cricket has been given a massive boost with the news that the International Cricket Council is to expand the World Cricket League to five divisions. At least one and perhaps two more European countries will now have the opportunity to take part in global competition as a result of the decision. The leading five European nations have already won places in the first three divisions: World Cup qualifiers Ireland, The Netherlands and Scotland in Division I, Denmark in Division 2 and Italy in Division 3.

But with an eight-team Division 5 tournament now planned for the first half of 2008, five places are assigned to the next ranked country in each region. The three remaining places will be allocated by the ICC Development Committee when it meets in December and those allocations will be based on the rankings of the next group of countries. This means that Jersey, runners-up to Norway in this year's ECC Division 2 tournament, will be competing with The Bahamas, Panama, Nepal, Singapore, Mozambique, Zambia and Japan for those last three positions.

Director of Cricket Chris Minty said, "The news came as a bit of a surprise but a very pleasant one. All we were thinking about was the European tournament in 2008, but if they do decide to include an additional European country in World League Division 5 then it has to be Jersey because of the ranking we achieved in Glasgow. I think it is very rewarding that we have made such significant progress on the back of all the hard work that has been put in during 2006, both on and off the field. As well as the short term, the Board has always been looking at the long term picture as well. This is just the latest example of the wonderful opportunities being members of

the ICC can bring. This news gives all the young players on our development programmes something to aspire to and is a reward for the investment put in by the Jersey Cricket Board and its sponsors."

Neither the World Cricket League Division 5 Championships or the ECC Division II Championships in 2008 have as yet been allocated to a country to host. And it is the same situation with the U15 and U19 tournaments next year that Jersey are eligible to enter. It is expected that Jersey, with its high quality grass wickets, will be preparing a bid to host one of them.

The full list of participants in the World Cricket League is as follows: Division 1: Bermuda, Canada, Ireland, Kenya, The Netherlands, Scotland. Division 2: Denmark, Namibia, Oman, UAE + *top 2 from division 3*. Division 3: Cayman Islands, Fiji, Hong Kong, Italy, Papua New Guinea, Tanzania, Uganda, USA. Division 4: Afghanistan, Argentina, Botswana, Cook Islands, Norway + *next three ranked countries*.



Jersey and Norway in the recent ECC Division II Final in Glasgow  
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## Defeat in Inter-Insulars

In a rain-affected match earlier this month, Guernsey defeated Jersey by 15 runs giving the Sarnians a fifth successive victory over Jersey and a clean sweep of the inter-insulars, having won the 'B' game the week before. Having restricted Guernsey to 178, Jersey were up with the run-rate and, if the weather had closed in on them after 20 overs, at 71 for 2, the game would have been theirs. As it was, they were left chasing 179 in 37 overs according to Duckworth/Lewis calculations, after Guernsey had won the toss and elected to bat. 'I thought we did well in the field to restrict them to 178,' said Captain Matty Hague afterwards. 'If the game had been called off after 20 overs, we would have won. For the next ten overs and with rain on the wicket, the boundaries dried up. I had a good partnership going with Ryan Driver until he was out for 29. We knew we had to

score as many runs as we could in the top four but, after that, we struggled to score. Still, fair play to Guernsey, they had to deal with the wet conditions just as we did. Like us, they had to cope with a wet ball and they held it together well in the end. But this is a young team and I'd like to think we can bounce back.' Despite Hague's disappointment, rival captain Andy Biggins had some words of comfort for Jersey. 'This was the best win I've had as a Guernsey captain. It was a huge test for us today. Our spinners might not have taken as many wickets as they would have liked, but they bowled well in the conditions against the best Jersey side I've seen in the last five years. It was always close – but as we won the toss, I've nothing to complain about.'

## Standard Bank U16 County Festival

Jersey's Under 17 cricketers competed in the Standard Bank U16 festival in Jersey this month. The annual event is now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year and Chris Minty, Jersey's Director of Cricket, said, 'The Festival is an excellent opportunity for the top young teams from around the country to compete against each other. Many of the players taking part go on and become stars in the future.'

The week culminated with Middlesex beating Northamptonshire in the final. Jersey's final game was a win against the Isle of Man with the home side making 194 and runs coming from Sam de la Haye (21), John Borg (24) and Nishant Sharma (30). In reply the Isle of Man made 140 for 5 with good bowling figures from Nishant Sharma (9-6-15-1) and Mark Chipperfield (7-2-15-2). Claire Reid from Standard Bank presented Middlesex with the winners' trophy and medals. Jersey won the Sportsmanship Award.



*Jersey's U17 team at the Standard Bank Festival*

## Scoring on Tour by Lynne Davis

Following Mark Saralis' comprehensive account of last month's ECC Tournament in Scotland in August's edition I was asked to give a report as seen from 'around the boundary' or in my case a 'view from the score box'. Hardened Scorers know that when you go to 'play away' you never know quite what to expect in terms of facilities, personnel or indeed wildlife. Without exception Scotland certainly delivered on all counts! From sharing a score box with nesting swallows to taking extreme evasive action from a massive six hit off Tom Minty's bowling, my first official tour with the Jersey Cricket Board has certainly been eventful, entertaining and perhaps even life-changing.

The thought of one girl going away with 20 guys whose ages spanned five decades sounds like a recipe for disaster. Some of my non-cricketing friends said I had finally lost the plot, others were intensely jealous. However I didn't realise the role of Team Scorer could be quite so varied and demanding until this week. I now feel fully qualified in organising all types of events from 'Saga days away' to the local Kindergarten trip to the zoo. Oh and I also scored 4 international cricket matches and met a 'Duckworth-Lewis Manager'.

The Team spirit on and off the field helped us through what can only be described as an adventurous week. No matter what was thrown at us there was always place for a laugh and general good banter. Some of the more bizarre situations and decisions could never have been foreseen and I'm not just talking about Ian Crocker's hat trick of LBWs.

I certainly had fun and I know the boys did too, although I think a few early nights and perhaps the odd pasty or two are now the 'Doctor's Orders', having made careful use of Glasgow's 'After Dark' facilities. And as for my attempted kidnapping by the Dutch team, well that's another story.

I hope I'll get invited to be Official Team Scorer on future tours, even if it is only to protect Chris' sanity!

## KPMG Channel Islands Championships

All-rounder Tony Carlyon turned in an astonishing bowling performance to set Sporting Club Français on their way to their first KPMG CI Club Championship triumph against holders Total Cobo. He demonstrated the virtues of bowling an accurate line and length to finish with two for two from his nine overs, eight of which were maidens! Sporting Club's Captain, Matty Hague, was in no doubt that the umpires had been correct in their choice of Carlyon as man of the match. 'Tony's performance was phenomenal,' he said. 'In two matches against Cobo he has bowled 18 overs, 15 maidens and taken four for seven – that's absolutely fantastic by anyone's standards. We had to work hard for it. It was not an easy track to bat on and Cobo did well to get up to 158. Losing two wickets early put pressure on us but the partnership of 110 between Meeku Patidar and myself settled things down and took us home. He has batted well all year and I enjoy batting with him.' Hague was dismissed before the end for

59 made from 97 balls while Patidar scored an unbeaten 64 from the same number of deliveries. Fittingly though, Tony Carlyon was there at the end to strike the winning boundary and finish 10 not out. Hague added, 'Under the new format which has been used since 2004, this is a fantastic competition and one you want to do well in so we are really happy to have won it. Cobo Captain Stuart Le Provost was disappointed not to have retained the title for the third successive year. 'When you are playing Sporting Club you need to set them a more testing target than 158 in 45 overs,' he said. 'However Tony Carlyon bowled superbly once again and proved virtually impossible to get away. Our bowling was pretty good and if we could have got one more early wicket it could have made for an exciting finish, but we just did not have enough runs to play with.'

## U11 Taunton Festival

The Channel Islands cricket team beat Shropshire U11s by three wickets recently to clinch overall first place in the Taunton Festival. Shropshire batted first and were all out for 168, with Tom Sutton taking three for 25. Other bowling figures were Ed Fricker 1 for 18, Josh Kird 2 for 17, Matt Hickling 1 for 12 and Dominic Blampied 1 for 24. The Channel Islands then scored 170 for 7, with Robert Cuming scoring 28 runs and Harry Player 68. Ed Fricker scored a boundary to win the game. This overall win means that three CI teams – the U11s, U13s and U15s – won their respective festivals and the U14s were runners-up in theirs.

## Autumn Half-Term Coaching

Bookings are now being taken for the October half-term coaching courses for years 4-8 to be held at Langford. You can get details and booking forms from school PE teachers or contact the Cricket Office at Fort Regent for further details.

## COMPETITION TIME!

Here at Around the Boundary we thought we'd celebrate the end of the season by giving you the chance to win a £20 voucher from Wheways.

All you have to do is take a look at the photo of our illustrious columnist Mark Saralis being bowled in last month's ECC European Division II Final in Glasgow and come up with a suitable caption. Easy!

Email your suggestions to [letters@jerseycricket.net](mailto:letters@jerseycricket.net) and we'll publish the winning entry in the next issue. Good luck!



*Jersey's womens cricketers concluded their training and coaching sessions for 2006 with an enjoyable middle practice at Grainville playing fields earlier this month. They are now in the process of planning their winter programme.*



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### ATTENTION ALL BLOGGERS!

Jersey's Director of Cricket, Chris Minty, recently gave an interview to 'Beyond the Boundary' a blog set up to 'give non-Test cricket the coverage it deserves.'

You can check out the interview and more at <http://caughtbehind.com/btb/interview-with-jerseys-director-of-cricket>.

## Inside Edge by Mark Saralis

With doping allegations and performance enhancing drug scandals infiltrating many sports these days it may not be that surprising that the recent Cricket Inter Insular finds itself at the centre of a doping controversy. Official's suspicions were raised after well known Guernseyman, keen cricket fan and former drinking colleague of Ollie Reed, "Guernsey Jim" was seen leaving the Jersey changing room shortly before the match. The performance of some players has led to continued debate as to the truth behind these allegations so we have decided to review the evidence.

Firstly, Chris Jones was even more relaxed than usual. He even had to be woken up to go and bat at number 5. This, however, used to be a regular occurrence and is why he opens the batting for his club. The fact that he was still asleep when he was at the crease is unusual though. Dave Morfee batted at number 10 because he missed his cue to bat at number six, but you are talking about a man who missed the stop to get off the train at Troon. Pete Gough, whose boundless energy has often been compared to that of a boisterous Labrador, didn't want to play go and fetch during the break, had a dry nose and was not interested in sniffing any of the food at tea. He may have learnt his lesson though, after the unfortunate custard doughnut incident in Scotland. His brother Johnny was also more dozy than usual, only managing to give he own brand of physical encouragement to an average of 3.75 players between overs, compared to his usual high standard of

7, leaving several players backsides severely neglected. Ryan Driver's sleepy state is probably due to the fact that, by a freak of nature I won't go into here, he is genetically related to the Long Eared Owl, a nocturnal bird which sleeps during the day. His school pupils will vouch that he regularly takes several naps during the day leading to many visits to the headmaster's office. When asked to account for his behaviour he can offer little explanation, save for a small hoot. Andy Dewhurst may have been feeling the effects of another sleepless night due to being kept awake by the brightness of his hair, Tom Minty's lethargy is probably due to the constant strain of maintaining such impressive sideburns, and isn't Steve Carlyon entitled to a midday nap at his age? The players weren't the only ones affected as Richard Thunderball was found asleep next to a large pile of cans and Karl Moyse's eyes were looking particularly glazed as Andy Brown explained to him why he and James Cartmell should be opening the batting and bowling. So after reviewing the evidence, despite some reasons to suspect skulduggery it is just as easy to find alternative excuses for the behaviour of some of the dozier members of the team. Unlike that of Pete Blackburn, for which there is no excuse, but that's another story.

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