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ANNUAL DINNER

Now is the time to put the date of the NatWest Annual Awards Dinner in your diaries!

The end of season dinner will take place at the Grand Hotel on Friday 21st September 2007.

Further information will be sent out in due course.

ICC INSPECTION GREAT SUCCESS



Cricket in Jersey has been praised during this month's visit by the ICC team inspecting Jersey's suitability for promotion to Associate membership.

The Jersey Cricket Board hosted Matthew Kennedy, ICC Global Development Manager, and Laurie Pieters of the ICC Chief Executives Committee, for an extensive three day visit during which they inspected Jersey's facilities, were given a presentation by the Board, met the Lieutenant-Governor and Government ministers, observed a youth coaching session, attended a press conference and met representatives of Jersey cricket.

Matthew Kennedy explained, "Our role is to provide a report for the 32 Associate members for them to discuss the information and it is up to them to make the recommendation to the annual conference in June. Your players have already put in a fantastic effort by winning two matches away to Italy. They had a job at hand, they knew what they had to do and they did it well. One of the most important things in cricket development is not just on-field teams but off-field teams too – and you certainly seem to have a great band of administrators who have good plans and good strategy."

"The next step for Jersey is the ICC development meeting in Dubai on 6th and 7th May. That meeting comprises one representative from each of the five regions – Europe, East Asia Pacific, Africa, the Americas and Asia. They will consider our report and take forward their thoughts on whether all



ICC inspectors meet representatives of cricket in Jersey at Fort Regent

the criteria have been ticked to the executive board meeting in June. The executive board are ten Test playing nations plus three representatives from the Associates. One or two days after that meeting it goes to the annual conference and to be approved Jersey would require a 75% vote."

Laurie Pieters, who has been involved in Namibian cricket for 50 years, added, "I am really surprised because the facilities here are outstanding. I can't fault them and you have so many of them! A very good structure is in place and if Jersey is now accepted as an Associate member, they will develop those structures even further and it would be of benefit to the Jersey Cricket Board and, of course, its players. I'm very positive about the inspection and, hopefully, by the end of June, Jersey could be an ICC Associate member."

JCB chairman Keith Dennis said, "Both officials are astounded by the facilities we have. We are delighted with their reactions but I am not surprised."



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JERSEY TO HOST WORLD LEAGUE?

Jersey has a good chance of staging the World Cricket League Division 5 tournament in 2008. The ICC's development committee will make their decision in Dubai in early May. Jersey are in the running along with Singapore and Nepal. ICC Global Development Manager, Matthew Kennedy, said, "There is certainly a serious chance that Jersey could host the Division V tournament next year. In essence we are probably down to two potential hosts. There are eight teams competing in the tournament, seven of those are already confirmed and we'd like to host it in one of the countries that are competing and ideally where the majority are on tour. So that puts Jersey in a very strong position. Both Jersey and Singapore have

submitted tentative budgets and plans and a decision will be taken in a few weeks' time. Looking at the World Cricket League in Europe, I see no reason why Jersey could not host a team right the way up to Division I if they reached that far. The facilities here are akin to some of those leading Associate European countries like the Netherlands, Scotland and Ireland. Yes, they have more grounds but their feature grounds are very similar to those in Jersey."

Countries taking part in the Division V tournament along with Jersey are Afghanistan, USA, Botswana, Norway, Singapore, Nepal and an as yet undecided east Asia-Pacific country.

NAIL-BITING VICTORY OVER NORFOLK CCC

Jersey scored nine runs off the final over to beat Minor Counties Norfolk by one wicket at Grainville this month. It was a nail-biting affair in the end after Jersey had restricted Norfolk to 174 for nine wickets in 50 overs. Jersey were initially coasting at 131 for one before a collapse left the last pair at the wicket, Martin Waite and James Caunt, to snatch victory off the last ball. Director of Cricket, Chris Minty, said "It was a very good win, although slightly fortuitous. Our middle order collapsed and that put us under a lot of pressure. But we managed to grind out a result and that was really pleasing. We had Norfolk at 60 for 5 but we let them off the hook and they managed to score 179. We are learning and we have areas to work on. We obviously have to work on finishing teams off, both when we're in a good position bowling and also when batting. Losing four wickets for three runs was a blow but a win is a win and winning is a good habit."

Jersey won the toss and captain Ryan Driver put Norfolk in and they were reduced to 60-5 after 20 overs. However an 86-run sixth-wicket partnership between Steven Gray, 50 not out, and Luke Newton, 40, took Norfolk to 174 for 9 off 50 overs. Chris Jones took 3 wickets for 23 runs, Peter Blackburn 2 for 32 and Tony Carlyon 2 for 11 off 4 overs.

Jersey openers Peter Gough and Dave Morfee put on 74 for the first wicket before Morfee was caught on 22. Jonny Gough joined brother Peter and took



Opener Dave Morfee batting against Norfolk

Jersey to 131 for 1, Peter Gough was bowled for 75 and Jonny for 18 while Jones and Driver both went for 0.

Four wickets had fallen for only three runs and Jersey were 134 for five requiring 40 to win from 10 overs. Danny Bertram hit three fours to take the score to 157 for 5. Five overs were left with Jersey now needing 17 to win. Bertram went for 15, one of two run outs, and with the bowlers on top, Jersey reached the final over needing nine to win.

A run came from each ball, plus a wide, and then Jersey needed three to win from the final ball.

They ran two for the tie and with nothing to lose they went for a third – and they got it following a poor throw from the wicket-keeper's end.

INDOOR CRICKET LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Abbey National and JJCA II have completed their NatWest Indoor Cricket League programmes unbeaten. On the final night of the league, Division I champions Abbey National defeated Rathbones OV's by four wickets while Division II champions JJCA II won by a massive 105 runs against Springfield. Peter Blackburn returned the excellent bowling figures of four wickets for 24 runs for Abbey and Jon Prince two for 15. Jonny Gough top-scored with 25 runs for OV's and Ryan Driver an unbeaten 26 as Abbey totalled 48 for two after dismissing OV's for a total of 46.

JJCA II amassed 152 for 5 in their allotted 12 overs, Sam de la Haye hitting 36 and Will Golder 32 not out. Mick Johnson and Michael Woodrow both took two wickets for 37 and 31 runs respectively. Golder completed a good night taking two Springfield wickets for nine runs as Springfield were dismissed for 47, Peter Osment leading the runs with 31. The divisional winners received their trophies from NatWest's Jerry Whitsey.



Division I champions Abbey National



Division II champions JJCA II

PRIMARY HARDBALL CRICKET LEAGUE

The Primary Schools Friendly Hardball Cricket League begins again in earnest on Saturday 28th April at FB Fields and will run over four weeks. Last year over 100 children took part, including many from schools who had never competed at hardball cricket before and it is hoped that even more children will take part this year. The League will also act as a lead-in to the annual Lord Trent Shield competition, won last year by VCP.

The league is in addition to the usual Kwik-Cricket programme which also begins in earnest this school term. This involves three league competitions, one for boys, one for girls and one a mixed league. The winners of both the Year 5 (Mixed) and Year 6 (Girls) tournaments will play in regional finals to be held at Kings College in Taunton in July.

For further details, including fixtures, information on coaching for children and adults, news and results, check out the Primary Schools Cricket website at www.primarycricket.info. The site is aimed as a resource for teachers of primary cricket and also has printable resources including Kwik-Cricket score sheets and those all important rules!



Action from last year's Primary Hardball Cricket League

An anthropological study of Cricketers – Which Type are You?

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The Shop Owners Dream

If not recognised from 300 yards dragging his oversized coffin from the car park at FB to the nets, the SOD will soon become evident. Releasing the locks on his coffin leads to a volcanic-like eruption of kit being thrown into the atmosphere leaving helmets, bats, gloves, shoes, boxes, sun glasses, pads, padding and even bat grips strewn around the immediate area. Having all the kit of course is no substitute for talent which soon becomes apparent when after half an hour inserting thigh pads and other protective gear, the SOD gets bowled out first ball after (as if to prolong the inevitable) meticulously taking guard.

The Name Dropper

Will have mentioned in passing his affiliation with such teams as Nottinghamshire or Lincolnshire. Turns up at nets with County sweater which he dons despite it being the hottest day since records began and talks to as many people as possible in the hope that someone will draw attention to the crest. Usually gets the attention of the big clubs who smell an ex-pro before going from 1st XI (on paper) to 2nd XI and finally JICC for Thursday matches, playing for the opposition.

The Apologiser

In the nets the Apologiser will always be the last person to bat as he has let everyone go first and then apologise for keeping everyone late. Always putting his needs second he will apologise whenever there is a sign of conflict. Be it one of his team mates bowling a bouncer or getting an edge for four, he will try to appease any unpleasantness with an apology. The sort of person who even Tony Carlyon would feel guilty about swearing at, as the Apologiser is likely to apologise for making him swear. Beware however, the Apologiser uses this tact so people go easy on him, after all he's such a nice guy, but don't fall into the trap, otherwise it may well be you who ends up being sorry.

The Poor Relation

Usually following in the footsteps of an older brother, the Poor Relation finds living up to expectations based on brother's achievements very difficult. May become violent when people innocently comment that they would have never thought he and his more talented brother were related. May also try to cover up inadequacies with distractions such as having tattoos or big sideburns.

The Anti Establishmentarian

Usually turns up for matches five minutes late in shorts and kit in plastic bag. Belligerent when batting and relishes the chance to prove that anyone can hit a cricket ball without hours of practice and coaching. Aggressive, undermining and lacking in etiquette he will have loose change and keys jangling in his pocket when he bowls and will laugh if he is fortunate enough to get a wicket. His usual way of dismissing batsmen is

LBW when after constant inappropriate appealing and threatening gestures when turned down, weak willed umpires finally relent. When fielding, stops ball with feet and returns ball to wicket-keeper, usually hitting batsman in the back of the head, as hard as possible, no matter how close to the wicket. A real treasure.

The Statistician

Cricket lends itself to this personality type. Obsessional in nature, they take great pleasure in gathering all types of information to do with the sport. Bowling figures, batting averages, strike rates, balls faced and time at crease are just some of the interesting facts they will have at their instant disposal. Uses this information to enter conversations on, for example, Global Warming: "Did you know that Chris Minty's head is responsible for the hole in the ozone above Jersey due to harmful rays being reflected back into the atmosphere?" or Music: "Did you know the average length of a record in the top forty is 3m 40 seconds, the same length of time of a Richard Gomersall innings, including time taken to get to and from the wicket?" Eight out of ten clubs have one.

The "If I look good, I am good" type.

Much admired for his lovely hair and smile when young, he considers looks and physical beauty the most important attribute a cricketer can have. Seeks constant reassurance from team mates as to whether his backside looks big in his new gleaming whites which, much to his annoyance, don't have a comb pocket. Refuses to wear a cap for fear of "hat hair" and will often call physio on when in the middle of a long innings for spray, deodorant that is, to keep body odour at bay.

And finally...The Natural

Nonchalantly states that he has played a bit when turning up for new club at nets and then proceeds to scare all batsmen witless with his bowling. Says he can't really bat but in first match saves the team by scoring a match-winning hundred, much to the admiration of everyone and then is whisked off by a car full of girls to go to a beach party. On nights out he wins the pool competition, never appears to get so drunk he starts talking rubbish and always manages to look good. Everything he does appears to be effortless, at work he is admired by bosses and peers alike, he is good at all sports and is also good company. Is he happy though? Well, it can be bit frustrating having occasionally to let someone else win just to keep them interested but generally, yes I am very happy thank you.