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ANNUAL DINNER

We are currently finalising details of the speaker for the end of season dinner which will take place at the Grand Hotel on Friday 21st September 2007.

We hope to be able to advise you all of the identity of the speaker in next month's issue!

JERSEY TO HOST WORLD CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION 5



Jersey will host the ICC World Cricket League Division 5 (WCL Div. 5) tournament in 2008, the International Cricket Council has confirmed. The decision follows last month's visit to the island by an ICC Development team to inspect the country's suitability for promotion to Associate membership, which will be voted on at the ICC Annual Conference at Lord's in June.

Selection to host this global event is recognition of the successful developments that the JCB has achieved over the past two years. Chris Minty, Director of Cricket, said "This is tremendous, not only for Jersey cricket, but also for Jersey. We are looking forward to the challenges that this will present and will be doing all we can to ensure it is a successful tournament." Chairman Keith Dennis commented "We feel very proud and honoured that the ICC has awarded this big tournament to Jersey and it's a tribute to the structure we have in place here and, of course, our facilities, together with support from our local government and sponsors. This has created the opportunity to be in a position to host such a tournament and we are looking forward to it." The tournament is scheduled to take place sometime in May or June of 2008. Originally planned to be an eight-team event, a recent decision at the ICC Development Committee meeting earlier this month opted to expand the league to include 12 teams which are: Botswana, USA,



Jersey cricketers will be in action at home next year in WCL Division 5

Afghanistan, Norway, Nepal, Singapore, Jersey, Mozambique, Bahamas, Germany and two teams yet to qualify from the East-Asia Pacific region.

The WCL is made up of five divisions with the Europe region contributing eight teams to the overall event: Ireland, the Netherlands, Scotland (Division 1), Denmark (Division 2), Italy (Division 3), Norway, Jersey and Germany (Division 5).

ICC Regional Development Manager for Europe Richard Holdsworth said: "Jersey's excellent facilities and administration will ensure this is a memorable event for those countries participating. This will do the game of cricket a tremendous service in Jersey."

The top two teams from the Division 5 tournament will progress to WCL Div. 4 which is a six-team round-robin event to be staged in late 2008 at a venue yet to be confirmed.



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U19 PRE-TOURNAMENT INSPECTION

After last month's inspection visit by the ICC's Matthew Kennedy and Laurie Pieters, this month sees Jersey hosting ECC's Richard Holdsworth (Regional Development Manager Europe) and Philip Hudson (Regional Development Officer Europe) who are inspecting the facilities and organisation prior to the European Division 2 Under 19 tournament.

This will be held in Jersey from 22nd to 27th July and involves nine European nations: Belgium, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Israel, Isle of Man, Italy and Jersey.

Richard and Philip arrive on 30th May and will also be attending the Jersey Cricket Board's Annual General Meeting.

JERSEY IN ICC WORLD ODI RANKINGS

The ICC released the current World ODI Rankings at the end of last month and Jersey's Director of Cricket, Chris Minty, was delighted to note that Jersey has made it in at Number 34. With Jersey due to play some of the higher-ranked nations at next year's World Cricket League Division 5 championships, Chris hopes that Jersey can improve its position in the rankings still further. The list is reproduced below:

1	Australia	13	Scotland	25	Hong Kong
2	South Africa	14	Netherlands	26	Italy
3	New Zealand	15	Canada	27	Tanzania
4	Sri Lanka	16	Bermuda	28	Argentina
5	Pakistan	17	UAE	29	Afghanistan
6	India	18	Namibia	30	Botswana
7	England	19	Denmark	31	Cook Islands *tbc
8	West Indies	20	Oman	32	Norway
9	Bangladesh	21	PNG	33	USA
10	Ireland	22	Uganda	34	Jersey
11	Zimbabwe	23	Cayman Islands	35	Nepal
12	Kenya	24	Fiji	36	Singapore

EUROPEAN PRESIDENT'S DAY

The "Home of Cricket" played host to European Presidents' Day recently, as the ICC European Development Program welcomed sixty guests from across Europe to the 3rd day of the 1st npower Test Match against the West Indies. Members from the national boards of Europe's 27 ICC Associate and Affiliate member countries attended the day and brought with them guests from their home nations. The event aims to showcase the great game in front of influential proprietors from within these countries to encourage extra support for the further development of the sport.

Chairman of the Jersey Cricket Board, Keith Dennis, took as his guest Jerry Whitsey of NatWest, the Board's title sponsor. Also on the guest list were officials from the ICC Europe elite referees' and umpires' panels, ICC Europe coaches and members of the MCC and ECB, all of whom were thanked for their invaluable contributions to the Development Program.

The day also provided an ideal setting in which to hold the ICC Europe Development Program Annual Awards, which were presented in the lunch break by England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Chief Executive David Collier, ECB Chairman David Morgan and European Cricket Council Chairman and ex-MCC Secretary and President, Roger Knight, MBE.

Jersey was presented with its two recent awards for Best Promotional and Marketing Programme for the newsletter 'Around the Boundary' and Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative for the work the Cricket Development Team did during 2006 with St James School, a school for children with social, emotional and behavioural disorders.

U13 LEAGUE FIXTURES

June 8th	Rathbones OV's v St Ouen; Romerils v Caesareans; Fairbairn SCF v Springfield
June 15th	St Ouen v Caesareans; Romerils v Fairbairn SCF; Rathbones OV's v Springfield
June 22nd	Rathbones OV's v Romerils; St Ouen v Springfield; Caesareans v Fairbairn SCF
June 29th	St Ouen v Fairbairn SCF; Caesareans v Rathbones OV's; Romerils v Springfield
July 6th	Springfield v Caesareans; Fairbairn SCF v Rathbones OV's; Romerils v St Ouen
July 13th	Finals / Play-offs

WEEKEND AND EVENING LEAGUE TABLES

Note Evening League Div 2 and Div 3 are provisional pending confirmation of number of overs/balls bowled in the matches HSBC v Centurions and Rathbones OVs v St Helier RFC

PREMIER LEAGUE							
	P	W	T	NR	L	BP	Pts
Romerils	3	3	0	0	0	59	119
Fairbairn SCF	3	3	0	0	0	53	113
Rathbones OVs	3	1	0	0	2	49	69
Springfield	3	1	0	0	2	45	65
St Ouen	3	1	0	0	2	41	61
Caesareans	3	0	0	0	3	30	30
DIVISION 1							
	P	W	T	NR	L	BP	Pts
Fairbairn SCF 2nd XI	3	3	0	0	0	56	116
St Ouen 2nd XI	3	2	0	0	1	51	91
Rowlands Wanderers	4	1	0	0	3	55	75
Romerils 2nd XI	2	2	0	0	0	34	74
Rathbones OVs 2nd XI	3	1	0	0	2	52	72
Springfield 2nd XI	3	1	0	0	2	48	68
Caesareans 2nd XI	2	0	0	0	2	19	19

Division 1	P	W	L	T	NR	PT
Abacus	3	2	1	0	0	32
SCF	3	2	1	0	0	29
St Ouen	3	2	1	0	0	28
Pentagon	3	2	1	0	0	26
Hautlians	3	1	2	0	0	19
Beeches	3	0	3	0	0	4
Division 2	P	W	L	T	NR	PT
Jsy Academicals	2	1	0	1	0	23
Walkovers	2	1	1	0	0	14
St Helier RFC	1	1	0	0	0	13
St John	1	1	0	0	0	12
Rathbones OV's	2	0	1	1	0	11
G4Securicor	2	0	2	0	0	1
Division 3	P	W	L	T	NR	PT
HSBC Jersey	3	3	0	0	0	39
NatWest	3	2	1	0	0	29
Centurions	3	2	1	0	0	26
Sloggers	3	1	2	0	0	19
JUBRFC	2	1	1	0	0	14
Mavericks	1	1	0	0	0	13
Jersey Zoo	2	0	2	0	0	6
Jersey Post	3	0	3	0	0	1

PRIMARY HARDBALL LEAGUE

Over the past four weeks, over 125 children from VCP, De La Salle, St Michael's, St George's, Grouville, St James, Mont Nicolle, St Saviour, St Mary, St Lawrence, Janvrin, Springfield, Bel Royal and St Luke's schools have been playing in the Jersey Primary Schools Sports Association's Friendly Hardball Cricket League on Saturday mornings at FB Fields.

Some schools were not able to field 11 hardball cricket players so combined together to form composite teams. This allowed the children to make new friends off the field as well as learning new skills on it.



Primary Schools Hardball Cricket

It was the second year that the friendly hardball league has been in operation and continues to go from strength to strength, being well-supported by parents. It is hoped that many of these children will continue to develop their interest in cricket and will one day play at senior level.

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Wicket analysis: A bluffer's guide

In recent years inspecting the wicket has become a bit of a science and the skill of reading the peculiarities of each wicket is something that each player is expected to have within their armoury. I have to admit that I know nothing about wickets and how they are likely to play but still wander out to inspect the 22 yard strip of grass on which battle will commence prior to each match and look at each end feel the ground and look generally knowledgeable on the whole subject. Can you really tell what the wicket will do? I suspect it is not as straightforward as it appears but for those who would like to give the impression that they know what they are talking about I have prepared a few simple hints that could convince people you actually do.

1. For novices, standing at one of the ends assuming a batting stance and playing an array of shots with an imaginary bat can give the impression of being an authority and may get greenhorns enquiring as to how the pitch will play today. This can then be followed up by bouncing a ball on the wicket and following up with phrases as "wouldn't like to be opening the bowling on that" or "that came back with interest" implying a bouncy wicket.
2. For a more in depth analysis the production of a key will impress some people although it's probably dated now. If you want to really catch team mate's attention and impress with your attention to detail, a cordless drill with a size 16 bit can be employed to drill holes at various points of the wicket to test for inconsistencies. In the interests of health and safety however always remember to wear goggles and a white coat can add credibility.
3. An indication of the moisture contained within the wicket is useful so whipping out a water diviner (coat hanger will suffice) and walking up and down the wicket indicating where wet patches are will certainly give the impression of superior knowledge.
4. The ground on which the wicket has been built can also affect the way it plays so it may be useful to know, for example, if the wicket is built on sand. A metal tube as used by archeologists and lump hammer should convince those around you that you know what you are doing. The tube should be hammered into the centre of the wicket, withdrawn and the sample of soil closely examined. Rubbing the chin and humming will add further conviction. Remember to replace any divots.
5. Mat wickets present a whole different problem. The type of material can affect several things such as the bounce and abrasiveness, whilst weather conditions may affect footing or lead to a more skiddy bounce. Often in Evening League matches there are many people playing who can be fairly easily convinced that you are an expert in reading the condition of a mat and a casual feel of the surface will convince them. For other more experienced players getting down on your knees and smelling the mat on a length should gain recognition of expertise. If asked what you are doing, answer in a "I thought everyone knew that" way, that you were checking that none of the kids hanging around before the match had peed on it as that may affect the bounce or make the ball more slippery when bowling.
6. Finally, if you're put into bat on a green wicket that everyone, who has used the methods listed above, predicts will be difficult to bat on, it's always worth having a swarm of locusts in your pocket that can be surreptitiously released on the wicket. This will remove any greenery from the wicket, making it lifeless, and the surrounding outfield, considerably improving the batting conditions.