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2008 ANNUAL DINNER A GREAT SUCCESS



The NatWest 2008 Annual Dinner was held recently at the Pomme d'Or Hotel with guest speaker, former England cricketer and now Chairman of Selectors Geoff Miller entertaining those present and handing out the awards on the night. Also present was Roger Knight, former MCC Chief Executive and now Chairman of ICC Europe as well as Richard Holdsworth, ICC Europe Regional Development Manager and Guernsey's Dave Piesing.

Ryan Driver became Jersey's NatWest Cricketer of the Year for the second year running amongst a strong field of nominees: Island players Andrew Dewhurst, Jonny Gough and Peter Gough (all Rathbone OVs), Steve

Carlyon (Fairbairn SCF) and Dean Morrison (St Ouen).

Driver had an outstanding season for Weekend League Premiership champions Romerils and the Island side.

Jersey's youngest member of the Tanzania-bound Island squad, Ben Stevens, capped a great year with the Jersey Evening Post Young Cricketer of the Year award. The 16-year-old left-arm spinner took three wickets on his debut in the senior inter-insular while earlier in the season he was Player of the Tournament in the European Cricket Council's under-17 tournament in Belfast.

Other awards were: Weekend League Division I Player of the Year: Peter Osmont (Aztec Springfield); Weekend League Division 1 Young Player of the Year: Ben Beeley (Fairbairn SCF); Evening League Players of the Year: Michael Ahier (16) (St Ouen) in Division I, Dean Morrison (St Helier RFC) in Division II and Andy Cadoret (The Sloggers) in Division III; President's Award: Ron Halliwell. Nick Fry was also recognised for his huge contribution to the running of the Evening Leagues.



Ben Stevens, JEP Young Cricketer of the Year
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2008 ANNUAL DINNER



2008 WEEKEND AND EVENING LEAGUES by Ron Halliwell

Romerils retained their Premiership title with Rathbones OV's and Fairbairn SCF running them very close. Effectively points from one match was the difference between the three Clubs. Romerils and Rathbones OV's both lost two matches in the season with Fairbairn SCF effectively losing their chance for the title with their loss to Romerils by 5 runs in a decisive match. I suppose the saying "every dog has its day" was appropriate when Tony Carlyon clash with a canine putting him out of the vital match with Romerils, who knows what might of happened if he had been available. For Romerils Ryan Driver had a superb season and was a key factor in a number of important wins for his Club although it must be said that he had good support from his fellow players. It was expected that St Ouen would be in the running this season but Dean Morrison's absence in important matches proved too much of a burden. Springfield had a strange season with a promising start only to tail away badly and finish 5th. Caesareans are a Club in the rebuilding stage with promising young players being given an opportunity which should pay dividends in the future. Great concern has been raised regarding the lack of matches being available for the 5th and 6th placed sides once the League season is completed, i.e. no matches in August, and the CI League competition commences. This will be an area to be looked at by the League Management Committee in the close season. The Senior Cup was not played in 2008 due to the lack of weekends being available due to the amount of ICC and ECC tournaments. Jersey Clubs failed to reach the final of the NatWest CI League with Fairbairn SCF and St Ouen losing in the semi-finals to Cobo and Wanderers respectively, Wanderers being successful in an all Guernsey final.

Springfield 2nds won the Division 1 title in what was which a very competitive League. Looking at the final table it looks as if Springfield ran away with it, but that does give tell the true picture. This League now has 8 teams, all of which are capable of beating each other. Springfield fielded a combination of good youngsters and "seasoned" players which proved to be a winning formula. Five teams finished within 20 points of each other reflecting the competitive nature of this League. Rowlands Wanderers were front runners in the early part of the season but finally finished 7th. Caesareans 2nds fielded a high number of young players which should give them valuable experience for the coming years. A creditable performance by the League's newcomers, Victoria College Colts, they lost a number of early matches very narrowly but as they gained experience during the season began to turn, the more recognised teams over. There is more to come from these talented youngsters. The Minor Cup saw Rowlands Wanderers win their first piece of silverware in their 2nd season in the League completing a decisive victory over Fairbairn SCF 2nds in the final.

The 1st Division of the NatWest Evening League was one of the most competitive for some years with the final outcome being decided on the final match of the season, the rearranged match between Beeches and St Ouen. In addition to Beeches and St Ouen, Hautlians put in a strong claim for the title but in losing their final match to St Ouen left it open to the other two, although a victory would have seen them crowned as champions. Pentagon and Ashburton finished in mid table, both teams capable of beating the others sides in this Division on their day. St John completed their season holding the others up having difficulty, as all promoted Clubs do, in trying to establish them in the top echelon.

The 2nd Division finished up as a two horse race with St Helier RFC and Walkovers being the front runners. St Helier RFC on their day and with their best team, with be a serious test for the Division 1 teams in 2009. Walkovers defeat to G4 Securicor in their final match, a somewhat surprising result, meant a runners-up slot for them. The surprise of the season in this League was the relegation of HSBC, Division 3 Champions in 2007, they looked likely to be one of the front runners early season but tailed away quite badly. Jersey Academicals were impressive winning vital matches and retaining their League status with ease. Rathbones were somewhat inconsistent and G4 Securicor did well with a relatively young and up and coming side. JUBRFC season never got off the ground and they succeeded in winning only one game during the season.

Lutea Mavericks were a class above the other teams in this Division and won the title with considerable ease. This League was, generally, a very competitive one with the mid table sides all capable of beating each other, as can be seen in looking at the League Table with 3 teams all winning 8 matches, they being separated by the bonus points gained. Newcomers Mourant introduction to League cricket was a large learning curve but they slowly but surely got their act together and proceeded to win a couple of matches late in the season which should put them in good stead for the 2009 season. The other newcomers. Centurions B, made an immediate impact in this League and only missed out on promotion by losing their last match, letting NatWest sneak pass them to gain the second promotion slot

NATWEST JERSEY WEEKEND CRICKET TABLES

At 7th September 2008

PREMIER DIVISION	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	No Result	<u>No Result - Average Points</u>	<u>Match Points</u>	<u>Batting Points</u>	<u>Bowling Points</u>	<u>Additional Batting points</u>	<u>Total Points</u>	<u>Running Average Points</u>
Romerils	10	8	2			160	66	86	24	336	33.60
Rathbones Old Victorians	10	8	2			160	78	87	2	327	32.70
Fairbairn SCF	10	7	3			140	85	80	2	307	30.70
St Ouen	10	4	6			80	77	62		219	21.90
Springfield	10	2	8			40	65	74	5	184	18.40
Caesareans	10	1	9			20	66	63		149	14.90

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Springfield 2nds	14	10	3	1	33.08	200	96	121	13	463.08	33.08
Fairbairn SCF 2nds	14	6	6	2	52.33	120	82	104	8	366.33	26.17
Romerils 2nds	14	6	6	2	51.33	120	73	100	15	359.33	25.67
St Ouen 2nds	14	6	6	2	50.17	120	88	84	9	351.17	25.08
Rathbones Old Victorians 2nds	14	7	4	3	75.00	140	62	67	6	350.00	25.00
Victoria College Colts	14	6	7	1	24.77	120	95	97	10	346.77	24.77
Rowlands Wanderers	14	4	8	2	44.00	80	92	90	2	308.00	22.00
Caesareans 2nds	14	4	9	1	18.38	80	75	82	2	257.38	18.38

DISAPPOINTMENT IN TANZANIA

Jersey's disappointing performance in World Cricket League Division 4 in Tanzania in October means an immediate return back to Division 5 for the Island's senior team. Demotion to World Cricket League Division 5 was eventually confirmed by ICC officials by a run-rate difference of just 0.25, after the final day of round-robin matches. A further defeat against Fiji in the play off match for fifth and sixth place hardly registered against the disappointment of losing the status gained in such style earlier this summer in Jersey.

The side promoted to Division IV alongside Jersey, Afghanistan, continue the quest for World Cup qualification as they and Hong Kong head for Division III in Argentina at the turn of the year. The final 27-run loss to Fiji – who Jersey had beaten twice in Tanzania – was perhaps not a great surprise as the South Sea islanders were on a high after beating hosts Tanzania for their only league win on Friday, while Jersey were shattered by a heavy defeat against pre-tournament favourites Hong Kong.

Captain Matt Hague and former Jersey captain Meeku Patidar both announced their retirements from Island representative cricket following the tournament, following in the footsteps of Steve and Tony Carlyon,

The Jersey Cricket Board has also advertised for a National Coach following the completion of Peter Kirsten's contract. Watch this space for details once an appointment has been confirmed.

2009 CRICKET DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

The Cricket Coaching in Primary Schools Programme supported by Appleby begins again in 2009, covering 20 primary schools each receiving a four week block of coaching from the Development Coach for their Year 3 and 4 age groups.

The Rathbones-sponsored Spring Term Courses begin on the 7th January 2009 and continue throughout the Spring Term, giving school children in Years 3-8 the opportunity to come along and enjoy cricket at Langford, Oakfield and Les Quennevais sports centres on a Wednesday and Friday night. These courses are always very popular so book now through the Education, Sport and Culture website!

February half term cricket courses will be available for Years 3 – 8 children during their school holidays. Again book early through the ESC website.

The Appleby U16 Indoor cricket league in its pilot year commences on Thursday 26th February with Optimus, SCF, Springfield and St Ouens competing in a round robin format at Le Rocquier School. Matches are every Thursday for six weeks between 6 – 8pm

The Blackrock Development of Excellence Scheme begins on January 10th giving the Island's promising young players in the U10-U17 groups the opportunity to develop their skills and tactical awareness in preparation for another busy season of European cricket.

2009 ECC TOURNAMENTS

Jersey will host the ICC Europe U19 Division 1 tournament in July next year, followed immediately by the U15 tournament in Scotland and the U17 tournament in Northern Ireland. Director of Cricket Chris Minty said, "We are delighted to be hosting another ICC tournament, and with three coming back-to-back for the younger age-groups, it is certainly going to be a hectic time. Being chosen to host the event is a tribute to the quality of the facilities we have in Jersey and recognition that we have the capacity to organise tournaments efficiently."

"We are aware that it will be a hectic period with three tournaments on the trot but it's a little light relief too because this year we have taken part in five tournaments across all the age-groups so it will be a little less work. There is an overlap with a couple of the tournaments and we are currently looking into the manpower for the teams. We are fortunate that the U15s will play in the middle tournament so there will not be too much of an overlap for anyone who is good enough to play in a couple of age-groups."

Letters have already been sent out to the squad players outlining what will be expected of them by way of commitment to training. It will become more intense as Spring approaches and there are fixtures arranged which will prove to be valuable match practice.

Jersey hosts the U19 tournament between 14th and 20th July. The U15s compete in Scotland between 19th and 24th July followed by the U17s in Northern Ireland between 27th July and 1st August.

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CHRISTMAS WISHES

The Jersey Cricket
Board would like to
wish you all a very
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year.

We look forward to
seeing you in 2009!

It is hard to predict how the recession, which is apparently set to grip the country leaving many unable to afford their houses or feed their pets, will affect cricket, a sport which can be quite an expensive one to participate in. I suppose it costs at least three hundred pounds to get kitted out for the season, money which some families may find hard to find in these times.

Dave Gorman seemed to see the recession coming before most others and playing cricket in his golf shoes was a simple, but effective way of cutting down on the cost of playing the sport. This kind of thriftiness could be something we may see more of next season. To help those who are feeling the pinch, or are stuck for ideas for Christmas presents, I have a few suggestions for a couple of items, in true Blue Peter style, for those wishing to recycle household items to replace worn out gear they cannot afford to replace.

1. Instead of buying a new box try cutting an avocado lengthways down the middle, scoop out the flesh and treat the skin with vinegar and bake in pre heated oven (200/180 fan ovens) for an hour, until rock hard. Allow to cool before putting in situ.

2. Gloves – Bubble wrap taped around the fingers and hands will provide adequate protection. The downside is that the popping noise is a dead giveaway to umpires should you glove one to the keeper, the upside is that popping the bubbles can relieve the monotony when batting with the likes

of Dean Morrison or Ryan Driver who are well known for hogging the strike.

3. A helmet –Take a balloon that is roughly the size of your head. Tear up some newspaper and soak in wallpaper glue. For extra durability add a small amount of cement and stir in. Smear mixture over the inflated balloon and put in a warm dry place. When hard remove from balloon, cut to shape and paint desired colour. Lining with bubble wrap that is surplus to that needed for gloves creates a luxurious and expensive looking finish that will be the envy of all your team mates.

4. Why go to the expense of a new bat, knock it in and worry about every crack when someone will always lend you one, I mean as if anyone would let you go out to bat without a bat? If you target the right person you maybe lucky that they will get so fed up they will buy another and give you their original one. Can work for all other accessories, wouldn't advise to use this tactic to procure a new box though unless times are especially hard.

Hope this helps in some small way through the tough times ahead.

Happy Christmas.

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