

# Around the Boundary

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## KIRSTEN APPOINTED AS NATIONAL COACH



Former South Africa Captain Peter Kirsten has been appointed on a two-month contract by the Jersey Cricket Board ahead of their World Cricket League Division V debut in May. The 52-year-old Test and one-day international batsman will not only work with the Island's senior players but also with the younger age groups ahead of their ICC European competition at various levels next summer.

Kirsten, whose younger brother Gary has signed a two-year contract to coach India, will arrive in Jersey at the end of March and work with and prepare the squad ahead of their World Cricket League campaign which Jersey host between 23 and 31 May.

'I'm highly delighted by the appointment,' said Kirsten, 'I'm really looking forward to returning to your beautiful Island which I visited many years ago. Jersey cricket is part of the global structure and I've been impressed with what the Jersey Cricket Board and Chris Minty have been doing for your cricketers in such a short space of time. I've

had a lot of contact with your officials over the past few months and I'm confident we can work well together for the benefit of all. I'm coming to help you improve your skills all round and if that is achieved it will be brilliant as you look to move up the tiers.'

JCB Director of Cricket Chris Minty said: 'Peter is a high level coach and the JCB is delighted to appoint him. He is a level four coach in South Africa and he is currently doing very well developing cricket and rugby at the South African College High School in Cape Town. Peter is a high level professional and he will prepare us and take us through the World Cricket League tournament. Not only will he work with the Island squad, he will coach the U15s and U17s as those age groups look ahead to their competitions for the first time at Division I level next year. Jersey coaches are set to benefit as well because Peter will be working with them, too.

JCB vice-chairman Ward Jenner said 'It really is an exciting time for Jersey cricket and we are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead starting with the World Cricket League Division V programme in May. I'm sure Peter's coaching skills will be a real asset and help our players perform to the best of their abilities. Peter was an excellent player and he was top run scorer in the 1992 World Cup in Australia.

Island captain Matt Hague said 'It's a great appointment; Peter is a cricket legend with 57 first-class tons and I'm sure he will be able to pass on some of his experience to our players.' Kirsten played 12 Tests and 40 one-day internationals from 1991 to 1994. Due to South African's ban on international cricket during the 1970s and 1980s he did not make his Test debut until the late age of 36.

Right-arm bat and right arm off break bowler Kirsten, the older half-brother of former South Africa opener Gary Kirsten, scored his only Test century against England, in his penultimate Test, at Headingley in 1994.



Peter Kirsten, former SA Captain

## THREE NEW APPOINTMENTS FOR JCB

The Jersey Cricket Board is delighted to announce the appointment of three new personnel to the Cricket Development Team. Retired Head of PE, well-known umpire and cricket enthusiast Doug Ferguson is the Board's new Cricket Development Administrator. Doug is an experienced administrator and is looking forward to the forthcoming challenges of 2008.

Lee Meloy and Peter Gough have been appointed as Cricket Development Coaches. Lee is a Level 1 Coach who was in Jersey's successful U19 team that lifted the ICC European Division 2 U19 Championship title in Jersey in 2007. Peter Gough is a Level 2 Coach who has played in the Senior Squad and captained the U23 team that won the ICC European Division 2 U23 Championship in Guernsey last year. Peter is currently playing cricket in Australia for East Albury CC ([eastalburv.cricketvictoria.com.au](http://eastalburv.cricketvictoria.com.au)).

## CHANNEL ISLAND SPORTS PERSONALITY AWARDS

Jersey Cricket Board's successful 2007 was recognised last month when cricket took home two major awards at the Sportingbet Channel Islands Sports Personality of the Year Awards 2008. The glittering, televised awards ceremony at Beau Séjour in Guernsey, awarded cricket's amazing season the Aurigny Team of the Year trophy and the Cenkos Coach of 2007 award.

Not given to any one team this time, but to the many Island sides under the banner of the Jersey Cricket Board, including the U15, U19 and U23 teams that all reached European Division 2 finals, with the latter two winning the titles. The Senior squad also beat Italy 2-0 away to meet playing standards required for Associate Membership of the ICC, as well as ending Guernsey's long run of success in the Senior Inter-Insular. Cricket edged out Jersey RFC's U18 Hampshire Cup winners, Jersey's highly successful Atlantic Rim bowlers and Guernsey's record-breaking 4 x 400 metre relay team.

Chris Minty, Jersey's Director of Cricket, won the Coach of the Year Award, despite being under considerable pressure from John Grady, Jersey's British Gymnastics Disabilities squad coach; Mavis Richards, Guernsey's junior indoor bowling team coach and Guernsey Cricket's Jason Shambrook.



Chris Minty, Coach of the Year 2007  
*Photo courtesy of bbc.co.uk*



Jersey Captain, Mathew Hague

## NATWEST INDOOR CRICKET TABLES as 29<sup>th</sup> January

### Division 1

Farmers 85 for 4 (Dave Buxton 36no) played Rathbones OV's 86 for 1 (Bradley Vowden 27no – Bobby Minty 26no – Tom Minty 27no)

Win for Rathbones OV's by 5 wickets

### Division 3

Caesareans Juniors 159 for 3 (Mayes 28no – Kelleher 31 – Kearsy 28 – Le Maniche 26no – Rabet 25no – Amanda Corbett 3 for 35) played Lillies Ladies 12 all out (Kearsy 2 for 8)

Win for Caesareans Juniors by 147 runs

Lillies Ladies 5 all out (Amanda Corbett 21 – Mark Cox 2 for 6) played Walkovers "B" 51 for 0 (Nick Robert 25no – Craig Vibert 20no)

Win for Walkovers "B" by 6 wickets

### League Tables as at 29th January 2008

#### Division 1 Table

	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	Points
Rathbones Old Victorians	8	7		1	14
Jersey Seniors	8	6		2	12
JJCA1	8	6		2	12
Farmers	9	4		5	8
Pentagon	8	1		7	2
Abbey International	9	1		8	2

#### Division 2 Table

	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	Points
Centurions	8	6		2	12
Phoenix Knights	8	6		2	12
JUBRFC	8	4		4	8
JJCA2	9	4		5	8
Lutea Mavericks	8	4		4	8
Springfield	9	1		8	2

#### Division 3 Table

	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	Points
Walkovers A	8	8			16
Walkovers B	8	6		2	12
Caesareans Juniors	9	5		4	10
Jersey Post	8	4		4	8
Durrell	8	2		6	4
Lillies Ladies	9	0		9	0

## Inside Edge by Mark Saralis

### JERSEY CRICKET

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### WORLD CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION 5

The Tournament  
Organising  
Committee has been  
busy planning for the  
above tournament,  
including meeting  
with ICC officials.  
More news will  
follow in the next  
newsletter.

Bowls... It's just not cricket

A thumping head and the sight of Matty Hague lying next to you, may not be how you would like to awaken each morning, but when an evening with many of the great and good of the Channel Islands sporting communities at the Sports Personality of the Year Awards has preceded it, it could be considered a price worth paying. Can't understand the hangover though. The drinking plan, drinking alcohol for ½ an hour then have ½ an hour consuming water, then ½ an hour drinking alcohol, followed by another ½ an hour drinking water, seemed foolproof and should have ensured I was that annoying person who was the first down to breakfast, wishing everyone a cheery good morning, as they turned their noses up at their greasy fried breakfasts.

As it was, it was Ward Jenner who, as ever, turned up for breakfast without a hair out of place, bearing no evidence of the night before. You may have seen the following day's Report Sport which he monopolized, firstly being interviewed at the aforementioned evening and then playing indoor cricket, where he was asked to divulge the secrets of his team's success in that game. He really is becoming something of a celebrity and who knows he could even be nominated for next year's award. He may not have risen to the heights that the other nominees have, winning the Rathbones Handicap puts him up there in my book, he certainly has a big personality and he would be bound to receive plenty of votes. That's assuming you are allowed to repeatedly vote for yourself.

Anyway back to the evening, which predictably continued on arrival back at the hotel where the demands on the night porter to reopen the bar were eventually met and the festivities continued. The drinking plan by that time would have been a distant memory, if the memory was working, and pints of lager and Gin and Tonics were all dutifully knocked back resulting in the usual garbled conversations with whoever was unfortunate enough to have landed themselves within earshot.

As we all know Matt Banahan won the Sports Personality of the Year award, but his gain was another man's, or more correctly, woman's loss, for he nicked it from World Champion bowler Alison Merrien. You have to feel some sympathy for Alison but Matt has had such a fantastic year for Bath and looks sure to make his England debut in the near future, which will be fantastic.

Both Islands' seem to have more that their fair share of talented bowlers though, and you couldn't help but pick up a certain level of bitterness at the lack of recognition their sport receives. The suggestion then that bowling was not actually a sport predictably went down like a catch dropped by Suthan, like a stone, and started a heated debate as to what attributes a game has to have to be called a sport. Needless to say the argument was not won so I have asked the fountain of all knowledge has to say on the subject. Unfortunately Brownny couldn't shed any further light, so I tried the internet.

The best system I found was one that divides each sport into four components; Physical Exertion, Skill, Rules and Competition. Each of these components can attract a maximum of 30 points. If the overall score exceeds 75 it is considered a sport, anything less and it could be a recreational activity (50 – 74 pts) a leisure hobby (25-49) or just a hobby (0 -24).

**Cricket** for example may score:  
Physical exertion 17 (Brownny??)  
Skill 23 (Brownny??)  
Rules 25  
Competiton 20  
Total 85 – A Sport

**Bowling**  
Physical Exertion 4  
Skill 15  
Rules 20  
Competition 25  
Total 62 – Recreational Activity

These results are obviously not gospel and my scoring on the game of bowls is based on an incomplete knowledge of the game. Others may score it differently and if you've got a few spare minutes with nothing better to do you might want to have a go yourself. The website is <http://sportnonsport.com/sport.htm>. I'm sure there will be those who disagree and that being the case I would take your argument up with Nikki Holmes, publisher of this newsletter, who has so much tact when dealing with such sensitive issues.