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JERSEY QUALIFY FOR WCL DIVISION 4



World Cricket League Division 5 was held in Jersey last month and the event has been hailed a huge success by players, officials and spectators alike.

The final was a nail-biting affair with Afghanistan eventually beating Jersey in a dramatic two-wicket win at Grainville. Having been bowled out for just 80, Jersey knew they would need quick wickets before lunch if they were to stand a chance of victory and a crazy run out, following a mix-up between the two openers, saw Karim Khan heading back to the pavilion.

Ryan Driver then raised the hopes of a large Jersey crowd when a mistimed shot off his bowling by Noor Ali Noori was caught by Meeku Patidar.

Resuming on 25-2, Jersey were in inspired form after lunch and Afghanistan slumped to 42-7. But as the crowd of over 1,000 cheered on the home side, Hasti Gul Abed, hitting two fours and two sixes as he made 29 not out, gave victory to Afghanistan.

Driver was proud of his side who have now qualified for the ICC World Cricket League Division 4. "Obviously the guys are disappointed to lose but to be all out for 80 and come within two wickets of victory shows the true grit and determination of all the team and I'm proud of all the boys," said Driver. He also paid tribute to the wonderful support from the magnificent crowd, which included former England star Geoff Boycott, who presented the trophy to the winning captain. "Cricket in Jersey really is on the up and up."



Triumphant Afghanistan team lift the trophy



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SEMI-FINAL WIN OVER USA SECURES PROMOTION TO WCL4

Jersey secured their place in the final – and with it a berth in Division 4 of the World Cricket League – with a magnificent 84-run victory over the USA at FB Fields. In a match worthy of the final itself, watched by a crowd of several hundred, the Jersey batsmen set an imposing target of 220 for five, and then the attack strangled their opponents with a fine display of seam bowling.

US opening bowlers Imran Awan and Khawaja Shuja gave some justification for captain Steve Massiah's decision to bowl as they frequently beat the bat early on, but Peter Gough and Steve Carlyon punished anything loose and pressured the field with some excellent running between the wickets. It was not until the 32nd over that off-spinner Niraj Shah achieved the breakthrough, and by that time the Jersey total had reached 122 – the second century partnership registered by Gough and Carlyon during the tournament. It was Gough who was first to go, dancing down the pitch to the spinner and being comprehensively stumped by Roopnarine having made 65 off 110 balls, with four boundaries. Carlyon followed 11 runs later, backing up and being run out by a direct hit from Masood Mohamed. His 45 came off 88 balls and included three fours. Ryan Driver now joined skipper Matthew Hague, and they put on 37 in eight overs, maintaining the momentum despite Shah's consistent spell. Imran was eventually rewarded with Hague's wicket when he was bowled for 25. Imran had further success when he

bowled Andy Dewhurst, and Cush got rid of Robert Minty in the 47th over with the total on 187. This left Jersey with something to do, but Driver and Jonathan Gough batted so enterprisingly in the last three overs that they added a further 33 runs, Driver finishing with 28 from 37 balls and Gough with 19 from 15.

The Americans needed to make a good start in their reply, and began purposefully with Sushil Nadkarni belting Driver for a massive six over midwicket in the fifth over. Baker was out in Chris Jones's next over, brilliantly caught by Tony Carlyon at second slip. Massiah got off the mark with a straight six, but in Driver's next Nadkarni was trapped leg-before, leaving the USA on 31 for two. Massiah followed two overs later, well caught by keeper Bobby Minty, and it was 32 for three. Driver and Jones were both bowling a great line, and thoroughly deserved their wickets, while the Americans were suddenly faced with a task they had not previously encountered in the tournament. Hague worked his way through the lower order, finishing with five for 38. The end came in the 39th over, with the total on 136.

It was a splendid disciplined performance from Jersey who have earned promotion to World Cricket League Division 4 in Tanzania in October.



“The team is confident but not complacent at all. We've turned up on every single day and beaten whatever opposition is against us. We're getting better with every game,” said Ryan Driver after Jersey's Semi-Final win.

Jersey celebrate their semi-final victory over USA and promotion to World Cricket League Division 4

WCL5 PHOTO GALLERY



Peter Kirsten and Mark Saralis



Bradley Vowden warms up



Chris Jones wondering how he missed that catch



Team Jersey in the huddle



Ian Vautier – a groundsman’s work is never done



Derek de la Haye gets to grips with the gazebo



KD demonstrates his Summer attire to Peter Kirsten



Ryan Driver demonstrates his fashion sense too



Peter Gough – all-round ninja



Matty Hague batting against the USA



Third Umpire Jonty Jenner with his decision



Meeku Patidar & Chris Jones watch as the Afghans celebrate

JERSEY RISE 5 PLACES IN WORLD CRICKET RANKINGS

Jersey's fantastic performance in World Cricket League Division 5 has moved them up five places to 17th in a rankings list for non-Test playing nations. They now share this spot with tournament winners Afghanistan with both teams two points behind Tanzania. The list, published by CricketEurope, gives the rankings for ICC Associate and Affiliate nations, with Kenya at Number 1 ahead of the Netherlands and Ireland. Three Jersey players also made CricketEurope's Team of the Tournament – Peter Gough, Mathew Hague and Ryan Driver. CricketEurope also cited Jersey as being 'the best team in the event' despite Afghanistan beating them in the final. **Countries competing in World Cricket League Division 4 in October 2008 are Jersey, Afghanistan, Italy, Tanzania, Hong Kong and Fiji.**

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| 1. Kenya | 13. Papua New Guinea |
| 2. Netherlands | 14. Cayman Islands |
| 3. Ireland | 15. Hong Kong |
| 4. Scotland | 16. Tanzania |
| 5. Oman | 17. = Jersey |
| 6. Canada | 17. = Afghanistan |
| 7. UAE | 19. Italy |
| 8. Namibia | 20. USA |
| 9. Denmark | 21. Fiji |
| 10. Uganda | 22. Nepal |
| 11. Bermuda | 23. Singapore |
| 12. Argentina | 24. Germany |



Chris Minty reviews Jersey's progress in the JEP

A MILLION REASONS TO CHECK OUT WCL5 WEBSITE

The official website of the ICC World Cricket League Division 5 (WCL Div 5) tournament, held in Jersey has confirmed the presence of a huge interest in international cricket beyond the boundaries of the Test and ODI arenas.

Located at www.iccworldcricketleague.com, the website was run in conjunction with CricketEurope and Jersey Cricket and it proved to be an enormous success attracting more than 1,400,000 page impressions in the 10-day period from midnight on 22 May up until the same time on 1 June. This figure does not include visitor-initiated refreshes of live scoreboard or commentary pages and on average, 10,381 individual visitors (different URLs) were attracted to the site each day. "This is a very encouraging sign for Associate and Affiliate cricket," said ICC Global Development Manager Matthew

Kennedy. "It shows that there is a significant level of interest for the sport all over the world and not just in countries where they play Test cricket. This tournament in Jersey was the fifth division in a global tournament that will bring events to Tanzania (Division 4) and Argentina (Division 3) before the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier (incorporating Divisions 1 and 2) in the UAE next year. The popularity of event websites such as this shows us that the development of cricket around the world is working and that more people than ever before are playing and taking an interest in the game," said Mr Kennedy.

CricketEurope, which operated the WCL Div. 5 site, is an independent website dedicated to the coverage of cricket beyond the Test nations. It can be found at www.cricketeurope.com.

Inside Edge by Mark Saralis

I presume that most of the newsletter is dedicated to the ICC World Cup Division 5 tournament and by the time you get to this you will have read enough about it. I will not dwell on it then other than to say what a great tournament it turned out to be. I have focused on some aspects of the game that came to light whilst watching the matches, a few I liked, a few I didn't.

Things I didn't like were:

1. Excessive appealing. As in previous tournaments there was copious amounts of appealing from some of the teams. It must be based on the belief that you are more likely to get something if you ask for it excessively and shout whilst asking for it. I have put this to the test and have found little that gives the theory any credibility at all. In fact it has actually had a very detrimental effect on my life and since trying it out I have been sacked from work, banned from the library and I'm sleeping in the spare bedroom at home.

2. Being rude to people who walk behind the sight screens. Cricket is fighting for its share of a very competitive market place and should welcome anyone who shows any interest in watching the game. Surely people who often, innocently, commit the above indiscretion, should not be subjected to the abuse and indignation that they generally are. I don't actually see what the problem is anyway, the sight screens are there to provide a contrast against the colour of the ball, someone walking behind the bowlers arm is more likely to act as a distraction, which is more about concentration. I find it very difficult when batting not to get distracted by my thoughts anyway, especially about the person running in to bowl at me. Some of the more frequent ones are: "Hasn't Bradley Vautier got a chirpy little run up," "If Tom Minty was an insect, what type would he be?" "Pete Blackburn has a really pert little bottom," "Why do they call Ryan Driver Melman?" "Hasn't Pete Gough got nice teeth, and a funny bowling action," "Don't, whatever you do, get out to Brownny," "Jonesy's underwear makes a funny noise when he's running in and sounds like it's chafing," and "What is Jonny Gough doing with the ball in his hand?"

3. A bowler shouting "catch it" whenever a batsman hits the ball in the air. I don't think I have ever met anyone who does not know that, when the ball is hit in the air, you should catch it and makes every effort to do so. Ok so they may not always be successful (Did a Suthan type image just flash through your mind?), but it's not usually through lack of trying. I think shouting catch it as soon as the ball leaves the batsman's bat is a defence mechanism used by the bowler to

belittle what is usually a big shot, as it usually happens when the batsman has middled one and the bowler knows there is no hope that anyone will indeed catch it. A batsman who shouted "drop it" every time he hit the ball in the air wouldn't be considered a very good sport, would he?

4. Whooping and a hollering. It seems the days of a few simple handshakes are no longer significant enough a celebration when a wicket falls. The batsman now needs to be subjected to some sort of humiliating send off. I suppose the departing batsman should see it as a mark of respect, as the more intense the celebrations, the more esteem the opposition hold you in. If you receive a few muted celebrations or worse, nothing at all, you're probably rubbish.

The thing I most liked about the tournament:

The interaction between the players and the crowd. With unprecedented crowds for Jersey's final two matches in the competition, and the pressure players were under, particularly in the semi final, players could have become so wrapped up in the importance of the match that they could not have enjoyed the occasion. Fortunately this did not appear to be the case and there was plenty of room for good-natured banter between crowd and players and it was good to see players with smiles on their faces. The crowd, for their part, I'm sure, made it a tournament that those who played in will never forget, and were impeccably behaved, although the group sitting on what became known as the "Hanley Bank" at Grainville, who were shouting "no ball" every time Pete Gough bowled, ended up having their collars felt by the Jersey officialdom.



"Hanley Bank"

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