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JUNIOR INTER-INSULARS

Jersey's Junior cricketers have won 4 out their 6 Inter-Insulars.

Jersey's U11s achieved a good win in stifling conditions at the College Field this month. Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of the game from both team's perspectives was that they were each able to bat with considerable maturity through their complete 40 overs – quite a feat at this age. Jersey were in trouble at 14-2, but a steady and well-judged partnership between Rob Duckett and Grant Donaldson which realised 99 runs, put the home side in a strong position. Both batted very sensibly with sound judgement in waiting for the right ball to punish. Donaldson's 60 was a magnificent effort and he was well-supported by Duckett with 38. 113-4 with 8 overs left was an ideal platform for the hard-hitting Will Kaye and Sol Warner, who with 26 and 18 not out respectively, meant that Jersey set a very challenging total of 179-4. Will Kaye's rapid bowling then took an early wicket and Harry Jenkins took 1-3 from his 3 overs, but the star bowler was off-spinner Warner who bowled with control to a well-pace field taking 2-9 in 8 overs with 3 maidens. Graeme Noel supported well with his "mystery" spinners. There was a good catch by Jenkins, an excellent cool run out executed by Josh le Cornu and a great swirling catch in the deep by the impressive Donaldson.

Guernsey made a fine effort with a good innings from Tom Nightingale of 55, but Jersey were always in control as the Sarnians closed on 147-7, a win for Jersey by 32 runs.

Jersey's U12s overcame their Guernsey counterparts in Guernsey, though the

result was less clear-cut than it really should have been. Guernsey won the toss and elected to bat but were put under immense pressure with accurate seam-bowling, backed up by tremendous fielding which has become expected of this side. Will Harris got an early breakthrough, but Tom Ward was pick of the bowlers, bowling with pace, bounce and hostility to record figures of 3-12 from 4 overs. Phil Maguire, the keeper was in inspired form all day and took a superb catch as well as a nifty stumping later in the innings. Paul Hickling took 2-3 (also from 4 overs with 2 maidens) and broke the back of the Sarnian bowling, Jack Gibson bowled tidy inswingers and captain James Duckett's leg-spinners earned him 2 wickets for just 1 run in his 3 overs. Guernsey were dismissed for just 56 runs and an early finish was on the cards. However Guernsey had spotted the success of the spin option and opened with some leg-breaks of their own, which reduced Jersey to 9-3, and it needed some sensible batting in a tight situation which was provided by a good partnership of 25 between Hickling and Harris. More wickets then fell and Jersey stumbled over the line with 8 wickets down, thankful to a Man of the Match performance by Hickling who scored 27.

There were also wins for the U13 and U15 teams with reports to follow in due course. Thanks to all the Team Managers: Ward Jenner, Chris Minty, Mark Palmer, Steve Blampied and Peter Gough for all their efforts.

FOUR ISLANDS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Walkovers CC who successfully created a national and international record last month by playing 4 Twenty20 matches in 4 Channel Islands on one day and raised over £20,000 for Cystic Fibrosis.

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ICC TOURNAMENT SELECTIONS

The Jersey Cricket Board has selected its squads for this Summer's ICC tournaments:

ICC European U19 Division 1 WCQ Championships (Jersey, 14-20 July): Steven Blackburn, Mark Chipperfield, Paul Connolly, Ben De Figueiredo, Sam de la Haye, Tim de la Haye, Tom Gibbs, Matt Hanley, Anthony Kay, John Borg, Duncan Maccabe, Aidan McGuire, Charles Perchard and Ben Stevens. Manager: Chris Minty. Coach: Craig Hogan.

For match information please see <http://www.icc-europe.org/EUROU19/index.shtml>

ICC European U15 Division 1 Championships (Dundee, 19-21 July): Alexander Cooke, Matthew Collin, Jake Dunford, Rhys Evans, Charles Fricker, Edward Fricker, Luke Gallichan, Daniel Garton, Finlay Hare, Oliver Johnson, Paul McCafferty, Callum Rabet, Tom Sutton, John Tardivel. Manager: Chris Minty. Coach: Peter Gough.

For match information please see <http://www.icc-europe.org/EUROU15/index.shtml>

ICC European U17 Division 1 Championships (Belfast, 27 July – 1 Aug): Tom Le Lievre, James Faudemer, Charles Perchard, Cornelis Bodenstein, Alexander Noel, Ben Beeley, Daniel McAviney, Ben Stevens, Aidan McGuire, Corey Bisson, William Falle, Tim de la Haye, Steven Blackburn. Manager: Chris Minty. Coach: Craig Hogan.

For match information please see <http://www.icc-europe.org/ECC/index.shtml>

HAMPSHIRE GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP CAMPAIGN

Hampshire Girls under 15s started their Championship campaign in fine style with a comprehensive victory over Oxfordshire recently on the excellent pitch and ground at Challow & Childrey Cricket Club, Wantage, Hampshire. Hampshire won the toss and chose to bat. The new opening partnership of Charlotte Taylor and Aylish Cranstone started well, scoring 35 from the first 5 overs, before Charlotte was out for 19. Aylish batted superbly, unaware that 2 England selectors were present. She shared in partnerships of 29 with Eleanor Ingram (15) and Danielle Radley (11). She dominated the bowling, scoring 75, including 11 fours, from 74 balls, before being 6th out, controversially run out by the bowler as she ran in to bowl. Laura Feltham (15*) kept the score ticking over, including a four off the final ball of the 35th over, to close the innings, taking the team score to 201-9.

Jersey's Lucy Le Lievre had a sensational start to Oxfordshire's reply. She took a wicket off the first ball and the fourth and the last ball, but in between 2 beamers, so 3-3 at the end of the first over. Her second over was spot on - 5 dot balls and a wicket; her third over, 6 dot balls and a wide – score 11-4 from 5 overs; her 4th over started with a bye and a dot ball, then another beamer, so Lucy had to stop bowling, with analysis of 3.3-1-5-4! Wickets fell steadily – a run out, 2 wickets for Kelly Duffett and 1 for Aylish. Drinks were taken at the end of the 18th over, with Oxfordshire on 67-8, including a valiant, defiant and positive 19 not out from wicket keeper Chloe Dowhunek. Sophie Lynch came on for her first over – first ball, wicket, 2 singles, a wide, then the final wicket, Oxfordshire all out 71.

A victory for Hampshire by 130 runs. An excellent team performance, the batting led by the outstanding Aylish Cranstone and the bowling by Lucy Le Lievre, supported by sharp fielding and positive attitudes throughout the match.

SCHOOLGIRL CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS by Peter Gough

Following the success of the England Women's cricket team this summer and the growth of the women's game in Jersey, the JCB ran the inaugural Jersey Schoolgirls Cricket Championships at Les Quennevais playing fields this month. The aim of the championships is to give the Island's secondary school girls an opportunity to enjoy playing cricket and test their skills against girls from other schools. The 4 competing secondary schools this year were Le Rocquier, Les Quennevais, JCG and Beaulieu, with students from year 7 to year 10 making up teams of eleven players. The format of the competition was two semi finals followed by a final and 3rd/4th place play off. Each game lasted for exactly one hour, with each innings lasting half an hour and the normal rules of cricket applying.

SEMI FINALS

* Beaulieu 125 runs for 4 wickets Vs Le Rocquier 114 runs for 5 wickets. Beaulieu wins by 11 runs

* JCG 101 runs for 2 wickets Vs Les Quennevais 61 runs for 7 wickets. JCG wins by 40 runs

This meant that both JCG and Beaulieu progressed to the final, with Le Rocquier and Les Quennevais battling it out for third and fourth place.

FINALS

3rd/4th place play off:

* Le Rocquier 71 runs all out Vs Les Quennevais 57 runs for 9 wickets. Le Rocquier wins by 14 runs

Final

* Beaulieu 102 runs for 9 wickets Vs JCG 105 runs for 5 wickets. JCG wins by 5 wickets

All four games were very keenly contested, with some excellent batting, bowling, fielding, running between the wickets and teamwork on show.

The Cricket Board would like to say a massive thank you to teachers Ella Hickey (Le Rocquier), Heidi Fitzmaurice (Les Quennevais), Kate Allo (Beaulieu) and Zoe Waters (JCG) for coaching and supporting their sides so well throughout the afternoon. Without them and their organisation the tournament would not have been possible. Also a massive well done must go to the girls who competed throughout the afternoon. They were a credit to themselves and their schools.

At present in Jersey there are 2 women's cricket clubs and I would urge any girls who enjoy their cricket to get in touch with Katie Ridley at the Jersey Nomads cricket club or Vicky Toole at the Jersey Lillies cricket club for more opportunities to play. These two clubs play regular hard ball matches against each other. The Cricket Board also runs coaching sessions on a fortnightly basis at Grainville playing fields for female cricketers of any age and ability. The remaining sessions this summer are on Wednesday July 22nd, August 5th and August 19th from 6-8pm.

The Jersey schoolgirls cricket championships is a very important part of our development programme and we will be looking to expand it to include other secondary schools in the island in 2010 after the success of the inaugural event.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

If you've got any news from present or former Jersey cricketers who have left The Rock, we'd love to hear from you! Photos too please!

This month we're delighted to announce that Richard Gomersall, aka Gomy, is a daddy! Richard's wife Ros gave birth to Hugo James Gomersall in Hong Kong on 20th June. Mother and baby are fine – Gomy still recovering.

Also featured this month is Tom Minty who is travelling Downunder and met up with former player Dave Morfee. Tom and Dave are both pictured here wearing their Jersey cricket gear.



Dave Morfee and Tom Minty Downunder

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ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

The 2009 dinner will take place on Friday 25th September with Alec Stewart OBE confirmed as guest speaker.

Put the date in your diary now!

INSIDE EDGE by Mark Saralis

As promised last month we're looking at some of the markets for the Ashes to see if we can't make a few quid out of the series.

The spreads are always interesting, although the firms are being rather sluggish about displaying all the markets, in particular batsmen's runs there are some interesting series markets.

One that caught my eye was Sporting Index's Zero Tolerance market, which awards 10 pts for a duck and 25 for a golden. The spread for England is 122 -130. For those not familiar with spread betting, you can either sell if you believe the total will be less than 122 or buy at 130, if you believe the final total will be more. So if you sell at 122 and throughout the series England have 7 ducks one of which is a golden the final mark up (m/u) would be 85, meaning you win 37 x your stake. If however the final total is 12 ducks three of which are golden the final m/u would be 165 meaning you would lose 43 x your stake...ouch.

Looking at previous series between these teams, England have generally beaten the spread and you would have therefore thought would be a fair buy.

Closer examination however reveals that the reason for this has been Shane Warne and Glen McGrath who have been responsible for 80% of their ducks.

Recent tests indicate that this is too high and I reckon a bit of faith in England's batsmen is called for and a sell is advised.

Other bets worthy of consideration are Australia to win the test at Lords. They seem to step up their game for this test and have only lost 5 from 33 matches, winning nine and drawing nine of the last 18, so either back Australia or lay England.

Although Mitchell Johnson didn't fare too well in the warm-ups he could yet be Australia's top wicket taker and although 7/4 looks a little short, the fact that he has been their leading wicket taker in their four most recent series is enough to tempt me. Peter Siddle at 9/2 looks a viable alternative but he has been injury prone and may struggle to stay fit for five tests.

The most recent warm up games would indicate that Cook and Hussey would be the players to back for their prospective countries in the top run scorer markets, but I'm going to stick with Ravi Bopara who at 5/1 looks a fair bet to be England's top run scorer. Australia's top run scorer is difficult though. Initially tempted by Phil Hughes, his two failures in the warm ups have tempered enthusiasm and maybe Simon Katich will be better value.

Ricky Ponting may struggle and I would be a seller of his runs at 390. He only managed 359 in the last series in England and 338 in 2001 and his average in England is one of his worst. His recent

form may also indicate he is on the decline and a sell looks a fair bet. Either that or back him to score less than 394.5 with Hills.

Finally Kevin Pietersen's ton up index (1pt awarded for any run over a century in any innings throughout the series) trading at 50 - 55 looks a fair buy. He is surely going to get one big score and could cover it with one innings but there is still a nagging doubt about his overall fitness so tread carefully.

So here are the recommended bets; (As the newsletter was not out before the first match we have reviewed how each one is doing)

Sell England zero tolerance at 122 for 3pts (looking good, no ducks in the first match current spread currently 94 - 102, so could take 60 pt profit)

5pts Bopara to be England's top run scorer @ 5/1 (not so good, although still very open)

5pts Katich to be Australia's top run scorer @ 9/2 (Not too bad)

30 pts Australia to win Lords test (July 16th) (Hopefully this is a loser)

15 pts Strauss to be England's top run scorer in first Innings of Lords test. (Possibilities, although Pietersen also enjoys Lords-fingers crossed)

1 pt Sell Ponting's series runs @ 390 or, for those with faint hearts, 30pts to score less than 394.5 (Disastrous start for sellers but all is not lost - he has failed to cover the spread in last two series in England despite scores of 144 and 156 and poor average a Lords will hopefully restore balance - Current spread 470 - 490 - loss of 100pts!) Sell again at 470 for 1pt a run.

3pts Buy of Peterson's ton up index @ 55 (Surely he must score a big one - current spread 40 - 45 - loss 30 points)

Rob Tewkesbury's advice:

1pts Buy Bopara Runs at 365 (Not a great start current 315 - 335 - loss of 50pts at the moment)

Gomy's advice:

10 pts win Drawn Series @ 5/1

Dean Morrison's advice:

20 pts Johnson to be Australia's top wicket taker @9/4 (Didn't bowl very well although managed to take 5 wickets, will have to do better if we are to collect on this one)

1 pt buy North's series runs @ 280 (Great start - current spread 350 - 370 profit of 70 pts) (Gomy highlighted this one as well)

Bobby Minty's advice:

Gambling's for fools, although I fancy Phil Hughes to be top Australian batsman. (He he he)