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## IT'S NEPAL!

### The ICC has announced Nepal as the host of the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division 5 to be held in January 2010.

The six-team event is to be played by Nepal, USA (as the third/fourth position holders from last year's event), Fiji, Jersey (two teams relegated from Division 4 last year) and two teams promoted from Division 6 to be held in Singapore in August/September 2009.

The ICC also announced that the United Arab Emirates have been invited to host the ICC World Twenty20 2010 qualifier and that USA, who Jersey defeated in last year's WCL5 tournament, have been invited to participate. Jersey finished above the USA in the Division V table by finishing runners-up and gaining

promotion, although they were later relegated from Division IV.

The top two teams from Division 5 will be promoted to Division 4 to be held in Italy in June, 2010.

Jersey's Director of Cricket Chris Minty said: 'The two venues for the WCL are very interesting. Nepal and Italy are countries you would not expect to go to play cricket in and I assume they have been chosen as part of each countries development.'

This will be the first ICC event Nepal will host. Cricket Nepal President Binaya Raj Pandey said, "We feel honoured," explaining that the decision was made due to the potential of cricket in Nepal.



## FOUR ISLANDS CHALLENGE

Don't forget Walkovers record-breaking attempt to play 4 Twenty20 matches in 4 Channel Islands on one day takes place on June 27<sup>th</sup> with the day ending at Grainville from 5pm. Funds being raised for Cystic Fibrosis. All welcome!

[www.justgiving.com/4islandcricket](http://www.justgiving.com/4islandcricket)



*Fancy bowling uphill in the Himalayas?*

## MCC TOUR

The Jersey Cricket Board defeated the MCC by 29 runs last month during the MCC's annual Channel Island tour. The JCB side scored over 250 runs in a 50 over game for the second match running and after the MCC were 123 without loss and looking set for victory. Jersey fought back and bowled the tourists out for 236. Island coach, Craig Hogan, said "It was a very good fight back in the end and the last 25 overs were terrific." Captain Ryan Driver top-scored with 80, Jamie Brewster hit 75 and Andy Dewhurst an unbeaten 43 runs off 43 deliveries. The MCC beat Victoria College 1<sup>st</sup> XI by 61 runs at the College Field and the JICC played out a draw in a time and declaration match.

## JICC VICTORY AT ARUNDEL

Ryan Driver put in a class performance to gain man of the match in the JICC's recent three wicket victory over Sussex Martlets at Arundel Castle this month. Coach Craig Hogan said "We used this match, which we play every two years, as part of the JCB training getting ready for the Division V Leagues matches in Nepal. It was really worthwhile and from games like this you pick up little things that you need to improve. Looking forward I would like the Jersey side to be put under a bit more pressure because that's what it will be like in Nepal with every over being important."

## LEAGUES UPDATE

**NatWest Weekend Premier League:** Rathbones Old Victorians have gone to the top of the Premier League after a 65-run win over Farmers-Caesarean. Rathbones made 237-7 in their 45 overs with Jonny Gough and Sam De La Haye both scoring 43 while acting-captain Andrew Dewhurst scored 41. In reply, Farmers were 172 all out in the 42nd over. Dave Gorman top scored with 38, while Chris Jones did the damage with the ball for Rathbones, claiming 3-11. In the other top-flight match Optimus returned to winning ways, smashing Springfield by 134 runs. Tony Carlyon's 92 not out, Ed Bellew's 73 not out and Ryan Driver's 52, took Optimus to 286-4, but they should have been dismissed for a much lower total as Springfield dropped eight catches. It did not get any better for bottom-placed Springfield when it was their turn to bat as they were dismissed for 152; Neil Hall and Richard Parker were the only batsman to make any headway, scoring 41 and 38 respectively. Springfield remain winless this season while Farmers-Caesareans stay second from bottom with just one win. Optimus keep their third place behind St Ouen and top placed Rathbones.

**NatWest Evening League Division 2:** Rathbones OV's (142 for 1 in 14 overs - John Borg 51 retired - Will Golder 38no) beat Lutea Mavericks by 30 runs (112 for 7 in 14 overs - Tristan Colledge 3 for 23). HSBC Jersey (139 for 5 in 12 overs -Richard Baigent 52 retired off 25 balls) played JUBRFC (118 for 9 in 12 overs - Nick Symonds 56no - Richard Baigent 3 for 21 - Rob Knapman 3 for 16) with a win for HSBC Jersey by 21 runs. St John (144 for 5 in 14 overs - Jon Evans 51 retired - Charlie Franks 51 retired) played NatWest (136 for 7 in 14 overs - Karl Le Fevre 53 retired - S Hayward 43 - Andy Richardson 3 for 31) with a win for St John by 8 runs.

**NatWest Evening League Division 3:** Durrell (127 for 5 in 14 overs - Adam Sutton 48) played Centurions A (128 for 4 in 8.6 overs - Tom Carolan 51 retired in 23 balls). Win for Centurions A by 6 wickets. Aztec Springfield (174 for 4 in 14 overs - Stuart Robson 50 retired - Kris Gorman 32) beat Jersey Post (94 for 5 in 14 overs -Neil Laffoley 33no) by 80 runs. Mourant 172 for 3 in 14 overs (John Woolnough 53 retired - Chris Van Den Burgh 44 - Steve Cartwright 31) beat Walkovers Rebels (165 for 5 - Danny Coyne 52 retired - Ed Holgate 3 for 34) by 7 runs. Optimus Colts (129 for 6 in 14 overs -Brant Duncan 50 retired - Peter Blackburn 32 - Paul Connolly 3 for 24) played Sloggers (130 for 2 in 9.4 overs - Steve Hopper 43no - Luke Kellett 51 retired off 31 balls). Win for Sloggers by 8 wickets

**JEP KO Trophy 2<sup>nd</sup> Round:** Beeches 183 for 8 in 15 overs (Hannis Botha 67no - Sean Connaway 42 - McCafferty 3 for 39 - Alex Cooke 3 for 31) played Aztec Springfield 116 for 7 in 15 overs (Stuart Robson 39 - Sean Connaway 3 for 22). Win for Beeches by 67 runs. Ashburton 191 for 7 in 15 overs (Ritchie Robinson 63 - Corne Bodenstein 60 - Peter Blackburn 4 for 20) played Optimus Colts 87 for 8 in 15 overs (John Donaldson 43no - Corne Bodenstein 3 for 11 - Richard Parker 3 for 14). Win for Ashburton by 104 runs. Walkovers 189 for 7 in 15 overs (Nick Richardson 53 - Ian Crocker 33) played Centurions B 125 for 8 in 15 overs (Atul 33 - Ben Beeley 3 for 13). Win for Walkovers by 64 runs. Sloggers 124 all out in 14.3 overs (Miles Landick 4 for 6) played G4 Securicor 116 all out in 14.5 overs (Heath Kearns 30 - Paul Connolly 3 for 4). Win for Sloggers by 8 runs.

## GREETINGS FROM HONG KONG by Richard Gomersall

3 for 164 and 35 runs in 3 knocks. Different island, same old, same old.

Hong Kong defeated Jersey in Tanzania and it is easy to see why. East meets West here both on and off the field and the Sunday league is awash with Australian, Kiwi, Indian and Pakistani 'game spoilers'.

Many have played first class cricket and even more have been professionals in the UK. Add to the mix small boundaries and good tracks and the rest is predictable. 350 is 200 at Grainville and 400 is not uncommon.

My second scoring shot in Hong Kong cricket was a straight six, lost ball. I'd arrived with a fanfare. We play 'free hits' following front foot no balls and 30 'inhibition free' seconds later the 'oppo.' were looking for the ball half way up a hillside. Bizarrely it would have been six on any ground. Normal service was resumed the following week however when I made 9 in a stunning partnership of 97. The other chap took too many risks in my view, recklessly playing across the line. He used to open the bowling for Western Australia and had to be ushered off the field to avoid him lamping the spin bowler he'd been arguing with (and carting to all parts) for the whole innings. Fiery stuff. Scarily I was 5 not out two balls before my late cut to the keeper.

Another highlight came when I caught the brother of ex Jersey player Meeku Patidar. It proved to be too much of a coincidence when the batsman was named Tiku Patidar! Luckily the slip catch hit me in the stomach and rolled back into the bread basket.

Hong Kong is the land of 7 quid pints and 60p taxis, 2 quid McDonalds and 10 quid 'Pret a Manger' sandwiches. The bars never close which creates something of a quandary when the rugby kicks off at 230am and you are supposed to be starting cricket at 10am. We play in the Hong Kong winter here as the summer heat is intolerable. Fortunately hangovers are eased at the club with the waiter service. If only you could ask for a bacon roll and a coffee before ducking into the Jacuzzi for 20 minutes every week at Grainville!

The hockey in Hong Kong is also fantastic. Over 5,000 regular players, water based pitches surrounded by sky scrapers and no Les Quennevais horizontal rain and gail force winds. I play hockey for the Hong Kong Cricket Club Hockey section. Members can also join the Lawn Bowls, Tennis, Netball, Rugby, Squash, Ten Pin Bowling, Golf, Dance, Swimming, Bridge, Bingo, Video Club and Weight Watchers! I would like to see Brownny trying to be the Treasurer for that lot! See [www.hkcc.org](http://www.hkcc.org).

Next month sees the visit of Mike Gatting to Hong Kong. He has been involved with HKCC for many years and will be the guest speaker at our annual dinner. See you all in the summer.....

## GUERNSEY PROMOTED TO WCL6

Guernsey have successfully qualified for the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League (WCL) Division 6 tournament after reaching the Pepsi ICC WCL Division 7 final. Despite a three-wicket defeat to Bahrain the hosts of the tournament, by virtue of reaching the final, have been promoted to the Division 6 tournament which will be staged in Singapore from 29 August to 5 September. A five-wicket haul and a brilliantly paced half-century by Qamer Saeed allowed Bahrain to finish the tournament unbeaten.

"It has been a great week for us, but Bahrain again proved today that it is a great side and it has won every game that it has played this week," Guernsey captain Stuart Le Prevost said. "They batted really well late-on and all credit to them for winning this tournament. I was disappointed with our performance today and I thought the guys were a little bit unlucky with the way they got out but that's the way it goes."

One consolation for Guernsey was Jeremy Frith, who struck two centuries while amassing 381 runs during the week and also took 15 wickets during the event, and was named player of the tournament.



*HKCC – not quite Grainville...*

## INSIDE EDGE by Mark Saralis

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## ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

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

Put the date in your  
diary now!

With the Ashes starting to become the focus of cricketing minds and with it a whole host of betting opportunities, I thought the next couple of articles would focus on trying to make the experience all the more enjoyable by using the collective knowledge of those who know about such things to extricate some money from the bookmakers. There are only a couple of early markets at the moment, the most interesting being Paddy Powers top run scorer market. I guess when making predictions about run scoring it is useful to evaluate the merits of the two bowling attacks. In the last Ashes on home soil it was the English seamers that did the damage and if Andrew Flintoff is fit and back to his best it will significantly bolster their attack, which, to be fair has done pretty well of late. Australia are going through a transitional period but a win in South Africa is no mean achievement, and Brett Lee back and Mitchell Johnson, who forced both Graeme Smith and Jacques Kallis to retire hurt, could be a bit of a handful

for the England openers. If the England openers are to struggle against him it may be wise to look to someone batting a little further down the order if you are considering an Englishman, and Kevin Pietersen will be near the top of most people's lists. Of the Australian batsmen I'm going to suggest bypassing Ricky Ponting and Michael Hussey and focus on Phil Hughes, Michael Clark and Mike Hussey.

Gomy and Dean Morrison reckon Marcus North is a good bet as he has scored lots of runs in Australia and the UK. Others pointed out that Bopara (originally 22/1) looked terrific value, which it appeared to be, as he was cut to 7/1, but most seem to be eagerly awaiting the spreads which we will review next month along with any other interesting markets. So don't worry come the start of the series you will be fully equipped with all the information you need to take some money off those poor bookies. This month's recommendations are:

Player	Odds	Test Avg	V Eng/ Aus	Recent form	Comments
Pietersen	9/2	51	53	Generally good form, with the odd blip against West Indies	Can't say much more about KP that hasn't been said. Hard to see him not having a couple of big scores and beat the 473 runs he scored in the last Ashes series in UK.
Ponting	9/2	56	48	Average reducing last three years, averaged 33 against SA	Captain and prolific run scorer. His average against England is one of his lowest against test nations and can struggle against high class seam attack. 359 runs in last Ashes in England and chance may depend on the form of Flintoff.
Strauss	6/1	44	32	Seems back to his best after period in the doldrums, but all recent form against West Indies which may be misleading	Av against Australia not great (did score 393 though in last Ashes on home soil) and poor series against SA in England last year suggests he may struggle against better test sides. If he is to hit a big score could be at Lords so worth backing to be top run scorer in that test.
Hussey	7/1	55	91	Only averaged 29 in recent series against South Africa and form generally on the slide last two years	Experience of English conditions with several county sides where he was a prolific run scorer. Recent form off putting.
Clarke	15/2	48	52	Poor series in SA scoring 141 in six innings. Did score 138 against SA in Australia in January. Scored an unbeaten hundred in final one dayer against Pakistan	Average peaked in 2006/07-scored 335 runs in last Ashes in UK. Steve Harmison has got him out 6 of the 16 innings he has played against England so with no Harmy could be dangerous.
Cook	8/1	45	27	Two hundreds against the West Indies and an average of 70	Poor av against Australia due to 5-0 drumming last ashes but did manage 116 in 3 <sup>rd</sup> test scoring 276 runs in all.
Katich	9/1 from 8/1	43	26	In pretty good form recently against SA, averaging 43.	Sticky start to Test career but seems to be getting hang of things now as opener and averaged 56 in 2008. Only managed 248 runs in UK in last Ashes but will probably do better this time
Hughes	13/2 from 8/1	69		415 runs in three test in SA	3 Test career has resulted in 415 runs against South Africa, including two tons in second test. Opening bat 20 yr old. Recent tons for Middlesex shows he can handle English conditions.
Bopara	7/1 from 22/1	50	N/A	Has scored hundreds in last three tests and player of the tournament against West Indies	Seems to have secured number three spot despite having three ducks form his eight test innings.
North	28 from 25/1	40	N/A	Didn't fare too well in recent one day series against Pakistan. Scored 117 on test debut against SA but only 43 runs in next 3 innings ending with a duck in final innings.	Likely to bat at 6 so may not get as many innings as some of the others. Has been a bit injury prone