



STUMPS UP

The Brussels International 12 Stars Cricket Club Newsletter Edition 46, April 2004
Hon. Pres. Mr Patrick Lambert



Match Report : INTRACLUB 25-04-04

Result WIN 12 Stars CC (Gavin's Lot)

Its not about the match, but more about the team building that was going on that made this event all the more special. The Chairman had arranged the BBQ in style while Captain Nash managed the on-the-pitch affairs. We think 28 12 Stars turned up to play (a record), excluding the President. The batsmen batted, the bowlers bowled, the catches were all held bar one chairmanly error, and only Gavin got himself runout.

At the end, the match ran out of overs, and Chairman declared the kitchen open right on time. Burgers, sausages, lamb chops, and of course everyone's favourite merguezes, and COLD BEER.

The 2004 Season has got off to a cracking start, Team Spirits at MAX, the food ran out just in time, and there was more than enough beer thanks to Taco's generosity.

The photos speak for themselves, especially Juston Hevey, explaining to Dave Baker, how the new 2 fingered signal should be done....you had to be there I guess.....is that Duncan Lumsden, front row, centre....?

If anyone can name all those in the top photo, good luck cos I can't. **Ed.**

Editorial

2004, a new season,

- **First** without Dave Macreany, first with a real BCF qualified umpire who is also a playing member of the Club, first without Ramesh since....
- **Second** on the astro-pitch.
- **Third** with Richard Nash presumably at the top of the batting averages, unless Extras beats him to it. Third with an absent Chairman, well maybe, but for the moment he has been seen at the nets still trying to knock the leather off the ball as ever he was.

For those new members this is a normal way to open a season, by taking the proverbial 'michael' out of ourselves as ever, so don't worry.

The Nets were free again this year for those who paid their subs early, as many have done, and they have also rendered a few new members including an Ossie, and Irishman, and a Frenchman. Yes folks, Harry Kewel, Roy Keane and Thierry Henry have joined the Club, but only after they found out that Jake wants to start the Champion 12 Stars football team over again. Jake has been in talks with a Russian sponsor who plans to buy the whole Club for a sixpence and turn it into a Champions League outfit before the end of 2004.

For the reality behind this rumour we do actually have an Ossie (Justin) and a Frenchman (Loic), and an Irishman (Andy) attending nets recently.

As for the season, The fixtures Sec cum BCF Rep has managed to produce a list as good as any other of its predecessors (see below) as has the Midweek Captain. Weekend fixtures total 21 and if Jake manages to turn up to all of those again this year, I'll eat his wide brimmed hat, (*promise...Ed*)

I have tried, but failed to sign up Brian Lara again this year, he's too busy writing his memoirs: "*How I creamed England for another record Test score....Again*"

Does any one have a spare Minibus, the 2 captains are desperately looking for transport for the away games....

Ed.

Introducing 2004

Easy, Last year plus 1.

But who is the one ?

Anyway, just thought I'd do a quick intro for everybody so they could get an idea of Who's Who in the BI 12 Stars CC this year our 15th full season (*SOBS be proud...Ed*).

The Committee includes the following givers of time, energy, and subs.

Hon.Pres.: Mr Patrick Lambert
Chairman : Phil Thomason
Treasurer : David Broster
BCF Rep & Fixtures : David Baker
Publicity : Jake Stafford
Nets : Dean Blackmore
Kit : John Bulwer
Weekend Captain : Richard Nash
Midweek Captain : Paul Harris

The above list of honourable do-ers do something, they know what it is, so if you want to know something, just ask whoever you bump into first, I'm sure they'll be able to work it out.

Cricket, Oh yeah, suppose I should mention that

Rules

We play two sets of Rules : BCF and Midweek

BCF rules are complicated and get changed every year, and should be described by Richard, who is a lawyer, and has apparently understood something.

Midweek Rules are much easier. They are the normal cricket rules you learned with your Gran in the back garden, plus the easiest one of all, you're retired when you get to 25 batting, and you can bat twice if the rest of the team is out after you. This rule was invented by Patrick Lambert many years ago, and has become a Belgian standard for midweek cricket. Patrick is now so famous, we made him Hon.Pres.

We are 12 Stars, we wear Whites.

Ed.

2004 : WEEKEND FIXTURES (Subject to changes during the season)

Date		Opposition	Venue
<u>April</u>			
<i>Sun 25th</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Intraclub</i>	<i>BSB</i>
<u>May</u>			
Sun 2nd	L	Kortrijk (A*)	BSB
<i>Sun 9th</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Ostend (H)</i>	<i>BSB</i>
Sun 16th	L	Eagles (A)	
<i>Sun 23rd (ascension)</i>			
Sun 30 th (whitsun)	L	Khan (H)	BSB
<u>June</u>			
Sun 6th	L	Khan (A)	
Sun 13 th	L	PCCB (A)	
Sun 20th	L	Eagles (H)	BSB
Sun 27th	L	PCCB (H)	BSB
<u>July</u>			
<i>Sat 3rd</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Touring team</i>	<i>BSB</i>
<i>Sun 4th</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Ostend (A*)</i>	<i>BSB</i>
Sun 11 th	L	Crescent (A)	
Sun 18 th	L	Kortrijk (H)	BSB
Sun 25 th	L	OCC (A)	
<u>August</u>			
Sun 1 st			
Sun 8 th	L	Crescent (H)	BSB
<i>Sat 14th</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>RBCC (A)</i>	
Sun 22 nd	L	OCC (H)	BSB
<i>Sat 28th</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>RBCC (H)</i>	<i>BSB</i>
<u>September</u>			
<i>Sun 5th</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Eagles (A)</i>	
<i>Sat 11th</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Antwerp (A)</i>	<i>(12* provide tea)</i>
<i>Sun 19th</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Mechelen (A)</i>	

L = LEAGUE MATCHES

F = FRIENDLY MATCHES

***(away team provides tea)**

See next page for details of player registration

New registration process for 12 STARS BCF League squad

Starting at the end of May this year, players representing 12 Stars in Belgian League matches must have fulfilled additional registration criteria.

All players will have to produce Belgian Cricket Federation ID cards for inspection by the match umpires prior to the game. The ID cards will be used to verify that all team members are part of the team's registered squad and also include some personal injury insurance.

The registration procedure is relatively straight forward. You should speak to our captain, Richard Nash (0498 757840), as soon as possible to obtain a membership form: once you have completed the necessary details (we also need a passport photo - preferably an electronic version) and you have paid the 12 Stars club membership fees, the club will order your ID card, which you should receive within a few days.

Note the membership form can also be downloaded from the website:

www.12stars.cricket.org

Do you want to play in the League ?

IMPORTANT: if you want to play for 12 Stars in weekend league matches, and unless you are sure Richard is aware of your interest in playing in league matches, contact him as soon as possible. League squad membership is open to all of our members - while we always try to put out our best team, you will definitely get a game if you make yourself available. Those of you who are afraid it will result in a commitment to play week-in, week-out, never fear:

The team is picked based on who makes themselves available at the start of each week. However, if you are not pre-registered as part of the squad, you simply can't be picked.

Are you a paid-up Club Member ?

If you have paid your annual subscriptions, don't read this.

If you have not paid your annual subs, hurry up and join the Club. This can be done easily, once you've made contact with the Club. Simply pay the subs to the Club's bank account via bank transfer, or give the subs to a Club Committee member and ask him to make the transfer to the Club account. In order to make the payment, use the bank details provided on the last page of this issue of Stumps Up.

Subscriptions / Rates

75 EURO - Full Membership
25 EURO - Junior Membership

Note: Junior members are classed as being over 16 years of age.

Note: Special consideration is made for Students, Stagers and the unemployed. Those who can prove to be either a student, stagier (EU or other), or unemployed would pay the junior rate. For those unemployed, once you find a job, you should pay up the rest of the Full Membership.

2004 : MIDWEEK FIXTURES (Subject to Changes during the season)

DATE	DAY	OPPOSITION	VENUE
6.5.04	Thursday	Inter Club Match	BSB
12.5.04	Wednesday	P & G (Cup)	RBCC (Ohain)
19.5.04	Wednesday	Antwerp (Cup)	Antwerp CC
25.05.04	Tuesday	DHL (Cup)	RBCC (Ohain)
27.5.04	Thursday	British School	BSB
2.6.04	Wednesday	Tri Nations (Cup)	RBCC (Ohain)
3.6.04	Thursday	NATO	BSB
9.6.04	Wednesday	RBCC (Cup)	RBCC (Ohain)
15.6.04	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Replay for Cup rain delays</i>	<i>RBCC (Ohain)</i>
16.6.04	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Replay for Cup rain delays</i>	<i>RBCC (Ohain)</i>
17.6.04	Thursday	European Schools	BSB
23.6.04	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Cup Final</i>	<i>RBCC (Ohain)</i>
24.6.04	Thursday	International School (to be confirmed)	BSB
1.7.04	Thursday	P & G	BSB
6.7.04	Tuesday	European Parliament (to be confirmed)	RBCC (Ohain)
8.7.04	Thursday	DHL	BSB
15.7.04	Thursday	Inter Club Match	BSB
22.7.04	Thursday	NATO	BSB
29.07.04	Thursday	DHL	BSB

All matches begin at 18.30

Gossip Column

Hubris or genuine confidence?

12 Stars stalwart Jake Stafford appears to be in fine fettle on the eve of the new season in the wake of his debut half-tonne last year (after which he dropped to his knees and kissed the hallowed BSB astroturf). On a recent balmy night in Place Luxembourg (where Jake regularly goes in the hope of catching the eye of a young stagaire or three) Jake was overheard confidently predicting he could come close to matching Brian Lara's record-breaking 400 against England in the Windies. "This will inspire me this season," said the confident allrounder. "I think I'll come close, and who knows, I might just better it." Eyebrows were indeed raised and several Stars regulars were seen turning away, muttering into their half Jupilers.

Meanwhile there are concerns that star batsman and Nets supremo Dean 'the crab' Blackmore may be pushing himself too far too fast in his career with the British Football Club of Brussels. He has been turning out regularly for third/fourth team, slipping silky passes to his forwards and "turning on a sixpence." However, a groin-strain he picked up on a weekend away in the Belgian countryside with his former Spanish girlfriend may keep him out of the football championship run in -- let's hope he gets sufficient rest before the important season starts.

FYI the nickname 'the crab' is due to his ability to produce an arm in the right place when needed, rather than an unfortunate affliction in a delicate area.

Meanwhile, the Stars are eagerly waiting to see if spin deamon and former Ents supremo Duncan 'two shags' Lumsden will turn out this season. His one performance last year at Mechelen was praised by the coaching staff for its unorthodox yet effective slow bowling. Sadly, extra work (and social) commitments mean appearances this year could be a rarity. Word has it he is about to settle down with one girl -- that after he was 'outed' by two previous belles simulatenously. They met at a recent party and the conversation turned to Duncan.

Belle A: "Do you know Duncan"

Belle B: "Intimately. Do you?"

Belle A: "Intimately"

Belles A and B simulatenously: "That darn love rat!"

Word is also reaching 'Stumps Up' that skipper Rich Nash is coming under the kosh for early nuptials from his long-term girlfriend. Hang on in there Rich! Marriage is a doddle compared to some of those glorious tonnes you've notched up in adversity for the Stars.

Ed reserves the right to deny any legal liability for any of the above individual words, which, strung together with such alacrity, skill and prosaic style can only have been done by a pro and by someone who was close to the action.

Ed would also like to add his thanks to those givers of copy who have given.

To those who said, sorry mate, "too busy this week" Ye shall live to write another day, and your mates will stick pins in your effigy as often as possible, whilst writing about you in their own copy.


.....If you didn't add some of yourself to this edition, please give up your time for the next one, even if it only by doing a match report.....Captains are enabled to make your life hell if you don't....remember it's a long way from deep long-on to deep long-on.....

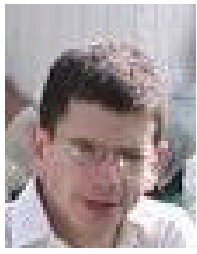
Player Profiles

New to you ? Well not to those of us who have been a 12 Star for the last 10 years or so. The Player Profiles were initiated in a bar (that's the main thing) way back then by a humourous group of Stars (now SOBS) in order to remind other Club members that their egos are personal, and they will be brought back down to earth regularly and without physical pain (although the mental traumas may be suffered long after joining the SOBS). The idea is for fun, and should be made in that spirit even if the truth sometimes hurts. You should be proud of having been done by the *Profilers* (not everybody has). It's the equivalent of being cream-pied, Tangoed or some such mischief. Its done by those around you, and its done tongue in cheek. Ed will publish regardless as usual so you might think that buying him a beer is a good idea to avoid being profiled, but think twice...

Ed has been recipient of a recent photo of Mr Baker. Not sure if this was just before getting hit on the head, or just after.....lucky he wasn't wearing the helmet when this shot was taken, wouldn't be much use to the BCF.

Jake's mugshot should be used for the next publicity material.

Name	Dave Baker	
Nickname	Sir	
Favourite Position	Slip, in front of a crowd	
Favourite Movie	Fabulous Baker Boys	
Favourite Pop Music/Artist	Boney-M (Ma Baker)	
Favourite Quote	"Anal Subs"	
Most Embarrassing Moment	Don't know, but why is he always rosy cheeked at the end of each game ?	
Favourite Shot	A header	
Hobbies	Being Dad, attending BCF meetings, Umpiring	
Favourite 2 nd Language	Deutsch, Nederlands, Francais.	
Favourite Food	Brot, Wurst, Kraut & Senf	
Champagne Moments	1 Hi scoring 75	
	2 Missing the Midweek final having been hit in the head	
	3 Passing the BCF Umpiring Test	
Favourite Headware	Helmets	
Favourite Weekend Entertainment	Cricket of course	

Name	Jake Stafford	
Nickname	Andrew	
Favourite Position	In front of the girl at the dry cleaners	
Favourite Movie	My Favourite Laundrette	
Favourite Pop Music/Artist	Gibson Bros (Cuba), Worsels	
Favourite Quote	"I'm putting my girlfriend first"	
Most Embarrassing Moment	Too many to fit into a small text box....	
Favourite Shot	Hunched forward defensive	
Hobbies	Stagiers (the younger the better), Dry Cleaning.	
Favourite 2 nd Language	Finnish or is it Swedish	
Favourite Food	Cod, caught by the only remaining SW England fishing fleet.	
Champagne Moments	1 Making 50 and kissing the pitch	
	2 A certain Stagier Party at 3am	
Favourite Headware	Wide brimmed and very white	
Favourite Weekend Entertainment	Dry Cleaning	

New BCF rules ... or are they ?

In order to ensure clarity over the scoring and to avoid arguments that have marred matches in previous seasons, the BCF has introduced a new form to be filled in after every delivery in this year's league. The batsman will need to declare, in triplicate on a signed and dated light green form in English, French, Dutch, Urdu, and Gujerati – how many runs he scored. This will need to be countersigned by the bowler, the umpire and two fielders. One copy will be given to each captain and one to each umpire.

When a wicket falls, all players on the pitch, as well as all spectators, will need to sign a sworn (beige) affidavit in the presence of a "juge d'instruction".

Captains and umpires will be issued with a hole punch and ring binders, to be stored at square leg. Should the ball strike the binder or hole punch, two runs will be awarded and an extra form (eggshell blue) will need to be filled in by all the above parties certifying what occurred. Any damage to the binders will result in an immediate 50 Euro fine payable within the half hour to the BCF account.

Umpires will be authorised to deduct runs from teams who scribble, do not sign their names properly, use red bios instead of the authorised black or blue or are unable to supply sufficient number of the requisite forms in the right colours.

The BCF has agreed to sub-contract part of the European Commission's archive centre at Zaventem for the storage of forms, which will be destroyed after 200 years. A senior French European Commission official, Mr Pap Erasse, will oversee the system and will be paid 200,000 euros a season, which will necessitate a rise in the BCF subscription to 20,000 euros per team. This position will be ratified by an annual meeting of BCF Committee members held in the Bahamas. Ratification implies a unanimous vote by all committee members able to attend the meeting, so long as they wear the official BCF sweater and loud pink shorts.

Finally, in order to avoid the use of non-registered players, all players will be required to bring to each game their original birth certificate and any living parents and siblings. Umpires will be sent on a one week training course in DNA testing at the Belgian Police College at Eleau-Eleau, so that positive identification can be performed before the match and again at tea time, when all sandwiches will also be tested for nandrolone.

Accompanying the above new administrative arrangements, all League matches will be reduced to five overs.

Agony Ed

Dear Ed

I keep trying to chat up young ladies but it never works, what am I doing wrong ?

My typical line of questioning goes:

- 1) Hi, how are you?
- 2) Do you have a boyfriend?
- 3) Will you make the teas for my cricket club every other Sunday during the Summer?

Answers to questions 1 and 2 are very positive, but its all turns sour when question 3 is voiced.

So, does this mean that my seat at the head table in singledom is all down to the fact that 12*s don't have a tea lady.....?

Lonesome

Dear Lonesome, Keep trying, forget question 3 for the short term, you can always ask again on the honeymoon. With regards to the tea-lady, well that's an annual crisis for the Club, nothing to worry you personally.

.....Agony Ed

N O T I C E B O A R D

NEW BI 12 Stars logo shirts are now available.
Price: 25 Euro, Sizes M,L,XL,XXL. Ask a Committee Members how to get one.
Wear them with Pride !

News is reaching Ed about a couple of imminent arrivals in the 12 Stars Clan. 'Born in Belgium' is becoming a popular tag for offspring of 12 Stars these days (as ever it was). Without having confirmed full details it has become apparent that both the Saltmarsh and Laidlaw families are about to withdraw Dad from playing duties and into the paternal pleasuredome. Congrats to both.

Insurance: All players are reminded that they should always play under their own personal health insurance. Cricket is a dangerous contact sport.

New SOBs ... Not recently, but we are trying to get them a fixture sometime in Belgium.

John Symon : Please get in touch with Phil...your email doesn't work anymore.

Do you know of any other SOBs, if so let them know that they are more than welcome to get in touch, and find some old friends, and even play some cricket.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: How to pay

Club Subscriptions are now due. The rate for 2004 has been agreed at the same level as last year. The following rates will apply for full membership.

75 EURO for full Members

25 EURO for students and stagiers.

Payment should be made as follows, to the Club's bank account **310-1154291-77**. The Club asks that you **use an electronic payment method**, and please make sure that the Message text includes the name of the person becoming the Club member. You can also pay directly to a Committee member (cash only).

Account Number: **310-1154291-77**

Address: **12 Stars Cricket Club
Dokter deSmethlaan 2
3080 TERVUREN**

text in Virement: **Subscriptions for ...<your name>**

12 Stars CC WEBSITE

www.12stars.cricket.org

The Club's website is now public. The Club wishes to thank CRICINFO for their free hosting, and services.

The Website is a Club thing, if you are a member and you have any ideas on how to improve or enhance the site, please send us an email.

12stars@cricinfo.com

If you know an old 12 Star, who has left Belgium, please let them know that the site exists. We are sure that they would be interested in keeping up to date with the latest 12 Star news.