



STUMPS UP

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Hon. Pres. Mr Patrick Lambert

Editorial

It must be those new Club t-shirts that are doing it.

Having sold half the t-shirt stock already, the Committee is currently trying to press on with kitting out the whole of the membership.

Meanwhile, the Committee is also scheming away trying to spend some of the Club's money on things like a scoreboard and a helmet for those of us with larger than average heads.....

This issue is one more towards the Golden Jubilee edition. The copy editors should be brushing up their handwriting ready to have an input to this momentous edition, which should appear before the end of the year. Mr English though is far too busy, having got himself incumbered with being an England football fan, and booking himself into appearances at all of the England games in Euro2004 in Portugal. Shame that, I always appreciate his input.

Meanwhile, the BCF is up to its usual games. The Club was fined for being late with a payment recently much to the chagrin of the not-guilty treasurer, and we currently have a player on suspended match ban following 'words'.

Jake meanwhile is working hard on his candidacy for Club Man of the Year, helping out the midweek captain when he himself is unavailable, and has even been seen cooking an Ohain BBQ in his pads while waiting to bat. He's done a great job too being responsible for publicity and recruitment during the off season.

And then.....a business opportunity or just a complaint? A recent email came to me asking why we didn't meet up before an away game at a coffee bar, that way we could drink coffee...below.

The Club's Hon. President (featured in this photo) did make an appearance recently. The sun was



shining and he could be seen cycling into the BSB carpark from afar. His new England hat (cricket not football of course) sitting proudly on his head.

Welcomed by the Chairman, who was hiding behind the tree in the corner, Patrick Lambert enjoyed a long spell on the boundary fence watching something of a comeback as 12 Stars battled PCCB restricting them to a mere 220. Its always a pleasure to have Patrick come and visit, nice Photo too.....

And of course there is the Jake-o-meter.....

Ed.

Cricket to date

Its June already. Midweek cricket looks in quite good hands, and results are going to form.....ie the 12 Stars are generously giving the opposition every chance to beat us, which of course they do, with the exception of the BSB, who have yet to master the art of 12 Stars beatings.....

In the League, Mr Nash is leading the brave into glorious mid table at the moment. With 3 wins and 3 defeats and a rain affected NoResult.

The new recruits are performing well too. Justin Hevey is leading the way in this regard having already hit 2 half centuries at the weekend, and taken numerous wickets. He is way ahead of Extras at the moment, so maybe this year we wont have to worry about the Captain fixing the stats. Messrs Bottema, Carter, Wasson, Laidlaw, Whitten, Brand and Gagan have all contributed significant moments, enough to please the Captain at least. Gagan's match report is stunning, just ahead of Justin's antipodean view of life, mate...read on.

The older stagers of the Club are also lending a hand with the Chairman stepping up the crease and equalling extras with 32 in his first league game for 2 years. Since then he's had his tonsils out, and his second comeback against NATO in midweek produced a 24* (*as usual...Ed*) but not enough to help the midweekers to a win despite a brave penultimate-ball-dive-but-dropped catch, against the wall by Kevin Broady.

Mr ex-non-Chairman Baker has indeed followed up on his threat to raise his index finger in anger by becoming a BCF umpire. He has since umpired a number of games including the defeat of RBCC in a recent League match.

Ed.



This team photo was taken 27th June 2004 : Back Row Left Anthony Brand, Robert Goodchild, Andrew Hockley, Gagandeep Singh Dhillon, Loic Defaye, Andrew Wasson. Front Left, Jake Stafford, Peter Whitten, Richard Nash (c), Russel Bedaasie, Richard Carter.

The following table shows the state of the BCF League Div II as at 28th June 2004.

BCF Division II

	Played	Won	Lost	Draw	N/R	Points	Avg
Crescent	4	4	-	-	-	160	40.00
Lux. Optimists	5	3	2	-	-	152	30.40
PCCB	5	3	2	-	-	154	30.80
Kortrijk CC	6	2	4	-	-	142	23.66
Twelve Stars	7	3	3	-	1	140	23.33
Khan CC	4	1	2	-	1	60	20.00
Mechelen	5	1	4	-	-	100	20.00
Eagles							

Weekend Match Reports

Match v Kortrijk (season Opener)

Reporter Richard Nash (unless Rich Carter remembers to file a report...)

Great win - (joint) top of the league!!!

For those of you who didn't play....

12 Stars win toss and bat first, Carter grabs debut 50, with Nash, Thomason and Gagandeep also in the runs. Bowling attack was a little "rusty" - conceding 30 wides... but Taco's wickets, along with hostile beamers from Anthony and disciplined line and length from Laidlaw and Hevey, keeps us in it. Kortrijk go into the last 2 overs needing 6 to win, with one wicket left... Nash bowls a big pie and their No. 8 smears it to long on.... new boy Andy Wasson darts to his left... slow-mo cheesy Hollywood stuff as all 12 Stars, plus the 100 strong crowd, hold their breath (ok, so I added an extra '0' to that figure)... Wasson takes the catch on the run, the whole place erupts and 12 Stars are top of the league!

Top stuff - team spirit was particularly fantastic throughout. Unfortunately our hero of the hour - Andy - was unable to join us for beers, as at the time of taking the catch he was already an hour late for work (Andy, awfully sorry if you were fired). However, for those who were able to participate in post-match celebrations, Taco treated us to some of his 'perspectives on life' - thanks Taco, and have a good trip!!

12 stars v Mechelen Eagles, away, 16 May LOST by 9 wkts.

Reporter : Peter Whitten

An under-strength 12 Stars side travelled to Mechelen to take on the Eagles in what should have been a friendly. The Eagles agreed but the Federation didn't so we played a league game instead. 12 Stars batted first and stumbled to 88 all out partly through poor shot selection and accurate bowling. Oddly enough, the umpire was heard on at least two occasions giving advice to the Eagles bowlers! French-speakers Loic and Ali were the only players to reach double-figures. In reply, Eagles lost just one wicket in reaching their target

though the bowling and fielding were committed and deserved another couple of wickets. All in all, a day to forget!

12 Stars v Khan June 6th 2004 WIN by 6 wkts
Match reporter Justin Hevey.

12 Stars lost the toss and we were asked to field, though having watched us practice on the clumpy grass at best and having the luxury of carpet at home we might be in for a bit bad day. Gregg also asking for a bit more of rest after riding 2.5 hours out to the ground. That it self deserves MOTM.

Out we go having to avoid fox dropping, magic mushrooms (Andrew was dead set and taco backed this up) and mole hills we made a promising start from our opening bowlers with a tidy line and length.

Taco and Anthony bowled strong lines and were rewarded early with their efforts in giving Richard, on debut, his first 2 catches behind the stumps for the season. Anthony was also involved in the run out decision the put us right on top. He claimed he saw the ball late but most of us saw him catching a couple of nobby winks at mid wicket. Lucky for him he made a great recovery had a run-out on the board. The batsman looked like they wanted to dominate but the was never going to happen were keen on making good of this great start against a strong but depleted side.

Richard gave Anthony a break and brought Hevey on, who happened to find some good rhythm early and in his first over had a wicket thanks more to the umpire than anyone else. Calling a wide and then had the batsman bowled on his last delivery. His second produced another 2 wickets and put 12 stars in the box seat having only to get another one to bowl them out. (Khan had only 7 players). Khan held on before Gavin had a number of deliveries that came close. Gav tell's me he was plum as nana's pie but decided he keep his 2 match becomes 4 suspension in good order. Drinks arrived and soon after Hevey managed to pick up his 4th through Andrew catching a rather nervous dolly at mid on.

khan all out 81. Nash, you told us these guys were good?

The chase started badly. Taco out BBW (box before wicket). New ruling from the BCF apparently, pity they didn't tell Taco. But worse was to come when Nash was given out with one going down leg-side (same umpire) and 12 Stars we thinking it couldn't happen could it. all out chasing 81. The young umpire was given a stern warning about his pistol finger and Andy and Hevey settled it down and produced and good little 30 min / 45 run partnership which saw us home quite convincingly in time to watch England break through NZ's 2nd innings, only after a few little remote switches down at the McSweeny which by the way Gavin was involved in.

Match v Mechelen Eagles at Home 20th June WIN by 1 wkt off last ball.
Reporter Gagandeep Singh Dhillon

"THROUGH MY EYES"

The day hadn't begun on a good note as the sky was highly overcast . When Antony & me reached the field , the gound was fuming (it had just stopped raining & we could clearly see the vapour rising from the ground). The match did get underway, although 15 minutes too late. we went in to field , and as is the trend nowadays, we got great early break throughs. Taco was a bit concerned about the 'string' (the G-string that was hanging awkwardly from the thigh-pad of the opening left-handed batsman) 'cause it was against the existing ICC laws of letting u'r string so loose & visible (moreso , because it was reminding Taco of his girlfriend) . but the batsman was soon removed by one of taco's trademark deceiving deliveries. Mr. Ala (which means -one of high quality /class) was dazzled by Antony's pace and perfection that he has mastered this season and the bails went flying all over. after the early wickets , things

became a bit stereotype & there was a very stubborn 36 by the Bangladeshi allrounder. but then we got a few more wickets and the run rate was also under control. Then came in another lefthanded batsman who ended up scoring a fifty (including a few huge sixes). MATT got himself 3 catches. we were running short on time & were putting in overs at great pace. the innings ended at 213 .

After a quick lunch we started to bat. runs were coming at a steady pace , but wickets were falling at intervals. but almost everyone was in double figures and was making his contribution with the bat (after having done so much on the field). The spirits did look high all the time. i came to know that i was supposed to get ready as it would be my turn soon. but i had to wait for some time (and for good reasons ,as Matt & Richard were going great guns) Peter told me that it was me who is going to score the winning runs. i do not know why & how he got the feeling. but it finally came out to be true. Matt got out and now it was my turn to go in and try to give Rich as much strike as possible. we needed almost 6 an over and we were able to rotate the strike and were always on course of a comfortable victory. then came the 'toe-crusher'. it hit Rich on the foot & bounced off to gully. POOR-RICH had no idea of where the ball had gone. & to my horror he was running towards me. I ended up yelling at the top of my voice pleading him to go back, as there was no run on hands. but it was too late & he was runout. at that moment , i thought to myself how costly his dismissal would be. there was absolute silence in our camp. Perhaps everyone could here the danger bells ringing (atleast i did). that brought Russel to the pitch. he had done a great job on the field , but unfortunately this time he failed to do justice to his batting abilities. he went out soon. Came in Antony. i asked him to get his eyes set first as we were on track to the asked runrate and just couldnt afford another loss of wicket. but he had his own plans. he made a smacking start to his arrival & sent the ball racing all over the field. i was telling him that we two have to go on till the end. but unfortunately he was convicted of playing with his legs . that brought Taco (our last hope)to the crease. he got a cople of singles.the last over required about 7 off six.then it was 4 off 3. to my horror i gave away a dot ball at this crucial stage . we had just 1 ball left & needed 2 to draw & 3 to win. that was confirmed by the umpire. i was reminding myself of just 2 things--1)would i be- Javed Miandad who at Sharjah hit a six on the last ball to beat India , or 2) was i the culprit as i had run Rich out and then gave away a few dot balls at this crucial moment . there was no other choice but to go over the top . i got the ball on the off-stump but i had already moved out to give myself some room. it was all pre-determined (there was no other choice anyway). the ball went flying over extra-cover. i was sure that it was a four . but had to wait until the umpire indicated so. i did not know then what to do. - go & grab the wickets, kiss the turf , charge out of the field. but even before i could contemplate my next crucial move i was swarmed by the players of 12 STARS. it was a great scene. i was very happy to have done something good for the team.

but Antony and myself did not have time to do the after-match press conference, as i was already late to work. & in the hurry, tony left his glasses , & i left my trousers & t-shirt. i am feeling great to be a part of such a wonderful team, that's so closely knit. And am eagerly looking forward to make myself available for the rest of the matches.

Eagles 213

12 Stars 215- 9, (Nash 62, Dhillon 38, Whitten 25)

i wish, next weekend we can carry on from where we left, last weekend. all the best .
shabaash ----- 12 STARS -----shabaash

[Phew....I'm completely breathless after that report, best I've seen in years, full of emotion passion and team spirit.....worthy of a prize or at least an OJEd]

and from Taco....also not bad at all.

Match Report PCCB – 12 Stars v PCCB at Mechelen, Flanders, Belgium. Reporter Taco Bottema

After a successful wait at the Meeting Point (MP) at Schumann (why is there no coffee at the MP?) the collection of souls was completed and the procession to Mechelen got underway.

The grounds in Mechelen are quite nice, located in a park, with lots of attractive bushes surrounding the field. Quite inviting for at least two types of activities as was to become clear later.

PCCB won the toss and started to bat and the Stars took to the field. While the opening bowlers were having a quick coffee at the station, the match got underway with Laidlaw from the eastern end, and Hevey from the pavilion end.

The pitch was quite narrow and dead, also quite round. In fact one could argue it resembled a dyke. Many a wide (16) was given from the eastern end on account of, yes on account of what?

There was no swing in the air, but thanks to accurate bowling (Hevey 2 for 32 in 9, Dhillon, 1 for 41 in 9, Bottema 0 for 38 in 9) PCCB could not go beyond 4 runs an over after the first 20. Quick wickets by Laidlaw and Dineen promised more, but then the PCCB hitters laid on the willow and smashed some 200 runs of the last 25 overs. The bushes were searched most thoroughly in this period. PCCB: 297 runs. Laidlaw 2 for 74 of 9, Dineen 1 for 36 in 3 and Nash 0 for 48 in 6.

Tea brought fried rice, chillies and coca cola, and saw players and umpires wading through the Mechelen bushes. Loic saved most of us by making available a generous supply of cakes.

The opening of the 12 Stars was meagre, Bottema resembled an elderly member of Angler's Rest and ran himself out. Richard Nash (17) was given run out, rather dubiously. Justin Hevey (93) pulled a mighty effort and hit the PCCB bowling all over the place, well supported by Dean Blackmore (29) and Peter Whitten (19). Next time around we shall feed the man some salts, soluble vitamin pills and water when he is in sight of his century. Gagan Dhillon (18), Farzand (11) and Carter (20) put in good efforts, but the end came on a honourable 248 runs. PCCB won by 49 runs.

Next time we should win. By bowling and batting more thoughtfully and also by supporting the heaving chests with power food.

12 Stars v PCCB again. LOST by 50 runs.

Reporter : Richard Nash

For the second time in three weeks, PCCB gave the 12 Stars a narrow(ish) beating. Again the Stars fought back into a game that at times was well beyond their reach, only for the middle and lower order to be well and truly trounced.

PCCB fortunately won the toss, given that only six of their players found the ground by the start of the game. 12 Stars captain Richard Nash's meticulously planned bowling strategies were soon torn to shreds when Anthony Brand was red carded for his ill-advised affection for bowling beamers. Nevertheless Anthony seemed to find the funny side of it, that guttural laugh continuing to bellow out across the whole of Tervuren, to the relief of his team mates. Robert Goodchild proved himself a worthy, if less aggressive replacement. He held the catch of the season when a fiercely hit straight drive hit the palm of his hand and stayed firmly put. His shriek of joy was a marvellously understated moment and was a crucial moment in the game. Two further Goodchild wickets, a tight line from Dhillon and Stafford and a fairytale return from injury from Hockley, whose career threatening arm injury seems to have actually benefited his bowling, signalled a marvellous fightback that limited PCCB to a gettable 220 all out.

A solid opening to the 12 Stars reply came from Richard Carter (18) and Gagandeep Dhillon (38), but some extremely tight bowling made sure the Stars were well behind the run rate from the start. Nash (25) and Peter Whitten (40), who pulled almost every ball he faced over square leg, attempted to inject a little pace into the run

chase, but once they were gone, PCCB ran riot. Further 12 Stars embarrassment in the form of a hat-trick against us still couldn't break Anthony's laugh, while Jake Stafford's season's best score (13) drew further gasps from the crowd. In the end though, the 12 Stars were soundly beaten - 50 runs the final margin.

Midweek Match Reports

12* v P & G, 14/5/04 at RBCC **Match Reporter : Paul Harris**

12* kicked off the season with a cup nailbiter, despite only having 10 men. Put in the field, 12* to a man put in an excellent performance, tight bowling and sharp fielding. Parker and Nash kept it tight to begin with backed up by Mavin and Jones who got two wickets each. Jones (2-11) and English (4-19) bowled exceptionally well at the end of the innings, and produced a very gettable target of 93. Top catches from Baker, Whitten and Defaye, while the captain got three dummies!

Baker led the reply with a concentrated and effective 'maximum' of 28 not out. He was supported by Harris, Whitten and Jones who each made 14. In the gathering gloom and tension, Dineen and English kept up the pace right until the last ball. Requiring 2 to win, Parker stepped to the wicket only to (probably not) see a fast inswinger clattering into the stumps. 12* had lost by 1 run but it was a good effort and an exciting game.

12* v DHL, 25/5/04 at RBCC **Match Reporter : Paul Harris**

An understrength 12* (9 this time!) found themselves at 3 for 3 in the first innings of this match. Harris managed to hang around long enough to pick up 28 after a staunch partnership with Bedasie. With no other contributions beyond 8, 12* could at least be pleased to have given themselves 89 to bowl at.

Confidence was quite high as the ball had been moving around throughout the evening, but it was difficult to restrict the attacking DHL players with a man short in the field. Quigley, Dineen and Bajaj got three wickets between them (please claim them for the end of season statistics!), but in the end DHL only needed 12 overs.

12* v British School, 27/5/04 at the BSB **Match Reporter : Paul Harris**

12* finally came out on top with a gutsy win in a close and enjoyable game against the schoolboys (and teachers). Put in to bat, openers Mavin (17) and Bulwer (19) did a great job in putting on 50 without loss during the first 8 overs. The middle order struggled to match the pace but 13 from Thomas and a hard-hitting 14 from Glynn gave us a sporting if slightly alarming total of 111.

Damien Walsh picked up wickets both at the beginning and end of the reply, backed up by good catching, fielding, and wicketkeeping by Bajaj (2 victims). Glynn made creative use of his overs, collecting three wickets with a mixture of pace and spin. Thereafter McGhee and Mavin kept it tight, leaving the last tense few overs to Stafford and Walsh. Both kept their nerve admirably and dismissed dangermen, to ensure that the BSB tail could not get the 8 runs needed off the final over. Memories of last years 35 all out capitulation have been banished!

RBCC v 12 Stars 9th June, LOST by 12 runs
Match Reporter : Gregg Jones

A match to be remembered for posterity. 12 Stars v RBCC, Olhain, Belgium. Two teams of 11, one TV film crew. The Captain, Monsieur Harris almost timed out, due to an impromptu interview whilst waiting to bat. A surreal evening...Dinesh and Tako the 2 stars from 12 stars... who almost made it... but just ran out of time. Facing a reasonable target of 112 posted by RBCC (who were 48 for 1 of 7 overs at one stage - some fine bowling by Taco, Dinesh and English pegging them back...) 12 Stars got off to a slow start, and the pace didn't really pick up until the 2 Stars were paired with around 5 overs to go and not much more than 50 runs on the board. An impossible target? With 29 required off the last 2, after an 18 and 12 had been posted in two overs there was a mild possibility. However, a very tight penultimate over (conceding just 4 runs) left an albeit impossible 25 from the last over, with 12 stars eventually falling short on 101, 12 runs away from a famous victory.

Golden moment - Jim Dineen almost removing the leg of one of the RBCC team during filming between innings - Jim was asked to bowl at a very brave camera man (obviously Jim's reputation for accurate bowling goes before him..) porting a helmet on the end of his camera...standing in front of the batsman's stumps... very artistic... and a great ball from Jim.. until the RBCC guy unwittingly entered the fray from behind the stumps to receive a beauty in the kneecap... leaving Mark English, Jon Parker and yours truly (the 3 co-stars) sprawling over the outfield in pained laughter. Great stuff.

Rumour has it that the TV film crew were actually there to film Delia Stafford's new "I love Belgian Barbecues" series. The 12 stars wicket-keeper turned head chef gave a great demonstration of the "well done" school of cooking... mmm... delicious...and apparently no reported cases of food poisoning this morning...he did though singe the corners of his pads while cooking.

12 Stars vs NATO, 03/06/2004, BSB LOST by 1 wkt
Match Reporter; Loic deFaye

The weather was good and almost everybody on time. 12* began at bat slowly and carefully before Robert Goodchild and Paul Harris, also called "THE Captain", added their skills for a steady partnership, "big C" finishing one point shy of perfection with a respectable 24. Then Phil took the floor for a quick and easygoing 23, well seconded by Mr.Glyn. 12* finished this innings with a total of 104.

Despite excellent spells from Quigley and Glyn, NATO piled up runs, smashing the balls in every corner of the field. Then came the Australian thunder, Justin Hevey, who ripped through NATO's batting order (and also through one batsman's shoulder), rising expectations for an unprecedented 12*'s second win in a row. But unfortunately the unlikely association of NATO ace batsman with a kid sealed the visitors' victory in the 18th over.

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

Date		Opposition	Venue
April			
Sun 25 th	F	Intraclub	BSB – WON
May			
Sun 2 nd	L	Kortrijk (A*)	BSB – WON
Sun 9 th	F	Ostend (H)	BSB – LOST
Sun 16 th	L	Eagles (A)	LOST
Sun 23 rd (ascension)			
Sun 30 th (whitsun)	L	Khan (H)	DRAW - RAIN
June			
Sun 6 th	L	Khan (A)	WIN 6 WKTS
Sun 13 th	L	PCCB (A)	LOST
Sun 20 th	L	Eagles (H)	WIN 1 WKT LAST BALL
Sun 27 th	L	PCCB (H)	LOST by 50 runs
July			
Sat 3 rd	F	Touring team	BSB
Sun 4 th	F	Ostend (A*)	BSB
Sun 11 th	L	Crescent (A)	
Sun 18 th	L	Kortrijk (H)	BSB
Sun 25 th	L	OCC (A)	
August			
Sun 1 st			
Sun 8 th	L	Crescent (H)	BSB
Sat 14 th	F	RBCC (A)	
Sun 22 nd	L	OCC (H)	BSB
Sat 28 th	F	RBCC (H)	BSB
September			
Sun 5 th	F	Eagles (A)	
Sat 11 th	F	Antwerp (A)	(12* provide tea)
Sun 19 th	F	Mechelen (A)	

L = LEAGUE MATCHES F = FRIENDLY MATCHES *(away team provides tea)

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

DATE	DAY	OPPOSITION	VENUE
6.5.04	Thursday	Inter Club Match	BSB WON
12.5.04	Wednesday	P & G (Cup)	RBCC LOST
19.5.04	Wednesday	Antwerp (Cup)	Antwerp CC
25.05.04	Tuesday	DHL (Cup)	RBCC LOST
27.5.04	Thursday	British School	BSB WON
2.6.04	Wednesday	Tri Nations (Cup)	RBCC P/P
3.6.04	Thursday	NATO	BSB WON
9.6.04	Wednesday	RBCC (Cup)	LOST
15.6.04	Tuesday	Replay for Cup rain delays	RBCC (Ohain)
16.6.04	Wednesday	Replay for Cup rain delays	RBCC (Ohain)
17.6.04	Thursday	European Schools	P/P (football)
23.6.04	Wednesday	Cup Final	RBCC (Ohain)
24.6.04	Thursday	International School (to be confirmed)	P/P football
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 midweek matches begin at 18.30

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.

Agony Ed

TACO demands

**Why is there no coffeeshop at Schumann's?
Then we could drink coffee.**

This was the email Ed received from Taco Bottema in reply to the invitation to meet up before a League game.

What's he getting at ?

I am sure there is a coffee shop at Pl. Schumann ... somewhere
If not, then why doesn't someone open one.....would be great on a Sunday midday to go there with no traffic, no pedestrians, no reporters, no MEPs, no analysts, no PR reps....peace and quiet.

Does he want to meet somewhere where there is a coffee shop, in which case Mr Captain should think of another place to meet up.

Does he really want to drink coffee ?

Would this improve performance by the team ?

Does caffeine do that much ?

Would that make us late arriving ?

I can imagine Taco OD'd on caffeine arriving at the crease, asking for directions to the nearest coffee bar...

Should we actually be drinking something else (*this is Belgium afterall...when in Rome*) ?

Wait a minute, we are a Cricket Club, we are supposed to drink tea, so why should we even worry about drinking coffee. Shouldn't we find a tea shop and meet there ?

Crisis.....I'm confused.

The 2004 Challenge : the Jake-o-meter.

In the last edition of this famous rag, the mighty Jake challenged himself to make 400 runs in the season. So in classic Blue Peter Style the editorial team has pulled together something they made earlier a Jake-o-meter. It will show Jakes progress against this mammoth challenge of equalling Brian Lara's world record score of 400 test runs.

As you can see the Jake-o-meter has been knocked up with some sellotape and stickyback plastic to show Jake's face, his new helmet and his score (the red bar in the centre) as we go through the season.

His stats up to the 10th June read as follows

17 in midweek and in the weekend team :-

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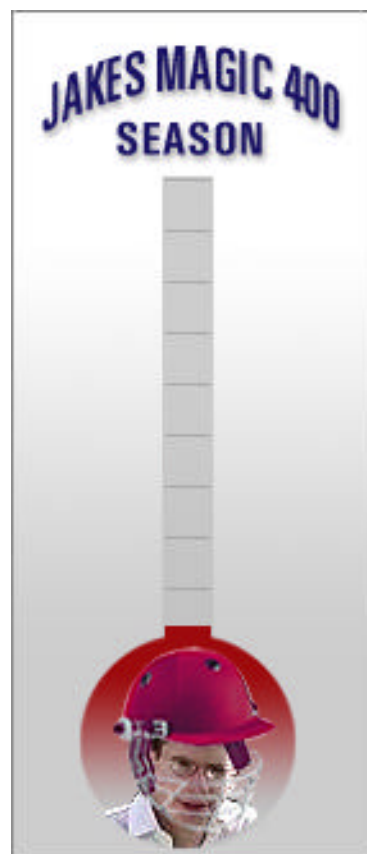
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2 (run out by Nash) – *conspiracy theory ???*

13 (*unlucky for some*)

Only 365 to go.



NOTICE BOARD

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

Rumour has it that Suresh Balliram was recently in Belgium.....!
What he didn't manage to do though was to catch up with any body from the remaining playing fraternity of his era (89-92). Russel Bedasie and Dave Baker both noted his presence to the Chairman, but the Chairman can still be seen tearing his hair out having missed Suresh's three month visit.

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.