



STUMPS UP

The Brussels International 12 Stars Cricket Club Newsletter Edition 48, June 2004
Hon. Pres. Mr Patrick Lambert

Editorial : Best Yet ?

No, not this 48th edition of the Stumps Up, just a recent comment made by a 2 year veteran reader who said, ***"I've been here 2 years, but I never met anybody called Edward"***.

[HmMMM dot dot dot]

Andrew Hockley denies all knowledge of this incident, but he did however organise a splendid Tour match and BBQ for us against his colleagues the Solicitors Allen & Overy who came over to Brussels to visit, have a few beers, and play some decent cricket. Thanks Andrew.

The talk around the boundary in the last few weeks has been about Gagan's match report, full of emotion and pride at being a member of the Club. I was watching the league match on Sunday only to hear Gagan's final words repeated by a certain Mr Gavin Laidlaw who had obviously read the SU47. Gagan meanwhile had made his first half-century for the Club a fact which should be reported later in this edition if someone writes us the match report.Shabash Shabaaaaash.

Ed.

COMMENTARY

Boomerang, or an old penny ?

An interesting development recently in Brussels.

The news was that someone was returning to the top, coming to Belgium, a former leader would return to a senior position. The reaction to this were cries of cronyism, a reminder of his past, and then finally resignation that there was nothing to do about it.

Who was it that was returning? You might think of initials P.M. a former government minister, twice, resigned and reinstated by

a more senior friend. Or else you might think of initials R.P. who after years of leading because nobody else wanted to do it, was replaced and promptly left the country.

Will the return of P.M. to a senior position in government mean that someone will offer him a loan to buy a new house in Brussels, or will he be offering BCF ID cards to his friends and potential investors ? Will he resign again ? But then Commissioners don't resign do they, they just go on forever and ever and ever amen *(except for the French)*.

The real rumour was that Ramesh would return to Belgium, which has now proved to be more than a rumour. Will that upset the apple-cart which sees the current Captain hiding away behind the stumps, not wanting to bowl, but at the same time catching more fish and snicked balls than any previous keeper since the mighty John Symon graced our Club. Will the current Captain agree to start bowling again, allowing the former Captain to keep his hands warm?

Awwww too many questions, and maybes.

Will P.M. take up the position as British Commissioner to the EU, will Ramesh Patel get back to keeping wicket, and will Nash ever bowl again.....Shabash Shabaaaaash.

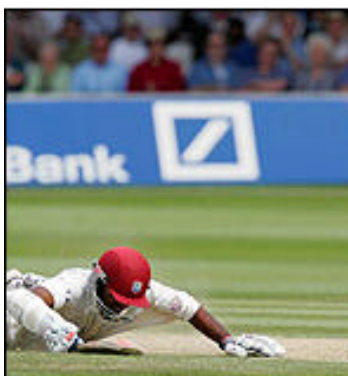
Kissing the pitch and wearing helmets

Jake meanwhile has been giving some of his coaching lessons. He is famed for trying to emulate Brian Lara's 400, but now he has gone one further by being appointed coach to the W.Indies star batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul. At the Lord's First Test Jake was seen at Lords on the Saturday, having been given the ticket by an important member of the British Civil Service. Using this opportunity, he managed to get a few minutes with Chanderpaul before he went

out to bat on the Saturday morning. Obviously the help and advice worked, as Chanderpaul went out and completed a thrilling century (128) in the face of the England attack. Jake's delight at scoring the 100th run was obvious, as he was seen waving to Chanderpaul from the Mound



stand. Chanderpaul lifted his bat in recognition of Jake's work earlier in the morning, and then promptly kissed the pitch in homage to his inspirational



coach. **Well done Jake.**

Chanderpaul, continuing without Jake, scored a further 97 not out in the second innings, just failing to become the 4th batsman ever to score centuries in both innings at a Lord's test. I think though that Chanderpaul took Jake's advice a little too literally, because during this innings Chanderpaul managed to get in the way of the ball on numerous (5) occasions. The medical staff of the W.Indies team will be busy repairing the bruised body of Chanderpaul for a few days to come. Those who know Jake well will see that his advice should not always be taken literally, as Jake is the only person whom we know

that being hit by a cricket ball has absolutely no effect. The chairman has tried it once when Jake was umpiring at square leg, and Jake more recently has used his head to stop a four while bowling. He has though now acquired a new helmet, which I am sure he will put to good use batting and/or bowling. Oh yes and then there is the Jake-o-meter...

Warning

Being hit on the head is extremely dangerous however. Jake follows 2 other senior 12 Stars into the the 'Headers' club notably Hon. Pres Lambert and former non-Chairman Baker both of whom suffered might blows on the forehead. Jake however managed to turn away from the on coming ball to let it hit him on the back of the head. Since then, our dearest frenchman Loic Defaye has also joined this esteemed club, putting his forehead just behind his hands while dropping a skier on the long-on boundary (*boing*) the ball bouncing off his bonce for a straight six.....and an ice-pack.

All 12 Stars are reminded that you should wear a helmet when batting, and you should also play in the knowledge that you have your own personal medical insurance.

Twenty20

Well that's what they call it anyway....We've been doing it for years. If you haven't heard what it is, Twenty20 is the latest craze hitting cricket in the UK. It has caused major Test cricket arenas to be sold out, allowing thousands of people to come along and see a 20 over cricket match. The following appeared recently in the Guardian and I borrow the explanation to give you an idea what its all about.

The Twenty20 Cup explained How does it work?

Each county bats for a maximum of 20 overs, bowlers are limited to four overs each and the whole thing takes less than three hours. That's still nearly twice as long as a football match but - including the adverts - about the same length as Matrix Reloaded.

When is it on?

Most matches take place between 5.30pm and 8.15pm.

Any strange rules?

Batsmen have 90 seconds to jog to the wicket and there are no drinks intervals. A maximum of five fielders on the leg side and a strict interpretation of the wide rule aims to combat negative bowling. No plans yet to use baseball bats.

Are there floodlights?

Floodlights, coloured clothing, white ball, black sightscreen. And, in most cases, endless snatches of music. It might be midsummer but the floodlights will be needed at some grounds to cut through the smoke from the barbecues.

What about fielding circles?

This is where it gets complicated. There are two circles, designed to prevent teams putting every fielder on the boundary. Two fielders, plus the wicketkeeper, must remain within the inner circle in the first six overs. They can stand deeper for faster bowlers if they are at slip, leg slip or gully. Only two fielders can be placed outside the outer circle in the first six overs.

So What ?

As any 12 Stars CC members will know we've been doing this for years in our own way, led most ably by our now Hon. President Patrick Lambert who had the original idea all those years ago. We now have floodlights and some orange stumps to liven up the evenings.

We should be proud as a Club having been world leaders in this new craze.

TMS

Did you know that you can get radio via the internet. BBC Radio 4, BBC Radio Five live, The Archers, and even Test Match Special.

For those of us with time to listen, and an ADSL or cable modem connected to our PCs we can now listen to our favourite UK radio stations. All for free (after you've bought your PC and the internet connection).

Personally, I love to listen to TMS, having grown up listening to BBC Radio 3's TMS coverage in the seventies and early eighties while watching coverage without the sound on TV (*le pied...*). The cakes, the mistakes, Jonners, CMJ, Blowers and of course Bill Findall. Ah, long live the internet. Thanks to the BBC.

Don't know if you know, but our favourite Aussi is off back to the land of Oz. That's right our feisty little Justin is going home, he's played only one season with us, but we cannot tempt him to stay any longer despite the Chairman offering him extra Vegemite (Marmite for this from the northern hemisphere). Justin's been a super bowler and bat since the nets started this January, has performed when it matters, and has been a thoroughly good team member all season. It's great to have had his brand of cricket in the Club this year, and if anybody wants to emulate his style and form, please go ahead. 'J' to his mates in the Club, will be missed as any other good SOB ever has been.



Isn't it time for an AGM.....

Ed.

One Last Bash

Gagan asked Ed to bring his camera along to the last Bash of the season Here are the results....Shabaaaash



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

Photo 1 : His Nashness lounging around as usual while Justin was off in the woods.
Photo 2 : Jake contemplating his football season while leaning against the wall.
Photo 3 : Gagan asked specifically for this one, just to show off the 'text book' technique to his Mum. First thing to notice is the *back-foot slightly off the ground*, the *eyes looking down just behind the bat*, the *thigh pad well positioned to protect him from incoming returns from square leg*, Anthony's back-side in shot, top right, and of course the Chairman's new orange stumps.

Match Reports

Mighty Mavin

Reporter : Jim Dineen

Match vs P&G

12 Stars' revenge match against P&G didn't get off to the most auspicious start when heavy traffic in Brussels meant that by 6:30 only about half of each team was present. Nevertheless, the game started just about on time and, because of a delay to the captain, chairman Phil stepped boldly into the breach for the toss of the coin, announcing proudly that he hadn't lost the toss – but when pressed was forced to admit that P&G had won it. (Don't ask – apparently you can't lose the toss if the opponent calls correctly!).

P&G elected to bat on a fairly firm and knee-rippingly rough wicket and after the first few overs, the remaining members of 12 stars (including captain Paul) gradually filtered in.

The bowling proved fairly consistent and there were clear signs that fielding is improving with Loic especially making some good stops and Robert taking an impressively high catch out of the sun. Steve had a stormer behind the stumps despite occasional lapses by the bowlers. Ryan had an extremely accurate spell and was unlucky to only get one wicket and although not everyone got a wicket, those who didn't bowled economically. However, some of those who took a wicket (i.e. Jim) were not quite so accurate and P&G averaged a little over 6 an over to finish their innings on 131.

P&G were still a player or two short so Paul very kindly offered them a fielder – something which was to prove our undoing. Dave and Chairman Phil were sent in to get the innings off to a good start and, unusually for our mid-week games, 12 stars started very healthily. Dave and Phil both hit out at over a run a ball and the game was looking easy to play when the first wicket fell as Phil was clean bowled. Paul came in to replace him and seemed content to leave the big hitting to Dave, keeping the scoreboard ticking over and stealing the singles. Unfortunately Dave himself didn't last much longer and Steve came in earlier than he might have wished. Still the scoreboard kept rotating and, by the halfway mark, we were nearly halfway there and looking confident. Then the worst happened and we started losing wickets. In defence of the middle order and tail I can only say that Russel and myself seemed to know that it was Andy's night and decided that we had to get him in as quickly as possible (can we claim "justified" golden ducks?). The rest of the batsmen put up a fight with everyone else getting their names into the scorer's book. An incidental point to raise here is that the "sub" fielder (Ryan) was replaced with Chairman Phil at about this time. A cunning plan you might think? How could the Chairman possibly aid the opposition? What might he have up his sleeve? Read on ...!

The run rate was beginning to slow when man of the match Andy M was asked to put leather to willow for the cause. He took one or two balls to get his eye in before finally deciding that Cow's Corner was an ideal spot. To occasional "moo's" from the third man chairman the P&G bowling began to be pasted around the field. On 23 runs (off about 10 balls), Andy decided to retire with a bang and hit his next ball straight back over the bowler's head into the office car park aiming for the windows and barely missing.

At this point there were only three wickets remaining and Andy was advised not to remove his pads as he might be needed again. Ryan holed out after one or two lusty shots and Jim made a cameo appearance, hobbling on with a runner, hitting a catch to mid-off first ball and hobbling off again. Hearts were in mouths as Jon and Robert took stance with about four overs to go and 26 runs needed. Both claimed to be rabbits and both proved themselves wrong with some classy play, Robert especially with some beautiful cut shots. Eventually Jon was out, paving the way for hero Mavin to return. Robert was having none of it and played the leading role, stealing both the strike and all the runs from Andy who suddenly found his bat had a hole in it.

As the match entered the last over, 4 runs were needed for victory: dot ball, dot ball, cut shot for two, dot ball. At this point, with two runs needed off two balls, Robert cleverly played a shot to Chairman Phil at long on: a dive over the top to let it go for four? No. A fumble allowing the batsmen to make their return run? No. Phil fielded the ball well and returned it immaculately to the bowler. A fine piece of cricket and sportsmanship but it proved costly. The final ball went just under the bat and with the scores level P&G claimed

the game on wickets. It was a fun game but incredibly we had lost to P&G for the second time in a season on the last ball. Disappointing but we still managed to get back to see the Greeks squeak through in extra time!

12 Stars v Mechelen Eagles (LOST)
Sunday 5 September 2004
Report by Paul Harris

8 intrepid 12 Stars set out to fulfill this fixture in the uneven, steamy park in Mechelen. Having tried to toss 3 times and the coin landing edge down, the captain managed to lose it and 12* were put into the field. It was hot work on a large ground but 12* began to pick up wickets at regular intervals thanks to a great 7-over spell from Taco, yielding 3 for 30, including a sharp catch behind from Loic who did very well on an uneven wicket. The captain also did several pirouettes at cover before hanging on to a skyer. Mark then took up the attack and put in a controlled spell in which he took 3 wickets, including two good catches in the deep from Justin and Peter. The guy that Eagles lent to 12* also took a wicket before gong off to bat, leading to barrels being scraped as Paul and Dave B went for about 15 an over at the end.

263 looked a massive target given the quality and pace of the Eagles bowling. Dave and Ramesh produced a gutsy start but the only guy to establish himself was Peter, who hit a marvelous 92 not out, full of bravery and big hits. The other batsmen at least enabled him to use all the overs for a crack at the 100, but it was not to be. The definite highlight of this match though.

12 Stars v DHL, Midweek friendly, Thursday 5 August 2004
Report by Paul Harris

12 Stars wrapped up their midweek season with a rescheduled game against DHL at the BSB. Being numerically inferior to DHL at the start of the match, 12 Stars batted first. Opener Vivek made a quick-fire 14 and was soon joined by Peter who played excellently for his 27 not out. Mo and the captain tried to keep up the pace with knocks of 22 and 17 respectively, while others all contributed to the total of 133. However, with DHL unilaterally playing a new role where bowlers have a maximum of 3 overs, this total was pretty getable.

And so it proved. The openers played some expansive shots before Mark picked one up thanks to a good catch in the deep. Mo had the best figures of 1 for 6 in his three overs. Andrew gallantly agreed to bowl the final overs, revealing a skill for spin as well as swing bowling! He picked up a wicket from another catch.

So finished midweek matches for another year. Although we did not win as many as we perhaps should, there were some close finishes and other positives. Loic kept wicket well for the second game in succession, and hopefully he will wear the gloves next year more often (particularly as he is really hitting the ball hard now!). Young bowlers like Ryan, Kevin and Andrew are now really effective cricketers. Other pluses include plenty of willing bowlers and batters, and many excellent catches.

A few of us have been talking about a match manager system next season, whereby 2-3 us take it in turns to pick a team and captain the midweek side. Let the Committee know what you think, or even volunteer!

12 Stars v RBCC friendly (WON)
Reporter : Phil Thomason

This isn't much of a match report because it wasn't much of a match. The main event was the Captain (Nash) winning the toss and asking RBCC to bat which they did for a long while without getting too many runs (130). Memorable events include Tacovski's bowling which included one bad ball, which of course which was hit to the boundary...but only one....!! Gagan produced a blistering spell which had the RBCC members scurrying to pad up, helmet up, and anything else they could find was used to protect themselves from variable bounce and sheer good bowling.

The reply was led by Nash and Harris. Justin followed Harris, only to annoy RBCC by not walking when he wasn't out....strange but true. When he did go, having had enough of the unsporting commentary from the large-ish RBCC player on the boundary, the Chairman joined the Captain at the crease, and that was it, game over, we scored more than them, in less overs, for the loss of only those 2 wickets, so we won....Hurray.

Funny story, but at the end, Captain said to Chairman, "think we should finish this sooner rather than later", the Chairman duly obliged by scoring 11 of the remaining 12 runs in the next 3 balls, the second of which passed just below the Captain's box as he jumped to avoid losing his family allowance. I think he said "bast**d" on his way past me while the ball was travelling to the boundary.

12 Stars v Optimists LEAGUE (LOST)

Reporter : Phil Thomason

Another very personal match report, and I don't know what happened at the end....had to leave early to attend a family event.....(weak excusesEd)

I arrived late (only 5 minutes before the start of the match) mumbling apologies about water leaking from the new fountain on the Tervuren roundabout, and wandering concrete elephants on the way past the tram stop. My lateness was soon washed away in amazement as I unwrapped the Club's new portable Scoreboard. Nash and Harris missed the unveiling as they had gone out to bat, but not before telling me to pad up at 3. So I did, and then waited a while before Mr Harris did me the honour of getting out.

I joined Nash at the crease for the second time in successive attendances. He got 60 odd as usual, and I heaved my way to a personal best of 55 (no *a la Jake* pitch snogging though, sorry). This monumental innings was only possible thanks to the intelligent running of Mr Harris who was asked to replace the ageing Chairman's legs, after about 3 overs and an excruciating pain in the groin region. Nash and Thomason were both out having a go, and the rest of the team came in to finish the score at about 230 of the full 45 overs. But I cannot remember for the life of me who got what.

Short of bowlers, and with Nash chaining himself behind the orange stumps, 12 Stars then had a go at bowling the Luxembourgers out, failing at the last, despite more tremendous bowling from Tacovski and Mr Hockley.

The Chairman should be fined for arriving late, leaving early and NOT buying the jug for a PB....Ed

Mavin Writes Back

Match Report v Antwerp 31-08-04 (WON)

Reporter : Andrew Mavin

Some say the getting a team together at the right place, the right time and the right green field can be difficult. This was indeed true on Saturday, 12 stars against Antwerp, as one player phoned saying they were 'in the area' but not quite there yet and 2 members arriving about 15 overs into the game. However, to lose our 2 main bowlers through injury, and have another 2 go down with a twisted ankle and strained groin was frankly embarrassing.

Having lost the toss (the captain on debut didn't want to change anything about 12 stars captaincy) 12 stars were put into bat. A sensible, decision with only 7 members present. Antwerp then asked if they could borrow a wicketkeeper, and so young Kevin dutifully filled the role. A solid opening partnership was required but not fulfilled as Arnold was beaten by, quiet simply, the ball for 1. A promising big innings looked on the cards until Peter W leant over to Taco and said 'this bowler could take a wicket at any time' where upon he did. Ramesh bowled for 15.

Traditionally, the middle order is there for crisis occasions and up stepped 3 of the best. Peter, Taco and the captain proceeded to put on 72 runs between them during which time all three players were on the pitch due to the damaged foot of Taco. Runners always cause confusion but this time it was comical. It went something like this; Taco required runner, Captain obliged, Taco retired hurt, Captain batted, Captain out, Taco returns, Captain turns around while walking to pavilion to act as runner, bemused opposition looks on. 165 was the captains target, and Gagan helped by the lower order got us to 181 off 35 overs. Perfect!

With Taco out of the attack, Gagan hobbling due to being hit earlier on the knee, the opening partnership of the Captain and Anthony began by making inroads into their batting line up. Mark had already infiltrated the oppositions team talk and provided us with information to help us in our quest for victory. Having Taco as scorer would no doubt ensure a win despite his constant shouting of 'shit ball' and 'God, you're useless' every so often (normally aimed at the Captain). Mark received a groin strain while fielding a return ball and our Captain quiet simply 'fell over' while bowling his 2nd ball so things were looking bad. However, Mark decided to come off only 4 steps and preceded (*proceeded....Ed*) to take a wicket. At 36 for 3 off 10 overs, things were looking good.

Their innings continued slowly thanks to some good tight bowling from Mark, Hockers and Andrew W. Even Gagan felt recovered enough to join in by bowling off a few steps and nearly taking the batsmen head off as the ball rose sharply off the pitch. Mark was booed when bowling a beamer at a 13 year old. His excuse was 'shit', as Taco put it, when Mark said 'If the batsmen is the same height as the stumps, what am I to do?'

Eventually, it all came to an end with 2 wickets in the last two balls from the Captains spell (hatrick ball next season) and 6 wides in the last over from Anthony as he tried his best Ashley Giles impressions. A special mention for Kevin who, by the end of the game had a) kept wicket for the opposition, b) DNB in the 12* innings, c) Bowled 2 overs for 12*'s and then d) batted for the opposition scoring 6 NO!!!

A win by 62 runs, and a good light hearted game to mark, for some, the end of the 2004 season.

PS Captains prerogative not to mention his two dropped catches!!!

Match Stats for those who care

Ramesh	15	Anthony	6	0	24	1
Arnold	1	Andrew M	7	1	20	3
Andrew H	1	Mark	7	0	19	2
+Peter	46	Andrew H	6	0	25	0
Taco	43	Andrew W	3	0	11	1
*Andrew M	9 (but ran about 50)	Gagan	5	0	11	1
Andrew W	1	Kevin	2	0	10	0
Gagan	39 NO					
Anthony	1					
Mark	6 NO					
Kevin	DNB					

No More Match Reports for 2004

That's it for this season, dearest reader. I think so any way, but I am sure that someone somewhere will remember that he hasn't posted a match report for a game when he himself became famous.....maybe a Goodchild or a Carter effort could be found somewhere in the bottom of the copy in-tray.....Awards, Gagan for sure, but newcomers Dineen and Mavin made a good start.

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 Win
Sun 4 th	F	Ostend (A*)	BSB Cancelled
Sun 11 th	L	Crescent (A)	Lost
Sun 18 th	L	Kortrijk (H)	BSB Lost by 1 wkt
Sun 25 th	L	OCC (A)	LOST Forfeit
August			
Sun 1 st			
Sun 8 th	L	Crescent (H)	LOST by 8 wkts
Sat 14 th	F	RBCC (A)	WON by 8 wkts
Sun 22 nd	L	OCC (H)	LOST
Sat 28 th	F	RBCC (H)	Rain
September			
Sun 5 th	F	Eagles (A)	LOST
Sat 11 th	F	Antwerp (A)	WIN by 62 runs
Sun 19 th	F	Mechelen (A)	Cancelled by Mechelen

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 LOST by 1 run
6.7.04	Tuesday	European Parliament (to be confirmed)	RBCC (Ohain) RAIN
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 began at 18.30 or whenever the last 12 star arrived.

BCF Tables at 6th September

Division I

	Played	Won	Lost	Draw	N/R	Points	Avg
Greens	10	10	-	-	-	400	40.00
AICC	10	7	3	-	-	312	30.22
RBCC*	10	5	5	-	-	250	25.00
MCC	10	4	6	-	-	245	24.50
Ostend CC	10	3	7	-	-	191	19.10
Antwerp CC*	10	1	9	-	-	146	14.60

*Antwerp 0 pts forfeit against RBCC 40 pts

Division II

	Played	Won	Lost	Draw	N/R	Points	Avg
Crescent	11	10	-	-	1	395	35.9
PCCB	11	7	3	-	1	325	32.5
Lux. Optimists	11	7	4	-	-	323	29.36
Kortrijk CC	11	5	6	-	-	290	26.36
Twelve Stars	12	3	7	-	2	203	20.55
Mechelen Eagles	12	4	7	-	1	264	20.44
Khan CC	12	1	7	-	1	107	13.37



Agony Ed

Just to put this magnificent season into context, Ed has compiled the following table of all time run scorers

TOP ALL-TIME RUN-SCORERS

1. A Border (Aus) 11,174 runs in 265 innings
2. S Waugh (Aus) 10,927 runs in 260 innings
3. S Gavaskar (Ind) 10,122 runs in 214 innings
- 4. B Lara (WI) 10,002 runs in 195 innings**
5. S Tendulkar (Ind) 9,470 runs in 184 innings
6. 12 STARS Extras (BE) 9,469 in 15 seasons



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

Paul Harris is stepping down from the post of Midweek Captain after a thrilling season in charge. He's led from the front on and off the pitch. Thanks to him and good luck to his replacement whoever that may be.....Contact Paul if you are interested, he'll show you the ropes, before you get 'proposed' to the Committee for the AGM's annual review of positions.

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

SOBS – well they've been really quiet this season, must be in hibernation. Where are they, what happened, why did they all disappear into the ether, or were they blown away by Hurricane Ivan as well.

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 for next year

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**

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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.

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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.